

Ganesh Puja Vidhi

Items required for Ganesh Puja

1. Lord Ganesh's moorti (or a big framed photo)
2. Plantain leaf (if available or a plate) and rice for installing Lord's prateema.
4. One plate (preferably a metallic one) and some rice (2-3 cups)
5. Ghantaa (bell)
6. two coconuts or bananas
7. Betel leaves, supaari (betel nuts)
8. haldi, kumkum, akshata, flowers, garlands
9. panchaamrita (honey, milk, ghee, curds, sugar - all in one cup)
10. 2 small lamps with ghee and a cotton wick
11. Agarbatti (and no camphor) and a match-box
12. 2 small cups and a spoon, preferably metallic
13. Some money for dakshina (Offering) to Lord Ganesh
14. Sweets and other items for naivedya

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Decorate the north east corner with water and turmeric powder and rangolis with rice flour and colors. Put a plank or a wooden flat table on rangoli decorate the plank and put astadala padma take a plate with rice and put a betel leaf on the rice. The vinayaka photo or ganesha idol made of clay should be placed on betel leaf or a lotus leaf.

Now lit the Sesmae oil lamp along with agarbatti or dhoop sticks. Kesava namas and achamana.

1. Om kesavaya swaha first sip
2. om narayanaya swaha second sip
3. om madavaya swaha third sip
4. ome govindayanamaha (wash the hands)
5. vishnavenamaha (touch the water and wash the eyes with thumb and middle finger)
6. madusudanayanamaha
7. trivikramayanamaha (clean the lips with towel and namaskaram)
8. vamanayanamaha
9. sridarayanamaha (sprinkle water on head)
10. hreshikesayanamaha sprinkle on ganesh with leaf.
11. ome padmanabaya namaha sprinkle drop of water on feet
12. damodarayanamaha sprinkle water on head
13. sankarshnanayanamaha clean chin with fingers
14. vasudevaya namaha cough nose with fingers lightly

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15. pradyunnayanamaha

16. aniruddhayanamaha (tough the eyes)

17. purushotamayanamaha

18. adhokshanayanamaha (tough the ears)

19. narsimhayanamaha

20. achyutayanamaha (tough the naval middle part of the stomach)

21 janardhanayanamaha (tough the chest with fingers)

22. upendrayanamaha tough the head the with finger points

23. harayanamaha

24. krishnayanamaha (tough the right shoulder with left hand and left shoulder with right hand)

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Aatma suddhi slokam:

Apavitraha pavitrova sarvava upanga thosivaya smareth pudari kaksham saba

bahyantara suchihi (sprinkle water on head)

bhusuddhi

Take water in the palm and say the sloka and sprinkle water around you.

sloka: uttistantu bhotha pisacha yeethe bhumi bharakah yethesha

mavirothenabrahmma karma samarahe put akshitas back. Side.

Suklam ambaradharam vishum sasi varnam chaturbujam

Prasanna vadanam dyayai sarvavignopa santhayai

Agajanana padmarkam gajanana maharnisam

Aneka damtham yekadamtam upasmahe

Put some akshetas on vinayaka by this sloka

Apada mapahartaram dataram sarvasampadam lokabhi ramam sri ramam

bhuyobhuyonamamyaham

Ya sivo nama ruupabyam yadevi sarva mangala saranyo trayambake devi

narayananamostutheome sri lakshmi narayanabyam namaha

Om sri umamaheswarabya namaha vani hiranya garbaya namaha sechi purandarabya

yaarundati vasitabya sitaramabyamitreyi katyai sahita yagnavalkyabyasarva

devathabyasarva bhudevatabyasarva dvigdevatabyagramadevatabyegruha

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devathabyeaditaya navagraha devata

sloka:

Adityacha somaya mangalaya bhudayachaguru sukra sanibyasksha rahave kethave
namehasarvedyo mahajanebyo namaha ayam muhurtha sumohurthostu

Touch the nose with fingers say

sloka:

