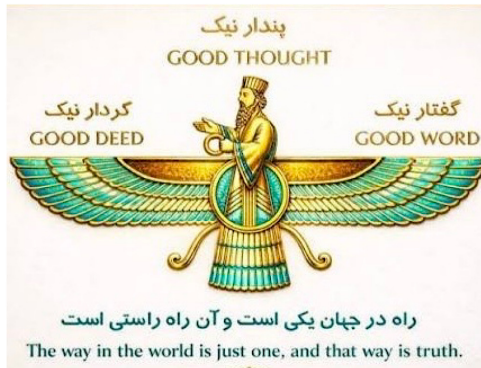




ZCal

Zoroastrian Calendar App

Complete User Guide for iOS

iPhone & iPad

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

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1. Calendar Screen

Your daily Zoroastrian date at a glance

The Calendar is the first screen you see when you open ZCal. It shows today's Zoroastrian date alongside the Gregorian date, with a tappable month grid below.

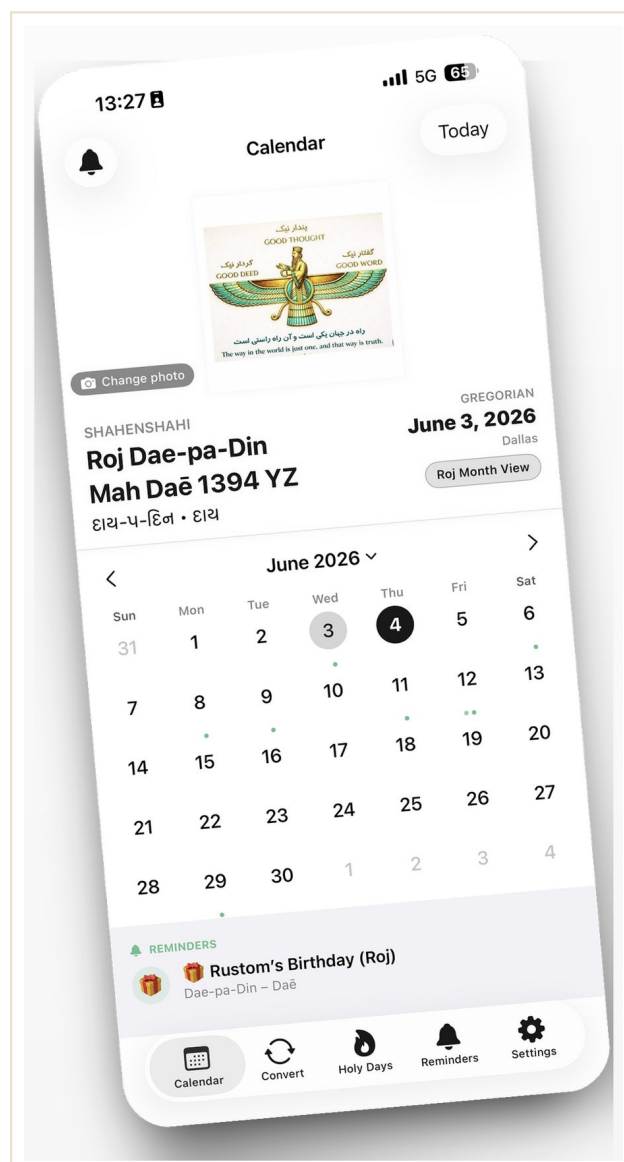
What you see on screen

Element	Description
Faravahar photo	Tap Change Photo for your own image.
Variant label	Your calendar variant (e.g. SHAHENSHAHI).
Roj	Today's Zoroastrian day name, bold.
Mah & YZ	Zoroastrian month and year below the Roj.
Script row	Gujarati or Persian, if enabled.
Gregorian	Gregorian date on the right.

Using the calendar grid

- Gregorian number (large) with the Roj number (small) below.
- A coloured dot marks a holy day or reminder.
- Tap any date for its full Zoroastrian date.
- Double-tap for that day's holy days & reminders.
- Use < > to change month.

