

# Panchanga, The five properties of Kaala (Time).

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The Panchanga gives the five properties of time. These five properties are like the pancha mahabhootas of the time at a given instant.

<i>Element<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>Mahaboota</i>
<i>Nakshatra</i>	Vayu/Airy
<i>Vara/Day</i>	Agni/Fire
<i>Karana</i>	Pritvi/Solids
<i>Tithi</i>	Jala/Water
<i>Yoga</i>	Akasha/Space

This article will attempt to describe the significance of each of the limb of time.

## Tithi

Tithi plays very important role in remedial measures. Remedies are to invoke the sustenance power and is ruled by Jala. Jala tattva is in general ruled by Universal Mother, who gives panacea to all troubles. Hindu festivals to pray to different deities are usually noted as per the tithi and the month. Specific Tithi deities are given in the table. Two authority's opinion has been summarized in the table. Acharya Rama has given the names of deities as people in general can related and has somewhat direct relation to the festivals.

Whereas Varahamihira has given the deity names as per the nakshatra deity, he gives a one to one association between various Tithi's and Nakshatra. The strength of the Tithi can be noted from position of the planetary ruler.

Tithi <sup>2</sup>	Ruler <sup>3</sup>		Planetary Ruler	Festivals on Tithi.
	Acharya Rama in Muhurtha Chintamani	Varahamihira in Brihat Samhita		
1 Prathama	Agni	Kamalaja (Brahma)	Sun	Ashwina S1 beginning of Dussera Pitri Paksha, Karthika S1 Bali Padyami (day after diwali)
2 Dwitiya	Brahma	Vidhaatri (Brahma as creator)	Moon	Ashada S Dwitiya Ratha yatra, Ashwina S2 Navaratri begins, Vaishaka S2 Parashurama Jayanti, Yama Dwitiya (2 days after diwali)
3 Tritiya	Gauri	Hari (Vishnu)	Mars	Vaishaka Akshaya Tritiya, Chaitra S3 Matsya Jayanti, Chaitra S3 Gauri Tritiya,
4 Chaturti	Ganesha	Yama	Mercury	Bhadra S4 Ganesha Chaturthi, Karthika K4 Karva Chauth,
5 Panchami	Naaga	Shashaanka (The Moon)	Jupiter	Sravana S Naaga Panchami, Magha S5 Vasanta Panchami,
6 Shashti	Guha (Karthikeya)	Subramanya (Karthikeya)	Venus	Aashada S6 Kumara Shashti, Lalitha Shashti
7 Saptami	Ravi (Surya)	Indra	Saturn	Vaishaka S7 Jahnu Saptami Ganga descending day
8 Ashtami	Shiva/Rudra	Vasu (Ashta Vasavas)	Rahu	Sravana K8 Janma Ashtami, Bhadra S8 Radha Ashtami,
9 Navami	Durga	Bhujaga (Serpent)	Sun	Ram Navami chaitra Navami, Vaishaka Janaki Navami Mother sita birth,
10 Dasami	Antaka (Yamaraja)	Dharma	Moon	Ashwina S10 Dasera/Vijaya Dasami, Jyeshtha S10 Ganga Dasami,
11 Ekadasi	Vishwadeva	Isha (Siva)	Mars	Sravana S11 Varalakshmi Vrata, Mrigashira S11 Vaikuntha ekadasi, Mrigashira S11 Gita Jayanti,
12 Dwadasi	Hari (Vishnu)	Savitri (form of Sun)	Mercury	Vaishaka S12 Rukhmini Dwadasi, Bhadra S12 Vamana Dwadasi,
13 Trayodasi	Kamadeva (Cupid)	Manmatha (Cupid)	Jupiter	Magha K13(smartha)/14(Vaishnava) Siva Ratri, Karthika K13 Dhan Teras, Pradosha, Vaishaka S 13 Shani Pradosha,
14 Chaturti	Shiva (Rudra)	Kali	Venus	Karthika K14 Kali Puja, Vaishaka S14 Narasimha Chaturdasi, Karthika K14 Naraka Chaturdasi Killing of Narakasur by Krishna.
15 Poomima Amavasya	Shashi (Moon)	Vishwadeva	Saturn (Poomima)/ Rahu (Amavasya)	Hanuman Jayanti Chaitra Poomima, Ashada Guru Purnima, Sravana Purnima Raksha Bandhan, Karthika Amavasya Diwali (Laxmi Puja), Vaishaka S15 Buddha Poomima, Mrigashira S15 Datta Jayanti, Ashwina K15 Sarva Pitra Shraada, Vaishaka S15 Kurma Jayanti,

From information given in the table the various activities suitable on a given tithi can be deduced. This is summarized in the next table. Praying to the deity mentioned in the table helps in activities pertaining to that tithi.

Tithi	General Description of Activities	Prescribed Activity
1	Activities related to Fire and it's invocations.	<i>Marriage, Sacrifices etc.</i>
2	Activities related to creation and other such Brahmnic activities.	<i>Laying foundations etc.</i>
3	Activities related to Shakti/Gauri.	<i>Health, Beauty care etc</i>
4	Activities related to destruction of obstacles and hurdles.	<i>Initiating a competitive tasks, fight etc.</i>

1 For computation of each this limb refer to any standard text or software.

2 S is used to Indicate Shukla Paksha(Waxing Moon) and K is for Krishna Paksha (Waning Moon). Sn or Kn indicates the tithi number like K1 is krishna prathama.

3 Refer standard texts/Puranas to understand each deity.

<b>Tithi</b>	<b>General Description of Activities</b>	<b>Prescribed Activity</b>
5	Activities related to appeasement of Naaga or removal of ills.	<i>Taking first time medicines.</i>
6	Activities related to making peace etc.	<i>Coronation, making new friends.</i>
7	Activities related to material enjoyment.	<i>Purchases of new items like vehicles, Travel etc</i>
8	Activities related to defending oneself.	<i>Health and healing.</i>
9	Activities related to attacking evils etc.	<i>Removing competitors etc.</i>
10	Activities related to gather good karma.	<i>Donations etc</i>
11	Activities related to gathering knowledge and contemplation.	<i>Praying to Vishnu, learning etc</i>
12	Activities related to sustenance and Vishnu worship.	<i>Trade, Any soft activities. Worship Vishnu.</i>
13	Activities related to enjoyment.	<i>Making new friends, sex etc (Worship Shiva)</i>
14	Activities related to destruction of evil.	<i>Aggressive activities.</i>
15	<b>Shukla Poornima:</b> Activities related to Guru worship.	<i>Satya Narayan Vrata</i>
15	<b>Krishna Amavasya:</b> Ancestor Worship.	<i>Shraadhha ceremony.</i>

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