

Maa Katyayani – Sixth Navdurga Worshiped in Navratra

Maa Katyayani is the sixth form of Maa Durga. So the sixth day of Navratra is dedicated to Durga Katyayani. She is called Katyayani because she was born as the daughter of Sage Katya of Katya clan. Sage Katyan performed very hard penance of Maa Bhagvati. It was his wish that Maa Durga be born as his daughter. The Goddess acceded to his request.

Meanwhile, army of the powerful demon Mahishasura, who could only be killed by a warrior Goddess, had reached heaven to overthrow the Gods from their abode.

The Trinity of Gods - Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva, got infuriated and they created the Goddess Durga, who was a culmination of the powers of all deities. Sage Katyan had the first privilege to worship her, so she was also named Katyayani.

Another myth goes by that she was born to Katyan as his daughter on the 14th dark of the month Asvina. Katyan worshipped her for three days, 7th, 8th and 9th of the bright fortnight in the same month and killed Mahishasur on Vijayadasami. Her worship done with devotion and faith leads to four objects - Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha.

This is the daughter form of Durga. Here she is a loving daughter. She is epitome of love but won't hesitate to rise up in anger to defend righteousness and Dharma. It is believed that Maa Katyayani persistently battles against the evil and deceitful entities.

She has three eyes and four arms. One left hand holds a weapon and the other a lotus. The other two hands respectively display defending and granting gestures. Her skin appears golden in colour. Her mount is a lion.

To get God Krishna as a husband gopis worship Maa Katyayani in Vraj. So she is established as the Queen of Vraj. There is a very famous Temple in Delhi (Chhattarpur) of Maa.

This Shrine is dedicated to Goddess Katyayani, whose Darshan can be availed only on Ashtami falling in every month. Otherwise, the Darshan of Goddess Katyayani can be made throughout the days of Navratra.

The golden image of Katyayani attracts the attention of devotees with its huge size and sheer divinity.

The worship of Maa Durga as Goddess Katyayani on sixth day of Navratra has its very importance. Yogis and Sadhaks penance on Agya Chakra on this day.

Humans offer everything to Maa while worshipping on this day. She gives blessings to her devotee. Red and white colour should be used to wear on this day.

The Adolescent Virgin Goddess in the southern tip of India, Devi Kanya Kumari is said to be the avatar of Devi Katyayani. She is the Goddess of penance and Sanyas.

Women take a bath early in the morning and worship the idol of Goddess Katyayani, carved out of wet sand.



NAVRATRA SPECIAL RECIPE

Khajuri



- Ingredients**
- 2 cup refined flour
 - 1 dash salt
 - 1 cup powdered sugar
 - 1 cup ghee
 - 3/4 cup semolina
 - 3/4 cup ghee
 - 3/4 cup milk

Method:
To make this super scrumptious recipe, combine refined flour, semolina, ghee and salt in a large-sized mixing bowl. Mix the contents nicely and then pour milk to the bowl, followed by sugar. Knead the mixture to make a smooth and stiff dough. You can add more milk as per the requirement. Cover the dough with a damp muslin cloth and give it a resting time of about 15 to 20 minutes. In the meanwhile, start preheating ghee in a deep non-stick frying pan.

After the dough is settled down and ready to be used, pull out small portions of the dough and roll it using your palms to make small lemon sized balls. Remember to grease your hands with a little oil so that the dough doesn't stick to your palms. The shape and size of the balls is completely your choice.

By now, the ghee should be hot enough ready to deep fry. On a low flame, carefully drop the dough balls into the melted ghee and deep fry until they turn a beautiful golden brown.

Let the balls cook through entirely and then place them on an oil-absorbing towel to drain the excess oil. Let them cool completely and store in an air-tight container. Enjoy as and when you want.

Ashada Navratra - Gupt Navratra or Varahi Navratra

Ashada Navratra, also known as Gupt Navratra or Varahi Navratra, is a 9-day festival dedicated to Goddess Varahi Devi. It is observed in Shukla Paksha of Ashad month. These are very auspicious days for the Tantriks, Sadhaks for Saadhna and also for any other specific Tantrik pooja to resolve the materialistic problems. By keeping fasts, chanting Shlokas and Mantras, the devotees show their regard for the Goddess. It is believed that during Navratra, the Goddess promptly heeds to devotees and fulfills wishes. She is worshipped in the three forms of the divine femininity, as the remover of vices, as the bestower of wealth and prosperity and as the Goddess of wisdom.

Tantrik Anusthan on Ashad Navratra
Vamantra conducts Tantrik Anusthan of Shri Durga Saptashati Samput Path, Shrinad-Devi Bhagvat, Devi Mahatmya and other texts invoking Goddess Durga are cited by Vamantra during this period of nine days.