Tip: Tap **Today** to jump back instantly. Tap **Roj View** to see all 30 Roj with Gregorian dates.



2. Holy Days

Festivals, Gahambars, Jashns & personal occasions

The Holy Days screen lists all Zoroastrian festivals, Gahambars, Jashns and special occasions, each with its date.

Filter tabs

Filter	What it shows
Upcoming	Next holy days, soonest first.
All	Every holy day by next date.
By type	Nowruz, Gahambar, Jashn, Muktd.

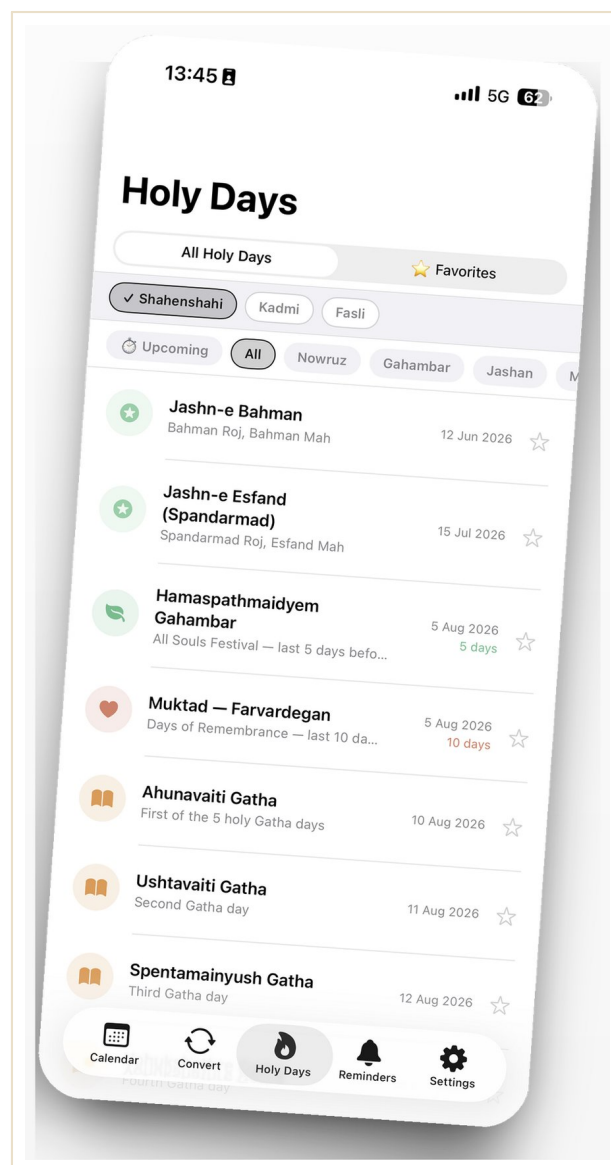
Variants: Tap Shahenshahi, Kadmi or Fasli to see dates for your calendar system.

Tapping a holy day shows

- The Zoroastrian Roj and Mah.
- The Gregorian date this year.
- Its meaning, significance and history.
- A button to set a countdown reminder.

Add a personal holy day

- 1 Tap **+** at the top right.
- 2 Type the name of your special day.
- 3 Select the **Mah** from the chips.
- 4 Select the **Roj**.
- 5 Optionally tap **Set Countdown**.
- 6 Tap **Add** — saved to the list.



