

PUSPANJALI

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- SARASWATI -

**Ja Kundendu Tushara Hara Dhabala Ja Sweta Padmasana
Ja Bina Bara Danda Mandita Kara Ja Subhra Bastranwita
Ja Brahmachyuta Sankara Prabhyutivi Debeih sada Bandita
Sa Maam Patu Saraswati Bhagabati Nishesah Ja Dhya Paha --**

**Kajjala Puritah Lochana Dhare
Stanayuga Shobhita Mukta Haare
Beena Pustaka Ranjita Haste
Bhagabati Bharati Debi Namaste --**

} *Some Aoid This verse*

**Saraswati Mahamayee Bidwe Kamala Lochani
Biswamurti Bisalakhi Bidyang Dehi Saraswati
Saraswati Namu Nityang Mahakalye Namoh Namah
Bedo Bedanta Bedangang Bidya Sthane Bhei Bachoh --**

**Aile Saraswati Nirmala Barne
Ratna Bibhushita Kundala Karne
Galare Gajamoti Mukta Hara
Dioma Saraswati Bidya Bhandara --**

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ସୁରସୁଧା

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ସୁନା ଲୁଗା ଶୋଭିତ ସୁକୁମାର —
ଲାଣା ସୁସୁକ୍ଷ୍ମ ରକ୍ତିତ ହସେ
ଉପାଦେୟ ଘାତେୟ ଲୋଚନ ନିଶ୍ଚୟ —

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ମଳରେ ମନମୋହୀ ସୁକୁମାର
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SARASWATI PUJA

We have tried to put a few lines from our limited knowledge on the way Saraswati Puja is understood and celebrated in Orissa, India. This Puja used to be celebrated mostly in Odissa and West Bengal but now it is being celebrated all over the world.

Goddess Saraswati is the goddess of learning, one of the 33 million Hindu gods and goddesses. The celebration takes place on the 5th day of the bright fortnight (day 1 is the first day following the New Moon day of the lunar month called Magh. This day is called Vasant Panchami, Saraswati Day, or Saraswati Puja. Vasant Panchami signifies the beginning of Vasant Ritu (spring season) in Odissa.

She carries a Veena. She sits on a Lotus flower. She wears a white saree.

(Question: Why has she gotten four hands and where can we find out the answer?)

On this day Goddess Saraswati is worshipped in various names and fames – the Goddess of Learning, the deighty of Gayatri, the fountain of arts and science, and the symbol of supreme vedantic knowledge. Children are taught their first words on this day (as an auspicious beginning to learning). Schools, colleges etc., (places of learning) organize special worship of Saraswati.

She is worshiped even by the supreme god, Bramah (as described in the first Puspanjali in this booklet).

(Note: Since the contents of this write up have not been scrutinized by any authority any or all facts can be challenged. As is often said, Hinduism is a way of life rather than a religion. If you accept this as a fact, we invite any comments.)

#	Description	Sub-steps	Notes
1	Mulamantra Smarana	Mulamantra	Specific to the worshipped God
		Nyas	
		Dhyan	Specific to the worshipped God
2	Sthapana	Debata Suddhi	
		Chakshyu Dana	
		Prana Pratistha	
		Debata Gayatri Japa	Specific to the worshipped God
		Deba Pitha Pooja	
3	Abahana	Abahana	
		Aasana	
		Pradasana	
		Swagata	
		Padya dana	
		Arghya jala dana	
		Aachamana , Muhan Puchha	Muha Dhua
		Madhuparka Dana	Offer special drink
		Aachamana , Muhan Puchha	Muha Dhua
4	Snana	Haladi laga	Only for Goddesses
		Snana	First PanchaMruta Snana and then ShuddhaJala Snana
		Bashtra Dana	Color varies for Gods/Goddesses
		Yagnya Pabita(Secred thread)	Only for Gods
		Uttariya (on shoulder)	Only for Gods
		Bhusana	
		Chandan	
		Sindur	Only for Goddesses
5	Pooja	Puspa	
		Dhupa	
		Deepa	
		Naibedya	
		Tambula	
6	Aarati	Bhajan & Kirtan	
		Arati	
7	Pushpanjali	Pushpanjali	
		Pranam, Ashirbad	
		Coconut cracking	
		Book Pooja	
		Bidyarambha	

8	Bisharjana	Bisharjana	
		Khyama Parthana	
Celebration on the fourth day of New Moon			Basant Panchami is celebrated on fifth day of New Moon in Magha month. This year, the festival will be celebrated on 14 February 2013.
Officiting priest : Pratap Dash			