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YUGADI

New year day

Chaitra-Shukla-Prat-ama (08-4-2016) Friday

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Yugadi is the FIRST Habba in the year in all own houses. That is on Chaitra Shuddha Pratama. That day is new year day. (1) Kemmannu – Rangoli in front of the house, alankara with thorana (2) Abhyanga (oil-bath) (3) Saligrama Puja (4) Thulasi Puja (5) Panchanga Puja and Panchanga Sravana (6) Naivedya of the mixture of neem tender leaves (or flower) with (Bella) jaggery; taking this mixture (7) wearing new clothes, if possible (8) Namaskara to parents, elders (9) Tamboola Dakshina to Veda - Brahmanas (10) Naivedya of Maasa Dharma items:- Paanaka, Buttermilk, Kosambari etc, (11) Festival - Bhojana and (12) Darshan of the Lord in temple in the evening. All these constitute Yugadi Celebration.

If there is hereditary Devaru Pratima in the house, this is the day to perform panchamrita abhisheka to that Pratima. In the Mutt, there will be Maha Abhisheka to all Vighrahas this day. Make a Sankalpa while rising up from the bed in the morning:- Today I will not speak harsh words; I will speak pleasing words about God and Guru.

NEEM TENDER LEAVES (or FLOWER) with JAGGERY (Bella)

In a small silver vessel, take a handful of with neem flower, tender leaves and a little bit of jiggery (bella). Mix them well with a silver Uddarini or spoon or hand and keep it ready for Naivedya. If silver vessel is not available, use banana leaf or *donna*. After Naivedya of this mixture, and after Puja, take Tirtha, and then this mixture. Mantra for taking this:

शत-आयुः वज्रदेहं च, सर्व-संपत्-प्रदं सदा ।
सर्व-अरिष्ट-हरं कुर्मै निंब प्राशनं शुभम् ॥

Long life, good health, relief from evil spirits and a peaceful life are said to be the good results.

Before starting Devara Puja on Yugadi day, place the Panchanga (or this book) on a decorated Peeta for puja. While performing Archana to Saligrama, apply Arisina, Kunkuma, Gandha and Pushpa to Panchanga also. Reading of Panchanga either now (after Puja) or in the evening. (Panchanga Sravanam details given separately)

ALANKARA TO CHILDREN

If there is a small child aged 2 to 3 years in the house, adorn the child with new dress, etc. On Holi Pournima day, the child would have been adorned with the garland of Sakkara-achchu (in Kannada),

small gem biscuit garland, etc. If this was missed on that day, that can be done on Yugadi day. In some houses, this is done on both days.

All these are our Kula Dharma, Kula Aachaara, Family culture. Lord's anugraha is there in this. Good fortune starts coming with this.

WHY OIL BATH AND THE IN-TAKE OF NEEM TENDER LEAVES ?

Both are for our well being and to please the Lord. One or two neem leaves taken daily in the morning makes the body very strong like Vajra, says is Ayurveda Shastra. Start it from Yugadi day. Neem leaf is bitter. In our life, we come across good, bad, bitter experiences. One will be successful in life by treating them as quite natural part of life. The mixture (sweet+bitter) on Yugadi day, reminds us this truth.

Our body is a battle-field for Tatwa-abhimani-devatas and Tatwa-abhimani-Asuras. Our thoughts and actions go as directed by them. Tila-Thaila is symbol of Lakshmi. When it is applied on our body, it strengthens the hands of Tatwa-abhimani-devatas. It is an anti-dote for Asuras. Their evil influences go less and less gradually in our thoughts and actions. It is just one example. It paves the way for health and happiness in life.

HOW OUR KULA DHARMA DISAPPEARS ?

One may ask "Is it not 1st January our New Year Day ?" That is not our Kula Dharma. It was imposed

on us by foreigners. We do not hate this. But we do not accept it. That is meant for them, not for us. Why? That was started by human beings. Veda is the origin for our anushtaana. All our activities are based on Soorya, Chandra, and other Navagrahas. There are many Kula Dharmas for others. One among them is this: 1st January New Year Day. Another: To put off the Deepas on 'Happy Birthday', cutting the cake, bursting of the balloons. This is how we gradually forget our culture and observe others' culture in our houses.