3. 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

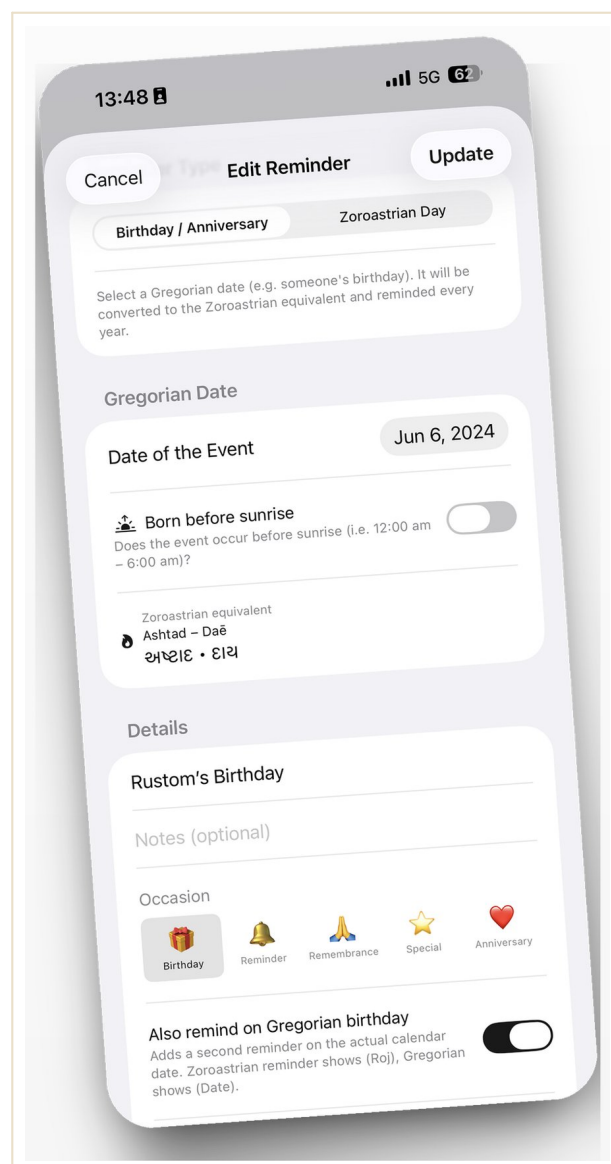
Type	How it works
Birthday / Anniversary	Pick a Gregorian date — notified on the Roj and Gregorian date each year.
Zoroastrian Day	Pick a Roj and Mah — repeats yearly or monthly.

Filter tabs

Filter	Shows
Month	Due this calendar month.
30 / 60 Days	Due in the next 30 or 60 days.
All	All, by next upcoming date.

Add a birthday reminder

- 1 Tap **+** at the top right.
- 2 Select **Birthday / Anniversary**.
- 3 Tap the date field, pick the date.
- 4 Choose a reminder icon.
- 5 Type the person's name.
- 6 Set the notification time.
- 7 Turn **ON** Repeat Every Year.
- 8 Tap **Save** — done.



4. Convert Dates

Gregorian ↔ Zoroastrian in an instant

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

Gregorian → Zoroastrian

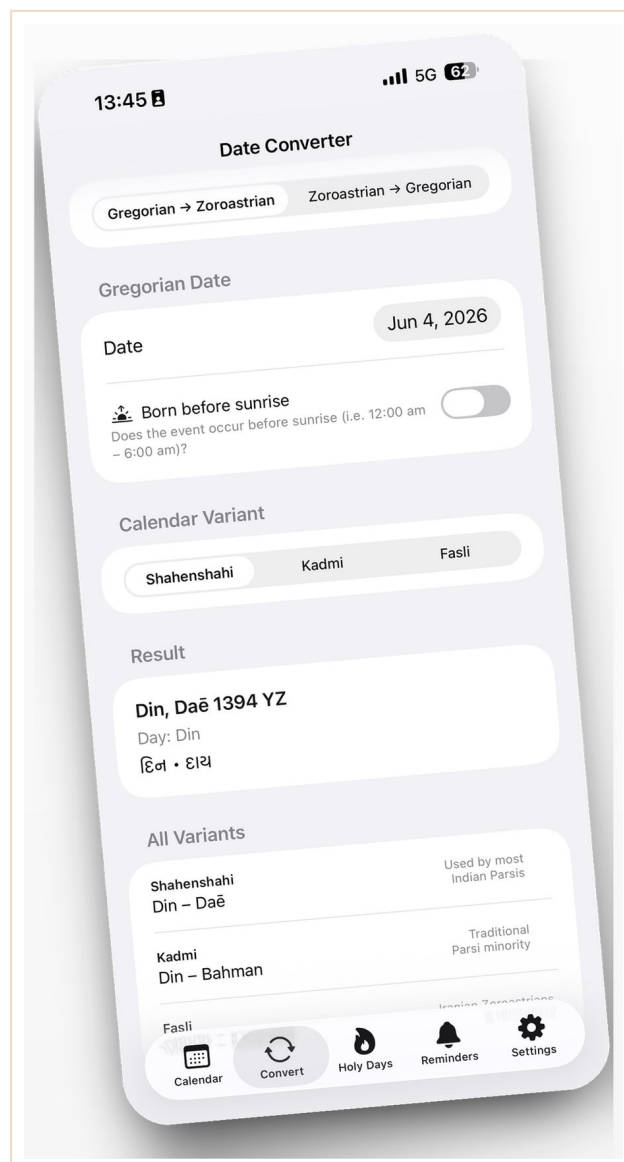
- Tap the **Date** field and pick your date.
- The result appears instantly below.
- Scroll to see all three variants — Shahenshahi, Kadmi and Fasli.

