Ganga Dussehra Celebration, Sunday, 20 June, 2021, Haridwar, India

**(A day dedicated to SAVE the Ganges)**

Ganga Seva = Bharat Seva

Ganga Dussehra on Sunday, June 20, 2021

Dashami Tithi Begins - 06:45 PM on Jun 19, 2021

 Dashami Tithi Ends - 04:21 PM on Jun 20, 2021

Ganga Dussehra in 2021 will be celebrated on Saturday 20 June all over India and this occassion many devotees want to come to haridwar for worshiping Ganga ji, but due to Covi-19 (Corona epidemic), a majority is not able to physically come to worship Gangaji, so we are organizing this event online to enable devotees the Dashan of Gangaji live from HARIRDWAR AND participate in the Ganga Aarti and all ceremonies.

According to Hindu lunar calendar, every year, this festival is celebrated on the tenth day of the bright half of the month of Jyeshtha. As per Gregorian calendar, the month of Jyeshtha falls in between the months of May-June. This pious festival is also known as Gangavataran, which is a Sanskrit word consisting of two words - Ganga and Avataran. Ganga is the name of the Goddess (River) and Avataran means incarnation or landing down on the earth. Hence, it actually means – the descent of the Holy River Ganga. Every year we are celebrating this festival to make public aware of this festival and to contribute in the conservation of the Ganga and all the rivers of country.

Mythological Significance of Ganga Dussehra

Festival of Ganga Dussehra is celebrated as a day on which River Ganga descended on the Earth to scour the cursed souls of the ancestors of king Bhagiratha. Before descending on Earth, the Holy Ganges was residing in the stoup of Lord Brahma. Hence, she holds the purity of heavens. When she descended on Earth, the purity of heavens also landed on the earth.

Ganga Dussehra Celebration

The day of Ganga Dussehra is of very high importance for the believers of Hinduism. On this day, devotees worship the Goddess Ganga and take dips in the Holy Water of River Ganges. Along with this, donations on this day have their special effects. As per belief, the Holy dips in Ganges can wash away all the sins.

On this auspicious occasion, all the devotees gather at the Ganga banks in different cities to take a Holy bath (Ganga Snan) and collectively chant the Ganga Aarti(Prayer of the Goddess Ganga).

Significance of Ganga Dussehra

Goddess Ganga came on Earth after the great penance of saint Bhagirath. It is believed that if one recites the Ganga Stotram on this day, while standing in the water of Ganges, gets relieved from the curses of all the sins.

Ganga Stotram is written in Skand Puran with the name of Dussehra. There is a tradition of donating on Ganga Dussehra – the quantity of the donating item should be in count of 10. Also, the material for worship should also in the count of 10. Doing this boosts up the positive results. Bathing on this day eliminates the 10 types of sins. 3 of them are physical, 4 are spoken and rests 3 are mental. The devotee gets freed from all the sins after bath.

Method of Worship

As all Hindu festivals are spiritual, Ganga Dussehra is also followed by the worship event. If you are unable to visit the Ganges, you may imagine any water body near your place as river Ganga to take the Holy bath. While worshipping Goddess Ganga, following Mantra should be chanted:

*“Om Namah Shivaye Narayanyai Dashehrayai Gangayai Namah ||”*

*“ऊँ नम: शिवायै नारायण्यै दशहरायै गंगायै नम: ||”*

After that, the following Mantra should be chanted while offering 5 flowers to Goddess Ganga; it is the Naam Mantra of Bhagirath that was used to bring Ganga on Earth:

*“Om Namo Bhagwate Ain Hreem Shreem Hili Hili Mili Mili Gange Ma Pawaye Pawaye Swaha ||”*

*“ऊँ नमो भगवते ऎं ह्रीं श्रीं हिलि हिलि मिलि मिलि गंगे मां पावय पावय स्वाहा ||”*

Along with this, the place where Ganga originated should also be commemorated. In the worship of Goddess Ganga, all the articles should be in count of ten. For example, 10 types of – flowers, fragrances, lamps, oblations, betel leaves, fruits and many more. If you follow the ritual of donation after worship then it is better to donate 10 different types of things. However, the donation of Barley and Sesame should be of 16 fists. If donating to Brahmins then they should also be 10. While taking bath in Ganga, you should take 10 dips.

This is all brief about the worship of Goddess Ganga. These measures should only be taken with ultimate faith, devotion and interest. If you find some other measures of worship more comfortable then don't hesitate to try them. Worship is meant to be done as per one's own belief. It doesn't matter what are you doing for the Goddess, what all matters are the emotions and love. If you do not have that feeling of love for her, all these measures are meaningless.

More on the Ganga Dussehra

Ganga Dussehra is an incredibly beautiful festival. Thousands of devotees gather at Ganga Ghats every year on this glorious day. River Ganga is blessing the mankind of India since ages. It is the day to pay tribute to the beautiful Goddess Ganga who is flowing since years in the form of the most auspicious river Ganges.

Celebrating this festival should not be confined to few rituals, spiritual bliss or benefits. This celebration will hopefully fire the flame of love for this wonderful river that will result in many actions leading to its conservation. This river originates up in the Himalayas and brings the benefits of the magical Herbs of Himalayas to us. We hope you will get the blessings of the mother Ganga on this occasion and also engage yourself in conservation of Ganga and other rivers of the world.

True way of Celebrating Ganga Dusherra

Due to increasing population pressure and rapid modernization resulting into unplanned urbanization our sacred river Ganga have become very polluted and its water have become unhealthy for drinking , bathing as well as agriculture at most of the places. The Ganga is the backbone of our culture, society and economy. In the occasion of This Ganga Dushhera, we must take an oath to contribute in the conservation of the Ganga by Tan (Physically), Man (mentally) and Dhan (financially).Apart from this, we also look forward for your comments. If you wish to suggest us something and be part of our group, it would be a pleasure for us.

Happy Ganga Dussehra 2021 !!!

We will finalise the contents of this Programme by March/April, 2017 and wish to include ideas from interested people to make it a grand success and contribute in saving Mother Ganga. If you want to contribute in organizing this event, write your expertise and area of interest.

# Ganga Dussehra programme Saturday , 20 June , 2021

Venue (online Pooja) : Saptrishi Ghat Sarovar Raod , Ganga Ghat , Haridwar, Uttrakhand, India .Under the divine guidance of all saints and seers

**Programme**

9:30 AM: Gathering at Ganga Ghat Welcome address, Ganesh Vandana and Lighting of lamp

9:45 AM: Gangaji Poojan and Reciting of Ganga Strotam

10 AM: A Lecture by Swaniji on Gangaji Conservation

10:30 AM: Tea/Coffee break

11:00 AM: A presentation about Gangaji and related environment programme. / Ghat Cleaning

11:30 AM: Open Discussion / Manthan / Oath ceremony, thanks giving and closing ceremony

12:30 -1:30 PM: Prashad Vitran (Lunch)

We will be providing Accommodation /Meals / Transportation facility to all the attendees. Please write us to get registered for this great event. We are also looking for sponsors for supporting different parts of this event. Suggestions are most welcome.

Thanks

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