

2017 New Year auspicious times

SIGHTING THE NEW MOON

It is advisable that the new moon should be sighted on Thursday 30th March for the new lunar year and on Friday 28th April for solar year.

BATHING FOR THE OLD YEAR

It is advisable to bath on Wednesday 12th April using concoction mixture with the juice of *Neem* leaves and spend the time commemorating the Gods of Destiny.

DAWNING OF THE NEW YEAR

The New Year will be dawn on Friday 14th April at 02.04 a.m.

THE NON –AUSPICIOUS PERIOD

The non – auspicious period will be from 07.40 p.m. on Thursday 13th April to 08.28 a.m. on Friday 14th April. Therefore partake of meals and all work should cease before 07.40 p.m. on Thursday 13th April and should engage in religious observances. During the latter part of the non auspicious period i.e. from 02.04 a.m. to 08.28 a.m. on Friday 14th April, is advisable to involve in New Year rituals such as commencement of work, transactions and partaking of meals as specified below.

COOKING MEALS

It is advisable to light the hearth clad in gold color, facing North at 05.41 a.m. on Friday 14th April and prepare milk-rice with ghee and *jaggery* and sweets.

COMMENCEMENT OF WORK, TRANSACTIONS AND PARTAKING OF MEALS

It is advisable to commence work, transactions and partaking of meals at 07.05 a.m. on Friday 14th April, clad in white and blue facing north.

ANNOINMENT OF OIL ON THE HEAD

It is advisable to anoint oil and concoction mixture with *Nuga* leaves on the head at 11.04 a.m. on Saturday 15th April, facing north, clad in blue, while keeping *Nuga* leaves on the head and *Karanda* leaves under the feet and to bathe thereafter.

SETTING OUT ON EMPLOYMENT

It is advisable to set out on employment at 06.28 a.m. on Monday 17th April clad in white after a meal of milk-rice mixed with *dee-kiri* and ghee and a sweet facing north.

(Please note that the above auspicious times have been calculated by the Auspicious Times Committee of the Department of Cultural Affairs based on the present standard Time and can be used throughout the island without change)