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Editor's Desk...

Namaskaram,

Navaratri is at its peak when I am writing this little piece. The poojas, the celebrations, food and its grandeur is breath taking. What do we need to understand from all this. Is grandeur and pooja alone our sole aim ?

Devi Puja is the greatest Hindu festival in which God is adored as Mother. Hinduism is the only religion in the world which has emphasized to such an extent the motherhood of God. One's relationship with one's mother is the dearest and the sweetest of all human relations. Hence, it is proper to look upon God as mother. Devi represents the Divine Mother. She is the energy aspect of the Lord. Without Devi, Shiva has no expression and without Shiva, Devi has no existence. Shiva is the soul of Devi; Devi is identical with Shiva. Lord Shiva is only the silent witness. He is motionless, absolutely changeless. He is not affected by the cosmic play. It is Durga who does everything.

Shakti is the omnipotent power of the Lord, or the Cosmic Energy. The Divine Mother is represented as having ten different weapons in Her hands. She sits on a lion. She keeps up the play of the Lord through the three attributes of Nature, namely, Sattwa, Rajas and Tamas. Knowledge, peace, lust, anger, greed, egoism and pride, are all Her forms.

You will find in the Devi Sukta of the Rig Veda Samhita that Vak, symbolizing speech, the daughter of the sage Anbhirna, realized her identity with the Divine Mother, the Power of the Supreme Lord, which manifests throughout the universe among the gods, among men and beasts and among the creatures of the deep ocean.

Devi worship is, therefore, worship of God's glory, of God's greatness and supremacy. It is adoration of the Almighty. It is unfortunate that Devi is ignorantly understood by many as a mere blood-thirsty Hindu Goddess. No! Devi is not a vicious demoness nor is She the property of the Hindus alone. Devi does not belong to any religion. Devi is that conscious power of God. The words Devi, Shakti, etc., and the ideas of different forms connected with these names are concessions granted by the sages due to the limitations of the human intellect; they are by no means the ultimate definitions of Shakti.

The Mother's Grace is boundless. Her mercy is illimitable; Her knowledge infinite; Her power immeasurable; Her glory ineffable; and Her splendour indescribable. She gives you material prosperity as well as spiritual freedom.

Approach Her with an open heart. Lay bare your heart to Her with frankness and humility. Be as simple as a child. Kill ruthlessly the enemies of egoism, cunningness, selfishness and crookedness. Make a total, unreserved, and ungrudging self-surrender to Her. Sing Her praise. Repeat Her Name. Worship Her with faith and unflinching devotion.



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Bala Speaks

Karma. The word that everyone uses quite often, the word that scares everyone, the word which is mysterious to many. This karma is nothing but action. The action of every human being, the past and the present. What you have started comes back to you as karma. Nothing ever happens to you unless you deserve it. You receive exactly what you earn, whether it is good or bad. You are the way you are now, due to the things you have done in the past. Your thoughts and actions determine the kind of life you can have. If you do good things, in the future good things will happen to you. If you do bad things, in the future bad things will happen to you. Every moment you create new karma by what you say, do, and think. If you understand this, you do not need to fear karma. It becomes your friend. It teaches you to create a bright future.

Schedule of Events

[OCTOBER 2014]

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Pournami	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Abhishekam	18
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Trees mentioned in the Puranas

The Ashvatha Tree is classified by the ancient Vedic scriptures as a particularly sacred tree, and is also known as the cosmic tree. It is an embodiment of god Vishnu, which is confirmed by Bhagavad -Gita. In the Vedic culture Ashvatha symbolizes life. It was that very tree under which Buddha became enlightened. One of the Sanskrit names for the tree is Kalpavriksha, which means 'the tree which grants wishes of its worshippers'. It says in the great Vedic Book called Padma Purana (verse 1.28.23-26) that planting the tree brings about good health and leads a man to riches.



