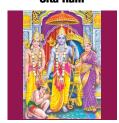
Sita Ram



Ganesh



Krishna



Durga



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Significance of Ugadi

Yugaadi-krit Yugaavarto Naikamaayo Mahashanah Adrishyo Vyaktaroopashcha Sahasrajid Anandajit

Ugadi (Gudi Padwa), a part and parcel of the concept of Hindu time element marks the beginning of the most auspicious season Vasantha Ruthu (Spring Season) when generally we find trees start to blossom. Yugaadi denote one of the several names of Lord Sri Maha Vishnu. Sloka # 33 of Sri Vishnu Sahasra Nama Sthothram describes Lord Vishnu as Yugaadi-krit (one who creates Yugas), Yugaavarto (one who causes the repetition of Yugas) Hence, it is befitting to celebrate this day with the worship of the Para Brahma, the Supreme Lord, Sri ManNarayana who is the cause and effect of this infinite Time element.

As per the Hindu Lunar Calendar, first day (Prathama thithi) of Sukla Paksha (Bright fortnight) in Chaithra Masam is considered as the day on which the Creation had started that marked the beginning of Sri Swetha Varaha Kalpa. That day is being referred to as Kalpaadi. It is also considered as the day on which the Yuga had commenced and hence, it is also referred to as Yugaadi or Ugadi. As per the astrological estimates it is said that Lord Sri Krishna's Niryana took place on the first day of the bright fortnight in the month of Chaitra Masam that marked the beginning of Kaliyuga. Hence, Ugadi can be assumed as the beginning of Kaliyuga.

In the concept of Ugadi the sixty year cycle has the following names.

Prabhava, Vibhava, Shukla, Pramoda, Prajapathi, Angeerasa, Shrimukha, Bhaava, Yuva, Dhaata, Eeshwara, Bahudhaanya, Pramadhi, Vikrama, Vrusha, Chitrabhanu, Subhanu, Taarana, Paarthiva, Vyaya, Sarvajittu, Sarvadhaari, Virodhi, Vikruthi, Khara, Nandana, Vijaya, Jaya, Manmatha, Durmukha, Hevalambi, Vilambi, Vikaari, Saarvari, Plava, Shubakrut, Shobhakrut, Krodhi, Vishvavasu, Paraabhava, Plavanga, Keelaka, Saumya,

Saadhaarana, Virodhikrit, Paridhavi, Pramaadee, Aananda, Raakshasa, Nala, Pingala, Kaalayukthi, Siddharthi, Raudra, Durmathi, Dundubhi, Rudhirodgaari, Raktaakshi, Krodhana, and Akshaya.

As per a popular legend these sixty names are said to have been associated with the Divine Sage Narada. Considered as Brahma Manasa Puthra, Sage Narada is a great Scholar, Saint and Philosopher depicted as a Divine Messenger. In all the Divine stories we find Narada playing a key role and his involvement in one way or the other. As per the legend in brief, once upon a time Sage Narada caught in the mystery of Sri Maha Vishnu Maya (illusion) added with a curse from Lord Brahma had to become a damsel with a desire to experience the materialistic life. In the process the Damsel marries a King and gives birth to 60 sons. Later, during the course of time the King along with his 60 sons dies in a battle. Grief stricken the damsel (Narada) came out of illusion with Lord's mercy and realized that it was the Maya of Lord Sri Maha Vishnu. In memory of Narada's (Damsel's) sons and to give eternity to their names, Lord Vishnu blessed them that thenceforth, the sixty year cycle of Hindu time element would be represented by their names.

> Ugadi, Gudi Padwa March 31st, 2014 (Monday)

> > Jaya

The name of the year 2014-2015

Ugadi signifies the current period in which we are living as per the Hindu time element in a 60 year cycle with each new year (Ugadi) denoted by a unique name starting from Prabhava and ending with Akshaya.

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March Important Dates

Based on Lafayette, Louisiana, US Time

11 Tuesday Amalaki Ekadashi

14 Friday Meena Sankranti

15 Saturday Holi/Holika Dahan

16 Sunday Rangwali Holi

24 Monday Basoda, Sheetala

Ashtami

26 Wednesday Papmochani

Ekadashi

29 Saturday Lafayette Holi

31 Monday Ugadi, Gudi Padwa

Chaitra Navratri

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