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M34 - RITUALS IN THE TEMPLES OF SHIVA, VISHNU AND SHAKTI
Daily Rituals (Nitya Archana) Paksha, Masa, Shanmasika Utsavas

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Rituals in the Temples of Siva, Vishnu and Shakti

Daily Rituals (Nityarchana), Paksha, Masa and Shanmasika utsavas

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Rituals In Siva Temples

- **Suprabhatha Seva :**
- The day begins in the temple with the Suprabhatha seva which takes 90 minutes from 5 AM (Timings will be advanced on peak days).
- **Arjitha Abhishekam in Sri Swamyvari Garbhalayam**
- Abhishekam takes from 6.30 AM (Timings will be advanced in peak days) and onwards.

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Rituals In Siva Temples

- **Abhishekam to Sri Vriddhamallikarjuna Swamivaru**
- This Abhishekam will be performed to Sri Vriddha Mallikarjuna Swamyvaru (in the Upa Alayam) of temple premises from 6.30 AM and onwards.
- **Ganapathi Abhishekam:**
- In this Seva, Abhishekam will be performed to Sri Ratangarbha Ganapathi Swamy in the Mukha Mandpam of Sri Swamyvari temple and is at 7.00 AM daily.

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Rituals In Siva Temples

- **Laksha Bilwarchana (at Swamivari Garbhalayam)**
- In this Pooja the devotees are admitted for Bilwarchana of Sri Swamyvaru and couple or single person will be allowed on one ticket.
- **Bilwarchana (Sri Vriddhamallikarjuna swamivaru)**
- In this Pooja the devotees are admitted for Bilwarchana of Sri vriddha Mallikarjuna Swamy and

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Rituals In Siva Temples

- **Mahanyasa purvaka Rudrabhishekam**
- **Kumkuma Puja to Sri Ammavaru (At Srichakram)**
- **Kumkuma Puja of Goddess Ammavaru in the temple Mukha Mandapam**
- **Kumkumarchana to Sri Ammavaru(in the Aseervachana Mandapam)**

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Rituals In Siva Temples

- **Laksha Kunkumarchana**
- Navavarana Pooja of Sri Ammavaru
- **Gowri Vratam**
- This Vratam will be performed in Sri Ammavari Temple at 8.00 AM.
- **Rudra Homam**
- It performs at 7.30 AM in Sri Swamyvari Yagasala

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- **Chandi Homam**
- It performs from 9.30 AM in Sri Ammavari Yagasala
- **Radhotsavam (Only on Mondays)**
- Seeva procession of Sri Swamy and Ammavaru on Silver Chariot
- **Vahana Sevas** : The Vahana Seva includes the procession of Sri Swamy and Ammavaru on various Vahanas such as Nandi Vahanam, Bhringi Vahanam, Kailasa Vahanam etc in the temple premises

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Rituals In Siva Temples

- **Pallaki Seva**
- In this Seva, the Utsava Murthies of Sri Swamy and Ammavaru will be processioned in the Pallaki.
- **Kalyanothsavam**
- The Kalyanothsavam of Sri Swamy and Ammavaru are performing at the evening hours of everyday in the Kalyana Mandapam of Temple premises.

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Rituals In Devi Temples

- **Shodasa Upachara Puja** with Dhyana, Avahana, Aasana, Padya, Arghya, Achamana, Snana, Vastra, Yajnopavita, Gandha, Pushpa, Dhupa, Dipa, Naivedya, Tambula, Pradakshina, Namaskara
- **Astothoranam Archana**
- **Sahasra Namarchana**
- **Lakshakumkumarchana**
- **Abhisheka Seva on Fridays**

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Rituals In Vishnu Temples

- Usually the temple worship is offered either SIX times or THREE times a day. In the daily worship there are 32 services being offered to the Deity. These 32 services are technically called BHOGAs and are classified into Six groups and each group is called an ASANA. The following are the six ASANAS with different BHOGAS in each.
- MANTRA ASANA, SNANA ASANA, ALANKARA ASANA, BHOJYA ASANA, YATRASANA AND SAYANA ASANA

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Rituals In Vishnu Temples

- 32 Bhogas are distributed to the above six ASANAS
- 1. Asanam 2. Svagatam 3. Anumanam 4. Paduka 5. Padyam 6. Dantashuddhi 7. Achamam 8. Tailamardanam 9. Keshasamshodhanam 10. Snanam 11. Plota 12. VaTra Uttariyaka 13. Yajnopavitam 14. Gandha 15. Bhushana 16. Pushpamanjanam 17. Adarsha 18. Dhupa 19. Dipa 20. Arghya 21. Madhuparka 22. Havis 23. Pavakapuja 24. Paniyam 25. Mukhavsam 26. Bali 27. Pranama 28. Stuti 29. Pushpam 30. Anjali 31, Nritta 32. Gitam

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Rituals In Vishnu Temples

- **MANTRA ASANA:**

Asana (Offering a seat), Svagata (Welcoming), Anumana (Requesting the Deity to accept the Bhogas), Padya (Offering water through Conch to wash feet) and Acamana (Offering water for drinking) are the five Bhogas of MANTRASANA.

- **SNANA ASANA**

Pushpam (Offering flowers and garlanding), Gandham (offering Sandal paste), Dhupam (Offering fragrant smoke), Dipa (Lighting the lamp), Arghya (Showing water in a little small dish keeping at the eye level of the Deity), Achamanam (Offering water for swallowing three times) and Snana (Bathing) are the 7 Bhogas of this SNANA ASANA.



