



SHANTI FUND

Dear Supporters and Well Wishers of Shanti Fund:

We are pleased to enclose the 2022 Shanti Fund calendar as we have done for the last 15 years.

The COVID-19 pandemic has consumed almost the entire 2020 with incalculable losses in terms of lives and livelihood. 2021 hasn't fared any better with new strains causing severe damage and anxieties. Many activities and events were cancelled by small and large organizations not just in the USA but just about every corner of the world in 2020 and continuing in 2021 even though people are receiving vaccinations.

At Shanti Fund, we were able to host Gandhi Punya Tithi*** on January 30, 2021, thanks to the Consulate. It was an in-person event at the Consulate General of India in New York but restricted to presenters only with a cap of 25 attendees, while observing COVID-19 protocols. Many people, more specifically out of state residents (thanks to Zoom) conveyed appreciations and more is needed to uplift spirits in these trying times.

Gandhi Lecture Series Agreement was signed by and between the State University of New York at Old Westbury (SUNY-OW) and Shanti Fund on Thursday, September 2, 2021. This adds to the educational values to the existing Gandhi Peace Garden at the SUNY-OW. Also, all donors who contributed by adopting a tree were sent a final financial report of incomes-expenses. Periodic reports were also provided to SUNY-OW and the Consulate.

Heartfelt thanks to our generous donors & supporters for their continuing faith in our mission of peace & education and Volunteers of Shanti Fund without whom many projects would not be possible.

We wish you, your family and loved ones the best of 2022.

Sincerely,

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*** The Consulate has agreed to host the next year Gandhi Punya Tithi on Sunday, January 30, 2022, at 11 AM. It will be on Zoom. We hope to accommodate more faiths and attendees than in 2021. More details will be available in the paper invitation and on Shanti Fund as well as the Consulate website.

Special thanks to the Consulate of India staff for photos, Facebook Broadcast, etc.; Purnima Parekh & Oakdale Florist for providing flowers and garlands over last two decades, Mr. Suresh Udeshi for taking photographs for the last dozen years, Mr. Mihir Matalia and Mr. Paresh Raval for Zoom technical helps, Maulik Thakkar for the Shanti Fund website; and The South Asian Times and Mr. Kamlesh Mehta for the coverage of Shanti Fund events.

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Nation's diversity, be it social, cultural, religious or of nature (e.g., bounty of harvest); is reflected in the holidays people celebrate/observe. Perhaps no nation can compare with the deeply ingrained diversity as is in India.

Below are some of the holidays that the national government of India declares as gazetted or restricted. Shanti Fund calendars for clarity shows only gazetted holidays. (india.gov.in/calendar)

There are holidays that are observed by the states and union territories in addition to national holidays. They can be looked up at the individual state or union territories portals, though a quick search indicated that those portals are not as informative/updated about holidays as the national one (india.gov.in/calendar).

Many supporters have complained about the exclusion of certain popular holidays. This is our partial effort to supplement more holidays of India though by no means all. Then there are the holidays of other nations and just about every day designated by the United Nations (e.g., Gandhi's birthday October 2 as an UN International Day of Non-Violence).

Enjoy, Share and Promote Diversity.

Saturday, January 01, 2022

New Year's Day (R)

Sunday, January 09, 2022

Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday (R)

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Lohri (R)

Friday, January 14, 2022

Makar Sankranti (R)

Friday, January 14, 2022

Magha Bihu or Bhogali Bihu (R)

Friday, January 14, 2022

Pongal (R)

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Republic Day (G)

Saturday, February 05, 2022

Basant Panchami / Sri Panchami (R)

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Hazarat Ali's Birthday (R)

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Guru Ravidas's Birthday (R)

Saturday, February 19, 2022

Shivaji Jayanti (R)

Saturday, February 26, 2022

Swami Dayananda Saraswati Jayanti (R)

Tuesday, March 01, 2022

Maha Shivaratri (G)

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Holika Dahan (R)

Friday, March 18, 2022

Holi (G)

Friday, March 18, 2022

Dolyatra (R)

Saturday, April 02, 2022

Chaitra Sukladi (R)

Saturday, April 02, 2022

Gudi Padava (R)

Saturday, April 02, 2022

Ugadi (R)

Saturday, April 02, 2022

Cheti Chand (R)

Sunday, April 10, 2022

Ram Navami (R)

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Mahavir Jayanti (G)

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Vaisakhi (R)

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Vishu (R)

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Meshadi (R)

Friday, April 15, 2022

Good Friday (G)

Friday, April 15, 2022

Vaisakhadi (Bengal) (R)

Friday, April 15, 2022

Bahag Bihu (Assam) (R)

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday (R)

Friday, April 29, 2022

Jamat-Ul-Vida (R)

Tuesday, May 03, 2022

Id-ul-Fitr (G)

Monday, May 09, 2022

Guru Rabindranath's Birthday (R)

Monday, May 16, 2022

Buddha Purnima (G)

Friday, July 01, 2022

Rath Yatra (R)

Sunday, July 10, 2022

Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid) (G)

Tuesday, August 09, 2022

Muharram (G)

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Raksha Bandhan (R)

Monday, August 15, 2022

Independence day (G)

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

Parsi New Year's day/ Nauraj (R)

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Janmashtami (Smarta) (R)

Friday, August 19, 2022

Janmashtami (G)

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Vinayaka Chaturthi/ Ganesh Chaturthi (R)

Thursday, September 08, 2022

Onam or Thiru Onam Day (R)

Sunday, October 02, 2022

Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday (G)

Sunday, October 02, 2022

Dussehra (Maha Saptami) (R)

Monday, October 03, 2022

Dussehra (Maha Ashtami) (R)

Tuesday, October 04, 2022

Dussehra (Maha Navmi) (R)

Wednesday, October 05, 2022

Dussehra (G)

Sunday, October 09, 2022

Milad-un-Nabi or Id-e-Milad (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad) (G)

Sunday, October 09, 2022

Maharishi Valmiki's Birthday (R)

Thursday, October 13, 2022

Karaka Chaturthi (Karva Chouth) (R)

Monday, October 24, 2022

Diwali (Deepawali) (G)

Monday, October 24, 2022

Naraka Chaturdasi (R)

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Govardhan Puja (R)

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Bhai Duj (R)

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Pratihari Sashthi or Surya Sashthi (Chhat Puja) (R)

Tuesday, November 08, 2022

Guru Nanak's Birthday (G)

Thursday, November 24, 2022

Guru Teg Bahadur's Martyrdom Day (R)

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve (R)

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Christmas Day (G)

Thursday, December 29, 2022

Guru Gobind Singh's Birthday (R)

No holidays listed for June.

STATES (28)

- Andhra Pradesh
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Assam
- Bihar
- Chhattisgarh
- Goa
- Gujarat
- Haryana
- Himachal Pradesh
- Jharkhand
- Karnataka
- Kerala
- Madhya Pradesh
- Maharashtra
- Manipur
- Meghalaya
- Mizoram
- Nagaland
- Odisha
- Punjab
- Rajasthan
- Sikkim
- Tamil Nadu
- Telangana
- Tripura
- Uttarakhand
- Uttar Pradesh
- West Bengal

UNION TERRITORIES (8)

- Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- Chandigarh
- Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu
- Jammu & Kashmir
- Ladakh
- Lakshadweep
- The Government of NCT of Delhi
- Puducherry