

Ganesh Pratishthapana Pooja Preparation Guidelines

|| Preparation & Dais Arrangement ||

- Ganesh Festival begins on 4th Day of bright half of Lunar month Bhadrapad so Shri Ganesh Pratishthapana is done on that day.
- At least 2-3 days in advance, buy 1 big Ganesh Murti of any material like Metal, Plaster of Paris etc... for decoration purpose, 1 small earthen Murti for immersion.
- Finish your daily Pooja and start preparing for the Ganesh Pratishthapana. Check all the Pooja samagri again.
- Tie the door hanging to the main door. Decorate your main entrance with colorful Rangoli.
- Play some divine music like Sitar, Shehnai, Santoor, Flute etc... to create a holy atmosphere.
- Check if your camera and camcorder are in working conditions; batteries charged. This is a precious moment in your life and you should capture it, preserve it, cherish it and share with your relatives & friends.
- Prepare the Prasad (offerings to the god like food, minimum 21 Modak, sweets etc...) well in time.
- Before starting the Pooja the host couple should wear dresses suitable and appropriate for the Pooja as per the family tradition. Typically the husband should wear Indian silk Dhoti and the silk kurta or regular Kurta Pajama. Wife of the host should wear a sari or salwar kamiz dupatta etc...
- Follow the steps given below and the pictures for preparation of Pooja.

|| Ganesh Pratishthapana Pooja Dais Arrangement ||

- A Chaurang is to be used as Pooja Dais for Pooja.
- Place the chaurang against a wall in such way that the deities on the chaurang are facing east (if not west is also OK). Place a nice decorative cloth on it.
- Keep all the Pooja samagri in different plates on the right side of the chaurang. Prepare a bowl full of Panchamrut by adding 2-3 tea spoon curd, 1 spoon honey, 1-2 spoons pure ghee & 1 spoon sugar to about 1 cup milk. If required prepare more panchamrut enough for all the guests invited for the Pooja.
- Keep 2 flowerpots at the 2 back corners of the Chaurang with some decorative flowers of different types in them. If possible and if you like, create a nice decoration for Shri Ganesh. If possible involve kids and help them using their creativity.
- Keep small earthen Ganesh Murti at the center of the Dais, to its right side keep the regular metal Ganesh Murti which you use in your daily Pooja. Keep murti or coin of Goddess Lakshmi to the right of metal Ganesh Murti.
- Place the Bell (Ghanta) at the front left corner of the Chaurang and place the Conch (Shankha) on the front right corner of the Chaurang with its tail facing you. Keep some rice grains below the conch to make a proper base for it.
- Keep the Lord Ganesh Murti in front of the Kalash at the center and keep murti or coin or photo of Lakshmi to the right side of Lord Ganesh.
- Keep all other deities as per your family tradition e.g. Kuladevata on the Chaurang at a suitable place. Photos can be also placed on the wall if needed.

Arrangement around the Chaurang:

- Place sufficient aluminum foil (about 2 feet wide strip) on all the 3 sides of Chaurang (front, left & right side) so that the floor will not get spoiled due to Pooja material.
- Keep one oil lamp (Samai) and one Ghee Lamp (Niranjan) on the right hand side of the Chaurang on the foil. Use a small plate below Samai or niranjan so that the oil or ghee will not spill outside.
- Keep the incense stick (Agarbatti) in a proper holder next to the ghee lamp on the right side of Chaurang.

- Keep 5 coconuts with water in front of the Chaurang on the aluminum foil. Keep one Beatle Leaf in front of each coconut. Keep one dollar note folded on each leaf, keep one quarter coin on each dollar note, keep one Beatle Nut on each coin. Keep one peace of dry coconut on each Beatle Leaf and keep a small piece of "Deshi Gud" i.e. Jaggery on each piece of dry coconut. Keep small quantity of 5 types of dry fruits like cashes nuts, almonds, resins, pistachio, dry dates etc...
- Keep one Jug full of water near the Chaurang. Keep a big utensil or big bowl to keep the used water.
- Keep two mattresses one each for the husband and wife performing Pooja in front of the Chaurang about 2 feet away from the Chaurang. Husband will seat facing the Chaurang and the wife will seat on the right side of the husband. The Chaurang should be in the center for both to perform Pooja comfortably.
- Keep one mattress on the left side of the Chaurang for Panditji who will be facing the couple performing the Pooja. If the host is facing East Panditji should be facing West and if host is facing West Panditji should be facing East.
- Keep all other Pooja material on the right side of the Chaurang duly arranged in different plates as per the samagri list without fail (Please do not keep the Pooja Samagri in the plastic carry bags). Double check all the material as per the list is available. (Do not misplace Pooja Samagri and very important; do not fight with each other over keeping Samagri. ☺)

All the above preparation should be done before arrival of Panditji so that Pooja can be finished in time and all the Guests, the hosts and Panditji can have Prasad in time. ☺

Shri Ganesh Pratishthapana Arrangement



