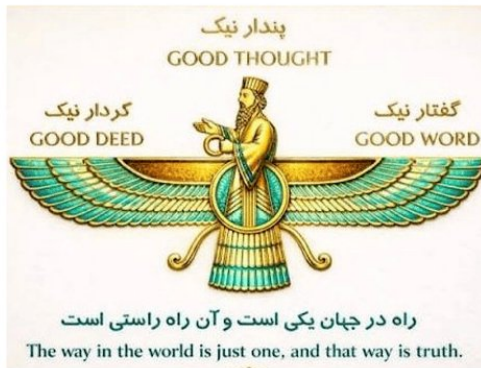




ZCal

Zoroastrian Calendar App

Complete User Guide for Android
Phone & Tablet

A simple guide for everyone · Made with love for the Zoroastrian community

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2. Calendar Screen

Your daily Zoroastrian date at a glance

The Calendar is the first screen when you open ZCal — showing today's Zoroastrian date alongside the Gregorian date.

What you see on screen

Element	Description
Faravahar Photo	Tap Change Photo to use your own
SHAHENSHAHI	Your calendar variant at the top left
Roj	Today's Zoroastrian day name
Mah & YZ Year	Zoroastrian month and year below Roj
Script Row	Gujarati or Persian script if enabled
GREGORIAN	Gregorian date on the right side

Using the calendar grid

Gregorian number (large) + Roj number (small) on each cell

Coloured dot = holy day or reminder on that day

Tap a date to see its Zoroastrian date

Double-tap to see holy days & reminders for that day

Use ‹ › arrows to navigate months

Tap Today in the top-right to jump back to today instantly.

Tap Roj View to see all 30 Roj with Gregorian dates.



Calendar Screen



3. Holy Days

Festivals, Gahambars, Jashns & personal occasions

The Holy Days screen shows all Zoroastrian festivals, Gahambars, Jashns and special occasions with their dates.

Filter tabs at the top

Filter	What it shows
Upcoming	Next holy days coming soon, sorted by date
All	Every holy day sorted by next occurrence
Nowruz / Gahambar / Jashn / Muktdad	Filter by type

Variants: Tap Shahenshahi, Kadmi or Fasli to switch calendar system.

Tapping a holy day reveals

The Zoroastrian Roj and Mah

The Gregorian date this year

Its meaning and significance

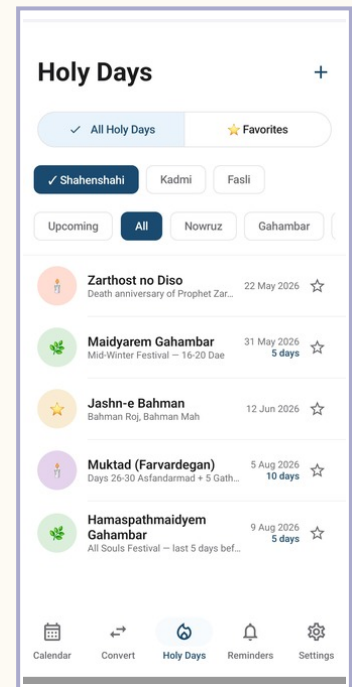
A button to set a countdown reminder

Tap star to mark any holy day as a favourite.

Tap + top-right to add your own personal holy day.

How to add a personal holy day

- 1 Tap + at the top right of Holy Days screen
- 2 Type the name of your special day
- 3 Select the Mah (month) from the row of chips
- 4 Select the Roj — use < > or tap a chip
- 5 Optionally tap Set Countdown for a notification
- 6 Tap Add — saved and visible in the list!



Holy Days Screen



4. Reminders

Never miss a birthday, anniversary or Zoroastrian occasion

Set notifications for birthdays, anniversaries and Zoroastrian occasions. Reminders are always sorted by the next upcoming date.

Two types of reminders

Type	How it works
Birthday / Anniversary	Pick a Gregorian date — notified on Zoroastrian Roj AND Gregorian date each year
Zoroastrian Day	Pick a Roj and Mah — repeats Yearly or Monthly

