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Story Session at the Temple for Children of all Ages ***April 3, 12 Noon***



The Sacred Stories and Wisdom Teachings Of Ancient India, presented by Sankirtana Das

Our guest speaker, Sankirtana Das (Andy Fraenkel), is a recipient of a West Virginia Artist Fellowship Award, a National Endowment of the Arts Grant, and Ohio River Border Initiative Grant. His book *Mahabharata: The Eternal Quest* received an Indie Book Award in 2014 and is hailed by scholars across the country. For info about his book and materials see www.Mahabharata-Project.com He offers dramatic storytelling programs at colleges, libraries, schools, museums and special events. He holds a B.A from CUNY (1970) in Theater & Film. Sankirtana Das was ordained as a brahmana minister by Swami Prabhupada in 1974. He and his wife are forty year residents of New Vrindaban Community, where they recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Accountant: Open

TEMPLE SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 9.00 AM-12.00 Noon & 5.00 PM-8.00 PM
**Saturday & Major Hindu Holidays (Maha Shivratri, Krishna
Janamashtmi, Ganesh Chaturthi, Deepawali)** 9.00 AM- 8PM

Sunday: 9.00 AM- 7.00 PM (NOV.-MAR), 9AM-8PM (APR-OCT)

SPECIAL PROGRAMS ON WEEKENDS

9.15 - 9.30 AM: Suprabhatam
9.30 - 11.00 AM: Daily Puja of Temple Dieties
11.00-11.30 AM: Sponsored Puja
11.30-12.15 PM: Bhajans
12.15-12.45 PM: Religious Discourse
12.45-1.00 PM: Birthdays, Anniversary Pujas
& Announcements

1.00 PM

RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE

Sundays: 12.15-12.45 PM
Fourth Sunday: Upnishads
Second Sunday: 1008 Gayatri Jaap & Children Program
Third Sunday: Sunder Kand Path
Fourth Sunday: Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path
Fifth Sunday: Jagannath Puja

Members of Community are invited to speak on topics related to Hindu religion, philosophy, culture, reformation, Gurus, self-preservation, etc. If you would like to talk or like to suggest someone who may be interested, please contact Mangala Nemade

Devotees are requested to sit-in Sunday Puja as well bring Prasad & Lunch. You may wish to use this occasion to celebrate important events such as wedding anniversaries, birthdays, ishta devta puja, graduation and other memorable days. Events can be hosted by individuals, families, groups of families or organizations. Please reserve your Sunday of choice ASAP by putting your name & phone number on the calender at the temple & calling Puja Committee members Kiran Dayal/ Meena Sondhi

Please donate generously. Your temple needs: SPONSORS FOR FLOWERS \$ 50/WEEK, SUNDAY PUJAS, AND YOUR SUPPORT

Puja Information

RATES FOR PUJA & PRIEST SERVICES

SERVICES	IN TEMPLE	OUTSIDE TEMPLE
Abhishekam (All Deities)	\$101.00	—
Aksharabhyas	\$101.00	\$151.00
Anna-Prashanam	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashta Prakari Puja (Mahavir)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ashtoththaram (108) Archana	\$ 11.00	—
AyushyaHomam/B'day Celeb.	\$101.00	\$151.00
Ground Breaking Ceremony	—	\$151.00
Griha Pravesha (House Warming)	—	\$151.00
Griha Pravesha w/SatyaNarayan Puja	—	\$201.00
Kalayana Uthsava	\$151.00	\$201.00
Kesh Khandan/Mundan/Churakr	\$101.00	\$151.00
Naam-Karan	\$101.00	\$151.00
Navagraha Puja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Nischitartham (Engagement)	\$151.00	\$251.00
Nitya (1 Day) Kainkaryam (Seva)	\$101.00	---
Poolangi Seva (With Flowers)		
(Only During Off Winter Season)	\$101.00	—
Sahasranama (1008) Archana	\$ 51.00	---
Sathyanarayana Puja	\$101.00	\$151.00
Sathyanarayan Puja w/Havan	\$131.00	\$201.00
Seemantham(Baby Shower)	\$151.00	\$201.00
Mata Ki Chauki*	\$251.00	\$301.00
Akhand Ramayan Paath	\$251.00	\$501.00
Shashti Poorthi (60th B'day)	\$201.00	\$251.00
Anniversary celebration	\$151.00	\$201.00
Suprabhat Seva	\$ 21.00	---
Unjal (Swing) Seva	\$ 31.00	---
Upakarma (Thread changing)	\$ 51.00	---
Upanayam/Brahmopadesham/		
Thread Ceremony	\$151.00	\$251.00
Sunderkand Path	\$101.00	\$151.00
Vahan Puja	\$ 51.00	----
Yearly Shradham (Barkhi)	\$101.00	\$151.00
Wedding (\$ 251.00 Advance Deposit required)	\$301.00	\$501.00
Funeral (Last Rites)		\$ 201.00