Adi means beginning. Yuga+Adi (Yugadi) means Yuga starts. Kali Yuga started on Chaitra Shuddha Pratama.

DON'T FORGET THIS

On Yugadi day, it is our Kula Dharma to offer Namaskara to mother, father and elders. Do not forget this.

The Lord Asks us:

On how many days in a year, you have touched Me in Saligrama? On How Many days, the auspicious sounds of Pooja-Ghanta/Jaangata Sabda and Purusha Sookta was heard in your house? The more you do that, more Nin-mati in your house.

PANCHANGA SRAVANAM

On Yugadi Day

8 - 4 - 2016 (Friday)

POOJA TO PANCHANGA

On Yugadi day, Panchanga Sravana either in the morning or evening. If Panchanga is not available, do pooja to this book and then read out the contents of the first few pages to everyone in the house.

Keep the Panchanga in a Peeta. Arisina, Kumkuma to Panchanga. Dhyaana of Navagraha Devata, antargata Mukhya Praana, antargata Sri Lakshmi Narasimha, Dhyaana of your Kula Deva Swami, Aavaahana, Mantrakshata, Pushpa Samarpana, Mangalarathi to Panchanga. Prarthana with this Mantra,

आदित्यादि नवग्रहा-शुभकराः, मेषादयो राशयः
 नक्षत्राणि स-योग-काश्च तिथयः, तद्देवता-स्तद्-गणाः ।
 मासाब्दा ऋतव स्तथैव दिवसाः, सन्ध्या-स्तथा रात्रयः
 सर्वे स्थावर जङ्गमाः प्रतिदिनं कुर्यात् सदा मङ्गलम् ॥
 आपाद-मौलि पर्यन्तं, गुरूणां आकृतिं स्मरेत् ।
 तेन विघ्नाः प्रणश्यन्ति, सिद्ध्यन्ति च मनोरथाः ॥

PANCHANGA SRAVANA

It is auspicious to know about the life span of Chaturmukha Brahma Deva and also know the Thithi, Vaara, Nakshatra, Yoga and Karana everyday. These are to be mentioned during Panchanga Sravana.

LIFE SPAN OF CHATURMUKHA BRAHMA DEVA

Swasti Sri, Chaturmukha Brahma Deva was born from the Naabhi Kamala of Maha Vishnu and has 100 years of life span. He has completed the first 50 years. Now the first day of the 51st year is running.

The calculation of a single day to Chaturmukha Brahma is like this: Krita Yuga, Treta Yuga, Dwapara Yuga and Kali Yuga constitute one Maha Yuga. 71 Maha Yugas constitute one Manvantara. 14 Manvantaras constitute one Kalpa. This is the day time for Brahma Deva. Similarly one night is equal to another 14 Manvantaras (one Kalpa). So, 28 Manvantaras (two Kalpas) constitute a single day. Like this 360 days constitute one year for Brahma Deva. And like that, 100 years is his life span. In this, 50 years have been completed. We are now in the first day of 51st year.

In the first day morning, in Swetha Varaha Kalpa, 6 Manvantaras are completed. In the 7th (Vai-vas-vatha) Manvantara, 27 Maha Yugas are completed. In the 28th Maha Yuga, Krita, Treta, Dwapara Yugas have gone. In 4 lakhs 32 thousand years of Kali Yuga, 5,000 years are also completed. We are now at the beginning

of the first quarter of Kali Yuga (Kali Yuge Prathama Pade – in sanskrit). From today, Manmatha Naama Samvatsara Aarambha. In Sali-vaahana Shakha, after completing 1937 years, we are now in 1938 Shakha year from 8-4-2016.

NEW YEAR DETAILS AND PHALA

Today: Durmukha Naama Samvatsara Arambha, Uttarayana, Vasantha Ritu, Chaitra Maasa, Shukla Paksha, Prathama, Brughu Vaasara, (Shukra Vaara), Aswini Nakshatra, Vaidrita Yoga, Bhva Karana.

