

Five Shravana Mondays - Sri Rudrabhishekam

Shravana Monday Rudrabhishekam for Lord Shiva's grace and blessings

Performing the Shravana Monday Pradosha Abhishekam to Lord Shiva, you will gain Lord Shiva's blessings and reap the benefits in a timely manner.

"Rajatha Bilvapatra Special Puja" (silver bael leaves puja) will also be performed. For those who perform abhishekam to Lord Shiva during this vratam on Shravana Monday evenings, you will be bestowed with money, grains, children, wife, relationship, happiness and wealth endlessly. This puja gives amazing results. According to ancient scriptures, for those who perform Pradosha Vratam on Shravana Mondays for 21 years, you will get the darshan of Lord Shiva Himself. Those who have not been able to perform this vratam for a long time should commence the vratam and perform it as long as possible.

The month of Shravana begins on Sunday, August 8 with the first Monday puja beginning on Monday, August 9.

1. **August 9th**, Monday – for those in Ashlesha star, puja on this day will cure all doshas.
2. **August 16th**, Monday - Ashtami – for those in Anuradha star, puja on this day will bestow Akhanda (abundance) Aishwarya (wealth) Yoga to them. (Star on this day is Anuradha)
3. **August 23rd**, Monday - for those in Shatabhisha Star the homam and puja on this day bestows Mahadaishwarya (great wealth).
4. **August 30th**, Monday - Rohini Star - Kritika morning, Sri Mahalakshmi Yoga gives all good luck.

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Five Shravana Tuesdays - Sri Mangala Gowri Devi Puja Sri Sugandha Kumkum and Silver Lotuses Puja

When Sri Mangala Gowri Devi is worshiped on Shravana Tuesdays it is known as 'Sarvaarthi Hara'; meaning all kinds of aarti (afflictions), anguish and distress will be removed. Hence this Mangala Gowri vratam is also called "**Sarvaarthi Hara Sri Mangala Gowri Vratam**". It is traditional for the devotees who perform this ritual to donate clothes, money, and food to the Brahmins priests. Those performing Shravana Tuesdays puja usually fast and have only one meal during the day.

1. **August 10th** – Makha star until 9.58 am, followed by Poorva Phalguni star which starts from 9.59 am on this day. Moonrise begins a day before, great festive day. Sri Mahalakshmi will be worshiped with kumkum which has the aroma of mogali (ketaki) flowers and silver lotuses. Sri Gowri Devi melts the 'rajasika' quality in the heart of a human being when this puja is performed.

When Goddess Gowri is worshiped with fragrant mogali (ketaki) kumkum and silver lotuses for all the Tuesdays during the month of Shravana, it bestows prosperity to the spiritual seeker.

August 13th is Naga Panchami which is also a sacred day.

2. **August 17th** – Dashami; Jyeshtha star throughout the day. This day is known as Simha Sankranti. Evening 4:13 pm is Hari Pada Punya day and Krutha Yugaantha day.

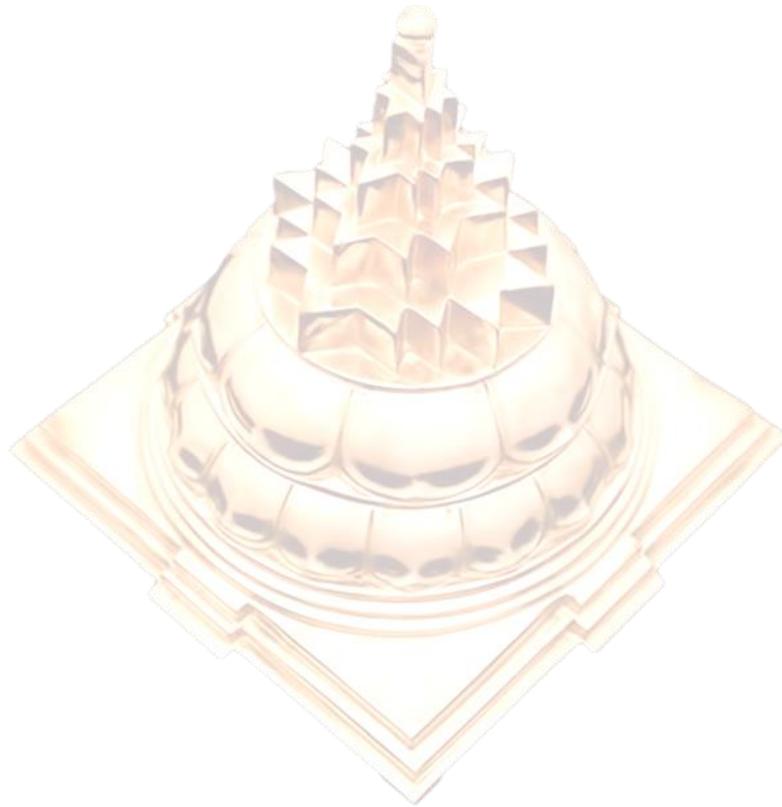
3. **August 24th** - Shravana month, Krishan Paksham, Vidhiya. Purvabhadra star, Chatur Masa (monthly) Dwithiya time.

