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*The Iranian Calendars*

We study the modern Iranian (Persian) calendar after first considering older Iranian calendars. In examining the modern Iranian (solar) calendar, we also discuss arithmetical formulas necessary to convert it reciprocally into the Gregorian calendar.

There will moreover be a short investigation on the Islamic (or Muslim lunar) calendar vis à vis the modern Iranian calendar. A few centuries after the modern Iranian calendar was started, Omar Khayyám (1048–1131) studied the exactitude of the leap year and made important contributions. Finally, we examine the political situation of the 20th century, which changed the various calendars back and forth, eventually settling again on the main calendar.