

Ugadi: Puja Vidhi

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Ugadi, the first day of the lunar year, is New Year for Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana (Gudi Padwa in Maharashtra). The day is about beginnings: a clean home, new clothes, and accepting both the bitter and the sweet. This guide gives the full home puja step by step. Instructions are in English; every mantra is printed in Kannada script with a Roman transliteration below it.

What you need

- Fresh mango leaves for the toran, and marigolds
- Neem flowers or tender neem leaves and jaggery for bevu bella
- Oil for the oil bath
- Turmeric, kumkum, flowers, lamp and incense
- Ingredients for obbattu or holige, and a seasonal dish
- The new year panchanga (almanac), printed or online

Before the puja

- Clean the house and wash the doorway.
- Tie the mango-leaf toran over the main door and draw a rangoli.
- Have an oil bath at dawn and wear new clothes.

Food to offer

Bevu bella, obbattu or holige, mango chitranna, kosambari and payasa.

Opening

- Sit facing east or north. Light the lamp and say the lamp prayer.

ಶುಭಂ ಕರೋತಿ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಮ್ ಆರೋಗ್ಯಂ ಧನಸಮೃದ್ಧಿಃ | ಶತ್ರುಬುದ್ಧಿವಿನಾಶಾಯ
ದೀಪಜ್ಯೋತಿರ್ನಮೋಽಸ್ತು ತೇ ||

śubhaṃ karoti kalyāṇam ārogyaṃ dhanasampadaḥ | śatrubuddhivināśāya dīpajyotirnamo'stu te ||
I bow to the light of the lamp, which brings goodness, health and wealth, and removes harmful thoughts.

- Achamana: sip a few drops of water from the right palm three times, once with each name.

ಓಂ ಕೇಶವಾಯ ಸ್ವಾಹಾ | ಓಂ ನಾರಾಯಣಾಯ ಸ್ವಾಹಾ | ಓಂ ಮಾಧವಾಯ ಸ್ವಾಹಾ ||
oṃ keśavāya svāhā | oṃ nārāyaṇāya svāhā | oṃ mādhavāya svāhā ||

- Pray to Ganesha first, to remove obstacles.

ವಕ್ರತುಣ್ಡ ಮಹಾಕಾಯ ಸೂರ್ಯಕೋಟಿ ಸಮಪ್ರಭ | ನಿರ್ವಿಘ್ನಂ ಕುರು ಮೇ ದೇವ ಸರ್ವಕಾರ್ಯೇಷು
ಸರ್ವದಾ ||

vakratuṇḍa mahākāya sūryakoṭi samaprabha | nirvighnaṃ kuru me deva sarvakāryeṣu sarvadā ||
O Lord with the curved trunk and mighty body, shining like a million suns, remove the obstacles from all my work, always.

4. Sankalpa: hold a little water and akshate, say the resolve for worshipping your family deity, then let them fall on a plate.

ಮಮ ಸಕುಟುಂಬಸ್ಯ ಕ್ಷೇಮಸ್ಥೈರ್ಯ ಆಯುರಾರೋಗ್ಯ ಐಶ್ವರ್ಯಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧ್ಯರ್ಥಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ
ಪ್ರೀತ್ಯರ್ಥಂ ಯಥಾಶಕ್ತಿ ಧ್ಯಾನಾವಾಹನಾದಿ ಷೋಡಶೋಪಚಾರಪೂಜಾಂ ಕರಿಷ್ಯೇ ||

mama sakuṭumbasya kṣemasthairya āyurārogya aiśvaryaābhivṛddhyartham śrī iṣṭadevatāyai prītyartham
yathāśakti dhyānāvāhanādi ṣoḍaśopacārapūjāṃ kariṣye ||

For the safety, long life, health and prosperity of my family, and to please the deity, I perform this worship with the
sixteen offerings, as well as I can.

5. The sixteen offerings (shodashopachara). Before each one say "Om Shri iṣṭadevatāyai namah", then the line below, and make the offering.

