

# **Welcome, Maa Durga This Chaitra Navratri 2023 through Worship and Prayers:**

Chaitra Navratri 2023 will start on 22nd March, Wednesday. In many places, it is also celebrated as the Hindu New Year. People worship nine forms of Goddess Durga for peace, prosperity, and wealth during this Navratri.

Among the four Navratras celebrated throughout the year, Chaitra Navratri and Sharadiya Navratri hold a special place among the devotees. Ghatasthapana on the first day of this Chaitra Navratri is one of the most important rituals of the festival. But before we move on to the rituals, let us know the dates to worship Maa Durga in Chaitra Navratri 2023.



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## Chaitra Navratri 2023 Dates

In 2023, Chaitra Navratri will start on March 22, 2023. It is also the day of Ghatasthapana, the ceremony of inviting the goddess to one's home in an earthen pot (kalash). Navratri means 'nine nights', so it will end on March 31, 2023. Many believe in fasting during Chaitra Navratri, and the day after that would be the day to break the fast, called Paran.

### Chaitra Navratri Day 1: 22 March 2023, Wednesday

- Ghatasthapana Muhurta: 06:26 AM to 07:48 AM (Duration – 01 hour 22 minutes)
- Ghatasthapana Abhijit Muhurta: From 12.19 pm to 01.08 pm

**Day 2: March 23, 2023, Thursday**

**Day 3: March 24, 2023, Friday**

**Day 4: March 25, 2023, Saturday**

**Day 5: March 26, 2023, Sunday**

**Day 6: March 27, 2023, Monday**

**Day 7: March 28, 2023, Tuesday**

**Day 8: March 29, 2023, Wednesday**

**Day 9: March 30, 2023, Thursday**

**Chaitra Navratri Parana: March 31, 2023, Friday**

- Chaitra Navratri Paran Time - After 06:21 AM

## **Ghatasthapana: Beginning of Chaitra Navratri**

As mentioned above, Ghatasthapana has a very important place in Chaitra Navratri 2023 festival. Ghatasthapana means the installation of an earthen pot. For that, on the Pratipada Tithi of Shukla Paksha (the first day of Chaitra Navratri), a resolution is taken by taking bath, etc. in the morning.

After taking the vow, barley is sown in an earthen pot and then kept. An idol of the Kuldevi (family/family deity) is placed over the pot and Durga Saptashati is recited while worshiping the goddess. You can also light a monolithic lamp. Navratri begins with this Ghatasthapana.

## **Worship the nine forms of Maa Durga**

**Maa Shailputri:** Maa Shailputri, an incarnation of Maa Durga, is worshiped on the first day of Navratri. She fulfills materialistic desires and brings fulfillment to one's life.

**Maa Brahmacharini:** Goddess Brahmacharini is worshiped on the second day of Navratri. She blesses her devotees with emotional strength and confidence. She can also inspire you to take the right path in your life.

**Maa Chandraghanta:** Mother Chandraghanta is worshiped on the third day of Navratri. He is a symbol of honor, fame, and glory. It is also believed that she leads to spiritual enlightenment.

**Maa Kushmanda:** Goddess Kushmanda is worshiped on the fourth day. It is believed that he created the world out of nothing. She blesses the devotees with health and wealth.

**Maa Skandamata:** The 5th incarnation of Maa Durga, Goddess Skandamata is the mother of Lord Kartikeya. Worshiping him is believed to bring immense happiness and abundance to the devotee.

**Maa Katyayani:** Maa Katyayani is worshiped on the sixth day of Navratri. It is believed that she leads the devotees towards Dharma, Artha, Kama, and Moksha.

**Maa Kaalratri:** The 7th day of this auspicious festival is Maa Kalaratri. Worshiping him can end all your fears and gives you the courage to face all the problems in your life.

**Maa Mahagauri:** Goddess Mahagauri is worshiped on the 8th day of Navratri. It is believed that she brings an end to all the sufferings of her devotees and fulfills all their wishes.

**Maa Siddhidatri:** As the name suggests, Maa Siddhidatri is the giver of all siddhis. The last day of Navratri belongs to them only. She also represents wealth and prosperity.



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