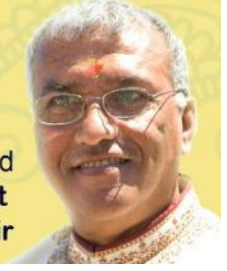


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Nau Raatrie DAY 1

My dear and respected Devotees Jai Mata DI ..

After the cold and depressing winter season, spring has finally arrived, and according to Hindu Calendar and Hindu Culture The spring season called Vasant Ritu begins from Vasant Panchmi, the day we planted Holika, and it stays for two months- Phalgun and Chaitra Months. From that day onwards we start singing Chowtal and begin preparations for playing of Holi as we enjoy the various colours and different foods

That singing and playfulness symbolizes the Joy in life and happiness. With the coming of Vasant Ritu our attitude changes and we become hopeful that the new weather will be warm and the plants, trees, herbs, vines and fruit trees will see a transformation as the old leaves are replaced with new ones and the blossoms add to the joy of the season.

When these changes occur, it also causes some health issues especially allergies and so the recommendation is for us to do some fasting and penance to worship Devi Maa and to ask her to make our lives happy and joyful. This brings us to Vaasantik Shakti Festival which is also called Chaitra Nau Raatrie.

Being a festival of Durga Maa, who is a storehouse of cosmic Energy and, power, these days are very auspicious and in fact on Day 1, is the day that Brahma Jee started in creating this Universe for Human Beings.

Nau Raatrie is comprised of two words Nau meaning Nine and Raatrie meaning Nights and these nine nights are dedicated to the all merciful Mother Durga Maa.

These nine nights Durga Maa has nine different forms and attributes as mentioned in the Markanda Puran as recorded by Vyasa Jee

Prathamam Shaila Putrie Cha Dwiteyam Brahmacharina

Triteeyam Chandra Ghanapati Koosmandeti Chaturkam

Pancham Skand Matteti Shastaam Kaatyayaneeti cha

Saptamam Kaal Raatrete Maha Gaureeti Chastamaam

Navamam Siddhi Daatri Cha Nau Durga Prakeertita

Uktaanyetaani naamaami Brahmanaviva Mahaatmana

Therefore according to Vyas Jee this first day is dedicated to the first aspect of Mother Durga and she is called Shaila Putrie as she was born in the home of Parvaat Raj Himaalya- The king of Mountains.

Maa Shaila Putrie is the absolute form of Mother Nature and she is reffered to Goddess Parvati, the consort of Lord Shiva and is the mother of Karteekaya Jee and Ganesh Jee.

As Shaila Putrie she is worshipped and seen with a half moon in her forehead and she is holding a Trident or Trishul in her right and while in her left hand she has a lotus Flower and she rides on a bull.

In some of our other Holy Texts such as Shiva Purana and Shreemad Devi Puran, Maa Bhagawati in her previous birth was born as the daughter of Daksh Prajapati and her name was Sati. After severe penance she was married to Lord Shiva.

Unfortunately she felt very hurt after, insults and derogatory remarks were made about Lord Shiva by her father Daksha during a huge Yagna ceremony that she had to end her life in the Yogic Fire.

In her next birth she incarnated as Goddess Parvatie , the daughter of Mountain Himalaya. She is also reffered to as Hemawati and Shaila Putrie

On the first day that is who we worship and the mantra is

Vande Vaanchit Laabhaare Chandradha Krit Shekaram

Vrisharoodham Sholadharaam Shaila Putrieem Yashaswaneem

My Goddess Shaila Putree Bless us all and shower us all with love and eternal peace

Thank You

Jai Maata Di