Om bho ome bhuvaha ogam suvaha ome mamaha ome janaha ome tapaha
ogamsatyam

ome tatsa viravrenyam bhargo devasye dhemahe dheyoyona prchodaya omeapojyothi
rasamrutam bramma bhurbhuvassurom samkalpam: mamoparta durita kshayadwara

sri parameswara preetyardam subhe sobhana muhurthe sri maha rajniya

pravartamanasya adya brahmana dvitiva paradye swetha varaha kalpe vivaswta

manvantrekaliyuge pradama pade ----- jeethe ----- varshe ----- kande dig-----

bage-----pradehe--- asmin ----- nama samvatsare ----- Ayane -----rutuve ----maase -

---- pakshe, -----vasare subha nakshtre subayoge subakarne ----- gotram-----namam -

-----asmatam sakutumbaya kshema styairya vijaya arogya aiswarya abhivyardam
darma

arda kama moksha chturvida purusharda pala stityardam putrapowtrabhi

vyudhyardham sakalavida mano wanchika pala stityardam sri ----- ex: varalakshmi

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pardevatha anugraha prasada sityardam varalakmi muddisya varalakmi devata pujam

karishye.

Touch the water with middle finger.

Ada nirvigyna pari sampyardam sri maha ganapathi puuja karisye

Kalasa puja:

Take a vessel and apply turmeric on it decorate with kumkum take water into the vessel

Put some flowers and leaves then cover the kalasa with right hand and say.

Kalasya muke Vishnu kante rudra samasritaha Muletatrastithow brammamadye

matru gana smrutaha Kuchoutu sagara sarve sapta devepa vasudara Rugwedoadaha

yajurvedo samavedo adhervanaha anaiksha sihita sarve karsambo

samasritahaTishsrathi savitri, gayatrichi sarasvathi Scandow ganapathi skhaivah santhihi

pustikari tadhe

Slokam

Gangecha yamunechiva godavari saraswathi narmadha sindu kaverijalesmin sannidi

kuru ayanatamdevi pujardam mama gurutaksya tarakaha palasodikenapuuja dravani

diva matmanam cha samprokshaya..

Sprinkle the kalasodaka with flower and sprinkle on devatas and pooja dravyas.

Maarjanamu:

Om apavitrah pavithrova sarvava stanga thopive ya smare pundarea kakshasa

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bahyabyantara suchihi

Then take some akshitas turmeric powder and put on ganapathi idol

Then touch the idol and do namaskar recite

Sri maha ganadhipatayenamaha- prana

pratistapnamuhurte sumuhurtostu thadastu next read as below and namaskar to god

ganapathi

Sloka:

Sumukha schivadantaksha kapilo gajakarnikah Lambodaraksha vikato vigna

rajovinayakaha Dhoomakatu ragnadyaksha palachandro gajanana Vakra thunda surpa

kernpharambo skandha poorvajah Shodasyani namani yah pateshruniya depi

Vidyarambhevivahecha prauese nirgame thadha Samgrame sarve karyesu vignastasye

najayathe Omesri mahaganapathayainamaha dhyayami (say this and put akshatas on

ganapathi)

Dhyanam

Sloka:

Bhava sanchita papowghavidvansini vichakshana Vignadharka bhaswantham vigna

rajamahan bhaje Eaka danta surpakarnam gajavaktraw chaturbhujam

Pasankisedharam

devamdhgaya tsiddi vinayakeni

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Sloka:

Dhyaye dgajananam devam thapte kanchna sanibham Chaturbhujam

mahakayamsarvabharanabhoositam Ome sri maha ganadhipatayenamaha dhyana

samarpayami

Asanam

Mowktikhaihi pusyaragaisha nanaratnai dwirajitam Rathana simhasanam

charupreetyardham pratigruhyatham Ome sri maha

ganapathayainamahacimhasanardhamakashta

samarpayami

Arghyam

Gowri putram namastasu sankarasya priyanandanam guruhanyartham mayadattam

dwandapuspa kshitiryutam Ome sri maha ganadipathiyainamaha- arghyam

sarmayapayammi

[sprinkle water with flower at ganapathi](#)

Padyam

Gajavaktra namastestu sarvadheestaaradayaka bhaktya tadyam mayadattam

gruhanadwiradanana ome maha ganadipathyai namaha- padyam samapayami

[sprinkle water with flower at ganapathi](#)

Achamanam

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Anadhanadha sarvajana dwervana varapujitha gruhanachamanam deva thuvhyam
datthamayaprabhow Ome sri ganadhipathyai namaha – achamanaiyum samapayami