Rituals In Vishnu Temples

- **ALANKARA ASANA**
- Vastrottariya (Offering and garments), Pavitram (Offering a ring made up of Bent Grass), Abharanam (Offering Ornaments), Padyam (water for washing the feet), Achamanam (Offering water for swallowing three times) Pushpam (offering flowers and garlands), Gandham (offering Sandal paste), Dhupam (Offering fragrant smoke) and Dipa (Lighting the lamp) are the 11 bhogas of ALANKARA ASANA.

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Rituals In Vishnu Temples

- **BHOJYA ASANA**
- Havis (five types of food named Shuddhanam, Payasam, Krsaram, Galyam and Yavakam for offering in the name of Naivedyam), Paniyam (offering water for drinking), Achamanam (offering water for swallowing three times) and Mukhavaasa (offering Tambulam with Betel leaves, Nut powder and calcium) are the Four Bhogas of BHOJYA ASANA.

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Rituals In Vishnu Temples

- **YATRASANA**
- Bali, Pranama, Dakshina, Pushpanjali and Stuti are the five Bhogas of YATRASANA.

Thus these 32 Bhogas or Upacharas or services are commonly offered three times in Morning worship, Midday Worship and Evening Worship also.

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Rituals In Vishnu Temples

- **SAYANA ASANA**
- This is the last of all services in the daily ritualistic services to the Deity. The Deities along with their spouse are sent to the Sayana Mandiram for sleeping.



Daily Sevas In Tirumala Sri Venkateswara Temple

- SUPRABHATA SEVA
- TOMALA SEVA
- KOLUVU
- SAHASRANAMA ARCHANA
- NITYA KALYANOTSAVA

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Daily Sevas In Tirumala Sri Venkateswara Temple

- DOLOTSAVA
- ARJITA BRAHMOTSAVA
- ARJITA VASANTOTSAVA
- SAHASRA DIPA ALANKARA SEVA
- EKANTA SEVA

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Sri Venkateswara Saptahotsavas

- **SOMAVARA VISHESHA PUJA**
- **MANGALA VARA ASHTADALA PADAPADMA ARADHANA**
- **BUDHAVARA SAHASRA KALASHABHISHEKA**
- **GURUVARA – NETRADARSHANA, TIRUPPAVADA SEVA, PULANGI SEVA**
- **SUKRAVARA ABHISHEKA, NIJAPADA DARSANA SEVA**

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Sri Venkateswara Masotsavas

- **Tirunakshatra Utsavas :**
- **Rohini Nakshatrotsava** :This is a Monthly event conducted as this is the Birth star of Lord Sri Krishna who is none else than Sri Venkateswara. On this day Abhisheka performed to Sri Krishna and Rukmini
- **Arudra Nakshatrotsava** : Yatindra Ramanuja's birth star is Arudra who was Ananta in the Beginning, Lakshmana in Treta, Balabhadra in Dvapara and Ramanuja in Kaliyuga, Every month on this day Ramanuja's idol is taken for a procession in 4 sacred streets along with Malayappa Swami

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Sri Venkateswara Masotsavas

- **Tirunakshatra Utsavas :**
- **Punarvasu Nakshatrotsava :** Sri Rama's Birth star. A procession of Sita, Rama, Lakshmana and Hanuman is the special seva of this day
- **Sravana Nakshatrotsava :** This is the Avirbhava star of Sri Venkateswara. So Abhisheka for Sri Malayappa Svami, Sri Devi and Bhudevi and Procession in the Sacred streets are the special events.
- **Punnami Garuda Seva**

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Occasional Utsavas In Siva Temples

- **Every Monday**
- **Every Ashtami**
- **Every Caturdasi of Krishna Paksha Every Arudra Star Day**
- **Entire Magha Masa**
- **All Mondays of Kartika Masa Kartika Purnima Day**

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Occasional Utsavas In Siva Temples

- - Are some of the important days for Lord Siva's Occasional Worship Bilva Archana, Abhisheka, Rudraksha Dharana.
- Vibhuti dharana are some of the important things to follow during the worship of Siva.
- **Shodasopachara** **Puja** **with**
Dhyana, Avahana, Aasana, Padya, Arghya, Achamana, Snana, Vastra, Yajnopavita, Gandha, Pushpa, Dhupa, Dipa, Naivedya, Tambula, Pradakshina, Namaskara

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Occasional Utsavas In Devi Temples

- **Mangala Vasara Puja**
- **Sukravasara Abhisheka,**
- **Sri Chakra Archana**
- **Purnima Sri Chakra Archana**
- **All Sravana Mangala Vasaras**
- **All Sravana Sukravasaras**
- **Mangala Gauri Vrata**

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Occasional Utsavas In Devi Temples

- **Atla Tadiya on the Third Day after Asviyuja purnima**
- **Kedara Gauri Vrata**
- **The Bright fortnight of Asviyuja Masa**
- **Tiruchanuru Padmavathi Ammavari Festivals Though out the year**
- **Padmavathi Ammavari Kartika Brahmotsavams**

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Occasional Utsavas In Devi Temples

- **Shodasopachara Puja** with Dhyana, Avahana, Aasana, Padya, Arghya, Achamana, Snana, Vastra, Yajnopavita, Gandha, Pushpa, Dhupa, Dipa, Naivedya, Tambula, Pradakshina, Namaskara is an invariable element in Nitya archana

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