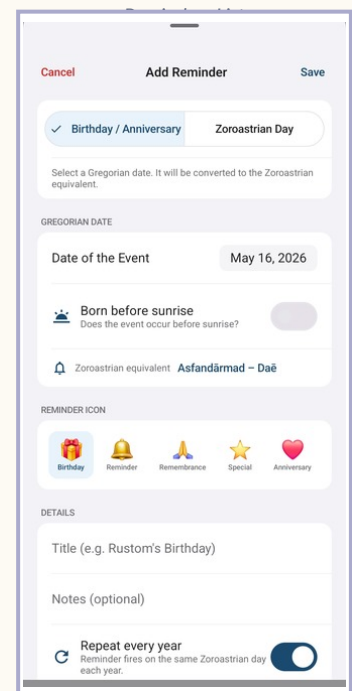
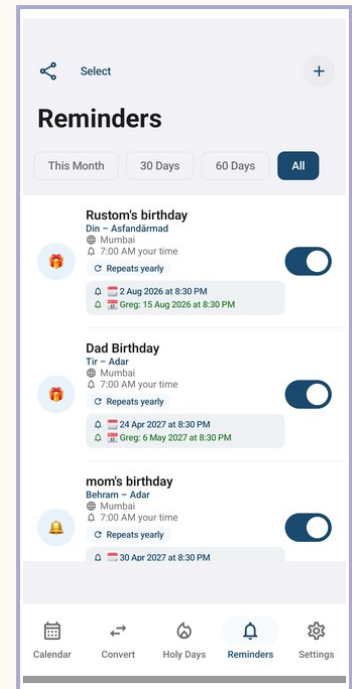
Filter tabs

Tab	Shows
This Month	Reminders due this calendar month
30 Days	Reminders in the next 30 days
60 Days	Reminders in the next 60 days
All	All reminders sorted by next upcoming date

Toggle the switch ON/OFF to enable or disable any reminder without deleting it.

How to add a birthday reminder

- 1 Tap + at the top right of the Reminders screen
- 2 Select Birthday / Anniversary (already the default)
- 3 Tap the date field and pick the date
- 4 Choose a Reminder Icon — Birthday, Anniversary, Remembrance...
- 5 Type the person's name in the Title field
- 6 Set the notification time using hour & minute selectors
- 7 Ensure Repeat every year is turned ON
- 8 Tap Save at the top right — done!



Add Reminder



5. Convert Dates

Gregorian ↔ Zoroastrian in an instant

Converts any Gregorian date to its Zoroastrian equivalent in all three calendar variants — or convert the other way.

Gregorian → Zoroastrian

Tap the Date field and pick your date

Result appears instantly in the RESULT section

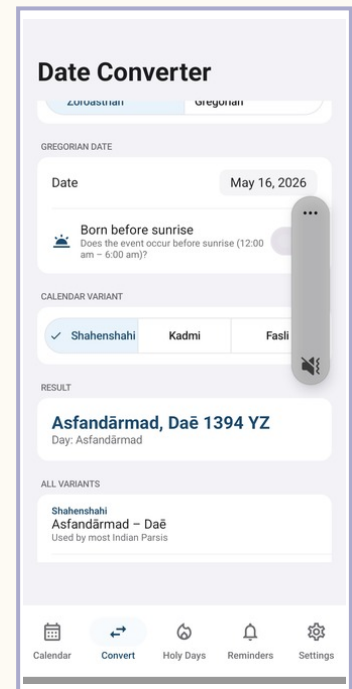
Scroll to see all three variants — Shahenshahi, Kadmi and Fasli

Born before sunrise? Toggle ON if born between midnight and sunrise. The Roj changes at Usta (sunrise -39 min) — this toggle handles it automatically.

Zoroastrian → Gregorian

Tap the Zoroastrian tab at the top. Enter a Roj and Mah to find the Gregorian date. Tap the Roj row for the full dropdown, or use - + to step through one at a time.

Use this to find the Zoroastrian date of any birthday or event!



Convert Screen



6. Settings

Make ZCal your own

Calendar Variant

Variant	Who uses it
Shahenshahi	Most Indian Parsi communities worldwide (default)
Kadmi	Traditional Parsi minority — one month ahead
Fasli	Iranian Zoroastrians — aligned with Persian solar calendar

App Theme & Colour

Choose from 9 colour themes: Ocean Blue · Saffron Gold · Crimson · Blush Pink · Warm Sand · Blush · Sky Blue · Lavender Mist · Sage. Your chosen theme highlights throughout the app.

Script Language

Gujarati Script — see Roj and Mah names in Gujarati below English

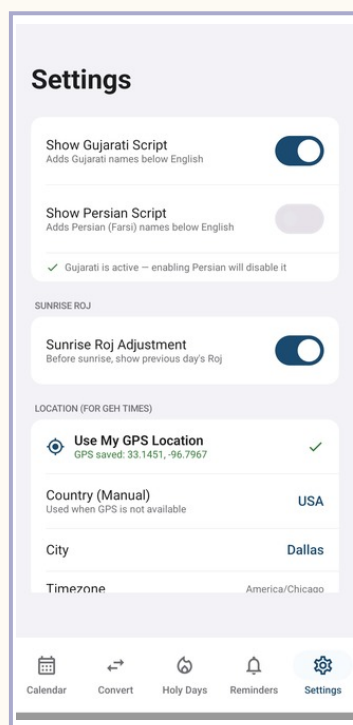
Persian Script — see names in Persian/Farsi below English

