

## DURGA PUJA VIDHI

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The given Puja Vidhi includes all sixteen steps which are part of Shodashopachara Durga Puja Vidhi.

### 1. Dhyana and Avahana :

Puja begins with the meditation and invocation of Goddess Durga. One should chant the following Mantra in front of Devi Durga Murti, by showing Avahan Mudra (Avahana Mudra is formed by joining both palms and folding both thumbs inwards).

"Sarvamangala Mangalye Shive Sarvartha Sadhike I  
Sharanye Tryambake Gauri Narayani Namostu Te II  
Brahmarupe Sadanande Paramananda Svarupini I  
Druta Siddhiprade Devi Narayani Namostu Te II  
Sharanagatadinartaparitranaparayane I  
Sarvasyarttihare Devi Narayani Namostu Te II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Avahanam Samarpayami II"

### 2. Asana :

After Goddess Durga has been invoked, five flowers for Anjali (by joining palm of both hands) are taken and left in front of the Murti to offer seat to Goddess Durga while chanting the following Mantra.

"Aneka Ratnasamyuktam Nanamanigananvitam I  
Kartasvaramayam Divyamasanam Pratigrihyatam II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Asanam Samarpayami II"

### **3. Padya Prakshalana :**

After offering Asana to Goddess Durga, water is offered to Her to wash the feet while chanting the following Mantra.

"Gangadi Sarvatirthebhyo Maya Prarthanayahritam I  
Toyametatsukhasparsha Padyartham Pratigrihyatam II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Padyam Samarpayami II"

### **4. Arghya Samarpan :**

After Padya offering, scented water is offered to Goddess Durga while chanting the following Mantra.

"Gandhapushpakshatairyuktamarghyam Sampaditam Maya I  
Grihana Tvam Mahadevi Prasanna Bhava Sarvada II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Arghyam Samarpayami II"

### **5. Achamana Samarpan :**

After Arghya offering, water is offered to Goddess Durga for Achamana while chanting the following Mantra.

"Achamyatam Tvaya Devi Bhakti Me Hyachalam Kuru I

Ipsitam Me Varam Dehi Paratra Cha Param Gatim ||

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Achamaniyam Jalam Samarpayami ||"

#### **6. Snana :**

After Achamana, water is offered to Goddess Durga for Her bath while chanting the following Mantra.

"Payodadhi Ghritam Kshiram Sitaya Cha Samanvitam |  
Panchamritamanenadya Kuru Snanam Dayanidhe ||

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Snaniyam Jalam Samarpayami ||"

#### **7. Vastra :**

After Snanam, Goddess Durga is offered Moli as new clothes while chanting the following Mantra.

"Vastram Cha Soma Daivatyam Lajjayastu Nivaranam |  
Maya Niveditam Bhaktya Grihana Parameshwari ||

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Vastram Samarpayami ||"

#### **8. Abhushana Samarpan :**

After Vastra offering, Goddess Durga is offered jewelery while chanting following Mantra.

"Hara Kankana Keyura Mekhala Kundaladibhih I  
Ratnadhyam Kundalopetam Bhushanam Pratigrihyatam II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Abhushanam Samarpayami II"

### **9. Chandan Samarpan :**

After Abhushana offering, Chandan is offered to Goddess Durga while chanting the following Mantra.

"Paramananda Saubhagyam Paripurnam Digantare I  
Grihana Paramam Gandham Kripaya Parameshwari II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Chandanam Samarpayami II"

### **10. Roli Samarpan :**

Now Roli (Kumkuma) is offered, as symbol of Akhand Saubhagya, to Goddess Durga while chanting the following Mantra.

"Kumkumam Kantidam Divyam Kamini Kama Sambhavam I  
Kumkumenarchite Devi Prasida Parameshwari II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Kumkumam Samarpayami II"

### **11. Kajjarpan :**

After Kumkuma offering, Kajal is offered to Goddess Durga while chanting the following Mantra.

"Kajjalam Kajjalam Ramyam Subhage Shantikarika I  
Karpura Jyotirutpannam Grihana Parameshwari II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Kajjalam Samarpayami II"

## **12. Mangal Dravyarpana :**

- **Saubhagya Sutra -**

After Kajal offering, Saubhagya Sutra is offered to Goddess Durga while chanting the following Mantra.

"Saubhagyasutram Varade Suvarna Mani Samyute I  
Kanthe Badhnam Deveshi Saubhagyam Dehi Me Sada II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Saubhagyasutram Samarpayami II"

- **Sugandhita Dravya -**

Now scent is offered to Goddess Durga while chanting the following Mantra.

"Chandanagaru Karpuraih Samyutam Kunkumam Tatha I  
Kasturyadi Sugandhashcha Sarvangeshu Vilepanam II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah

Sugandhitadravyam Samarpayami II"

- **Haridra Samarpan -**

After Sugandhi, turmeric is offered to Goddess Durga while chanting the following Mantra.

"Haridrranjite Devi Sukha Saubhagyadayini I

Tasmattvam Pujayamyatra Sukhashantim Prayaccha Me II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah

Haridrachurnam Samarpayami II"

- **Akshata Samarpan -**

After Haridra offering, Akshata (unbroken rice) to Goddess Durga is offered while chanting the following Mantra.