Madhuparkam

Dadhi ksheira samayukitham maddhvajyema samarpitham Madhuparkam

gruhanedamgajavakthra namousthutte Ome sri maha ganadhipathyai
namahamadhuparkam

samarpayami

Pamchamrutha snanam

Snanam pamchamruthirdheva gruhana gananayaka Anadhanadha saryajna

geervanaganapoojithi Ome sri maha ganadhipathi namaha – pamchamrupha snanam

samarpayami

offer a mixture of cowmilk, cow curd, cow gee, honey and sugar

Vasthrayugmam

sloka:

Raktha vastra dyayam charu deva yougyamcha mamgalam subha pradham gruhana

tyamlambhoudara haratmaja ome sri maha ganadhipathiya nama – vasthra yugmam

samarpayami

Upaveetham

rajetaam brahma suthram cha kanchmam chowrtthareiyakam gruhana sarva

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dharmajnabhaketa namistadayakm Ome sri maha ganadhipathiami – upavetham

samarpayami

Offer Janivara

Gandham

Chamdanagaru karpooram kasthuri kumkumanvitham Vilepanam sura shresta

prityardhamprathigruhyathaam Ome sri maha ganadhipathi namaha – gandham

samarpayami

Offer Gandha

Akshathas

Akshathaan dhavalan divyan saleeyastambulammu bham Gruhana paramanamda

sambhuputhra namousthute Ome sri maha ganadhipathiyai namaha- akashathalu

samarpayami

Offer Akshatha

Pushpam Samarpayami

Sugandhani sutusthani jajikunda mukhanicha Yekavimsati pathrani

samgruhananamowsthuthe Ome sri maha ganadhipathi namaha- puisphamm

samarpayami

Offer flowers and akashatha by reciting the namas mentioned below

1. ome sumukhayanamah

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2. yakadantaya
3. kapilaya
4. gajakarnaya
5. vikataya
6. vighnarajaya
7. ganadhipaya
8. dhumaketaye
9. ganadhyakshaya
10. palachandraya
11. gajananaya
12. vakrathundaya
13. surpakarnaya
14. harambaya
15. skandapurvajaya
16. sarvasiddhipradhayakaya

Dhoopam darsayami

Sloka:

dasangam gugguloptham sugandham manoharam Dhoopam gruhana
devesavignaraja

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namousthe Om sri maha ganadipathiyinamaha

light incense stick or samrani worship ganasha

Naivedyam

Put fruit before ganasha sprinkle water on it showing hand six times saying

om pranayaswaha om apanayaswaha om vyanayasvaha ome udanayaswaha

omesamanaya swaha ome sri maha ganadhipatayenamah naivadayam samarpayami

Adhanga pooja

Om sri ganasayanamaha-padou pujayami

Yaka danthiya namaha- gulphou poojayami

Soorpamkarmaya namaha- janunee poojayami

Vighnarajayanamaha- jhangepoojayami

Lakhuvahanayanamaha – ooroom poojayami

Herambhayanamaha – katim poojayami

Lambhoudarayanamaha – udaram poojayami

Gananadhayanamah – nnbhim poojayami

Ganesayenamah- hrudhayam poojayami

Sthoolakhamthayanamaha – khamtham poojayami

Skamdham agrajayanamaha – schamdhou poojayami

Pashahastayanamaha – hasthou poojayami

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Gajavakthraya namaha – vakthram poojayami

Vhnamtranamah – vthrou poojayami

Suurpakarmaayanamaha – karnou poojayami

Palachamdraya – lalaatam poojayami

Sri maha ganadhipathi namaha – saryaanyaangaani poojayami

Sri ganesvaraanugrahasiddyardham – patram samarpayami

Pathra pooja

Puja to Lord Ganesha with 21 types of leaves

1. sumukhayamaha – machei
2. ganadi pathai namaha – bruhaveera
3. umaputrayamamaha – binva
4. gajanamayanamaha – duravara
5. harasonavenaha – dattoora
6. lambotharayanamaham – badari
7. guhagrajaye namaha – aparama
8. gajakarnayanamaha – tulasi
9. yekadanthayanamaha – choota
10. vikatayamaha – karavara
11. vhinadantayanamaha – vishnukrnatha