Born before sunrise? Toggle ON if the event is between midnight and sunrise. The Roj changes at Usta (sunrise – 39 min); ZCal handles this automatically.

Zoroastrian → Gregorian

- Tap the **Zoroastrian → Gregorian** tab.
- Enter a Roj and Mah to find the Gregorian date.
- Tap the Roj row for the dropdown, or use – + to step.

Tip: Use this to find the Zoroastrian date of any birthday or event.



5. Settings

Make ZCal your own

Calendar variant

Variant	Who uses it
Shahenshahi	Most Indian Parsis (default).
Kadmi	Parsi minority — one month ahead.
Fasli	Iranian Zoroastrians — Persian solar.

App theme & colour

Choose from the built-in themes: Ocean Blue, Saffron Gold, Crimson, Blush Pink, Warm Sand, Blush, Sky Blue, Lavender Mist, Sage, Champagne, Pure White, Azure White and Ruby White. The colour applies straight away.

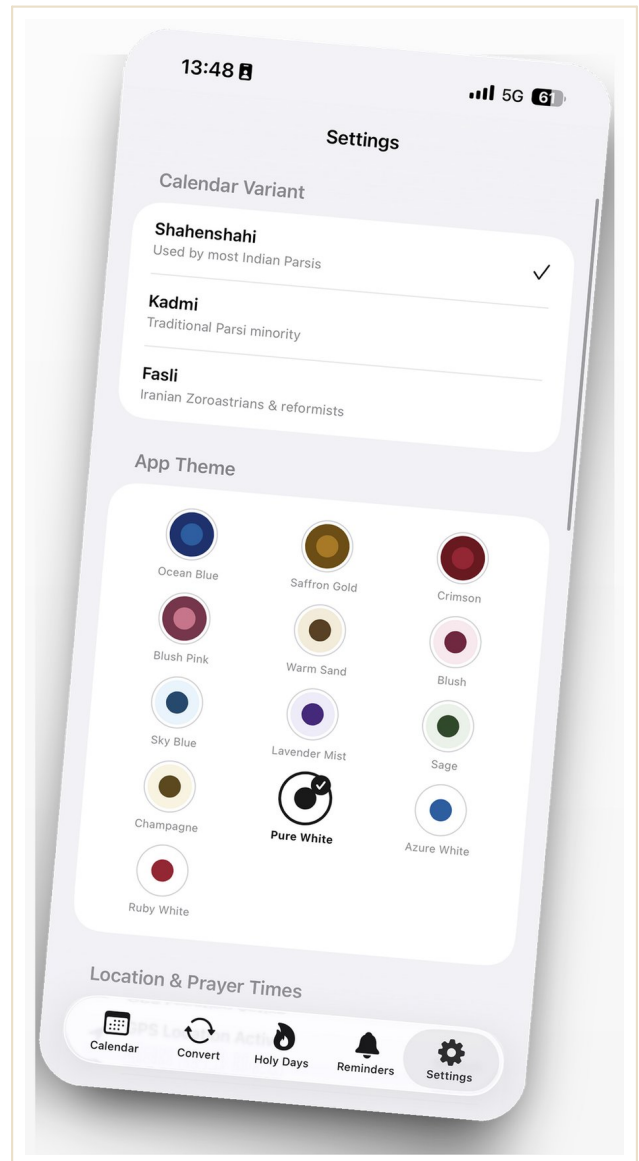
Script language

- **Gujarati** — Roj/Mah names in Gujarati below English.
- **Persian** — names in Persian / Farsi below English.

