

## The 4 Navaratri's in 2017.



Navaratri is a Hindu festival of worship of Devi Adi Para-Shakti and dance and festivities. The word Navaratri literally means nine nights in Sanskrit, nava meaning nine and ratri meaning nights. During these nine nights and ten days, nine forms of Shakti/Devi Durga are worshipped. It is commonly referred to as Dussehra in India. Navaratri is celebrated four times a year according to India's seasons. They are Poushya/Magha Navaratri, Vasant Navaratri, Ashadha Navaratri, and Sharada MAHA Navaratri. Of these, the Sharada Navaratri and Vasant Navaratri are most important.

Devi Bhagavatam book 3 chapter 27... states "On observing the Navaratri Vratam, one receives from Devi Durga riches, children, grandchildren, prosperity and happiness, longevity, health, heaven and even final beatitude. Those who are desirous of learning, riches or children will get them all if they perform this most auspicious Navaratra ceremony. On the performance of this sacrifice, those that want knowledge and learning receives all that. Those that have not performed the Navaratra ceremony , how can they acquire riches in this world and acquire happiness and peace in their next? There is no other vow superior to this vow in this world' this vow is very holy and will bring unto you lots of happiness."

Devi devotees who abstain from animal sacrifice perform "symbolic BALI" with vegetables/fruits like bananas, cucumber, white pumpkin, nutmeg and sugar cane.

- (1). Magha Gupta Navaratri 2017: Magha Gupta Navaratri is the festival of nine days dedicated to the nine forms of Mother Durga or the three main forms of the Mother viz Mother's Durga, Lakshmi and Sarasvati in the month of Magha (January/February).

28<sup>th</sup> Jan – 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017 is Magha Gupta Navaratri.

Do note:- Magha Gupta Navaratri is observed over 9 days in 2017.

28<sup>th</sup> Jan – 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017:- Is dedicated to Mother Durga

31<sup>st</sup> Jan – 02<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2017:- Is dedicated to Mother Lakshmi

03<sup>rd</sup> Feb – 05<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017:- Is dedicated to Mother Sarasvati

{28<sup>th</sup> January} Day 1 (Pratipada):-

Mother Shailputri is worshipped

{29<sup>th</sup> January} Day 2 (Dwitiya):-

Mother Brahmacharini is worshipped

{30<sup>th</sup> January} Day 3 (Tritiya):-

Mother Chandraghanta is worshipped

{31<sup>th</sup> January} Day 4 (Chaturthi):-

Mother Kushmanda is worshipped

{01<sup>st</sup> February} Day 5 (Panchami):-

Mother Skandamata is worshipped

{02<sup>nd</sup> February} Day 6 (Shashti):-

Mother Katyayani is worshipped

{03<sup>rd</sup> February} Day 7 (Saptami):-

Mother Kalaratri is worshipped

{04<sup>th</sup> February} Day 8 (Ashtami):-

Mother Mahagauri is worshipped

{05<sup>th</sup> February} Day 9 (Navami):-

Mother Siddhidatri is worshipped

**06<sup>th</sup> February Day 10:- Vijay Dashami**

- (2). Vasant/Chaitra Navaratri 2017: is the festival of nine days dedicated to the nine forms of Mother Durga or the three main forms of the Mother viz Mother's Durga, Lakshmi and Sarasvati in the spring (Vasant) season (March–April).

**28<sup>th</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 is Vasant/Chaitra Navaratri.**

**Do note:- Vasant/Chaitra Navaratri is observed over 9 days in 2017.**

**28<sup>th</sup> March – 30<sup>th</sup> March:- Is dedicated to Mother Durga**

**31<sup>st</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April :- Is dedicated to Mother Lakshmi**

**03<sup>rd</sup> April – 05<sup>th</sup> April :- Is dedicated to Mother Sarasvati**

{28<sup>th</sup> March} Day 1 (Pratipada):-

Mother Shailputri is worshipped

{29<sup>th</sup> March} Day 2 (Dwitiya):-

Mother Brahma-charini is worshipped

{30<sup>th</sup> March} Day 3 (Tritiya):-

Mother Chandraghanta is worshipped

{31<sup>th</sup> March} Day 4 (Chaturthi):-

Mother Kushmanda is worshipped

{01<sup>th</sup> April} Day 5 (Panchami):-

Mother Skandamata is worshipped

{02<sup>nd</sup> April} Day 6 (Shashti):-

Mother Katyayani is worshipped

{03<sup>rd</sup> April} Day 7 (Saptami):-

Mother Kalaratri is worshipped

{04<sup>th</sup> April} Day 8 (Ashtami):-

Mother Mahagauri is worshipped

{05<sup>th</sup> April} Day 9 (Navami):-

Mother Siddhidatri is worshipped

05<sup>th</sup> April (Dashami) Lunar Day 10:- Vijay Dashami

**\*\*\* KINDLY NOTE:-** The 9<sup>th</sup> (Navami) and 10<sup>th</sup> (Dashami) Lunar days both falls on the 5<sup>th</sup> and are both observed on this day.