Ashad- Gupt Navratra Puja Benefits
Ashada Navratra Puja is famous in several parts of India for Tantrik Pooja. It is celebrated with primary intention to propitiate Shakti and to bestow upon

us all wealth, prosperity, knowledge both sacred and secular, and all other required positive energies. Goddess Durga is known for alleviation of distress; showing great kindness towards the distressed. A particular ritualistic worship of the Goddess is performed daily, along with the recitation of the Durga Saptashati. Everyone is inspired to do the maximum number of Japa of the Navarna Mantra "Aim hreem kleem chaamundaayai viche" or the Mantra of their own tutelary God. Sincere spiritual devotees keep fast on all the nine days, or at least once in each of the three three-day periods by taking milk and fruits only.

Samput Path
Samput are the clearly and explicitly stated words or Mantras or Slokas usually followed with a specified Path of any Hindu scriptures used in the beginning, middle or end of the Mantra Patha. The Samput makes the Mantras more intense, stronger, or more marked. The Path when done with Samput Mantra becomes thousand times more valuable than the original one and gives escalated results.

There are distinctly separate



Samput Viddhis to be used with all sacred scriptures. But every scripture has the potential to be used with a Samput Mantra. The Samput holds a special significance in Durga Saptashati Path or in other Mantras and are to be used very carefully and cautiously.

Samput Path of Durga Saptashati

Vamantra conducts special Durga Saptashati Samput Path in these auspicious days. In the period of Ashad Navratra consecrated chants of Durga Saptashati are done which is a part of Markandeya Purana. The Mantras in the book narrate how Goddess Durga was empowered and provided with divine weapons by our Trinity of Gods (Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva) to decimate Mahishasura and various other demons.

With the correct use of Samput Mantra along with Shri Durga Saptashati Path persons achievement is of highest order and any impossible can be acquired.

Samput Path of Durga Saptashati Protects a Person From the Following:

Lack of wealth and welfare, enormous debt that pushes a person to extreme poverty, obstacles in functioning of business, facing hindrance in getting monetary benefits, problems in acquiring and retaining ancestral wealth, lack of success and loses consistently in education and career, recurrent loss of job, hindrance and obstruction in promotion and destruction of career, strained married life, undesired life partner, unsuccessful

love life, betrayal from partner, epidemics, fear, obstacles.

Samput Patha of Durga Saptashati also helps the individual in destruction of sins, for getting salvation and to achieve success in spirituality.

Ashtmi and Navami of Ashad Navratra

On the day of Ashad Ashtami Pooja is performed in all Shakti Peeths in India. The next day is observed as Mahahavami. On this last day a grand Havan is conducted at the place of worship consisting of an edifice for the worship of a deity, with recitation of the Durga Saptashati and other verses in praise of the Goddess Durga. On the Dasami in which Kanya Puja of minimum nine girls below the age of ten is performed as personification of Goddess Durga. They are served food and presented with new clothes and other things. Apart from these we also conduct Shree Navaran Yantra Poojanam and any other specific Tantrik Pooja as per the requirement on all nine Navratra nights. Our peculiar desires are fulfilled after this special Pooja with specific Mantra. The one thing behind all these is especially appealing our deity and linking our self with her.

General Knowledge Question

1. In which form the chemical compound RDX is used?

- A. As an composition
- B. As an reactor
- C. As an explosive
- D. As an nuclear weapon

D. Sodium and Potassium salt mixed with chemicals

6. Detergent is defined as.....

- A. A liquid surfactant
- B. A liquid soluble
- C. A liquid solvent
- D. A liquid solution

7. Which of the following compound is not used as an alkali?

- A. Sodium hydroxide
- B. Potassium hydroxide
- C. Carbon hydroxide
- D. Nitrogen hydroxide

8. Define toxicity?

- A. A chemical reaction
- B. A process used in the manufacturing of detergents
- C. A harmful effect of soaps and detergents required to measure the effectiveness.
- D. A process used in the manufacturing of soaps

9. Match the following:

- Set I
- a. A Fatty Acid
- b. Potassium Hydroxide
- c. Non-ionic Surfactants
- d. Neutralization

- Set II
- 1. Better Alkali
- 2. Process to make detergent
- 3. Process to make soap

4. Oil and fats Code:

- a b c d
- A. 3 4 2 1
- B. 1 2 3 4
- C. 4 1 2 3
- D. 2 3 4 1

10. Which one is not the form of Biocides?

- A. Salt
- B. Iodine
- C. Sugar
- D. Bleach

11. How biocides work?

- A. Control the multiplication of insects
- B. Kill the insects
- C. Manage the original form of material
- D. Control the bacteria