Location — for Geh times

- Tap **Use My GPS Location** for accurate Geh times.
- Or set your country and city manually.

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



6. Widgets

ZCal on your home screen — no need to open the app

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

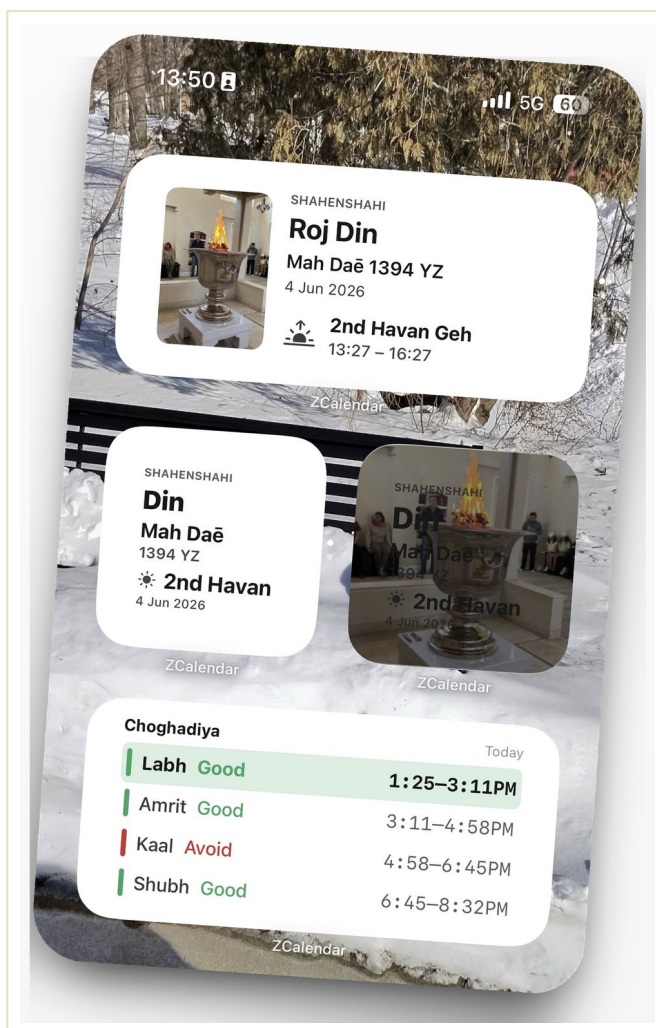
Widgets to choose from

Widget	What it shows
Geh — Long (4×2)	Roj, Mah, current Geh & prayer times.
Roj/Mah — Small (2×2)	Today's Roj and Mah, compact.
Events — Long (4×2)	Next holy day & reminders.
Events — Small (2×2)	Compact upcoming-events list.

Add a widget (iOS)

- 1 Go to your Home Screen.
- 2 Press & hold an empty area until icons wobble.
- 3 Tap + at the top left.
- 4 Type **ZCal** in search.
- 5 Tap **ZCal** to see the options.
- 6 Tap a widget, then **Add Widget**.
- 7 Press Home — ready.

No data? Open ZCal once, return home. Still stuck? Remove and re-add, or tap **Refresh Widgets Now** in Settings.