This day is Tadiya until 2.58 pm, then Chaviti. Chaviti will continue until next day until 3.41 pm. Therefore, Sankashta Chaturthi vratam is held on these two days and Sri Shravana Mangala Gowri Mahavratam.

Only a mother knows what her baby's needs are. Similarly, Universal Mother Sri Mangala Gowri Devi knows what to give to Her children and blesses them accordingly. Whatever Her devotees' desires are, Divine Mother fulfils them on this day (Yoga Samrajyam) when puja with silver lotuses, kumkum archana with the fragrance of mogali (ketaki) flowers is performed and bangles are offered.

August 31st - Shravana Tuesday - Navami until 2:20 am. Rohini Star is until morning 7:52 am, therefore, Krishnashtami is celebrated the day before. This day is Pubba Karte (Purva Phalguni - rain bearing nakshatra) occurs at 12:42 pm. It is the last Tuesday during the month of Shravana. During this month, Sri Mangala Gowri Devi, Shodasha Upacharas, Sridevi

Sahasranama archanas, Sugandha Kumkum archanas, Silver Lotus Archanas, Special homams, archanas and pujas with Vedic mantras are recited every day.



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Shravana Fridays - Sri Lakshmi Devi Puja Vratam

Silver Lotuses. Bilva Patra Puja

- 1 August 13th** - Shravana Friday, Hasta Star until 8:31 am then Chitta Star. Puja on this day blesses one with all fames, glory, land and wealth.
- 2 August 20th** - Second Shravana Friday; Trayodashi. It is most auspicious and powerful when Trayodashi falls on a Shravana Friday. It gives all good yogas (fortunes). Sri Mahalakshmi puja will be performed on this day helps devotees having planetary and nakshatras issues.
- 3 August 27th** - Third Shravana Friday; Panchami, Ashwini Star. Throughout the month, there are special festivals every day. On this third Friday, Goddess Sri Lakshmi Devi is placed on a decorated kalasham which is filled with sacred Ganga waters. This is followed by bilva patra puja to Sri Lakshminarayana and worship of Sri Mahalakshmi with silver lotuses to attain the great wealth.

If someone is being constantly harassed by enemies, worshipping Goddess Sri Mahalakshmi will reduce the strength of the enemies. They will be blessed with good health, wealth, and all good fortunes. This puja provides immense fame, prestige, and Goddess Sri Mahalakshmi dwells in their homes.

- 4 September 3rd** - Fourth Shravana Friday; Punarvasu star until 2:28 pm then Pushyami star from 2:39 pm onwards. Throughout this Shravana month, please chant Sri Narayana Mantra 108 times and Sri Mahalakshmi Mantra 108 times. On this day, not only the stars of Punarvasu and Pushyami, but also all the stars receive the grace and blessings of Goddess Sri Mahalakshmi.