Location — for accurate Geh times

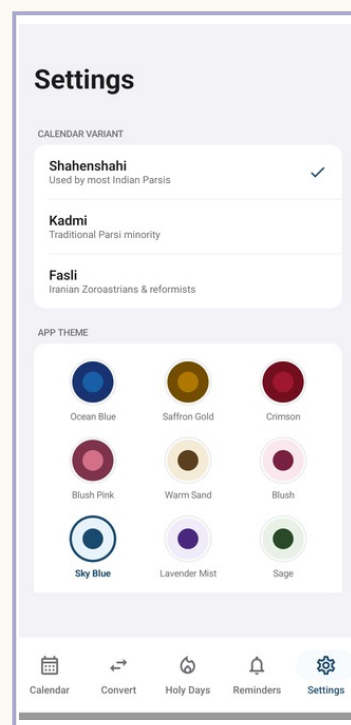
Tap Use My GPS Location for accurate Geh prayer times

Or set your Country and City manually

Toggle Sunrise Roj Adjustment ON to show the previous day's Roj before Usta.



Variants & Theme



Script & Location



7. Widgets

ZCal on your home screen — no app needed

Widgets show your Zoroastrian date and Geh times directly on your home screen without opening the app.

4 widgets to choose from

Widget	What it shows	Size
ZCal 4×2 — Geh Long	Roj, Mah, current Geh and prayer times	Wide
ZCal 2×2 — Roj/Mah	Today's Roj and Mah in a compact square	Sq
ZCal 4×2 — Events Long	Next holy day and upcoming reminders	Wide
ZCal 2×2 — Events Small	Upcoming events list	Sq

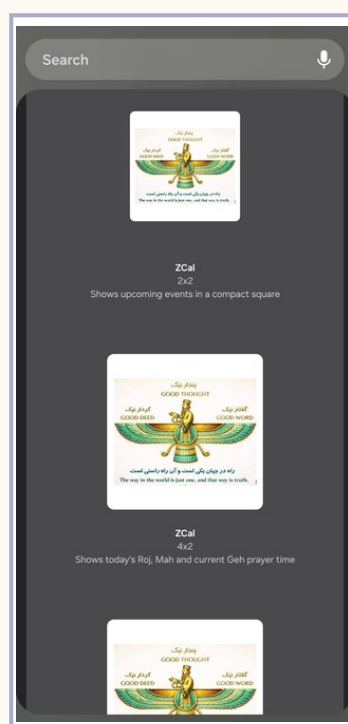
How to add a widget (iOS)

1	Go to your Home Screen
2	Press and hold an empty area until icons wobble
3	Tap the + button at the top left
4	Type ZCal in the search bar
5	Tap ZCal in the results — see all 4 widget options
6	Tap the widget you want, then tap Add Widget
7	Press Home — your widget is ready!

Widget showing no data? Open ZCal once then return to home screen.



Widget Picker



Widgets on Home Screen



8. Daily Roj Messages

A spiritual thought for every one of the 30 Zoroastrian days

ZCal displays a Daily Roj Message for each of the 30 Zoroastrian Roj — a Thought of the Day reflecting the spiritual essence of that day's Yazata.

Where to find it

Open ZCal → Calendar screen

The Roj Message card appears below the Faravahar photo

Shows the Roj name, Yazata and a daily thought

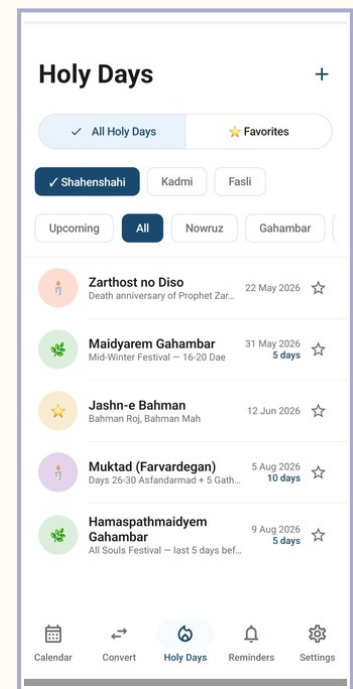
Tap the card to expand and read the full message

Updates automatically at each new Roj — at Usta (sunrise –39 min)