7. Daily Roj Messages

A spiritual thought for every Zoroastrian day

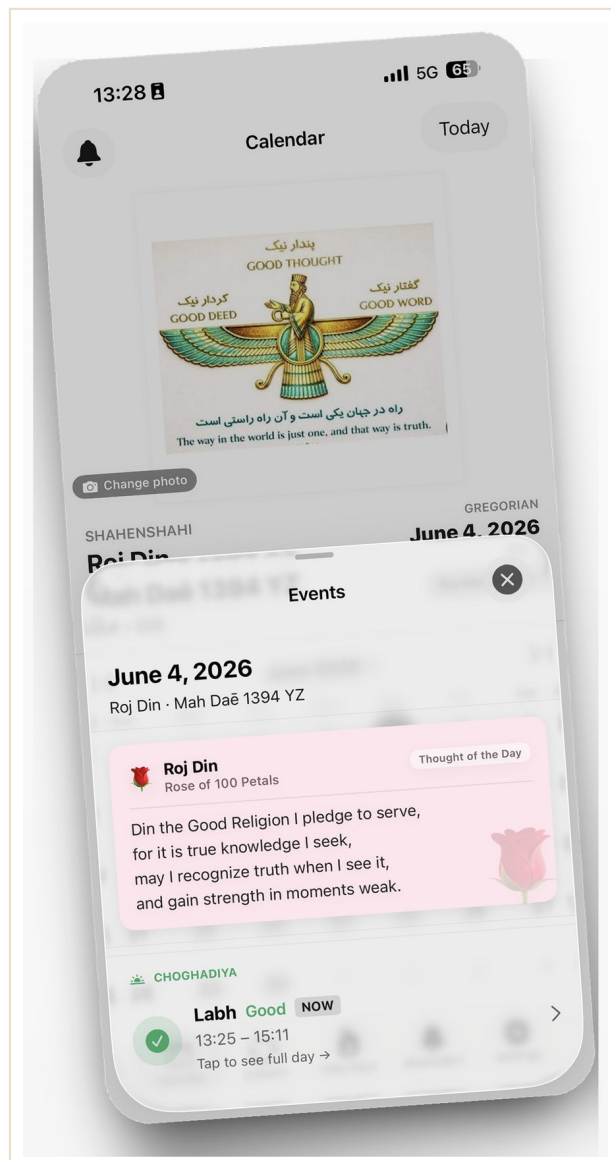
ZCal shows a Daily Roj Message for each of the 30 Zoroastrian Roj — a Thought of the Day reflecting that day's Yazata.

Where to find it

- Open ZCal → Calendar screen.
- The card appears below the Faravahar photo.
- Shows the Roj, Yazata and a daily thought.
- Tap to expand and read the full message.
- Updates at each new Roj (Usta — sunrise – 39 min).
- The Geh widget also shows the thought.

Sample Roj Messages

Roj	Yazata
Hormuzd	Ahura Mazda — Lord of Wisdom.
Bahman	Vohu Manah — Good Mind.
Ardibehesht	Asha Vahishta — Best Truth.
Adar	Atar — the Sacred Fire.
Meher	Mithra — Covenant & Light.
Sarosh	Sraosha — Obedience & Prayer.



8. Choghadiya

Eight time periods each day to guide your decisions

Choghadiya divides each day and night into eight periods, each auspicious or inauspicious for starting new activities.

From *Cho* (four) + *Ghadi* (~24 min). Each period is about 1 hr 30 min, varying with the season.

