

Sri MahaGanapati Homa

Basic Procedure (Laghu)



Items Required

Following are the items required to perform MahaGanapati homa:

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

Homa Process

1. Initial Prayers & Permission (Anugna)

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

- Ganapati
- Guru
- Rishis
- Parents & Ancestors
- Kula devata
- Bhudevi
- Gomatā
- 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.

ॐ केशवाय स्वाहा

ॐ नारायणाय स्वाहा

ॐ माधवाय स्वाहा

4. Prayer to Ganesha

Say the following shloka of Ganapati:

"शुक्लांबरधरं विष्णुं शशिवर्णं चतुर्भुजं । प्रसन्नवदनं ध्यायेत् सर्वं विघ्नोपशान्तये ॥"

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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: "ॐ गं"

6. Sankalpa

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

"ॐ ममोपात्त समस्त दुरितक्षयद्वारा श्री परमेश्वर प्रीत्यर्थं श्री महागणपति प्रसाद सिद्ध्यर्थं अद्य शुभदिने शुभमुहूर्ते श्री महागणपति होमकर्म यथाशक्ति करिष्ये"॥

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. "वं"

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

"ॐ भूर्भुवस्सुवरोम्"

9. Offerings to Agni

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

ॐ भूर्भुवस्सुवः स्वाहा ।

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10. Preliminary offerings

Offer ghee for each of the below 5 mantras:

ॐ प्रजापतये स्वाहा । प्रजापतये इदं न मम ।

ॐ इंद्राय स्वाहा । इंद्राय इदं न मम ।

ॐ अग्नये स्वाहा । अग्नये इदं न मम ।

ॐ सोमाय स्वाहा । सोमाय इदं न मम ।

11. Invoke Ganapati into fire

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

आवाहितो भव।

स्थापितो भव।

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	ॐ लं गणपतये नमः गंधं समर्पयामि ।
Offer flowers	ॐ हं गणपतये नमः पुष्पं समर्पयामि ।
Light incense stick and show	ॐ यं गणपतये नमः धूपं आघ्रापयामि ।
Show Diya / Light	ॐ रं गणपतये नमः दीपं दर्शयामि ।
Offer Raisins, Jaggery, etc.	ॐ वं गणपतये नमः नैवेद्यं समर्पयामि ।

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13. Main Homa – Ganapati

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

ॐ गं सर्वसिद्धि प्रदायै गणपतये नमः स्वाहा ॥

ॐ गं गणपतये नमः स्वाहा ॥

14. Offering to Ganapati Parivaara devatas (Associates)

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

“ॐ श्री महागणपति परिवार देवताभ्योनमः स्वाहा ॥”

15. Punah Pooja to Ganapati

Offer Raisins/Jaggery etc.	“ॐ गं गणपतये नमः । नैवेद्यं समर्पयामि”
Offer Aarati (light camphor)	“ॐ गं गणपतये नमः । नीराजनं समर्पयामि”

16. Final offerings

Offer ghee for each of the below 6 mantras:

- ॐ भूः स्वाहा ॥
- ॐ भुवः स्वाहा ॥
- ॐ सुवः स्वाहा ॥
- ॐ भूर्भुवस्सुवः स्वाहा ॥
- ॐ विष्णवे स्वाहा ॥
- ॐ रुद्राय स्वाहा ॥

17. Poornahuti

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

ॐ पूर्णमदः पूर्णमिदं पूर्णात्पूर्णमुदच्यते। पूर्णस्य पूर्णमादाय पूर्णमेवावशिष्यते॥

ॐ गं गणपतये नमः स्वाहा ॥ पूर्णाहुतिं समर्पयामि ॥

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18. Homage to Agni

Put 7 offerings of ghee after this mantra:

“ॐ अग्नये सप्तवते स्वाहा”
॥

19. Pranayama & Meditation

First do Pranayama and then meditate (mentally chant ॐ गं गणपतये नमः 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. Udvaasana

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 & Udvaasana 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

श्री कृष्णा कृष्णा कृष्णा (Think of Lord Krishna).

23. Samarpana

Say the following mantra to surrender the doership to lord Sri Krishna:

सर्वं श्री कृष्णार्पणमस्तु।

24. Shanti mantra

ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः।

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