"Ranjitah Kankumadyena Na Akshatashchatishobhanah I

Mamaisha Devi Danena Prasanna Bhava Shobhane II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah

Akshatan Samarpayami II"

### **13. Pushpanjali :**

Now Pushpanjali is offered to Goddess Durga while chanting the following Mantra.

"Mandara Parijatadi Patali Ketakani Cha I

Jati Champaka Pushpani Grihanemani Shobhane II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Pushpanjalim Samarpayami II"

#### **14. Bilvapatra :**

Bilvapatra is then offered to Goddess Durga while chanting the following Mantra.

"Amritodbhava Shrivriksho Mahadevi! Priyah Sada I  
Bilvapatram Prayacchami Pavitram Te Sureshwari II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Bilvapatrani Samarpayami II"

#### **15. Dhoop Samarpan :**

Dhoop to Goddess Durga is offered then while chanting the following Mantra.

"Dashanga Guggula Dhupam Chandanagaru Samyutam I  
Samarpitam Maya Bhaktya Mahadevi! Pratigrihyatam II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Dhupamaghrapayami II"

#### **16. Deep Samarpan :**

Now Goddess Durga is offered while chanting the following Mantra.

"Ghritavarttisamayuktam Mahatejo Mahojjvalam I  
Dipam Dasyami Deveshi! Suprita Bhava Sarvada II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Deepam Darshayami ||"

### **17. Naivedya :**

Naivedya is then offered to Goddess Durga while chanting the following Mantra.

"Annam Chaturvidham Svadu Rasaih Shadbhih Samanvitam |  
Naivedya Grihyatam Devi! Bhakti Me Hyachala Kuru ||

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Naivedyam Nivedayami ||"

### **18. Rituphala :**

Rituphala to Goddess Durga is offered while chanting the following Mantra.

"Drakshakharjura Kadaliphala Samrakapitthakam |  
Narikelekshujambadi Phalani Pratigrihyatam ||

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Rituphalani Samarpayami ||"

### **19. Achamana :**

Now water is offered to Goddess Durga for Achamana while chanting the following Mantra.

"Kamarivallabhe Devi Karvachamanamambike |  
Nirantaramaham Vande Charanau Tava Chandike ||



Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Achamaniyam Jalam Samarpayami ||"

### **20. Narikela Samarpan :**

Narikela (coconut) is then offered to Goddess Durga while chanting the following Mantra.

"Narikelam Cha Narangim Kalingamanjiram Tva I  
Urvaruka Cha Deveshi Phalanyetani Gahyatam ||

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Narikelam Samarpayami ||"

### **21. Tambula :**

After Narikela, Tambula (Paan with betel nuts) is offered to Goddess Durga while chanting the following Mantra.

"Elalavangam Kasturi Karpuraih Pushpavasitam I  
Vitikam Mukhavasatha Samarpayami Sureshwari ||

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Tambulam Samarpayami ||"

### **22. Dakshina :**

Now Dakshina (gift) to Goddess Durga is offered while chanting the following Mantra.

"Puja Phala Samriddhayaartha Tavagre Svarnamishwari I  
Sthapitam Tena Me Prita Purnan Kuru Manoratham ||

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Dakshinam Samarpayami II"

### **23. Pustak Puja and Kanya Pujan :**

- **Pustak Puja -**

After Dakshina offering, books are now worshipped which are used during Durga Puja while chanting the following Mantra.

"Namo Devyai Mahadevyai Shivayai Satatam Namah I  
Namah Prakrityai Bhadrayai Niyatah Pranatah Smatam II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Pustaka Pujayami II"

- **Deep Puja -**

After worshipping books, lightening and worshipping of Deep Deva is performed during Durga Puja while chanting the following Mantra.

"Shubham Bhavatu Kalyanamarogyam Pushtivardhanam I  
Atmatattva Prabodhaya Dipajyotirnamoastu Te II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Deepam Pujayami II"

- **Kanya Pujan -**

Kanya Puja is also significant during Durga Puja. Hence after Durga Puja, girls are invited for the sumptuous meal and offered Dakshina i.e. gifts. While offering Dakshina to girls, the following Mantra should be chanted.

"Sarvasvarupe! Sarveshe Sarvashakti Svarupini I  
Pujam Grihana Kaumari! Jaganmatarnamoastu Te II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Kanya Pujayami II"

#### **24. Nirajan :**

Now Goddess Durga Aarti is performed after chanting the following Mantra.

"Nirajanam Sumangalyam Karpurena Samanvitam I  
Chandrarkavahni Sadrisham Mahadevi! Namoastu Te II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Karpura Nirajanam Samarpayami II"

#### **25. Pradakshina :**

Symbolic Pradakshina (circumambulate from left to right of Goddess Durga) is then offered with flowers while chanting the following Mantra.

"Pradakshinam Trayam Devi Prayatnena Prakalpitam I  
Pashyadya Pavane Devi Ambikayai Namoastu Te II

Om Bhurbhuvah Svah Durgadevyai Namah  
Pradakshinam Samarpayami II"

## 26. Kshamapan :

Now pardon is asked for, from Goddess Durga for any known-unknown mistakes done during the Puja while chanting the following Mantra.

"Aparadha Shatam Devi Matkritam Cha Dine Dine I

Kshamyatam Pavane Devi-Devesha Namostu Te II"