12. Tell the composition of soap?

- A. Sodium salt with fatty acids.
- B. Potassium salt with fatty acids
- C. Both a & b
- D. Sodium and Potassium salt mixed with chemicals

13. Detergent is defined as.....

- A. A liquid surfactant
- B. A liquid soluble
- C. A liquid solvent
- D. A liquid solution

- 9. C 4 1 2 3
- 10. Bleach
- 11. Control the bacteria
- 12. Both a & b
- 13. A liquid surfactant

- 1. As an explosive
- 2. Urethanes
- 3. Strongly not
- 4. All of the above

ASTRO SPEAK

ARIES



A flurry of shifts manifests from the cosmos as Sagittarius moon connects with Neptune, Mercury, and the sun. While you may feel pulled in many directions, it'll be important that you stay focused and clear-headed if you're going to make the most of these vibes. Personal breakthroughs can come to fruition if you keep your head in the game, avoiding distraction or negative thought patterns.

LIBRA



You may feel caught in a whirlwind as the moon continues its journey through Sagittarius, with the Nodes of Fate, Neptune, Mercury, and the sun. This energy is perfect for owning who you are and the path that leads you there, gravitating only toward those who appreciate that which makes you unique. Just be mindful to stay on track with your responsibilities at work, double-checking that your affairs are in order.

TAURUS



Don't hold back when it comes to seeking change, dear Taurus, as the Sagittarius moon connects with the Nodes of Fate, Neptune, Mercury, and the sun. This cosmic climate will help you dig deep within, though you may need to pull away from distracting electronics and social spheres. Find empowerment in the work you do, taking steps to reach your next great milestone.

SCORPIO



Your sights will be set on the pursuit of prosperity as the moon continues its journey through Sagittarius, dear Scorpio, highlighting the senses and a hunger for luxury. However, you'll need to strike a healthy balance between demonstrating a work ethic while keeping undeveloped projects under wraps and maintaining a healthy balance between productivity and secrecy.

GEMINI



Your flirtatious side takes center stage as the moon continues its journey through Sagittarius, dearest Gemini, encouraging you to be yourself while gaining new friends. Use this energy to make full use of your charisma, looking for connections that offer romance, fulfillment, or fun. Just be mindful of healthy boundaries within yourself and others, taking care to maintain appropriate conversations.

SAGITTARIUS



You'll move at full speed as the moon moves through your sign, Sagittarius, forming connections with the Nodes of Fate, Neptune, Mercury, and the sun. Let your boldest and most unique qualities shine through, carving out a path that supports your truth. Just try not to let your heart mislead you, considering what you want versus what your family expects. Connect to a wider group when the sun and Mercury align tonight, using technology for social expansion.

CANCER



You won't have much time for leisure or fun throughout the first half of your day, as moon makes a series of aspects overhead. This cosmic climate will put you into high drive, sharpening your focus when it comes to projects, tasks, and responsibilities that need your attention. Lean into these vibes by handling the boring yet necessary parts of life, but try not to let your thoughts drift too far away.

CAPRICORN



Follow your heart as the Sagittarius moon aligns with the Nodes of Fate, dear Capricorn, trusting that you can break through barriers that once held you back. Just avoid throwing caution to the wind as Neptune activates, threatening to cloud your judgment. You'll sense a shift this evening when the moon enters your sign, forming a sweet connection to Saturn, lifting your spirits, and sharpening the mind.

LEO



An artistic and psychically charged energy surrounds you this morning, dear Leo, as the Sagittarius moon aligns with the Nodes of Fate. Pay attention to your thoughts, creative urges, and passions, allowing divine inspiration to flow through. Watch out for confusion where commitment is concerned when Neptune becomes agitated, asking for clarity if needed.

AQUARIUS



It's a big day for making connections and using your voice, dearest Aquarius, as the Sagittarius moon aligns with the Nodes of Fate. Allow your natural curiosity and stellar intellect to guide your conversations, steering toward new friendships and professional alliances. Just be sure to connect with your body while navigating these vibes, staying grounded in the present through all five senses.

VIRGO



Rehashing the past could bring forth a renewed perspective, with the Nodes of Fate. Honor your emotions and the physical experiences that shaped your heart, tapping into memories, both good and bad, from a different angle. Do something nice for yourself when the moon migrates into Capricorn, pushing creativity and fun to the forefront of your mind.

PISCES



The Sagittarius moon brings a rush of energy to your solar tenth house, dear Pisces, putting your public life under a cosmic spotlight. Though it would be easy to get carried away on a cloud of attention, a harsh connection between Luna and Neptune suggests it may be best to keep a cooler demeanor. Look for opportunities that seem secure and safe, planting seeds for a better future.

