



NAMASKAR!

IDAM NA MAMA!

(It is not Mine!)

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How Important is a group prayer for the Hindus?

Group prayers are common amongst all Hindus. Around the year there are many occasions when family and friends get together to pray, hear religious discourses and sing devotional bhajans. This has been practised from ancient times. There is a vast ancient religious literature rich in interesting stories. Rishis and Munis weaved convincing stories that are relevant thousands of years later. In every case good will triumph over evil.

Ved Vyas wrote in the Srimadbhagwat that the common man should know God through the medium of stories and model his life on the same moral pattern and greatly benefit from it.

NAVRATRI and KOLU Festival 3rd October to 12th October.

Navratri Celebrations include worshipping the 9 forms of Durga Mata. The final day is Vijaydashmi Duga Mata defeats the demon Mahishasura. Then the statues are immersed in a water body like a river or ocean.

It is also celebrated as Dusherra when Ravan was defeated by Bhagwan Ram!

KOLU in Navratri is a festive display of Dolls and figurines. These are thematic representing a legend from a Hindu text to everyday scenes like weddings etc. It is a wonderful bonding family exercise working together using skills and imagination to create a theme.

Major Hindu temples as in the Meenakshi Temple in Madurai arrange elaborate golu displays in Navratri. On the first day of Navratri, following Ganpati Puja, a welcoming ritual called “Kalasa Aavahanam” is performed. This is then followed by building a rack of odd numbered shelves usually (3, 5, 7 , 9 or 11) set up on wooden planks. After the steps have been covered with fabric it is adorned by dolls, figurines and toys with the deities on the top.

Wooden figurines of bride and groom together are called Marapacchi Bommai or Pattada Gombe.

Brides are presented with Marapacchi Bommai at the time of her wedding by her parents to initiate the yearly tradition of Navratri Golu in her new house with her husband.

Hindu festivals are varied but they are all the same. The idea is to enjoy a festival in as many ways as possible. Festivals are there to unite us and to be enjoyed together.

Navratri Puja

5th October Saturday

11th October Saturday

12th October Sunday

**Prasad by Kokila ji, Shanti Rampal ji, Preeti ji,
Raina Bhalla ji.**

Diwali Puja and Bhai Duj Celebrations

3rd November

Sunday

3 pm to 7 pm.

**Puja and Hawan for all of us by Pandit Jiteshwar
Bhatt ji.**

**Prasad by Akhilesh ji, Ajay ji, Sanjeev ji, Sanjiv ji
and their families.**

15th December

Sunday

Puja and Prasad

By Anita ji, Sandeep ji and Family

January 2025

Pongal Celebrations and Puja by

**Poorva ji, Kavitha ji, Hemadri ji , Dhanashekher ji
and families.**

Namaste

Sanjiv Nand

Scunthorpe Mandir Trust

Ajay Dabraji, Akhilesh Singh ji, Sanjeev Jalihal ji and Sanjiv Nand