Durmukha Naama Samvatsara Phala:

पुरन्दरो मध्यम-वृष्टि-कर्ता
 जनाश्च वैरामय भीतियुक्ताः ।
 नृपो रणे वैरिपराजिताः स्युः
 क्वचित् सुभिक्षं सति दुर्मुखाब्दे ॥

In this Durmukha year, the rainfall will be limited. There will be minor ailments and Mutual rivalries among the rulers. In the midst of all this, there will be Subheeksha in the country.

Every year, the Vaara on which Yugadi begins, that Vaara-Devata will be the Raja of that year. The Mantri is the Devata of the Vaara on which Tamil New Year (Mesha – Sankramana) begins.

This year Raja is Sukra Devata, Mantri is Budha. Senadhipati is Budha. Poorva Sasyadhipati is Sani and Aparasasyadhipati is Budha. [Sasyadhipati means the Adhipati of crops].

Raja & other Phala: There will be sufficient water in the countryside lakes, tanks, ponds and wells. Cows will yield sufficient milk; The treasuries will have satisfactory funds. There will be occasional storms or heavy winds, and fear among the people due to heavy winds, and rains.

The agricultural yield will be much satisfactory. There will be minor problems due to diseases and fire. Goduma (wheat) paddy, sugarcane, stock will be much satisfactory. Poets, Writers and Veda Vidwans will be suitably honoured. Yaga-Yajnas will be performed in the country.

INCOME - EXPENDITURE OF RASI

	Mesa	Risaba	Mithu	Kata	Simma	Kanni
Income	11	5	11	5	8	11
Expendi	5	14	11	4	5	11
	Thula	Vrich	Dhan	Maka	Kumba	Meena
Income	5	11	8	2	2	8
Expendi	14	5	11	14	14	11

GRAHANA

There will be no Grahana visible during this year in India.

WHY PANCHANGA SRAVANA ?

At the beginning of the year, if we get advance information on the likely events in that whole year, it would be helpful to prepare ourselves to adhere to those austerities. In this way, Panchanga Sravana helps us to get peace and prosperity in life. Without telling all these, this sloka tells the phala (result).

श्री कल्याण-गुणा-वहं, रिपु-हरं, दुःस्वप्न दोषापहं ।
 गङ्गा-स्नान विशेष पुण्य फलदं, गोदान तुल्यं नृणाम् ॥
 आयु-वृद्धिदं, उत्तमं, शुभकरं, सन्तान संपत्-प्रदं ।
 नाना कर्मसु साधनं, समुचितं, पञ्चाङ्गं आकर्ष्यताम् ॥

Panchanga Sravana is Mangala-kara for everyone. It removes the ill-effects of bad dreams, brings Punya of Ganga Snana, yields the Punya of Go-daana, increase the life span, beget of good, Satwik Children and wealth.

Conclude the Panchanga Sravana, by chanting the Mangala Sloka. Offer Pushpa – Akshata to Panchanga/book, Naivedya, Mangalarathi, and distribute Phala-Mantrakshata to everyone.

Mangala Sloka:

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 नक्षत्राणि स-योग-काश्च तिथयः, तद्देवता-स्तद्-गणाः ।
 मासाब्दा ऋतव स्तथैव दिवसाः, सन्ध्या-स्तथा रात्रयः
 सर्वे स्थावर जङ्गमाः प्रतिदिनं कुर्यात् सदा मङ्गळम् ॥

GOWRI TRITEEYA

Chaitra-Shukla-Triteeya (10-04-16) Sunday

First Thulasi Pooja, then Gowri Pooja. Make Gowri with Arisina (turmeric) powder mixed with water. Puja with kumkuma to this Gowri also to Parvati Parameshwara picture. Gowri haadu, Gaja vastra, Pushpha, Dhoopa, Deepa, Naivedya, Paanaka, Buttermilk, Kosambari, fruits Naivedya, Mangalarathi. If Sumangalis available nearby, invite them and offer Taamboola Dakshina.

FOR PUTRA SUKHA

Nirnaya Sindhu (Page 62) says this: Those desirous of Putra - Sukha, and other Sowbhagyas, will wait for this Triteeya in the Vasanta Ritu (Chaitra-Vaishakha) and do this Puja.