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12. vatave namaha – dadima
13. sarvaswaraya namaha – davadaru
14. palachandrnamaha – muruvaka
15. herambaya namaha – sindhuvera
16. soorpa karyanamaha – jajipapram
17. suragrajayamahna – gandakee
18. ebhaektraya namaha – sanea
19. vinayakayanamaha – aawaddha
20. suraseviteyenamaha – arjuna
21. kapilayanamaha – arkasri ganashaya Ekavimsati patra pooja samaptam

Astottara Shatanama Puja -- Chant 108 names of Lord Ganesha

1. Om Gajananaya namah
2. Om Ganadhyakshaya namah
3. Om Vignarajaya namah
4. Om Vinayakaya namah
5. Om Dwimaturaya namah
6. Om Dwimukhaya namah
7. Om Pramukhaya namah
8. Om Sumukhaya namah
9. Om Krutine namah
10. Om Supradeepaya namah
11. Om Sukhanidhaye namah
12. Om Suradhyakshaya namah

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13. Om Surarighnaya namah
14. Om Mahaganapataye namah
15. Om Manyaya namah
16. Om Mahakalaya namah
17. Om Mahabalaya namah
18. Om Herambaya namah
19. Om Lambajatharaya namah
20. Om Haswagrivaya namah
21. Om Mahodaraya namah
22. Om Madotkataya namah
23. Om Mahaviraya namah
24. Om Mantrine namah
25. Om Mangalaswarupaya namah
26. Om Pramodaya namah
27. Om Pradhamaya namah
28. Om Pragnaya namah
29. Om Vignagatriye namah
30. Om Vignahantre namah
31. Om Viswanetraya namah
32. Om Viratpataye namah
33. Om Sripataye namah
34. Om Vakpataye namah
35. Om Srungarine namah
36. Om Ashritavatsalaya namah
37. Om Shivapriyaya namah
38. Om Sheeghrakarine namah
39. Om Saswataya namah
40. Om Balaya namah
41. Om Balodhitaya namah
42. Om Bhavatmajaya namah
43. Om Puranapurushaya namah

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44. Om Pushne namah
45. Om Pushkarochita namahya
46. Om Agraganyaya namah
47. Om Agrapujyaya namah
48. Om Agragamine namah
49. Om Mantrakrutaye namah
50. Om Chamikaraprabhaya namah
51. Om Sarvaya namah
52. Om Sarvopasyaya namah
53. Om Sarvakartre namah
54. Om Sarvanetraya namah
55. Om Sarvasiddhipradaya namah
56. Om Sarvasiddhaye namah
57. Om Panchahastaya namah
58. Om Parvatinadanaya namah
59. Om Prabhava namah
60. Om Kumaragurave namah
61. Om Akshobhyaya namah
62. Om Kunjarasurabhanjanaya namah
63. Om Pramodaptanayanaya namah
64. Om Modakapriya namah
65. Om Kantimate namah
66. Om Dhrutimate namah
67. Om Kamine namah
68. Om Kavidhapriyaya namah
69. Om Brahmacharine namah
70. Om Brahmarupine namah
71. Om Brahmaidhyadhipaya namah
72. Om Jishnave namah
73. Om Vishnupriyaya namah
74. Om Bhaktajivitaya namah

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75. Om Jitamanmadhaya namah
76. Om Ishwaryakaranaya namah
77. Om Jayase namah
78. Om Yakshakinnerasevitaya namah
79. Om Gangansutaya namah
80. Om Ganadhisaya namah
81. Om Gambhiraninadaya namah
82. Om Vatave namah
83. Om Abhishtavaradaya namah
84. Om Jyotiske namah
85. Om Bhktanidhaye namah
86. Om Bhavagamyaya namah
87. Om Mangalapradaya namah
88. Om Avyaktaya namah
89. Om Aprakrutaparakramaya namah
90. Om Satyadharmine namah
91. Om Sakhye namah
92. Om Sarasambhunidhaye namah
93. Om Mahesaya namah
94. Om Divyangaya namah
95. Om Manikinkinimekhalaya namah
96. Om Samastadivataya namah
97. Om Sahishnave namah
98. Om Satatodditaya namah
99. Om Vighatakarine namah
100. Om Viswadrushe namah
101. Om Viswarakshakrute namah
102. Om Kalyanagurave namah
103. Om Unmattaveshaya namah
104. Om Avarajajite namah
105. Om Samstajagadhadharaya namah

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106. Om Sarwaishwaryaya namah
107. Om Akrantachidakchutprabhava namah
108. Om Srivigneswaraya namah

Sri Vinayaka Vrata Katha..