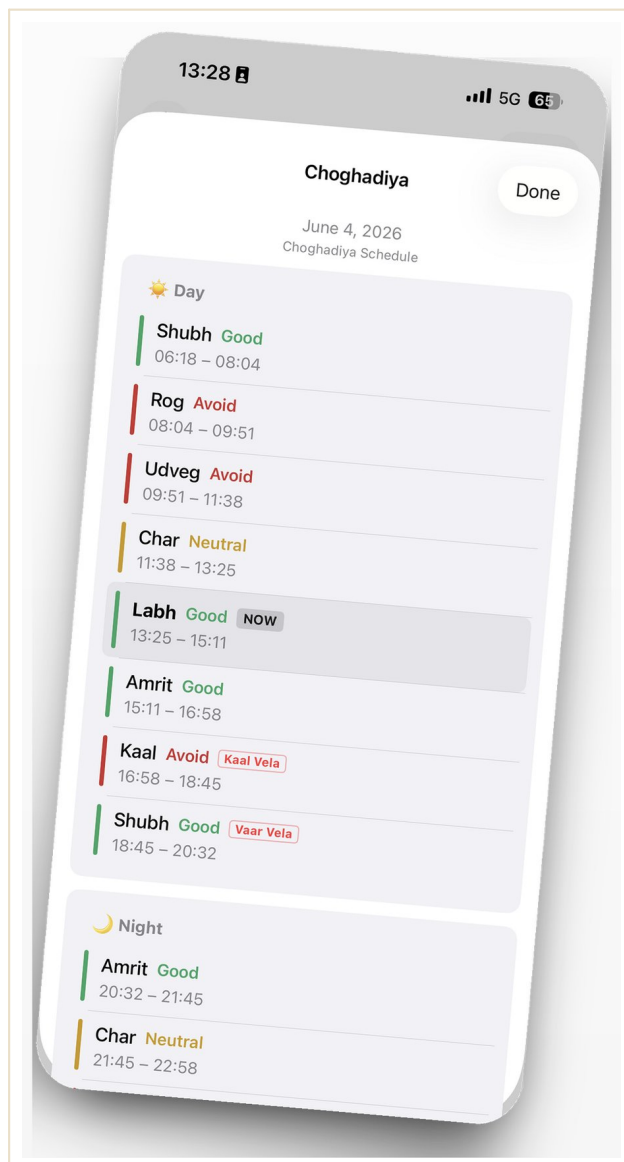
Where to find it

- Calendar screen → tap any date.
- Scroll to the Choghadiya section.
- Day and Night both shown.
- The current period is highlighted live.

The 8 periods

Period	Nature & use
Amrit	Very auspicious — best to begin.
Shubh	Auspicious — ceremonies, weddings.
Labh	Auspicious — new work, study.
Char	Neutral — travel, general use.
Udveg	Inauspicious — avoid new starts.
Rog	Inauspicious — avoid health matters.
Kaal	Inauspicious — wait if you can.
Vishghat	Very inauspicious — avoid all.

ZCal uses GPS sunrise/sunset for precise times — enable **Location** in Settings.



9. Frequently Asked Questions

Quick answers to common questions

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

A. Go to Settings → Apps → ZCal → Notifications and ensure they are ON. Then open ZCal → Settings → **Refresh All Reminders**. Also check that Do Not Disturb is not active.

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

A. In the Calendar app, open the calendars list, find **ZCal Zoroastrian Calendar** and tap it to enable its coloured dot. (Make sure Sync to iOS Calendar is ON in ZCal → Settings.)

Q. My widget isn't updating or shows old data.

A. Open ZCal once and return to the home screen. If it still doesn't update, remove and re-add the widget, or tap **Refresh Widgets Now** in ZCal → Settings.

Q. How do I switch calendar variants?

A. Go to Settings → Calendar Variant and tap Shahenshahi, Kadmi or Fasli. The app updates immediately.

Q. How do I change the colour theme?

A. Go to Settings → App Theme and tap any colour circle. The new colour applies straight away.

Q. How do I share reminders with family?

A. On the Reminders screen, tap the share icon (top left), select the reminders, then Share via WhatsApp or email.

Q. Where is the Daily Roj Message?

A. On the Calendar screen, below the Faravahar photo. It updates at each new Roj, and 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. I need more help — what do I do?

A. Open ZCal → Settings → About → FAQ & Troubleshooting, or tap **Send Feedback** to email zcal2026@outlook.com.

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