Priest Dakshina

All puja rates amounts do not include Priest Dakshina. Sponsors (devotees) are encouraged to provide Dakshina to Priest at their will and satisfaction. This dakshina directly goes to the Priest. A reimbursement of travel expenses for the Priest during outside puja will be required at 0.50 cents/mile .

* Rates of Mata Ki Chauki performed at another temple will be 50% of the money collected at the temple or a minimum of \$ 701.00.

Rates are subject to change without notice. Rates of Pujas not listed above and requiring less than four hours of priest's time will normally be \$ 101.00 (inside the temple) and \$ 151.00 (outside of temple). Rates of Pujas out of Greater Cincinnati will be \$100.00 more than the rates of outside Puja within greater Cincinnati area.

Temple Rental: Lower Floor Only

	Full day	Half day
Monday -Thursday (except holidays)	\$ 401.00	\$ 225.00
Friday, Saturday & Holidays	\$601.00	\$401.00
<u>Sunday after 3PM only</u>	not rented	\$401.00
Use of Kitchen	\$ 201.00	\$101.00
Use of Kitchen w/paper products	\$251.00	\$ 151.00

Full Day: 8.00 am-11.00 pm

Half Day: 8.00 am-2.00 pm or 4.00 pm—11.00 pm

Note:

All Temple rentals require a \$ 200.00 security deposit. It will be forfeited if the basement hall, upstairs, bathrooms and the kitchen area are not cleaned by the party renting the space.

CONTACTS:

To Schedule Puja— Sangita Patel –513-791-0855

To rent Lower Level –Raneshwar Gupta 232-3331

Puja Committee Announcements

If you have any question or suggestion about temple activities contact Sangita Patel 513-791-0855, any EC Members or Temple at 528-3714.

- 1 **Archana** performed during temple hours by sponsorship.
2. **No Archana** on Sundays between 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
3. **Outside Pujas** and other religious services will be conducted by appointment only.
4. To **schedule any Pujas** please contact Puja Committee chairperson at least one week in advance.
5. **Food and Prasad** : To bring to temple please contact Puja Committee chairperson .
6. **Pujas performed outside** the temple will be rated according to the number of Pujas performed
7. **Puja Samagri-** for convenience of devotees, the temple can provide Puja Samagri for a donation of \$ 21.00 for any puja and \$ 31.00 for any puja including Havan/Homam
8. **Cancellations of Puja should be done 3 days in advance** or else the full fee for the Puja will be charged.

Important Announcement

Sunderkand CD
(sung by Acharya Kailash Sharma)
is available at the temple gift shop for \$ 10.00/each.

The money raised will go to temple.

Regular Weekly & Monthly Events at the Temple

Monthly Navgrah Puja

Every first Saturday of the Month
Sponsors needed for Puja \$51.00
For Details call

Magala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373) ; Temple priests: [528-3714](tel:528-3714)

Monthly Murugan Abhishekham /Puja

Every second Sat of the Month
Sat 4pm Sponsor Murugan Group.

Pandit Bhattar 488-2986,
Murali Annamali 827-5450,
Yasotha Subarajan [754-0578](tel:754-0578)

Priests : 529-3714; Magala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373)



Monthly Satya Narayan Puja

On Every Purnima of the Month
6:30 pm

Sponsorship \$ 51.00

To sponsor Puja call
Magala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373)
Temple priests: 528-3714



Shri Ganesh Puja & Shri Ganesh Atharvshirsha Path

Every 4th Sunday of the month 10:30AM

This Puja is dedicated to each month's

Sankashti Chaturthi to Lord Ganesh.