Story (Hold akshathas throughout the vratha kadha, after completion, these akshathas are to be put on your head)

In ancient days, Dharma Raj - belonging to Chandra dynasty, lost all his property and kingdom due to his cousins foul games. Along with his wife and brothers, he stayed in forests. One day in the forest he reached "Naimisaranya" where he met sage "Sootha" who was preaching epical secrets to his co-hermits like "sounak". Dharma Raja saluted the sage and told his difficulties including losing properties and kingdom. Dharma Raja prayed Sootha to guide about any pooja or vratha that can enable him to regain all his property and kingdom. Pleased by his obedience, "sootha" told Darma Raj, that he can get back all his properties, if he performs the "vinayaka vratham". He explained the vratha katha as follows:

Once, kumaraswamy visited lord Siva and requested "Oh father! Please tell me a vratha, that can fulfill all the aspirations of mankind, flourish their families, and enjoy their lives peacefully". Lord siva replied, "Oh my son! There is a pooja called vinayak vratha and on performing this pooja, people will be blessed with prosperity, with increase in their life span and they can achieve all their goals". This pooja is to be performed on 'chavithi', the 4th day in the month of 'Bhaadrapad', as per Hindu calendar, by getting up early in the morning, finishing their regulars, and taking oil bath. An idol of 'vinayaka' is to be made either with gold, silver or clay depending on their capacity. This is to be placed in the north side of the house, on a prepared portico (mandapa), this portico is to be prepared with rice upon which a rangoli of eight leaved flower (Ashta Dala Padmam) is put. Now pooja is to be performed with akshatha, folwers and leaves, Dhoop and deep (jyothi). Sugar cane, Black-plum(neredu), woodapple (velaga) - 21 fruits of each of these varieties is to be offered.

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The pooja is to be concluded with devotional songs, dances, and music recitations. Pandits and priests to be honored. Afterwards, feast to be had along with relatives and well-wishers. Next day in the morning again after finishing bath, pooja is to be reperformed (punah-puja) and priests are to be honoured. Whoever performs this pooja, will be blessed by Ganapathi, all their aspirations will be accomplished. This vratha is stated to be the best of all others, and lauded by, gods, hermits and Gandharvas and performed by all of them. This was stated to 'Kumara swamy' by "lord siva". Dharma Raja was advised by Sootha to do likewise to defeat his rivals and to get back all his lost property.

Previously Damayanthi the princess of "Vidarbha" was able to marry king "Nala" by performing this pooja. Lord Krishna performed this pooja and blessed with Samanthaka Mani (a powerful gem) along with two virgins Jaambavathi and SatyaBhama. Sootha proceeded to say the story as followed:

In olden days, an elephant-faced demon named "Gajaanana" performed penance (meditation) about lord siva. Pleased by his penance, lord siva appeared before "Gajaanana". He praised siva and requested him to reside in his (Gajaanana's) stomach.

Lord siva accepted his request and stayed in the stomach. Goddess parvathi started searching lord siva and came to know that, he is in the stomach of "Gajaanana". She prayed lord Vishnu for the rescue of Siva. Lord Vishnu discussed with Brahma and other gods and planned to kill "Gajasura". They decorated Nandeeswara. Brahma and other gods have costumed as musicians. Vishnu turned himself as main musician to the group. They went to "Gajasura pura" and gave melodious music recitals along with beautiful feats of the "Nandeeswara".

Gajasura came to know about the program and invited them to his place to give a recital. The team presented a very good program, by which "Gajasura" was pleased very much and asked them about their wish if any. Sree Hari approached Gajasura and requested him, this Nandi, the carrier of Siva and came to find where about of Siva. They requested to hand over Siva. Gajasura was stunned by the words of Srihari and came to know that he is the killer of demon and death is inevitable to him. Decided not

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to deviate from his promise, Gajaasura prayed Siva who is in his stomach, 'Oh lord Siva! Please make my head respectable by the universe and please wear my skin. Then he asked Srihari to take out Siva from his stomach. Srihari provoked Nandi and Nandi torn out Gajasura's stomach with his horns and killed him. Siva came out and praised Vishnu. Lord Vishnu advised Siva that you should not give boons to the evil doers and demons. That is like feeding a snake with milk. Srihari left to vaikuntha after a fare well to Brahma and Siva left to his kailas on his Nandi.