वसन्त मासं आसाद्य, तृतीयायां जन-प्रिये ।

सौभाग्याय सदा स्त्रीभिः कार्यं पुत्र-सुख-ईप्सुभिः ॥

This Puja can be performed either on this Triteeya or next month on Akshaya Triteeya or on both days. If possible, Morada Baayana can also be offered. After Puja in the morning, daanas can be given in the evening also. Vishesha Phala for Thotlu Puja to Parvati Parameswara and then *Udi thumbadu* for Sumangalis. This puja can also be performed daily starting from today (Chaitra-Shukla-Triteeya) till Akshaya Triteeya day or on whichever day convenient.

SRI PANCHAMI

Chaitra-Shukla-Panchami (11-4-2016) Sunday

Lakshmi Puja with Jasmine (Malli, Mullai) flowers in the house, this day evening is good for the family. Domestic wealth and happiness improves gradually. (Nirnaya Sindhu page 64). She comes as willed by Lord Sri Keshava:- नि.सिं. p.64

शुक्लायां अथ पञ्चम्यां चैत्रे मासि शुभानना ।
श्रीः ब्रह्म-लोकात् मानुष्यं सं-प्राप्ता, केशवाज्ञया ।
ततः तां पूजयेत् तत्र, यः तं लक्ष्मीः न मुञ्चति ॥

This “Chaitra-Shukla-Panchami” day is called “Sri Panchami”.

पञ्चम्यां, कुन्द-कुसुमैः पूजां कुर्यात् समृद्धये ।
इयं चैत्र-शुक्ले “श्री-पञ्चमी” ॥ (Ni.Sin. p.162)

SRI RAMA NAVAMI

Chaitra-Shukla-Navami (15-4-2016) Friday

Pooja by Ladies.

Ladies can do this Pooja to the picture of the Lord Sri Rama. Naivedya of Maasa-dharma items. (5 parts of wheat flour, 2 parts of sugar, 1½ parts of ghee – mixing all these in proper proportion) Wheat flour Laddu naivedya. Then naivedya to Sri Anjaneya.hamboola Dakshina, Prasada to others nearby. Rama naama songs, stotras.

Pooja along with Male-members.

Male members perform Pooja to Sri Rama-pratima or Saligrama. If you do not know the Mantra, perform pooja like this:

Take two small vessels. Pour pure water in one vessel. In another vessel mix gandha with water. Apply gandha, akshata in the outer part of the vessels and put thulasi inside the vessels. They are 'Kalasas'. Place your hand on them and chant 'Om Namo Narayanaya' 8 times. Now these are Kalasa Tirthas fit for Abhishekha.

Take some little water in another small cup and do Achamana. By folding your hands, sankalpa: "Chaitra Shuddha Navami prayukta, Sri Ramachandrasya Sho-da-sha Upachaara Poojam Karishye". Then puja:

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|---|---|
| 1. <i>Bharathee-ramana Mukhya Praanan-targatha Sita Pati Sri Ramachandram Aavahayaami</i> | Mantrakshata to Sri Rama Pratima or Saligrama |
| 2. <i>Aasanam Samarpa-yami</i> | Mantrakshata |
| 3. <i>Pada-yo: Paadyam Samarpa-yami</i> | Pure water to Sri Rama Pratima or Saligrama through Shankha |
| 4. <i>Hastayo: Arghyam Samarpayami</i> | Pure water 3 times through Shankha |
| 5. <i>Aachama-nee-yam Samarpayami</i> | Pure water 3 times through Shankha |
| 6. <i>Snaa-pa-yaami</i> | Abhisheka with Shankha or Prokshana with Pushpa. Chant first Mantra in Purusha Sookta or "Om Namo Naarayanaaya" |

7. <i>Snaana Anantaram Aa-cha-ma-neeyam Samarpayami</i>	Pure water 3 times through Shankha
8. <i>Vastram Samarpayami</i>	Mantrakshata
9. <i>Gandhan Samarpayami, Akshataam Samarpayami</i>	Gandha, Akshata
10. <i>Alankaaraan Samarpayami</i>	Alankaara with Pushpa Garland
11. <i>Archana: 'Om Sri Kesavaaya Nama:;',</i>	Chant the Kesavaadi 24 naamaas and do Archana
12. <i>Dhoopam Samarpayami</i>	Dasaanga dhoopa
13. <i>Deepam Samarpayami</i>	3-bhatti ekaarthe
14. <i>Naivedyam Samarpayami, Thaamboola Dakshinaan Samarpayami</i>	Naivedya of all the items, fruits and Thaamboola, Dakshina, with Thulasi
15. <i>Mahaa Neerajanam Samarpayami</i>	5-bhatti Mangalarathi
16. <i>Praarthanaan Samarpayami</i>	Praarthana
17. <i>Namaskaaraan Samarpayami</i>	Namaskaara

