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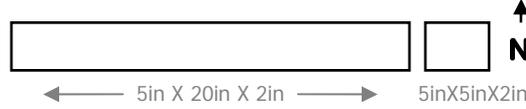
Items Required in Preparation for 13-Day and 1-Year Sraadh (Bhandaaraa)

NOTE: This Sraadh or Bhandaaraa is done in two parts. The first part is the Bhandaaraa. The second part is the Gitaa Paat. Together they comprise the Sraadh.

Items Required For Sraadh:

DIRT VEDI:

- ❖ Build a bedi in a rectangular shape in any covered place OUTSIDE of the house e.g. a tent, backyard or your garage.
- ❖ Average dimensions 5" by 20" (1-1.5 inches high) and a Square apx. 5x5 inch (to symbolize a head) should face in an East-West direction. (Example Below)



SARJAM:

- ❖ 1 set of Pujaa Sarjam.
- ❖ **(Please purchase the following separately)**
 - Extra Sopaarie
 - Extra Camphor
 - Box of matches
 - Agarbaati/incense
 - Dhoop and Wood (mango, pine etc.)

LEAVES/FLOWERS:

- ❖ Mango leaves. Approximately 30 leaves.
- ❖ Doob Grass
- ❖ Paan Leaves
- ❖ Koa Leaves (approximately 25)
- ❖ "Kongolala" leaves (small amount)
- ❖ Kush Grass
- ❖ Flowers

RAW INGREDIENTS:

- ❖ A packet of ground rice or rice flour.
- ❖ A bottle of honey
- ❖ A Gallon of Milk
- ❖ Packet of Black Till
- ❖ Can/bottle of Ghee
- ❖ Washed white rice (raw)
- ❖ Flour and sugar
- ❖ Sheep's hair (where available) if not, then raw cotton wool
- ❖ 1 yard of white cotton fabric

GENERAL UTENSILS:

- ❖ Thaali and Lotaa
- ❖ 2 sets Kalsaa and Parai (dirt)
- ❖ Havana Kund and wood for burning
- ❖ 2 doz Deeyaa(s)
- ❖ A bucket
- ❖ A cutlass
- ❖ 5 Cocyea (coconut) broom sticks

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Meals need to be cooked in the name of the departed soul and ancestors. The preparation of meals must be done in time for the end of the first part of the ceremony (Bhandaaraa) which usually lasts about 1 ½ hours. This part should be completed just before or around lunch time. (Specific instructions will be given by respective Pundit).

While this is being done, preparations should be made for the Gitaa Paat, which is basically, a Pujaa performed in very concise fashion. Gitaa will be read by the Pundit and thereafter; the household will be declared 'clean' once more and ready to resume regular activities with the culmination of the following: Aarti, Seedhaa and feeding of guests.

Items Required Gitaa Paat:

DIRT VEDI:

- ❖ Regular Vedi for Gitaa Paat (Pujaa)

SARJAM:

- ❖ 1 set of Pujaa Sarjam (Buy extra Sopaari)
- ❖ Havana Kund (separate from one used in Sraadh)
- ❖ 5 Bhaagwata Gitaa (for distribution)

LEAVES:

- ❖ Mango leaves.
- ❖ Doob Grass
- ❖ Paan Leaves
- ❖ Kush Grass
- ❖ Flowers

RAW INGREDIENTS:

- ❖ Honey
- ❖ Ghee
- ❖ Washed white rice (raw)
- ❖ Flour and sugar
- ❖ Cotton balls
- ❖ Matches

SEEDHAA:

5 Seedhaa is the recommended practice (Please consult your Pundit Purohit for specific guidance if needed): They should be prepared to be distributed to the Pundit and 4 other Brahmins.

The contents of these should follow these guidelines*:

Grains	Oil	Cloth/Clothing
Flour	Utensil/Thaali Lotaa	Towel
Matches	Gitaa(From ones offered)	Rice
Any other items desired		

While an effort should be made to give these, if it's not possible, then give of what you can afford.

*******PLEASE NOTE*******

As with other ceremonies, there may be slight variations depending on region, circumstances and traditions. Please cross-reference this list with your Pundit to ensure all requirements are met.