

# Sri Ketu Homa

## Basic Procedure (Laghu)



### Items Required

Following are the items required to perform Ketu 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 & White Til (Sesame)
- Horse Gram
- 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 & Seek permission for performing the homa:

- Ganapati
- Guru
- Rishis
- Ancestors
- Parents
- Kula devata
- Surya deva
- 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.

- OM kEshavAya svAhA |
- OM nArAyaNAya svAhA |
- OM mAdhavAya svAhA

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## 4. Prayer to Ganesha

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Say the following shloka of Ganapati:

**shuklAMbaradharaM viShNuM shashivarNaM caturbhujam | prasannavadanaM dhyAyEt sarva  
vighnOpashAMtayE | |**

## 5. Pranayama

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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: **“OM gaM”**

## 6. Sankalpa

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

**OM mamOpAtta samasta duritakShayadvArA shrI paramEshvara prItyarthaM shrI Ketu prasAda  
siddhyarthaM adya shubhadinE shubhamuhUrtE shrI kEtu hOmakarma yathAshakti kariShyE | Or**

*“I shall now perform a homa to the best of my ability, for the pleasure of Lord Ketu”*

## 7. Prokshana

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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. **“vaM”**

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

## 8. Agni pratishtapana

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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

**“OM bhUrbhuvassuvarOm”**

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## 9. Offerings to Agni

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

" OM bhUrbhuvassuvaH svAhA "

## 10. Preliminary offerings

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Offer ghee for each of the below 5 mantras:

- OM prajApatayE svAhA |
- OM indrAya svAhA |
- OM agnayE svAhA |
- OM sOmAya svAhA |
- OM bhUrbhuvassuvaH svAhA |

## 11. Invoke Ganapati into fire

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

- AvAhitO bhava
- sthApitO bhava

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

- Offer Raisins to Ganapati by saying  
“OM gaM gaNapatayE namaH | Naivedyam Samarpayami”
- Offer ghee after svaha and say the following mantra for at least 11 times:  
“OM gaM gaNapatayE namaH | svAhA |” / OM gaM sarvasiddhi pradAYai gaNapataYE namaH
- Offer a full fruit (Dates, Raisins, etc.) to Ganapati by saying  
“OM gaM gaNapatayE namaH” pUrNAhutiM samarpayAmi |

## 12. Invoke Ketu deva into fire

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

- AvAhitO bhava
- sthApitO bhava

Or Say – *“O Ketu deva, please come into this fire”*.

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Dhyanam:

palASa puShpa sankASaM tArakA grahamastakaM  
raudraM raudrAtmakaM GOraM taM kEtUM praNamAmyahaM

### 13. Panchopachara (5 offerings) to Ketu

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Offer the following 5 upacharas to Ketu deva:

Offer Sandal powder	OM kEM kEtavE namaH gandhaM samarpayAmi
Offer flowers	OM kEM kEtavE namaH puShpaM samarpayAmi
Light incense stick and show	OM kEM kEtavE namaH dhUpaM AghrApayAmi
Show Diya / Light	OM kEM kEtavE namaH dlpaM darshayAmi
Offer Raisins, Jaggery, etc.	OM kEM kEtavE namaH naivEdyaM samarpayAmi

### 14. Main Homa – Ketu Deva

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Offer Ghee/black/White Sesame/Til seeds + Horse Gram to Ketu deva for atleast **108 times** by saying the following mantra:

**OM kEM kEtavE namaH | svAhA**

Alternative Mantra:

**kruM hrooM krei kEtavE svAhA**

### 15. Offering to Ketu Parivara devatas (Associates)

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

**OM kEtU parivAra dEvatAbhyOnamaH svAhA**

### 16. Punah Pooja to Ketu

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Offer Raisins/Jaggery etc.	OM kEM kEtavE namaH   Naivedyam samarpayami
Offer Aarati (light camphor)	OM kEM kEtavE namaH   Neerajanam samarpayami

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## 17. Final Offerings

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Offer ghee for each of the below 6 mantras:

- OM bhUH svAhA
- OM bhUvAH svAhA
- OM suvAH svAhA
- OM bhUrbhuvassuvaH svAhA
- OM shrI viShNavE svAhA svAhA
- OM rudrAya svAhA

## 18. Poornahuti

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

OM pUrNamadaH pUrNamidaM pUrNAtpUrNamudacyatE | pUrNasya pUrNamAdAya  
pUrNamEvAvaSiShyatE | |

OM kEM kEtavE namaH svAhA pUrNAhutiM samarpayAmi |

## 19. Homage to Agni

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Put 7 offerings of ghee after this mantra:

om agnayE saptavatE svAhA |

## 20. Pranayama & Meditation

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First do Pranayama and then meditate (mentally chant **OM kEM kEtavE namaH** 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.

## 21. Udvasana

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

## 22. Thanks giving & Udvasana to Agni

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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.

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## 23. Kshama Prarthana

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Ask for forgiveness of any mistakes / shortcomings and say

shrI kRShNa kRShNa kRShNa (think of Lord Krishna).

## 24. Samarpana

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

sarvaM shrI kRuShNArpaNamastu |

## 25. Shanti Mantra

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OM shAntiH shAntiH shAntiH |

**Note:** *Japa counts recommended here does not match with vimsottari dasa.*

For Ketu graha Upashanti, do a Japa count of 17,000; Tarpana for 1700 then do a homa with 170 ahutis to Ketu deva.

For Ketu graha devatha Upasana: do a Japa count of 17,000; Homa for 1700; Tarpana of 170. Marjana 17 and Serve food for 2 people.

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