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Items Required For Devtaa or Bedi/Vedi Pujaa

1. *Bedi* or *Vedi* (Square box {approximately 2' x 2' x 5" deep}) filled with dirt.
2. *Agni Kund* (vessel for burning *Dhoop* and small pieces of fire wood).
3. Pieces of wood for burning -- mango, pitch pine, or cotton balls etc.
4. A PACKAGE OF **POOJA SAMAAGRI** or **SARJAM** containing the items needed for the *Bedi* containing the following:

Haldi	Matches	Incense	Clove	Wick
Sindoor	Googool(Or Samagri)	Janew Thread	Black Till	Deeyaa
Camphor	Chandan	Sopaarie*	Perfume	

Sarjam is usually available at any West Indian grocery or a specialized Pooja/Religious store.

*Some places give 9 **sooparie** in the package. Approximately 15 are needed in a pooja however so you may want to pick up extras if necessary.

Other Pooja Ingredients Needed Separately:

- *Kalsaa (Kalash)* and *Parai*.
- At least 2 *deeya(s)*.
- A packet of raw cotton wool or cotton balls.
- The purchase of 9 or 1 dozen *deeya(s)* is recommended for Devi Pujaa.

5. LEAVES, FLOWERS AND PLANTS:

- *Mango leaves* (about 10 single leaves and a head of at least 5 leaves).
- *Paan* leaves – approximately 23 (not less than 16).
- *Doob/Doobra/Bahema* grass.
- *Flowers* for use in the *pooja* (2 bunches clipped and arranged in a tray).
- *Tulasi*(NOTE: A few *Tulasi* leaves are sufficient, do not unnecessary mutilate a tree or an entire branch).

Leaves Needed For Specific Pooja(S):

- *Bael* leaves (for Shiv Poojaa).
- *Neeb* leaves (for Durgaa Poojaa).
- *Peepal* leaves (difficult to get but very beneficial if used in pooja).

6. HOUSEHOLD INGREDIENTS:

- Sugar (brown or white).
- A packet of washed raw white rice.
- Some raw flour for decoration of the *bedi*.
- Ghee and Milk.
- Sugar cane juice for Shivaji Worship. (optional)
- Dried coconut and a piece of yellow cotton for Durgaa Poojaa.

7. HOUSEHOLD UTENSILS:

- *Thali* (Tharida) and *Lotaa*.
- An assortment of approximately 25 new or washed coins for use on the *bedi*.
- Matches(No cigarette lighters).

8. JHANDI(flag) colors:

Sri Ganesha - Yellow or Saffron.

Mahaa Lakshmi - Pink or Yellow.

Shiva Ji - Blue, Green or White.

Sri Satyanaaraayana Swami(Lord Vishnu) - white.

Durgaa Devi - Yellow

Saraswati Devi- White.

Sri Hanumaan Ji - Red.

NOTE: Nou Graha Flags

It is always advisable to purchase or sew nine **Nou Graha** flags with nine small pieces of bamboo for the *bedi*.
The colors are as follows: 2x red, 2x white, 2x black, 1x green, 1x yellow and 1x blue.

9. BAMBOO:

A bamboo will be required for tying each *Jhandi*(#8) together with the nine small(approximately 9-11 inches tall) bamboo pieces for the *Nou Graha* flags mentioned before.

10. PRASAADA:

Mohan Bhoga or Cream of Wheat and fruit may be used as the main offering for all Pujaa. It can be combined with any of the following:

Prasaada For Specific Pooja(s):

- **SRI GANESHA:** *Ladu* or grated coconut.
- **DURGAA DEVI:** *Suhaarie and Lapsi* (minimum nine pairs).
- **LAKSHMI MAATAA:** Sweet Rice/rice pudding (*Kheer*).
- **SARASWATI DEVI:** *Kheer* or six pairs of *Suhaarie and Lapsi*.
- **SHIVA JI:** *Bataasaa* (flat, round sugar candy) or sugar cane.
- **SRI HANUMAAN JI:** *Rote*, raw soaked chanaa and/or grated coconut.
- **SRI SATYANAARAAYANA** (Sri Vishnu): *Panjeeree* (Ground rice & sugar).

Added to this, anything that is sweet, purely vegetarian and traditionally used is suitable. One's means and ability to prepare these ingredients should be taken into account. **WHATEVER IS AFFORDABLE AND GIVEN WITH LOVE AND DEVOTION IS WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT.**

11. DAKSHINAA/CLOTH:

Dakshinaa is offered after Prasaad. Traditionally, this takes the form of fabric and money, symbols of shelter and comfort. Fabric can take the form of plain cotton, towels or even clothes. Every situation is to the discretion of the *Srotaa* or family performing Pujaa.

12. SEEDHA:

The giving of grain is a very noble, charitable and beneficial act. Traditionally devotees prepare a "SEEDHA" to be given to the officiating Pundit and many people still like doing it. It is recommended and need not be very elaborate if one's means does not allow.

******* PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE PURCHASING ANY INGREDIENTS *******

Please note that this list is a **Complete** but general guide covering **ALL** Pooja(s).

You need not acquire everything on this list. Select the items needed for your specific Pujaa(s).
It is always advisable to speak directly with your Pundit to discuss the list and any particulars, adaptations or allowances/requirements for your own Pooja(s).