For more information & To Sponsor the Puja please call

Padmaja Patkar 513-847-7918, Mangal Nemade 234-8373

Temple Priests: 528-3714

SAI BHAJAN

Every First Sat. of month 6pm to 7:30pm
For more details please call Dr. Ganesh 857-719-1500 ,



Monthly ABHISHEKAM/KALYANOTSAVAM FOR LORD SRI VENKATESWARA

4th Saturday of each month -10:30 AM-12:30PM.

To sponsor and details please call any of the following:

Anand Konda: [732-423-1539](tel:732-423-1539); Vasundhara Dasari: [513-827-5160](tel:513-827-5160)/777-3353; Suseela Paturi: [513-867-8591](tel:513-867-8591); Sunitha Manu-konda: [513-900-0605](tel:513-900-0605)/770-0255; Pandit Sri Srinath Bhat-tar: [513-488-2986](tel:513-488-2986).

1008 Gayatri Jap

Second Saturday of each month at 9.30AM

For details please contact temple priest [528-3714](tel:528-3714) or
Magala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373)

Weekly Shlv Mahiman Stotram

Every Monday at 6:30 pm



Weekly Hanuman Chalisa Path

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p m To sponsor call

Magala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373) or Temple Priests
[528-3714](tel:528-3714)



Weekly Vishnu Sahasranaam Parayana

Vishnu Sahasranaama Parayana (chanting) will now take place

Every Thursday at 7:00 pm . Please join us for the chanting.

Please contact Ganesh Sundaresan [513-752-4025](tel:513-752-4025)

Weekly Venkateswar Puja

Every Friday at 6:30pm

To sponsor Puja please call Magala Nemade [234-8373](tel:234-8373)

Temple priests: [528-3714](tel:528-3714)

PURUSHOTTAM NAAM STOTRA PARAYAN

Every 2nd Wed. of each month

6pm to 7:30pm

details please call Mina Mehta 574-6763



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Please email at usha.wc@gmail.com

National Domestic Violence Hotline:

1-800-799-SAFE (7223) www.ndvh.org

Ohio Domestic Violence 24 hour

toll free: 1-216-823-7223

Ohio Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-618-6523

Project HOPE helpline : 513-535-4976

Domestic Violence

Geeta Mehan : 513-754-0400
YOU ARE NOT ALONE

APRIL 2016

April	2nd	Sat	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
April	2nd	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm Sposnorship \$51.00
April	2nd	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
April	3rd	Sun.	Ganesh Puja & Atharvashirsh Path 11am
April	6th	Wed	Purushottam Sahshra Naam Parayan 6pm
April	8th	Fri.	Chaitra Navaratri Kalash Sthapana 6pm
April	8th	Fri.	Ugadi/ Gudi Padwa/ Ramabhishek 5:30pm
April	9th	Sat.	Akhand Ramayan Path starts 11am
April	10th	Sun.	Akhand Ramayan Path ends 12:30pm Sponsored by- Rameshwar & Kiran Dayal, family
April	13th	Wed.	Mesh Sankranti/ Baishakhi
April	14th	Thurs	Ashtami Havan 6:30pm
April	15th	Fri	Ram Navami 11:30puja
April	16th	Sat.	Sita Ram Kalyanam 10am Sponsored by Tarangini details inside
April	17th	Sun	Tamil New Year Cele. Murugan Abhishekam 10am
April	21st	Thurs	Hanuman Jayanti 5:30pm Sponsored by- Oxford Mason group
April	21st	Thurs	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51: Puja Samagri will be provided-please call ahead: come with one coconut, flowers, fruits & Prasad.
April	23rd	Sat.	Sri Venkateshwara Utsava Moorthy 14th Anniversary 10am
April	23rd	Sat.	Mata Ki Chouki 4-8pm Sponsored by- Mantro & Minhas families.
April	24th	Sun.	Shiv - Parvati Vivah/Kalyanam 10:30am:Sponsored by - Shiv Devotees
April	25th	Mon	Sankashti Chaturthi puja 6pm
April	30th	Sat.	Thyagraja Purandardasa Festival 9am