Sri Rama Pooja is now completed. If time permits, read out a few slokas of Rama Avatara from Vaalmiki Ramayana. A few slokas are given below.

एवं विसृज्य तान् सर्वान् राजा संपूर्ण मानसः ।

उवास सुखिनः तत्र पुत्रोत्पत्तिं विचिन्तयन् ॥ (7)

- ततो यज्ञे समाप्तेतु ऋतूनां षट् समत्ययुः ।
 ततश्च द्वादशे मासे चैत्रे नावमिके तिथौ ॥ (8)
- नक्षत्रे अदिति दैवत्ये स्वोच्च संस्थेषु पञ्चसु ।
 ग्रहेषु कर्कटे लग्ने वाक्-पतौ इन्दुना सह ॥ (9)
- प्रोद्यमाने जगन्नाथं, सर्वलोक नमस्कृतम् ।
 कौसल्या अजनयद् रामं दिव्य-लक्षण-संयुतम् ॥ (10)
- कौसल्या शुशुभे तेन पुत्रेण अमित तेजसा । (12)
 भरतो नाम कैकेय्यां, जज्ञे सत्य-पराक्रमः ।
 अथ लक्ष्मण-शत्रुघ्नौ सुमित्रा अजनयत् सुतौ ॥(14)
- (बालकाण्डे अध् 18)

Mesha Sankramana

13-4-16 Budha Vaara

The day is Vishu Punya Kaala after 12:24 pm. It is also Tamil New Year Day. Chittirai 1st. It is an important Parva-Kala for Tarpana (Dwa-dasa-Pitru). Gayathri Japa, Saligrama Puja and then Tarpana. Women: Tulasi Puja and Krishna Mantra Japa. Dont miss this very effective day. It will yield favourable results.

SRI VYASARAJA

(1478 - 1539)



The system of Madhva was attacked by the stalwarts of the monistic faith, Vidyananda, Citsukha and Amalananda and a host of others. It fell to the lot of Sri Vyasa to defend the faith using his extraordinary logical acumen and sharp powers of criticism and the staggering perfect knowledge of "Naveena Nyaya". We find evidence of all these in his

three monumental works:

- 1) Tatparya Chandrika
- 2) Nyayamrta
- 3) Tarkatandava

"**Tatparya Chandrika**" in its utter humility calls itself a subcommentary on Sutra Bhasya's main commentary called Tatva Prakasika. It covers the first two chapters only. As prophesied, the 10th Peetadhipati Sri Raghunatha Tirtha, completes the third and fourth chapters in the "Sesha Chandrika".

"**Nyayamrita**" is a masterpiece on Logic, standing out as Meru Mountain among all his works. It is a

mine syllogism and refuting complicated syllogisms put forth by the monistic idealist thinkers of Sankara School. "Nyayamrta" is the sport of the logician and despair of the layman. It took several years for Madusudhana Saraswathi the Advaita thinker of Bengal to refute it. His "Advaita Siddhi" in turn was refuted by Ramacharya, in his "Tarangini". This was bitterly criticised by Brahmananda Saraswathi in his "Guru Chandrika" and "Lagu Chandrika" and this in its turn was refuted by Vanamali Mishra.

Though Vyasaraja was a logician, he was not a subscriber to Nyaya School. After criticising "Advaita" he turns his hands to criticise "Nyaya" School and the advanced thinker "Chintamani" and his book "Tatva Chintamani". The logicians approved of his criticism of "Advaita" but were unhappy when he turned the gun against them in "**Tarka Tandava**".

