

## WHY THIS YEAR NAVRATARI IS CELEBRATED 8 DAYS

*In our Indian Panchang we can Cross verify this it will clarify the point as explained below.*

*Navratra is calculated from Pratipada, Dvitiya, Tritiya and Moon Does Not Obey Western Format of Clock, i.e. after 12 Night , New Day.*

*It transits from it's First Tithi to Second Tithi as per his own Rotation Irrespective of Western People Made Clock.*

*On 30th , The moon transits in the Afternoon, and pass on to Next Tithi .*

*Therefore this Year Navratra is of 8 Ratri's.*

*This has been verified by various Indian Astrologers.*

### **Devotees offer different food items to Goddess Durgaduring 9-days of Navratri Durga Puja**

This may differ from place to place in North India and South India. All the offerings made to the Goddess should be distributed among devotees and to the poor. Though, there is many differences in North and South Indian Naivedyam list. Here is a list of Naivedya for all the nine-days of Navratri Puja. It can be followed by all regions without any hesitance;

**28 September 2011**, First day of Navratri, Pratipada: Ghee or products made of ghee. It makes the devotee free from all diseases and makes them healthy.

**29 September 2011**, Second day of Navratri, Dwitiya: Sugar or the food made with Sugar products. For this Goddess Durgablesses the devotee with fullest happiness and good health.

**30 September 2011**, Third day of Navratri, Tritiya: Milk or the products prepared with milk. Durga Ma blesses the devotees for their peace and mental happiness in the life.

**30 September 2011**, Fourth day of Navratri, Chaturthi: Offer the Goddess the products made with Maida and sugar. It blesses the devotee to get rid of all their sins.

**1 October 2011**, Fifth day of Navratri, Panchami: Bananas or any other fruits but offering bananas gives psychological maturity for the devotee.

**2 October 2011**, Sixth day of Navratri, Sashti: Honey or the products made of honey. It makes devotee free from any mental illness and provides them fullest confidence to face any challenge in life with ease.

**3 October 2011**, Seventh day of Navratri, Saptami: Offer items made of jaggery. It makes the devotee wealthy for all the coming generations.

**4 October 2011**, Eighth day of Navratri, Ashtami: Offer Coconut or any other product made of coconut water. It makes the devotee happy and prosperous in his life.

**5 October 2011**, Ninth day of Navratri, Navami: Grains such as wheat, maze, etc on this day makes the devotee free from all his bonds and provides him salvation after his death.

There are different Naivedyam items for Navratri puja in South India, especially in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

**MAY NAVARATRI MATA BLESS ALL THOSE SOULS WHO CELEBRATE AND REMEMBER MATAJI ON THIS AUSPICIOUS FESTIVAL**

**DURING THE FESTIVAL OF NAVRATRI, GODDESS DURGA DEVI IS WORSHIPPED IN NINE AVATARS. DURING THESE NINE HOLY DAYS, EACH DAY OF GODDESS DURGA MATA IS WORSHIPPED IN DIFFERNT AVATARA.**

**First day of Navratri – Kalasha Sthapana (Kalasha Pooja) or Ghata Sthapana – Shailaputri Puja**

**Second day of Navratri – Preeti Dwitiya – Brahmacharini Puja**

**Third day of Navaratri – Chandrakanta pooja or Chandraghanta puja**

**Fourth day of Navaratri – Kushmanda pooja**

**Fifth day of Navratri – Skandamata Puja – Lalitha Panchami**

**Sixth day of Navratri – Katyayani Puja – Maha Shashti or Durga Shashti**

**Seventh day of Navratri – Kaalratri Pooja – Durga Saptami or Maha Sapthami**

**Eighth day of Navaratri – Maha Gauri Pooja – (Durgashtami Puja/Maha Ashtami/Veerashami)**

**Ninth day of Navaratri – Siddhidatri Puja – (Mahanavami/Maharnavami or Durga Navami)**

**Tenth day of Navratri – Aparajitha Puja or Shami Pooja – Vijaya Dashami or Dasara**

## **Nine Forms Of MAA Durga Devi:**



### **Mata Shailputri – First Avatara of Durga :**

Mata Shailputri is a daughter of 'Parvata raju' (mountain king) – Himalaya / Himvanth. She is the first among nine avatars of Durga and worshiped on the First day of Navaratri . In her previous birth, she was 'Sati Bhavani Mata', the daughter of King Daksha. Mata Shailputri, also known as Parvati got married with Lord Shiva. On the first day of Durga Navratri, Paravathi Devi she is worshipped. Mata Shailputri holds a 'Trishul', a weapon, in her right hand and a lotus in her left hand. She rides on bull. She has pleasant smile and blissful looks.