MAY 2016

May	1st	Sun	Mahavir Jayanti 11am: Sponsored by- Jain center of Cincinnati and Dayton .
May	1st	Sun	Vallabhacharya Jayanti 4pm Sponsored by- Srinath Ji Devotees
May	7th	Sat.	Navgrah Puja 3pm sponsorship \$51
May	7th	Sat.	Sai Bhajans 6pm
May	8th	Sun	Ganesh Puja & Athrvashirsh Path 11am
May	9th	Mon	Akshya Tritiya
May	14th	Sat	1008 Gayatri Jaap 9:30am
May	14th	Sat.	Murugan Abhishekam 4pm Sponsorship \$101
May	15th	Sun	Sunderkand path 10:30am
May	20th	Fri	Temple's 19th Anniversary 5:30pm
May	21st	Sat.	Temple's 19th Anniversary all day Details inside
May	21st	Sat.	Purnima Satya Narayan Puja 6:30pm Sponsorship \$51. Puja Samagri will be provided, please call ahead and come with one coconut, flowers , fruits and Prasad.
May	22nd	Sun	Temple's 19th Anniversary 9am Details inside
May	25th	Wed	Sankashti Chaturthi Puja 6pm
May	28th	Sat.	Venkateshwara Abhishekam 10am Sponsorship \$51
May	29th	Sun	Jagannath Puja 11am

HSGC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – February 2016

Date: Feb 7 2016, 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM Place: Cincinnati Temple

Attendees: Deepak Dixit, J.S. Karthikeyan, Mina Karamchandani, Laxmi Srivastava, Manish Srivastava, Amit-ava Das, Bhavin Patel, Shanthala Gangartikar, Renu Kotwal, Bill Fielder, Asit Saha, Vithal Nemade, Ramesh Dayal, Greg Smith and Raj Bodalia.

Pandit Jayant Kumar Mohapatra resigned Jan month end due to personal reasons.

Number of children attending the Hindu religious education Sunday classes have been increasing steadily and now stands at 20+.

Treasurer mailed the 2015 tax statements to the donors on Feb 2 2016. Temple fully paid the 2016 property tax in advance.

Executive committee approved the \$200.00 salary raise for Greg Smith in consideration of multiple services including support to temple website, electrical, mechanical, audio, and visual and property maintenance.

A new security system had installed in the temple.

Temple is looking for more youth volunteers in conducting the Holi function. Temple is looking forward to conduct the variety cultural programs on Mar 26 2015. All devotees are welcome to make the program successful.

New Brick wall engraving will be starting in April 2016. The donor names for the new brick wall list were published in the Feb 2016 Aaradhana. Renu Kotwal, chair, membership, and fund raising have taken the initiative to make it successful.

Executive committee emphasized on the safety needs in kitchen, and in other utility areas. Appropriate warning and informational signs will be posted. Contractors have been identified for the work; they will complete the work in April.

The vice president of the executive committee will be attending the pooja committee meeting to address any of the pooja committee concerns.

Members discussed the need to increase the membership enrollment. We will pledge the members to sign-up for the yearly membership. The membership revenue and donations from the existing members will be utilized to address the repairing cost.

A special meeting was conducted to review the long-term projects, with the executive committee. Bill Fielder presented North, South wing, and Front entrance expansion architectural plan. Committee members discussed the estimated total cost, funding needs to do this project

APNA SAPNA: A Club for our Seniors

Meets always on the second Thursday of each month

Venue: 7566 Central Parke Blvd, Mason, OH 45040

Acclaim Home Health Services Fee: \$5

Food Provided: please call ahead to reserve your spot

Next Meeting: April 14th

Back Pain/Joint Pains and Stretching by Anisha Singh, MD



Ramcharit Manas

Akhand Ramayan Path

Mangal Bhavan Amangal Haari, Dravahu Su Dashrath Ajir Bihari.
May that home of bliss and bane of woe take compassion on me;
He who sports in the courtyard of King Dashratha.

Shri Ramcharitmanas or Ramayan is an epic written by great poet Tulsidas who also known as Goswami Tulsidas. He was a multi-faceted person. A Hindu poet- saint, reformer and also philosopher of 16th Century famed for his devotion towards Lord Rama. Formerly, the Ramayana was written by Sage Valmiki in Sanskrit language. Tulsidas was acclaimed during his lifetime to be a reincarnation of Valmiki, the composer of the original Ramayana in Sanskrit. Shri Ram Charit Manas is a great Epic written in local language called Avadhi Bhasha spoken surrounding Ayodhya the birth place of Shri Rama, which depicts the Life of Lord Rama who was the 7th incarnation of Lord Vishnu. Lord Rama is also known as "Maryada Purushottam" means preeminent Purush (personality). Lord Rama is the impeccable Avatar of Lord Vishnu and has been described as the embodiment of Truth, Morality, an Ideal Son, an Ideal Husband and overall an Ideal King. Lord Rama is Prayed upon as the:

One who eradicates all types of adversity and agony of Jiva (living beings); who bestows all types of favor, honor and wealth; by just looking at whom, the world feel very pleased; to that Shri Rama, I bow again and again "

This whole epic of Ramcharitmanas is divided into seven chapters known as Kaands each kaand describes story of Lord Rama from childhood to throughout his life The story of Shri Raam is related in the Raamayana which literally means the journey of Shri Rama. Here is a wonderful Sloka that explains the epic of Ramayan.

"Aadau Ram-tapo-vanadi-gamanam hatva mrigam kanchanam,
Vaidehi-haranam jatayu-marnam sugriva-sambhashanam .
Bali -nirdalanam samudra -taranam Lankapuri-dahanam ;
Pashchad-ravana-kumbhakarna hananam etaddhi -Ramayanam"

Ramayana, the story of Rama, narrates Rama's banishing to the forest, the killing of the golden deer, the abduction of Sita, the passing of Jatayu, conversations with Sugriva, destruction of Bali, Crossing of the ocean, destruction of the city of Lanka by fire and the killings of the demons, Ravana and Kumbhakarna.

Seven Kaand Names:

Baal Kaand
Ayodhya Kaand
Aranya Kaand
Kishkindha Kaand
Sunderkaand
Lanka Kaand
Uttar Kaand

According to the Hindus, a mere recital of this great Epic Ramayana is considered highly Auspicious and is enough effective to remove various obstacles. It is considered that the benefits of reciting this Epic are increased manifold if it is recited non-stop from starting to end without any break in between which takes time of approximately 24 hours. This recitation is known as "Akhand Ramayan" means "Complete / Full" (without any kind of break).

The Akhand Ramyan path provides Peace, Prosperity & Happiness in the family, creates a very Pious and Divine Atmosphere at a place and prevents from unknown and unexpected harms dangers especially regarding the health. It should be done on an Auspicious beginning of any new venture like starting of a Business, Entering a New House (Grih Pravesh), Birth of a Child, Marriage Ceremony, to pay homage and tributes to Lord Rama on Rama Navami which is considered as the Day of Birth of Lord Rama as per Hindu Mythology. Hindu Society of greater Cincinnati organizes Akhand Ramayan path every year during Chaitra Navratri to celebrate Shri Ram Navami. This year will be on April 9th Sat. and 10 Sunday 2016. Hundreds of devotees come to read or listen 24 hour nonstop reading of Akhand Ramayan and experience the presence of divine grace. wish you all a very Happy Shri Rama Navami .

Acharya Kailash Sharma

CHAITRA NAVRATRI PUJA

April 8th to April 14th 2016



April 8th Friday 6:00 pm KALASH STHAPANA

April 9th to 14th CHANDI PATH & DEVI PUJA everyday 9:30 am to 11:00pm and 5.00pm to 6:00pm

April 14th Thursday 6:00 pm Durga Ashtami Puja & Havan

Sponsorships Chandi path \$51.00, Havan \$51.00. Chandi Path all days of Navratri \$251.00

AKHAND RAMAYAN PATH

(Shri Ramcharit Manas)



April 9th and April 10th Sat. & Sunday 11:00am to 12:30 pm next day

Sponsorship: \$251.00: Akhand Ramayan Path \$101.00:

Sunderkand Path, Shri Ram Janma, Shri Ram Vivah, \$21.00: Archana .

We need volunteers to read Ramayana. Temple will be open all night .

Please call Temple (513)528-3714. Kiran Dayal 513-474 - 4051.

Please give your name & preferred time.

Event is sponsored by: Rameshwar, Kiran Dayal & family.

Mahavir Jayanti Celebration

May 1st : 11am to 1pm



11 am Ashta prakari Puja, 12:30 Bhajans, 1:00 Mangal Aarti followed by prasad (lunch)

Sponsored by Jain center of Cincinnati & Dayton

Hindu Religious Education Classes for Children at HSGC

By Shantala Gangatirkar and Koti Sreekrishna

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM For age group 5 to 12 years

Class will include:

Yoga for Children
Sanskrit Shloak Chanting
Fun Stories related to religion
Questions and Answers

Understanding and Bringing religion in daily life.