Ashvatha Leaves

Amalaki (*Embllica officinalis*)

Dhatri, just like the Ashvatha Tree, embraces a cornucopia of powerful blessings for a man, recorded in scriptures like Skanda Purana, Nrisimha Purana, Padma Purana and many others. According to the verses in those scriptures, Amalaki is believed to be a so-called the primeval tree. It produces a unique fruit, especially dedicated for man. Amalaki means care, or the one who gives care. Unlike other fruit, Amalaki constitutes as many as five basic tastes (with the exception of salty) and its effect on human body is downright one of a kind. An Amalaki fruit is one of the richest sources of vitamin C, with one of the highest concentrations known in nature. As the scriptures say, it is a fruit of good health and longevity.

Ashoka tree boasts a notable position in ancient literature, too. It is amazingly beautiful, with fascinating orange and yellowish flowers, overwhelming scent and ever green leaves. It's referred to as a symbol of love. Padma Purana states that planting Ashoka relieves pain and sadness. In the famous scripture Ramayana there is a notion that Princess Sita, the wife of Lord Ramachandra, after being kidnapped by Ravana was held captive in a beautiful Ashoka Vatika garden in Sri Lanka. Moreover, Buddha is believed to have been born under a tree of Ashoka.

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Mahavidyas - Brahmacharini

Bharmacharini is one of the manifestations of Goddess Durga. Brahma means "tapa" or penance and charini means "observer". She is the form of Durga which executes devout austerity.

Bharmacharini enlightens her devotees with her divine grace and immense powers of Goddess Durga. She is usually depicted holding a stunning rosary in her right hand and a water utensil in her left hand with Rudraksha beads as her most adored ornaments. Bharmacharini personifies love, peace, prosperity and loyalty through her grace and powers. By worshipping her, the virtues like penance, renounce, dispassion, ethical conduct and restraint gets increased, and one gets freedom from all the pain and sufferings in their life. The other name of Goddess Brahmacharini is Tapashcharini, Aparna and Uma. Brahmacharini was born as the daughter of Himalaya and was married to Lord Shiva. She observed a very hard sacrament (penance or self punishment) to obtain Lord Shiva as her divine consort instructed by Devrishi Narada. Brahmacharini is considered the centre of penance which unites the worshipper with her and helps him to achieve control on his senses and attain moksha. The person who observes the fast and worships the Goddess Brahmacharini with full faith and dedication is blessed with prosperity and peaceful life.

Goddess Bharmacharini Devi aradhana mantra:

*Dadhana karpadmabhayaamakshkala kamadalu!
Devi prasidatu mayi brahmchaarinyanutama!!*