Besides the above three works, Vyasaraja has written Tippanis on four of Madhva's Prakarana namely "Tatva Viveka, Mayavada Khandana, Upadhi Khandana, and Prapancha Mithyatva Anumana Khandana". These tippani's go by the name Mandara Manjari.

He wanted to highlight and throw into focus the central doctrine of Sri Madhva's philosophy-namely the category of difference. This is a neat book called "Bhedo-jeevana" with a commentary of Kasi Acharya on "Bhedo-jeevana" the concept stands unrefuted for ages.

ANOTHER SIDE OF HIS PERSONLITY

The greatness of Sri Vyasaraaja does not merely consists in his scholarly works mangnificent logic consistent interpretation of text, observing strict contextual consistency as seen in the Chandrika. He has an another side to his personality. He unites the "Dasa Kuta" songsters of Madva Philsophy and "Vyasa Kuta" the Sanskrit exponents. Purandara Dasa the great Sangita Pitamaha and Kanaka dasa the great Madhva Singer are great disciples and gifts to us. Vyasaraaja has himself given us innumerable songs, in several songs expounding the essence of Madhva Philosophy.

“Yantro-d-dharaka Hanumad Stotram” is a most powerful stotra composed by Sri Vyasaraaja. This stotra is very small. It consists of only 8 slokas, out of which 5 are main stotra, remaining 3 are phala-shruti. Sri Vyasaraaja entered Brindavana at Nava Brindavana, near Hampi, in Karnataka on Palguna Krishna Chaturthi in 1539 A.D.,

PRAYER SLOKA

अर्थि-कल्पित कल्पोऽयं, प्रत्यर्थि-गज-केसरी ।
व्यासतीर्थ गुरु-भूयात् अस्मद् इष्टार्थ सिद्धये ॥

Sri Vyasaraaja is a Kalpa-Vriksha to his devotees. He was a lion to the elephants-like opponents in Vaada-Prativaada. Let Sri Vyasaraaja fulfill my heart's desires.

Ugra - Ratha Shanti & Shashti - Abda Purthi Shanti

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Note: The objective of this article is to give an overview / general guidance of the above functions. In practice, there may be some variations due to Desha-Achara.

Our old-age begins from the day we celebrate our 61st birth-day. This is a matter related to our body only. Not to our soul. Vedas and Upanishads describe our body as a Ratha (a car). The occupant, sitting in the car is our soul or Atma.

आत्मानं रथिनं विद्धि, शरीरं रथमेव-च ।

This body is our Ratha (our Car). Imagine the condition of a car after 60 years of use. Naturally it is worn out and needs attention. It has to be re-charged / re-strengthened to the extent possible. When our body reaches that stage, Shastra calls it “**Ugra-Ratha**”. The Vaakya in “*Shanti Kusuma-Kara*” is this:-

जन्म षष्टितमे वर्षे, मृत्युः ‘उग्र-रथो’ नृणाम् ॥

This **Ugra-Ratha Shanti** is performed after 59 years of age. It is a precautionary ritual for protection well in advance of our old age. **Shashti Abda Purthi**

Shanti is performed after 60 years of age; On 61st birthday. Both can be clubbed in one function. Tradition allows it.

When to Celebrate ?

It is to be celebrated on 61st birthday according to our Panchanga; not according to English calendar. Sownaka Maharishi has prescribed the day in this Vaakya :-

जन्म अब्दे, जन्म मासे च स्वस्य जन्म तिथावपि ।

जन्म नक्षत्रे वापि कर्तव्या, शान्तिः 'उग्र-रथा'-ह्वयः ॥

One's Janma-Varsha, Janma-Maasa, (Janma-Tithi or) Janma-Nakshatra. In Tamil Nadu, we give importance to Janma-Nakshatra. Janma-Tithi is only a third option.

The second option is to have it on the day of 9th Nakshatra form Janma Nakshatra. Count Janma Nakshatra as ONE. This is in vogue in Tamil Nadu. They call this "Anu-Janma" Nakshatra and further ask us to see the significance of this number "NINE". They point out that Nakshatras are 27 and this number Nine is hidden there itself in the form of 2+7=9.

How Many Kalasas ?