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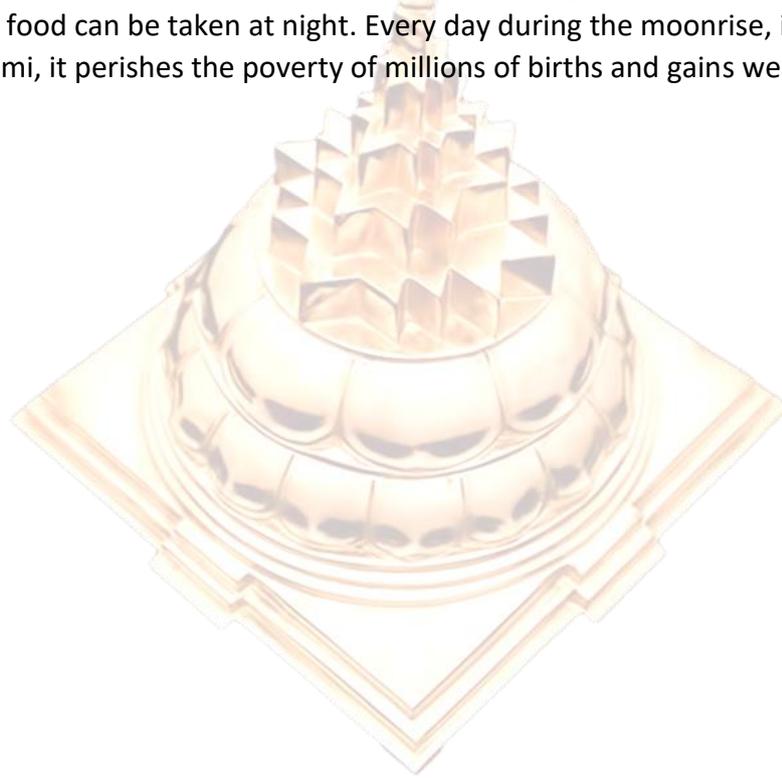


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Due to the Sri Mahalakshmi Dhana Vratam which is celebrated for four weeks in the month of Shravana many auspicious things happen to everyone in their family. Grace, divine blessings and shelter of Sri Lakshmi Narayana is attained.

During these four weeks and 40 days throughout the month of Shravan, the pujas and abhishekams that take place in the sanctum sanctorum of Manidweepa Mahasamathanam in the morning and homams in the evening are the most powerful so that all sins are removed.

During the month of Shravana Fridays, one fasts during the day and take only milk or fruit juice. Light food can be taken at night. Every day during the moonrise, if one worships Sri Mahalakshmi, it perishes the poverty of millions of births and gains wealth.



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Sravana Saturdays - Special Poojas for Sri Venkateshwara Swamy

August 14th, 21st, 28th and September 4th (Shani Trayodashi), are the four Sravana Saturdays dedicated specially to Sri Venkateshwara Swami Saligrama for Shani (Mars) dosha eradication/prevention. Lighting lamps with sesame oil to Sri Venkateshwara Swami on these 4 Saturdays, one's wishes will all be fulfilled.

Sri Venkateshwara Swamy should be worshiped with blue flowers and Tulasi (holy basil) leaves on this day. Special abhishekams to Sri Swamy will be performed with Ganga waters and panchamritams (Organic cow milk, organic cow yogurt, organic cow ghee, organic honey and sugar).

September 4th is Shani Trayodashi, many special poojas are performed on this day. Worshipping Sri Venkateshwara Swamy with devotion on this day will eradicate all natural calamities such as floods, droughts, and epidemics. It is tradition to recite Vishnu Sahasranama and worship Sri Venkateshwara Swami, on these 4 Saturdays during the month of Sravana; a custom that has been around and followed since time immemorial.

On these 4 Saturdays, taking holy baths, doing japams, worships, donations, all these bestows special fruits. Performing this vratam on Saturdays, removes the ashta daridrayas (eight kinds of poverty) of many lifetimes of births and brings prosperity. Many auspicious fruits are obtained, ignorance disappears, all miseries will melt away, wisdom & knowledge are enhanced, inner-self is filled with divine effulgence.

Performing Sri Venkateshwara Swamy special vratam on these 4 Saturdays in the month of Shravana will remove all Shani (Saturn) doshas and bless you with prosperity and all good fortunes.

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