### **Mata Brahmacharini – Second Avatara of Durga :**

Mata Brahmacharini is worshipped on second day of Navarathri. Brahmacharini is the goddess who performed 'Tapa' (penance) (Brahma –Tapa, Charini - Performer ). Mata personifies love and loyalty. She holds japa mala in her right hand and Kamandal in left hand. She is also called as 'Uma' and 'Tapacharini' and provides knowledge and wisdom to her devotees.



### **Mata Chandraghanta – Third Durga :**

Mata Chandraghanta is worshipped on the third day of Navratri. She is very bright and charming. Durga Maa is astride a tiger, displays a golden hue to HER skin, and possesses ten hands and 3 eyes. Eight of HER hands display weapons while the remaining two are respectively in the mudras of gestures of boon giving and stopping harm. Chandra + Ghanta, meaning supreme bliss and knowledge, showering peace and serenity, like cool breeze in a moonlit night.



### **Mata Kushmanda – Fourth Durga :**

Mata Kushmanda is worshipped on the fourth day of Navratri. . She shines brightly with a laughing face in all ten directions as the Sun. She controls whole Solar system. In her eight hands, she holds several types of weapons in six hands and a rosary and a lotus in remaining hands. She rides on Lion. She likes offerings of 'Kumhde', hence her name 'Kushmanda' has become popular.



### **Ma Skanda Mata – Fifth Durga :**

Skanda Mata is worshipped on the fifth Day of Navratri. She had a son 'Skandaa and holds him on her lap . She has three eyes and four hands; two hands hold lotuses while the other 2 hands respectively display defending and granting gestures. Its said, by the mercy of Skandmata, even the idiot becomes an ocean of knowledge. The great and legendary Sanskrit Scholar Kalidas created his two masterpieces works "Raghuvansh Maha Kavya" and "Meghdoot" by the grace of Skandmata. Mata is considered as a deity of fire. She rides on Lion.



### **Mata Katyayani – Sixth Durga :**

Mata Katyayani is worshipped on the the Sixth Day of Navratri. Rishi Katyayan observed a penance to get Jaganmata as his daughter. She blessed him and took birth as his daughter on the bank of river Jamuna for getting Lord Krishna as a husband. She is considered as prime deity of Vraj mandal. Ma Katyayani has three eyes and four hands. One left hand holds a weapon and the other a lotus She rides on Lion.



### **Mata Kalratri – Seventh Durga :**

Mata Kalaratri is worshipped on the Seventh Day of Navratri . She is dark and black like night, hence she is called as 'Kalratri'. Her hairs are unlocked and has three eyes and four hands, while the remaining 2 are in the mudras of "giving" and "protecting". HER vahana is a faithful donkey. The destroyer of darkness and ignorance. She spills out fire from her nostrils. She holds a sharp Sword in her right hand and blesses her devotees with her lower hand. As she blesses her devotees with prosperity, she is also called as 'Shubhamkari'.



### **Mata Maha Gauri – Eighth Durga :**

Mata Maha Gowri is worshipped on the Eight Day of Navratri. Maha Gauri looks as white as moon and jasmine. She has three Eyes and four hands. Peace and compassion radiate from HER being and SHE is often dressed in a white or green sari. SHE holds a drum and a trident and is often depicted riding a bull . Her above left hand is in fearless pose and she holds 'Trishul' in her lower left hand. Her above right hand has tambourine and lower right hand is in blessing mudra.



### **Mata Siddhidatri – Ninth Durga :**

Mata Siddhidatri is the worshipped on the Ninth Day of Navratri. Maha Shakti gives all the eight siddhis – Anima, Mahima, Garima, Laghima, Prapti, Prakamya, Iishitva and Vashitva. According to 'Devi Puran', the supreme God Shiva got all these siddhis by worshipping the supreme Goddess Maha Shakti. With her gratitude, his half body has become of Goddess, hence Lord Shiva's name 'Ardhanarishvar' has become famous. According to some sources she drives on Lion. Other sources say, she is seated on lotus. Siddhidatri Devi is worshipped by all Gods, Rushis, Muniswaras, Siddha yogis, and all common devotees who want to attain the religious asset.