67 or 27 or 9

According to individual affordability, 67 or 27 or 9 Kalasas, Yatha Shakti will do. All the Devatas are to be worshipped in the kalasas placed for Puja. There will be no reduction in the Mantras, due to reduction in Kalasas. Only one Pradhana Kalasa will be bigger in size. All others: same size.

Three - Devatas For Ugra-Ratha-Shanti

1. Ugra-Roopa Mrityu Devata (1)
2. & 3. Ugra-Roopa Adhi & Pratyadhi Devatas (2)

Shashti Devatas are listed below:-

4. Shashti Devata (1)
5. Brahma, Vishnu, Rudra (3)
6. Chiranjeevi Devatas (7+2=9)
7. Nakshatra Devatas (27)
8. Abijit Devata (1)
9. Amavasya, Pournami (Tithi-Devata) (1)
10. Our own Jan-ma Nakshatra Devata (1)
11. Wife's Nakshatra Devata (1)
12. Nava-graha Devatas (9)
13. Ashta-dik-pala Devatas (8)
14. Ayur Devata (1)
15. Mrityunjaya Devata (1)
16. Kumudaadi (16) Devatas (No Kalasa)
17. Gra-haanga Varuna Devata (1)

Total 67 Kalasas

Note: The above is only to give a rough idea. In addition to the above 67, we worship these other Devatas. Total 151 Devatas :—

18. Sarvato-Bhadra Devatas (64) are worshipped in 64-colour-Rangoli drawn on the floor (64 Devatas)
19. Kumuda and other Stree Devatas (16) are worshipped on Kumkuma, spread either on a winnow (MORA) or on a Blouse-piece. (16 Devatas)

20. Navagraha Devatas: In case no kalasa for them, these Devatas are worshipped in respective Dhaanyas, kept in front of the Kalasas. (9 already included item 12 above).
21. Ganapati, Durga, Kshetra-paala and Vaas-tosh-pati (4) Devatas are extension of Navagraha Devas, worshipped in Para-yana and Homa (4 Devatas)
22. Raasi Devatas (12) are included in some Sampradaya only. This 12 is not included here.

Total Devatas 151

We worship the Devatas in 10-ways:-	
1. Dhyana	7. Prayer
2. Aa-vaa-hana	8. Abhisheka to ourselves with Kalasa Teertha
3. Pooja	9. Daana
4. Japa	10. Anna-Danas
5. Para-yana	
6. Homa	

Japa & Paa-raa-yana

Shastra has prescribed the names of Sooktas and also the number of times they are to be repeated as Japa in Kalasa Sannidhi.

But now-a-days, this important item is decided by the Purohit Pandits. They silently observe how we co-operate with them in time-adjustments. They calculate the time available for them for Japa and Parayana and the man-power on the spot. They also observe our level of devotion, our Vedic Knowledge,

our interest in listening to their Vedic chanting, our level of Aachara etc. Depending on these, they decide the Japa and Parayana.

The List given here is just for general guidance :-

Mantras for Japa

1. Purusha Sookta - 12 times
2. Sree Sookta - 12 times
3. Rudra Sookta - 12 times
4. Aa-yu-shya Sookta - 12 times
5. Rudra & Chamaka - once
6. Our own Janma Nakshatra Sookta - 108 times
7. Wife's Janma Nakshatra Sookta - 108 times
8. Trayambakam - 108 times

Shanti Sooktas (once)

1. Aa-no-Bhadra
2. Imam-stomam
3. Sham-Na-Indraagni
4. Aashu:-Shi-Shaano
5. Sw-asthi-No-Vimeeta
6. Soura Sooktam (Udutyam Jaathavedasam...)
7. All the items mentioned in Aa-va-hana plus Nava-graha and Munchami-twa. Including Prarthana Slokas.

All the above will be possible depending on the man-power, (number of Pandits) and the time available for Parayana. Pandits know how to adjust time and conclude well before Bhojana Time.