Birth of vinayaka

In kailas, Parvathi heard the arrival of her husband and felt very happy. She thought of completing her bath to welcome him. While doing so, un-mindedly she prepared a small toy in the shape of a boy. She had given life to that toy with the help of "mantra" which she learnt from her father. She put that handsome boy for watching and went inside.

Meanwhile, lord Siva came. He was halted by the boy, and not allowed to go in. Lord Siva came in a rage, towards the restriction for him in his house itself. He cut off the boy's head and went inside. Parvathi came to know the event that took place and felt sad of it. Siva also felt sorry for the untoward incident and immediately he joined the head of 'Gajaanana' that was available with him. He also attributed the foreverness and respectability from all over the universe. Ganesh became the loved one of Siva and Parvathi. Afterwards kumara swamy was born to Siva and Parvathi.

Vigneswara's Domination

Once upon a day gods, hermits and human praised Siva and prayed him to give a leader of obstacles. Gajaanana (Ganesh) appealed father to give leader ship to him, since he is the elder son. Kumara swamy claimed it should be given to him on the plea that, his brother is not an able one, shorter and incapable. Siva had put a competition to both his sons that "who ever take a bath in all sacred rivers and comes to him first, will get the leader ship. Kumara swamy rushed off immediately to complete the task. But Gajaanana became mum and dull, in a feeling that he is not fast enough to win the competition. He prayed his father to suggest any way out to win the competition.

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Pleased by Vinayaka's obedience and cleverness Siva taught him 'Narayana mantra'. 'Naara' means water i.e; water will be under control of 'Narayana', in turn in the control of naraayana mantra. Chanting the mantra, Vinayaka started doing 'pradakshinas' to his parents Siva and Parvathi. Owing to the effect of mantra, vinayaka appeared of completing bath at every sacred river, prior to the arrival of Kumara swamy. Likewise it so happened in 3 crore 50 lakh rivers. Surprised by the fact, he arrived at kailas, wherein he found Vinayaka was standing beside Siva. Making pranaam to Vinayaka he apologized his father and said "Oh father! Not knowing the capacity of brother, I asked for the leadership. Please forgive me and entrust leadership to brother".

Chandra's Disregard

Siva gave the leadership of hurdles to Vinayaka on 4th day (chavithi) of Bhadrapada month. On this happy occasion all people prepared kudumulu, undrallu (a type of recipe made with rice flour, jaggery cooked over steam) and other sweets, along with coconut, Bananas, honey etc. Oblated (Naivedyam) to Vighneswara and worshipped him.

Vighneswara with a pleasing and satisfied mood he ate maximum of modak (undrallu) along with other sweets and some he gave to his carrier mooshika (rat). Holding some with hands, he went to kailas by evening, to pranaam his parents. While doing so, he tried to touch the feet of the parents with his hands, but the belly (on his over consumption of food) touched the floor, prior to hands. He was facing problem to make pranaam, Chandra (who is on the head of Siva) laughed at Vinaayaka sarcastically. Due to this teasing, Vinaayaka's stomach broken off and undrallu that were in his stomach had fallen on the ground and Vinaayaka died. On seeing this unpleasant incident, Parvathi felt very sad and imprecated (cursed) Chandra that whoever see you, they become sinners and they will be alleged with slanders. Slanders to wives of hermits. While the seven hermits (saptha rishis) doing sacrifice (yaagam) and making pradakshin to Agni (god of fire), he tempted on seeing the wives of rishis and due to the fear of curse, he started deteriorating. Observing this, the wife of Agni appeared as the wives, but for Damayanthi and tried to cherish her husband Agni. Saptha rishis saw this and thought that their wives are with Agni and left them. It happened so, due to the reason that, the rishi patnis have seen Chandra after the curse given to him by Parvathi.

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Gods and hermits informed Siva the hardship, met by the wives of the hermits and Siva being the knowledgeable person, came to know and explained them, that wife of Agni had only taken the form (figure) of wives. Meanwhile Brahma came to kailash and gave life to Vinayaka and Parvathi parameswaras felt happy for the re-birth of Vighneswara.