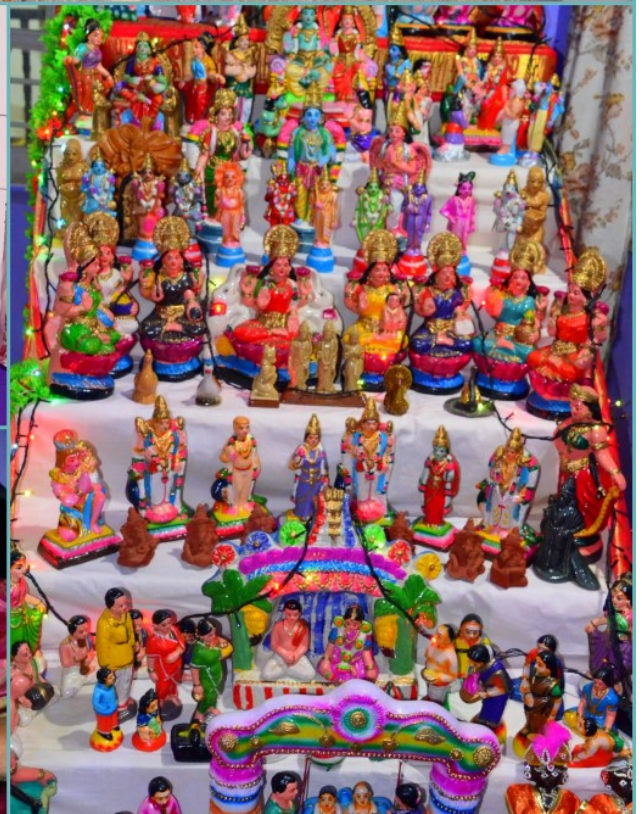
Navarathri Celebrations—2014



Date	Type of Homam	Speciality
24.09.2014	Ganapathy Homam	Removes obstacles
25.09.2014	Sri Suktha Homam	Eradicating personal or Family's financial problem
26.09.2014	Sri Chakra Homam	Success in education, health, marriage and prosperity
27.09.2014	Astalakshmi Homam	Alleviates financial problems, increases abundance, gets rid of loans, increases favourable results in contracts/business
28.09.2014	Sukrutha Homam	Helps us to have positive relationships with our family and society, and it assists us in reaching high goals
29.09.2014	Lalitha Homam	For one's well being
30.09.2014	Swampara Homam	Removes obstacles for people seeking for suitable bride or groom, bestows with a happy married life, gifts married women with a beautiful and meaningful life
01.10.2014	Katyayani Homam	When there is a delay in marriage for young girls, when the girl has manglik dosha, problems in married life
02.10.2014	Saraswathi Homam	For children
03.10.2014	Durgasuktha Homam	For eliminating negative forces



2014 NAVARATHRI MAHOTSAVAM
24th sep GANAPATHY HOMAM
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PADMA SRINIVAS





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SRI SOOKTHA HOMAM
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26th sep SRI CHAKRA HOMAM
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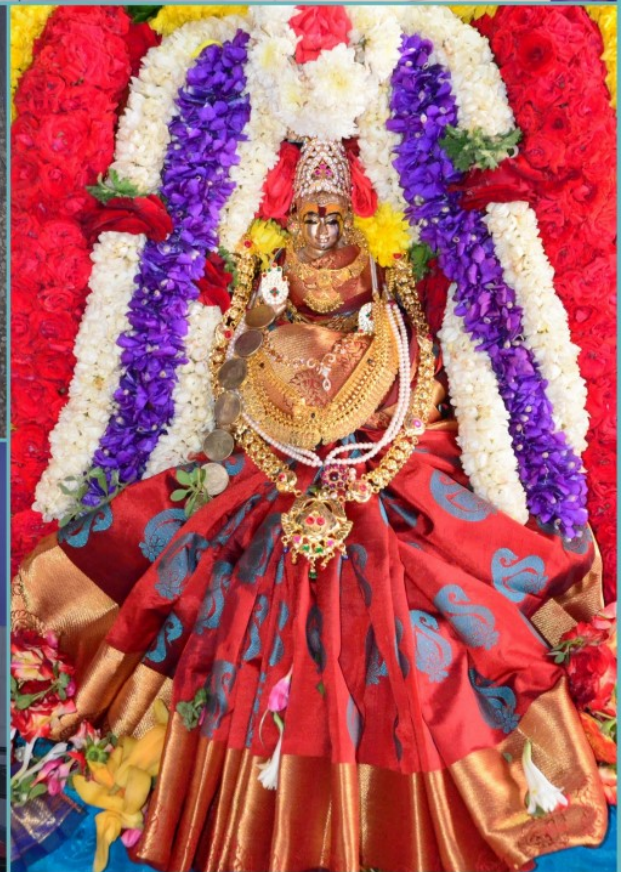