The Main Items of the Function

First of all, decide whether it is TWO days function or ONE day. If it is two days, you can have evening function involving women and children singing Devaranamas one to two hours programme in Kalasa Sannidhi (1st day evening). Plus more time first day morning for Pada-Puja to elders, then Japa & Parayana. It all depends upon your budget. Whether it is 2 days or one day, these are the items of the function :-

1. Devara Namaskara
2. Anugnya
3. Sankalpa, Punya-h vaachana, Naandi
4. Paada-Puja to elders
5. Pancha-Gavya Melana & Pratima Shuddhi
6. Kalasa-Stha-Pana, Prana Prathista, Devata Aa-va-hana
7. Kalasa Puja & Mangalarathi
8. Veda Parayana & Japa of Mantras of all the Devatas
9. Praar-thana 4 Slokas of Shasti Devata and 9 Chiranjivi Devatas. (7+2)

10. Homa

11. Bali-Dana
12. Poorna-huti
13. Kalasa Puna-h Puja (with Special Naivedya: Tila and Bella, mixed with milk)

14. Prayer to all Devatas (2nd time). (as done under item 9 above).
15. Kalasa Devata Visarjanam.
16. Kalasa Teertha Prokshana, Abhisheka, and Praa-sana(in-take).
17. Change Vastra and come to Vedika. Shastra says to give that wet clothes as Dana to purohit. But, these days, they decline it.
18. Gopi-Chandana, Nama, Mudras
19. Aachamana & Sankalpa for Danas.

Item 20: Dana Items (Total 11 - Danas)

1. Look your face in liquid-ghee and give it away, along with the vessel
2. Also the same as above. Taila-Paatra
3. All the Kalasas placed for Puja, (decorated with vastra & Janivara) are to be given away at the time of Dana.
4. Kooshmanda Dana = White pumpkin
5. Kambala Dana = Woollen item
6. Dampati Dana = Vastra Dana to husband and wife.
7. Shoorpa Dana = Morada-Baaya-na to one or more.

8. Dasha Dana = Set of 10 items :-

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Go-Dana, 2) Bhoo-Dana, 3) Tila, 4) Hiranya (Gold), 5) Roupya (Silver), 6) Aajya (Ghee), 7) Vaasa (Vastra), 8) Dhaanya (Rice or wheat), 9) Guda (Bella), 10) Lavana (Salt) |
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9. Nava-graha-Dana (Placed in puja)
10. Phala Dana = Fruits in a plate
11. Tamboola Dana

Item 21: Ganapathi Puja & Varuna Puja

22. Goro-chana-Tilaka to Yajamana by his wife
23. She applies Abh-yanjana (eye-tex) in his eyes
24. She applies Tilaka on his forehead with curd
25. She places on his head handful of Doorva
Green Grass
26. She places a Donna of Curd-bath
27. She places a handful of flowers on his head
28. She holds the mirror for him to see his face

Item 29: Raksha Bandhanam

The sanctified Red-tape (a strip of silkpiece) is Raksha. The wife ties it in his right hand (above the elbow).

Item 30: Poorvaanga (Preparation) for Maangalya Dhaarana

30. **Vastra - Aabharana, Maangalya Devata Puja.**
In a big plate, place the new Vastra to Yajamana Dampatis also garlands and the Maangalya. Puja is performed to them.
31. The plate is shown to elders for their Ashirvada
32. The new Vastras are presented to Dampatis
33. Dampatis decorate each other with Gandha, Tilaka & Garlands (Now ready for Maangalya Dhaarana).

Item 34: Maangalya Dharana

“*Aa-yush-yam Varchas-wam*” Sooktam to be chanted by Pandits. Others bless the Dampatis as the yajamana decorates wife with Mangalya.

35. The in-take of two important Naivedya Prasadas: (1) A little of curd bhath. (2) Tila, Bella mixed with milk.

सतिलं, गुड-संमिश्रं, अञ्जल्यर्घं मितं पयः ।
मार्कण्डेयात् वरं लब्ध्वा, पिबामि आयुर्वर्धये ॥

36. **Presentations** to Yajamana Dampatis.

37. **Shre-yas-Sampaadanam:** Purohit and other Pandits offer Prasada to Yajamana Dampatis.

38. Aarathi and Ashirvada

39. Maryaada to Mutt Representatives

40. Brahmana Dakshina to those sitting on the vedika.

41. Acharya-Ritwik Sambhavana (Honouring the Purohit & Pandits.)

42. Taamboola to every one

43. Brahmana-Su-Vaa-Sinee Samaa-raa-dhanam (Bhojana)

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