The sixteen offerings

1. Dhyana: close your eyes and picture the deity.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ಧ್ಯಾಯಾಮಿ ||

om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | dhyāyāmi ||

2. Avahana: invite the deity into the image or kalasha.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ಆವಾಹಯಾಮಿ ||

om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | āvāhayāmi ||

3. Asana: offer a seat; place a few grains of akshate.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ಆಸನಂ ಸಮರ್ಪಯಾಮಿ ||

om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | āsanam samarpayāmi ||

4. Padya: offer water for the feet with a spoon.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ಪಾದ್ಯಂ ಸಮರ್ಪಯಾಮಿ ||

om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | pādyaṃ samarpayāmi ||

5. Arghya: offer water for the hands.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ಅರ್ಘ್ಯಂ ಸಮರ್ಪಯಾಮಿ ||

om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | arghyaṃ samarpayāmi ||

6. Achamana: offer water to sip.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ಆಚಮನೀಯಂ ಸಮರ್ಪಯಾಮಿ ||

om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | ācamanīyaṃ samarpayāmi ||

7. Snana: bathe a metal image, or sprinkle water on a picture.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ಸ್ನಾನಂ ಸಮರ್ಪಯಾಮಿ ||

om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | snānam samarpayāmi ||

8. Vastra: offer a cloth or a cotton thread.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ವಸ್ತ್ರಂ ಸಮರ್ಪಯಾಮಿ ||
om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | vastraṁ samarpayāmi | |

9. Abharana: offer ornaments, bangles or a turmeric thread.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ಆಭರಣಾನಿ ಸಮರ್ಪಯಾಮಿ ||
om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | ābharaṇāni samarpayāmi | |

10. Gandha: offer sandalwood paste, turmeric and kumkum.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ಗಂಧಂ ಸಮರ್ಪಯಾಮಿ ||
om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | gandhaṁ samarpayāmi | |

11. Pushpa: offer flowers.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ಪುಷ್ಪಾಣಿ ಸಮರ್ಪಯಾಮಿ ||
om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | puṣpāṇi samarpayāmi | |

12. Dhupa: wave the incense.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ಧೂಪಮ್ ಆಘ್ರಾಪಯಾಮಿ ||
om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | dhūpam āghrāpayāmi | |

13. Dipa: show the lamp.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ದೀಪಂ ದರ್ಶಯಾಮಿ ||
om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | dīpaṁ darśayāmi | |

14. Naivedya: offer the food, sprinkling water around it.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ನೈವೇದ್ಯಂ ನಿವೇದಯಾಮಿ ||
om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | naivedyaṁ nivedayāmi | |

15. Tambula: offer betel leaves, nut and fruit.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ತಾಮ್ಬೂಲಂ ಸಮರ್ಪಯಾಮಿ ||
om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | tāmbūlaṁ samarpayāmi | |

16. Nirajana: do arati with camphor or ghee lamp.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ನೀರಾಜನಂ ಸಮರ್ಪಯಾಮಿ ||
om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | nīrājanaṁ samarpayāmi | |

17. Mantrapushpa: offer flowers with folded hands.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ಮನ್ತ್ರಪುಷ್ಪಂ ಸಮರ್ಪಯಾಮಿ ||
om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | mantrapuṣpaṁ samarpayāmi | |

18. Pradakshina: turn around once clockwise and bow down.

ಓಂ ಶ್ರೀ ಇಷ್ಟದೇವತಾಯೈ ನಮಃ | ಪ್ರದಕ್ಷಿಣನಮಸ್ಕಾರಾನ್ ಸಮರ್ಪಯಾಮಿ ||
om śrī iṣṭadevatāyai namaḥ | pradakṣiṇanamaskārān samarpayāmi | |

Mantras for Ugadi

ಶತಾಯುರ್ವಜ್ರದೇಹಾಯ ಸರ್ವಸಮ್ಪತ್ಕರಾಯ ಚ | ಸರ್ವಾರಿಷ್ಟವಿನಾಶಾಯ ನಿವ್ವಕಂ ದಲಭಕ್ಷಣಮ್ ||

śatāyurvajradehāya sarvasampatkarāya ca | sarvāriṣṭavināśāya nimbakaṃ dalabhakṣaṇam ||

We eat the neem leaf for a long life, a strong body, prosperity, and the removal of all troubles.

Closing

- Ask forgiveness for anything missed, then share the prasada with everyone.

ಮನ್ತ್ರಹೀನಂ ಕ್ರಿಯಾಹೀನಂ ಭಕ್ತಿಹೀನಂ ಜನಾರ್ದನ | ಯತ್ಪೂಜಿತಂ ಮಯಾ ದೇವ ಪರಿಪೂರ್ಣಂ
ತದಸ್ತು ಮೇ ||

mantrahīnaṃ kriyāhīnaṃ bhaktihīnaṃ janārdana | yatpūjitaṃ mayā deva paripūrṇaṃ tadastu me ||

Whatever I have offered, without the right words, actions or devotion, please accept it as complete.

A home puja guide from VedVidesh. Mantras are given in their common short forms; families and regions vary, so follow your own tradition where it differs, and ask a priest or elder to check pronunciation if you are learning. Dates are for India.