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2014 NAVARATHRI MAHOTSAVAM
29th sept
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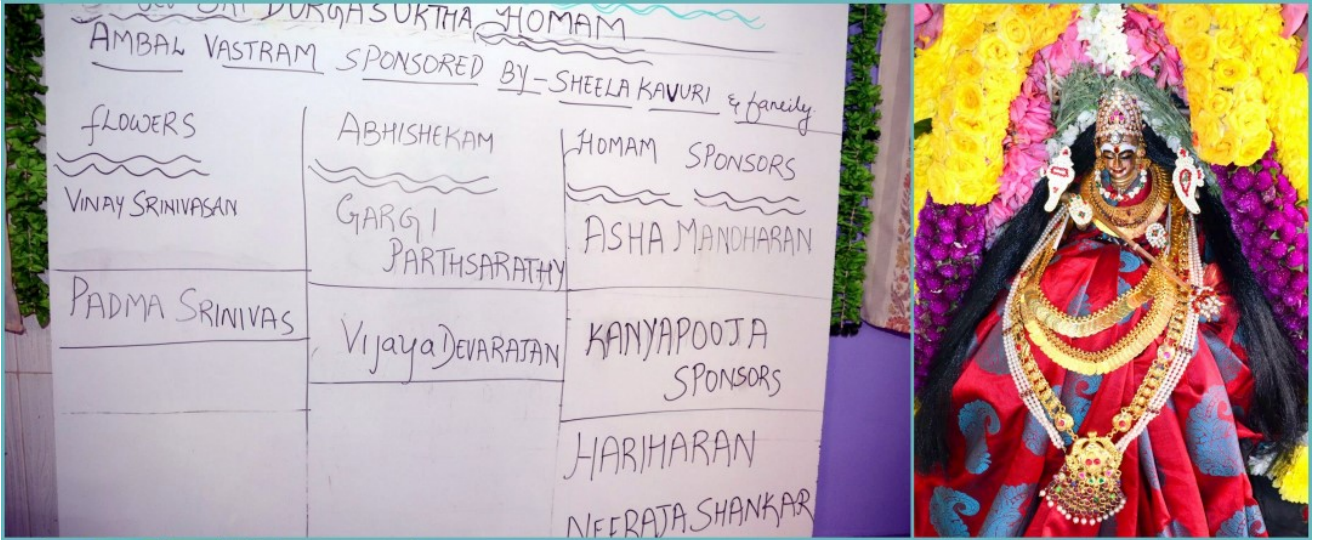




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TULASI	VISHNA VARDINI	LALITHA RAJURAMAN
	TULASI	









Bala Prastha

Once there broke a war between the birds and the beasts. Many battles were fought one after the other. If once the birds got the upper hand, the next time beasts were successful.

The bats played a very treacherous role in this war. They sided with whichever side got the better of the other. Thus they were changing their loyalty from side to side.

Neither side paid any attention to the bats till the war lasted. But when the war got over, the bats didn't know which side to go. First, they went to the birds. But the birds refused to own them as many birds had seen them fighting for the beasts.

Then, the bats went to the beasts. But there also they faced the same situation. So, they were left all alone because of their disloyalty.

Mathlogic

The hour and minute hands are at equal distance from the 6 hour, what time will it be exactly?

Say answer is "8 hour X minute". According as proposition, the angle between the minute hand and "mark 4" of the watch is equal to the angle between the hour hand and "mark 8" of the watch.

We know in 60 minutes the minute hand makes 360 degrees ($360/60=6$ degrees per minute) and the hour hand makes $360/12=30$ degrees ($30/60=1/2$ degrees per minute).

Therefore, $(20-X)$ minutes corresponds to $6(20-X)$ degrees (this is the angle between the minute hand and "mark 4").

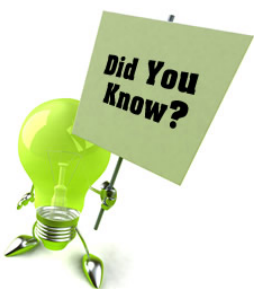
And in X minutes the hour hand makes $X/2$ degrees with "mark 8".

Thus, $X/2=6(20-X)$ gives $X=18$ minutes 27 and $9/13$ second.

So, the answer is 8 hour, 18 minutes, 27 $9/13$ second.

Did You Know?

- ◆ Antarctica is the only continent without reptiles or snakes.
- ◆ An eagle can kill a young deer and fly away with it.
- ◆ In the Caribbean there are oysters that can climb trees.
- ◆ Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
- ◆ The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.











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Vision of Balambika Divya Sangam

As passionate devotees of Goddess Balambika, and overwhelmed by her grace and benevolence, we have come together from diverse scenarios as one unifying force to form Balambika Divya Sangam. The principal focus of the Sangam is to pursue the age old tenet—**sarvejana sukhinobhavanthu** and pay obeisance to the divine Mother, who is the cause of welfare of the world. Through worship we realize that cast, creed, religion and social status, all melt away before her, for in her eyes, we are all her children.

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