

Sri Guru charana kamalebhyo namah

Sri MahaGanapati Homa

Basic Procedure (Laghu)



Items Required

Following are the items required to perform MahaGanapati homa:

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| ▪ Copper Homa/Havan Kund (8 Inches or more) | ▪ Raisins / jaggery etc. for Naivedyam |
| ▪ Wooden spoon (Sruvam) | ▪ Black Til & White Til (Sesame) |
| ▪ Cow Ghee | ▪ Camphor & Camphor stand for Aarti |
| ▪ Ghee Container | ▪ Dry coconut halves |
| ▪ Copper glass, spoon & plate (Pancha patra set) | ▪ Wooden Sticks (Samidha) |
| ▪ Diya / Lamp | ▪ Dry Dates for Poornahuti |
| ▪ Sandal wood Powder | ▪ Mat |
| ▪ Flowers | ▪ Kalasha (Copper / Brass/ any) with water |
| ▪ Dhoop stick / Loban | ▪ Match Box |

Homa Process

1. Initial Prayers & Permission (Anugna)

Think of the following deities & Seek permission for performing the homa:

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| ▪ Ganapati | ▪ Kula devata |
| ▪ Guru | ▪ Bhudevi |
| ▪ Rishis | ▪ Gomatā |
| ▪ Parents & Ancestors | ▪ Ishta devata, etc. |

2. Light a lamp

Light a Diya / lamp and bow to it in reverence

3. Achamana

Take spoonful of water from the Pancha Patra into your right hand and sip it by chanting below mantras. After 3 sips, put little water on the hand and wash it.

ōm kēśavāya svāhā |

ōm nārāyaṇāya svāhā |

ōm mādhavāya svāhā |

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4. Prayer to Ganesha

Say the following shloka of Ganapati:

śuklāmbāradharaṁ viṣṇuṁ śaśivarṇaṁ caturbhujāṁ | prasannavadanaṁ dhyāyēt sarva
vighnōpaśāntayē ||

5. Pranayama

Place your thumb on the right nostril, inhale through the left nostril. Hold breath for a while. Close the left nostril with ring finger. Exhale from the right Nostril. Do these steps in reverse order again. While doing this, think of the following mantra: **ōṁ gaṁ** |

6. Sankalpa

Take a spoonful of water in right palm, pledge while saying the below and leave the water on ground.

ōṁ mamōpātta samasta duritakṣayadvārā śrī paramēśvara prītyarthaṁ śrī mahāgaṇapati
prasāda siddhyarthaṁ adya śubhadinē śubhamuhūrtē śrī mahāgaṇapati hōmakarma yathāśakti
kariṣyē ||

Or

"I shall now perform a homa to the best of my ability, for the pleasure of Lord Maha Ganapati".

7. Prokshana

Take water in Kalasa and place near Havan kund. Put your right palm on top of Kalasa and say the following beeja for 11 times. "**vaṁ**"

Take a little water from Kalasa and sprinkle it on **Self** and **all Pooja items** including homa kund for cleansing.

8. Agni Pratishtapana

Place few coconut pieces along with samidhas and camphor in the Homa kund. Take a camphor piece, light it from the Diya / lamp, and put it in the Homa kund while saying the following

"ōṁ bhūrbhuvassuvarōm" ||

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9. Offerings to Agni

Offer ghee into fire using Sruvam (wooden spoon) after svaha, for 8 times:

ōm bhūrbhuvassuvaḥ svāhā ||

10. Preliminary offerings

Offer ghee for each of the below 4 mantras:

ōm prajāpatayē swāhā | prajāpataya idaṁ na mama |

ōm īन्द्रāya swāhā | īन्द्रāya idaṁ na mama |

ōm agnayē swāhā | agnaya idaṁ na mama |

ōm sōmāya swāhā | sōmāya idaṁ na mama |

11. Invoke Ganapati into fire

Think of Ganapati and say the following while showing your hands towards fire:

āvāhitō bhava |

sthāpitō bhava |

Or

Say – “O Ganesha, please come into this fire”.

12. Panchopachara (5 offerings) to Ganapati

Offer the following 5 upacharas to Ganapati:

Offer Sandal powder	ōm laṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ gandharṁ samarpayāmi
Offer flowers	ōm haṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ puṣpaṁ samarpayāmi
Light incense stick and show	ōm yaṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ dhūpaṁ āghrāpayami
Show Diya / Light	ōm raṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ dīpaṁ darśayami
Offer Raisins, Jaggery, etc.	ōm vaṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ naivēdyaṁ samarpayāmi

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13. Main Homa – Ganapati

Offer Ghee/black/white Sesame/Til seeds to Ganapati for atleast **108 times** by saying any/both of the following mantras:

ॐ गं सर्वसिद्धिं प्रदायै गणपतये नमः | स्वहा ॥

Or

ॐ गं गणपतये नमः | स्वहा ॥

14. Offering to Ganapati Parivara devatas (Associates)

Offer Ghee/ black / white Sesame seeds to Parivara devatas by saying the following mantra:

ॐ महं गणपति परिवारा देवताभ्यो नमः | स्वहा ॥

15. Punah Pooja to Ganapati

Offer Raisins/Jaggery etc.	ॐ गं गणपतये नमः नािवेद्यां समर्पयामि
Offer Aarati (light camphor)	ॐ गं गणपतये नमः निराजानां समर्पयामि

16. Final offerings

Offer ghee for each of the below 6 mantras:

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| ▪ ॐ भूँ स्वहा ॥ | ▪ ॐ भूर्भुवस्सुवा स्वहा ॥ |
| ▪ ॐ भुवा स्वहा ॥ | ▪ ॐ विष्णवे स्वहा ॥ |
| ▪ ॐ सुवा स्वहा ॥ | ▪ ॐ रुद्राय स्वहा ॥ |

17. Poornahuti

Offer a full fruit (Dates, Raisins, etc.) after saying the following mantra:

ॐ पूरुणमादाह पूरुणमिदां पूरुणात्पूरुणमुदस्यते | पूरुणस्या पूरुणमादाया
पूरुणमेववासीष्यते ॥

ॐ गं गणपतये नमः स्वहा ॥ | पूरुणाहुतिं समर्पयामि ॥

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18. Homage to Agni

Put 7 offerings of ghee after this mantra:

ōṁ agnayē saptavatē svāhā ||

19. Pranayama & Meditation

First do Pranayama and then meditate (mentally chant **ōṁ gaṁ gaṇapatayē namaḥ** | or any other mantra as guided; or of your choice / just sit with no thoughts / observe your breath etc.). Do this for at least 5 minutes closing your eyes.

20. Udvasana

Show both hands to the fire and imagine Maha Ganapati to come back to your heart while pointing hands to your heart.

21. Thanks giving & Udvasana to Agni

Express thanks to Agni for the whole ritual. Show both hands to the fire and imagine Lord Agni to come back to your heart while pointing hands to your heart.

22. Kshama Prarthana

Ask for forgiveness of any mistakes / shortcomings and say

śrī kṛṣṇā kṛṣṇā kṛṣṇā || (Think of Lord Krishna).

23. Samarpana

Say the following mantra to surrender the doer ship to lord Sri Krishna:

sarvaṁ śrī kṛṣṇārpaṇamastu ||

24. Shanti mantra

ōṁ śāntiḥ śāntiḥ śāntiḥ ||

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