The Geh home-screen widget also shows the Thought of the Day

Sample Roj Messages

Roj Hormuzd <i>Ahura Mazda</i>	<i>Begin with a pure thought, a kind word, a righteous deed.</i>
Roj Bahman <i>Vohu Manah</i>	<i>Good Mind guides us. Speak with wisdom, listen with patience.</i>
Roj Ardibehesht <i>Asha Vahishta</i>	<i>Truth is the best of all good. Walk the path of Asha today.</i>
Roj Adar <i>Atar</i>	<i>Keep the flame of righteousness alive. Atash Padshah.</i>
Roj Meher <i>Mithra</i>	<i>Honour your covenants. Mithra watches over promises made in truth.</i>
Roj Sarosh <i>Sraosha</i>	<i>Listen for the divine voice within. Obedience to Asha brings peace.</i>



Calendar — Roj Message



9. Choghadiya — Auspicious Times

Eight time periods each day to guide your important decisions

ZCal includes Choghadiya — a traditional system dividing each day and night into 8 time periods, each auspicious or inauspicious for starting new activities. Widely used by the Parsi community alongside Zoroastrian Geh times.

What does it mean? From Cho (four) + Ghadi (~24 min). Each period is approximately 1 hr 30 min, varying with the season.

Where to find it in ZCal

Open ZCal → Calendar screen → tap any date

Scroll down to the Choghadiya section in the detail view

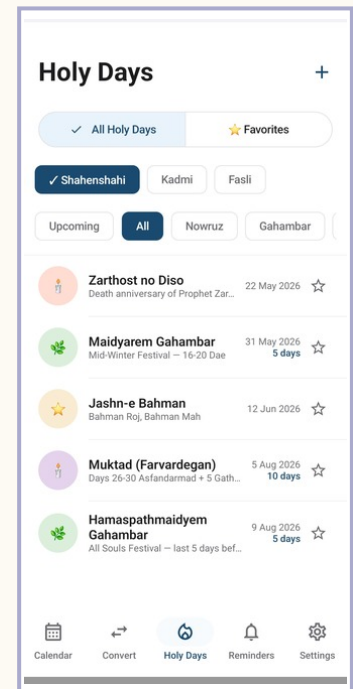
Day (sunrise→sunset) and Night (sunset→sunrise) both shown

The current active period is highlighted live

The 8 Choghadiya Periods

Period	Nature	Recommended Use
Amrit	Very Auspicious	Best time to begin anything important
Shubh	Auspicious	Good for ceremonies, weddings and religious occasions
Labh	Auspicious	Best for starting new work, business or education
Char	Neutral / Good	Suitable for travel and general activities
Udveg	Inauspicious	Avoid new beginnings and major decisions
Rog	Inauspicious	Avoid health-related matters and new ventures
Kaal	Inauspicious	Unfavourable — wait for the next period
Vishghat	Very Inauspicious	Avoid all important new activities

ZCal uses your GPS location for precise sunrise & sunset — enable Location in Settings.



Choghadiya in detail view



10. Frequently Asked Questions

Q Why does ZCal show a different Roj early in the morning?

A The new Roj begins at Usta — sunrise minus 39 minutes. If sunrise is 6:30 AM, the new Roj starts at 5:51 AM. Before that ZCal shows the previous Roj. This is correct and traditional.

Q My reminders are not arriving — what do I do?

A Settings → Apps → ZCal → Notifications → ensure ON. Then ZCal → Settings → Refresh All Reminders. Check Do Not Disturb is not active.

Q ZCal doesn't appear in my phone's Calendar app

A Calendar app → menu → find 'ZCal Zoroastrian Calendar' → tap to show a coloured dot. On Samsung: Manage Calendars → enable ZCal.

Q Widget not updating or showing old data

A Open ZCal once and return to the home screen. If still not updated, remove and re-add the widget.

Q What is Geh?

A Five Zoroastrian prayer watches: Havan (sunrise–12:39 PM), Rapithwin (12:40–3:39 PM), Uzirin (3:40 PM–sunset), Aiwisruthrem (sunset–midnight), Ushahin (midnight–sunrise).

Q How do I switch calendar variants?

A Settings → Calendar Variant → tap Shahenshahi, Kadmi or Fasli. App updates immediately.

Q How do I change the colour theme?

A Settings → App Theme → tap any of the 9 colour circles. New colour applies straight away.

Q How do I share reminders with family?

A Reminders → share icon (top left) → select reminders → Share → WhatsApp or Email.

Q Where is the Daily Roj Message?

A Calendar screen, below the Faravahar photo. Updates at each new Roj. The Geh widget also shows the Thought of the Day.

Q How accurate is the Choghadiya?

A ZCal uses precise sunrise/sunset for your GPS location, matching Drik Panchang results.

Q Why do Choghadiya times differ every day?

A Sunrise and sunset shift daily through the year, changing each period's length. The sequence also changes with the day of the week.

Q I need more help — what do I do?

A ZCal → Settings → About → FAQ & Troubleshooting. Or tap Send Feedback — email zcal2026@outlook.com