Then the gods and hermits who were there explained Parvathi, that these hardships are coming and all the people in the universe are suffering due to the curse given to Chandra. And requested Parvathi to withdraw her curse. Then Parvathi relaxed the curse and said that on which day Chandra laughed at Vighneswara i.e on 4th day (chavithi) of Bhadrapada this curse will be effected. Likewise, Brahma and others habituated not to see Chandra on 4th day of Bhadrapada.

Samanthaka Mani Story

In Dwapara yuga Naarada visited Sri krishna in Dwaraka and praised him. It became evening during their conversation and Naarada said to Sri krishna that dusk had taken place and because of Vinayaka chaviti, one should not see Chandra for to-day and explained the total story and left for heaven. Srikrishna publicized the fact in the city through announcements. Sri krishna, without seeing over the sky, was squeezing the milk to a bowl. He happened to see Chandra's reflection in the milk bowl and afraid of the slanders he may has to face.

After some days on the boon of Surya, Satrajith gained 'Samanthaka gem' and went to Dwaraka to visit Krishna. After pleasantries, Krishna suggested Satrajith to give the gem as gift to their king. But Satrajith denied and said that no one, whatever the close they may be, loses such a gem which gives 8 mounds gold a day. After some days, Satrajith's brother "Prasena" went on a hunting in to a forest by wearing the Samanthaka gem in his neck. On a wrong notion that the gem has a piece of meat, a lion killed 'Prasena' and took away the gem. A bear killed the lion and gifted the gem to her daughter 'Jaambavathi' as a sporting toy.

Next day, Satrajith learnt the death news of his brother and blamed Sri krishna that Krishna killed his brother and snatched the gem. Sri Krishna heard the propaganda made against him and understood that it is the effect of Chandra's replica in milk bowl

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that he had seen on Vinayaka chavithi. To wipe-off the slander, he went to forest with his soldiers in search of Prasena. He found the body of Prasena and foot-prints of lion and after wards that of a bear. He followed the foot prints of bear which lead them to the entrance of a cave. There he found a baby playing in a cradle, where in the gem was tied to the cradle. Sri Krishna plucked the gem and started coming back. The girl started weeping loudly. Jaambavantha (bear) came in rage and attacked Krishna and started fighting with him. Fierce fighting went on for 28 days between Sri Krishna and Jaambavantha.

Jaambavantha was exhausted. Then he came to know that the person defeating him is none other than Rama who killed Ravana. He surrendered to Krishna and made pranaam to him and said "Oh! Almighty, you are my Rama, and during thretha yuga, you had given me a chance to take any boon from you and due to my foolishness I asked you to give an opportunity to fight with you and you said that my desire will be fulfilled in future. Then onwards I spent yugas by praying you. Now you had come to my place and fulfilled my wish. Please pardon my mistakes and bless me. Now I have no fancy over the life". Sri Krishna was pleased and embraced him. He said Jaambavantha that he had been blamed of snatching 'Samanthaka gem'.

To wipe off the blame he requested to give the gem to him. Jaambavantha readily handed over the Samanthaka gem along with his daughter Jaambavathi. He came out of the cave along with gem and Jaambavathi. His associates who were waiting at cave felt very happy over the happenings. They all went to Dwarakapuri. Sri Krishna invited Satrajith and assembled all at a place and narrated the total story to them. He returned Samanthaka gem to Satrajith. Satrajith realized and felt sorry for having blamed Sri Krishna unnecessarily. He again gave back 'Samanthaka' along with Satyabhama. But Sri Krishna accepted Satyabhama and asked to keep the gem with satrajith himself. Sri Krishna married both 'Jaambavathi and Satyabhama' on an auspicious day.

Gods and hermits praised Sri Krishna and said, being capable, you could wipe off the blames came up on you, but what about the common people who are neither mighty nor capable. Sri Krishna said to them, whoever performs pooja of vinayaka and listens to the story of Samanthaka Mani, wear 'akshathas' over their head. If they did so even if

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they see Chandra on this day, they do not get any slander, he blessed gods. Hermits and all others felt very happy and thanked him. They returned to their places and every year they continued worshipping vinayaka on Bhadrapada chavithi of and lead their lives very happily and prosperously.

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