For registration please contact: Shantala Gangatirkar

at Gangatirkar.shantala@gmail.com

OR 513-443-6077.

'Bollywood Music & Masala' & 'Swaranjali'

LISTEN to INDIAN MUSIC PROGRAM on WAIF 88.3 FM Plus LIVE—Internet Streaming
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Every Saturday from 12 Noon to 3 PM 'Bollywood Music and Masala' & Every Sunday from 11 AM to 2 PM Swaranjali

TAMIL NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

April 17th Sunday 10 am to 1pm



10 am Murgan Abhishekam, 12 noon Archana, 1 pm Mangala Aarti
followed by Prasad & lunch

Sponsored By- Murgan Devotees
Sponsorship \$101.00 Abhishekam, Archana \$21.00.
No Murgan Abhishekam on 2nd Sat. April 9th.

For details Call Temple 513-528-3714, Mangala Nemade 234-8373, Yashotha Subarajan 754-0578, Murli 827-5450

Shiva Parvati Vivaha/Kalyanam

Wedding of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati



Date: April 24th 2016: Time: 10:30-1 PM
Aarti and Mahaprasad (lunch) to follow.

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Spring/ Basant Navratri

The beginning of spring and the beginning of autumn are considered to be important junctions of climatic and solar influences. These two periods are taken as sacred opportunities for the worship of the Divine Mother Durga. The dates of the festival are determined according to the [lunar calendar](#), on which each women follow tradition to wear three colours of dress on Navaratri.

Navaratri represents a celebration of the Goddess Amba, (the Power). Navaratri or Navadurga Parva happens to be the most auspicious and unique period of devotional sadhanas and worship of Shakti (the sublime, ultimate, absolute creative energy) of the Divine conceptualized as the Mother Goddess-Durga, whose worship dates back to pre-historic times before the dawn of the Vedic age.

A whole chapter in the tenth mandal of the Rigveda addresses the devotional sadhanas of Shakti. The "Devi Sukta" and "Isha Sukta" of the Rigveda and "Ratri Sukta" of the Samveda similarly sing paeans of praise of sadhanas of Shakti. In fact, before the beginning of the legendary war between the Pandavas and Kauravas in the Mahabharata – a foundational Sanskrit epic in the Hindu tradition – Lord Krishna worshipped Durga, the Goddess of Shakti, for the victory of the Pandvas.

Lord Brahma is cited in the Markandey Purana as mentioning to Rishi Markandey that the first incarnation of Shakti was as Shailputri. Further incarnations of the Divine Mother are: [Brahmacharini](#), [Chandraghanta](#), [Kushmanda](#), [Skandamata](#), [Katyayani](#), [Kalaratri](#), [Mahagauri](#) and [Siddhidatri](#) in that order. These nine manifestations of Shakti, are worshipped as "Nava-Durga". The fifth chapter of the Rudra Samhita of Shiva Purana also vividly describes the various Divine Emanations of Durga.

Since the Vedic Age of the Rishies, the devotional practices recommended during Navaratri are primarily those of Gayatri Anushthana.

In the Vedic Age of the Indian Culture, the religious philosophy and devotional practices were focused towards true knowledge and ultimate realization of the supreme power of Gayatri (Bram Shakti). The Vedas were the basis of all streams of spirituality and science those days. Gayatri has been the source of the divine powers of the gods and goddesses in the heavens and their angelic manifestations and incarnations. Gayatri sadhana was also paramount in the higher level spiritual endeavors of the yogis and tapaswis. Gayatri Mantra was the core-focus of daily practice of sandhya-vandan (meditation and devotional worship) for everyone. As guided by the rishis, specific sadhanas and upasanas of the Gayatri Mantra were sincerely practiced during the festival period of Navaratri by every aspirant of spiritual enlightenment. This is mostly celebrated in ashoj or karthik.

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Navratri>

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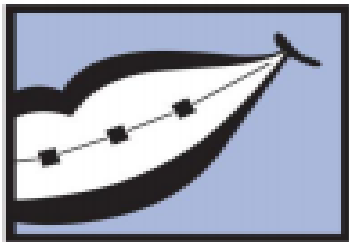
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