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Welcome to
Bride, Bridegroom, Parents, Friends and their relatives

Introduction

The Wedding takes place in the Kalyana Mandapam. This wedding pavilion symbolizes the Universe. The wedding ceremony is conducted in Sanskrit, the language of the Hindu Scriptures, (Vedic Methodology).

1 Ganapathi Puja 10 minutes

Lord Maha Ganapathi is invoked to preside over the wedding to ward of any obstacles to the ceremonies.

2 Punyaha Vachana 10 minutes

The Priest proclaims the date, time and location of the wedding in the cosmic era as sacred. He invokes God to purify the location of the wedding and to bless the bride and bridegroom. Their respective families, friends and other participants assembled for the auspicious occasion.

3 Bride will do Gowri Puja 10 minutes
 Vara Puja (for Bridegroom) 5 minutes

Gowri Puja, Goddess Gowri, wife of Lord Shiva, is worshipped to bless the Bride with an auspicious, happy, prosperous, fruitful and long married life, along with ideal progeny. The groom is wearing Bhashinga, as decorating ornament, representing a crown. The bride is also wearing a Bhashinga, is escorted by her uncle to the Mandapa.

Vara Puja, the Bride's father, welcomes and brings the groom to the Kalyana Mandapa for the wedding.



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4 *Kanya Daanam* 10 minutes

The Bride is made to sit in a cane weaved basket (her father's lap) and is given as a gift to the bridegroom through her parents.

5 *Panigrahanam* 5 minutes

This means "holding hands". The groom holds the hands of the bride. The Manthras say: The Devas have offered you to me in order that I may live the life of a householder to me in order that I may live the life of a householder Grihasta. We shall not part from each other even after we grow old!"

6 *Subha Muhurtham (Jeera & Jaggery)* 10 minutes

The paste of Jeera and Jaggery is applied over each others heads. That creates tie of affinity and affection, happiness and lovingness to each other.

7 *Mangalya Dharana (Sindhur also)* 10 minutes

Next, timed to exact auspicious hour, is the tying of Mangala Sutra (Thali). The golden symbol of wedding is Mangalya, a golden strewn on a golden chain with black beads. The Priest is requests all the elders to bless the Mangalya. The groom ties the Mangalya around bride's neck. This is south Indian style, and also we will do Sindhur applied to her forehead, which is north Indian style.

8 *Talambaralu (Akshata Aropana)* 10 minutes

The Couple hold a handful of rice and pour it on each other's head to wish each other success, and prosperity. Just as rice is the only plant that is planted in one place and replanted in another place after it grows to certain stage, in this ceremony, it is used to symbolize the change in this stage in the bride's life.



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- 9 Exchange of Garlands
and also change of Gold Rings 5 minutes

The exchanges of garlands symbolize their one soul in two bodies. It is the inward acceptance by each of the very fragrance of the other. Then bride and the groom exchange rings also.

- 10 Havan/Pradhana Homam (Fire) 10
minutes

Homa is usually witnessed of marriage. The Agni hotra protects them at all times. This sacrificial fire signifies all deities' blessings.

- 11 Saphthapadi 10 minutes

The priest takes the ends of the garments worn by the bride and the groom and ties a knot as a symbol of lasting relationship. The newly weds take seven steps together to represent the following wedding vow:

1. *Together we will share in the responsibilities of the home and children.*
2. *Together we will fill our hearts with strength and courage to accomplish all the needs of our home.*
3. *Together we will prosper and share our worldly goods.*
4. *Together we will fill our hearts with joy, peace, happiness and Spiritual values.*
5. *Together we will raise strong and virtuous children.*
6. *Together we will remain lifelong partners by this wedlock.*
7. *Together we will cherish each other in sickness and in health, in happiness and in sorrow and, we will work for the prosperity of our family.*

- 12 Harathi 5 minutes

A solution of lime and turmeric powder, and in color, is prepared on a plate, and circled around, and thrown away to ward off evil. This is done a number of times during the entire wedding and at the end two married ladies



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perform and the Harathi intended to cure any defects in the proceedings and ward off evils.

13 Aashirvachanam

5 minutes

The Priest, the parents of the bride and the groom, and the guests bless the newly married couple with long life, happiness, and prosperity by sprinkling them with flowers and grains of yellow color rice.

14 Arundhati Darshanam

5 minutes

Arundhati is the wife of Maharishi Vasistha. Arundhati is very pious and virtuous, symbolize, one of the stars in the sky. After marriage these couple have to see one of the piousness deity. They give salutation to the Sun God. In turn the Sun God conveys the message to Arundhathi, who portrays, one the stars.

“Subham Bhavatu”

Total time: 2 hours

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“deergha yu shya masthu” – May God bless you