- (3). Ashadha/Gupta Navaratri 2017: is the festival of nine days dedicated to the nine forms of Mother Durga or the three main forms of the Mother viz Mother's Durga, Lakshmi and Sarasvati in the month of Ashadha (June–July).

24<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 is Ashadha Navaratri.

24<sup>th</sup> June – 26<sup>th</sup> June:- Is dedicated to Mother Durga

27<sup>th</sup> June– 29<sup>th</sup> June:- Is dedicated to Mother Lakshmi

30<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July:- Is dedicated to Mother Sarasvati

{24<sup>th</sup> June} Day 1 (Pratipada):-

Mother Shailputri is worshipped

{25<sup>th</sup> June} Day 2 (Dwitiya):-

Mother Brahma-charini is worshipped

{26<sup>th</sup> June} Day 3 (Tritiya):-

Mother Chandraghanta is worshipped

{27<sup>th</sup> June} Day 4 (Chaturthi):-

Mother Kushmanda is worshipped

{28<sup>th</sup> June} Day 5 (Panchami):-

Mother Skandamata is worshipped

{29<sup>th</sup> June} Day 6 (Shashti):-

Mother Katyayani is worshipped

{30<sup>th</sup> June} Day 7 (Saptami):-

Mother Kalaratri is worshipped

{01<sup>st</sup> July} Day 8 (Ashtami):-

Mother Mahagauri is worshipped

{02<sup>nd</sup> July} Day 9 (Navami):-

Mother Siddhidatri is worshipped

03<sup>rd</sup> July (Dashami) Day 10:- Vijay Dashami

(4) Sharad Navaratri 2017: This is the most important of the Navaratri. It is simply called Maha Navaratri (the Great Navaratri) and is celebrated in the month of Ashvina. It is celebrated during Sharad (beginning of winter in India, September–October) and is the festival of nine days dedicated to the nine forms of Mother Durga or the three main forms of the Mother viz Mother's Durga, Lakshmi and Sarasvati

21<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 is Maha (Sharad) Navaratri. Do note:- Sharad Navaratri is observed over 9 days in 2017.

21<sup>st</sup> September – 23<sup>rd</sup> September:- Is dedicated to Mother Durga

24<sup>th</sup> September – 26<sup>th</sup> September:- Is dedicated to Mother Lakshmi

27<sup>th</sup> September – 29<sup>th</sup> September:- Is dedicated to Mother Sarasvati

{21<sup>st</sup> September} Day 1 (Pratipada):- Navaratri color of the day – Yellow  
Mother Shailputri is worshipped

{22<sup>nd</sup> September} Day 2 (Dwitiya):- Navaratri color of the day - Green  
Mother Brahma-charini is worshipped

{23<sup>rd</sup> September} Day 3 (Tritiya):- Navaratri color of the day – Grey  
Mother Chandraghanta is worshipped

{24<sup>th</sup> September} Day 4 (Chaturthi):- Navaratri color of the day – Orange  
Mother Kushmanda is worshipped

{25<sup>th</sup> September} Day 5 (Panchami):- Navaratri color of the day – White  
Mother Skandamata is worshipped

{26<sup>th</sup> September} Day 6 (Shashti):- Navaratri color of the day - Red  
Mother Katyayani is worshipped

{27<sup>th</sup> September} Day 7 (Saptami) :- Navaratri color of the day - Royal Blue  
Mother Kalaratri is worshipped

{28<sup>th</sup> September} Day 8 (Ashtami):- Navaratri color of the day - Pink  
Mother Mahagauri is worshipped

{29<sup>th</sup> September} Day 9 (Navami):- Navaratri color of the day - Purple  
Mother Siddhidatri is worshipped

30<sup>th</sup> September (Dashami) Day 10:- Vijay Dashami

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