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President's Message



Dear Friends and Fellow Celebrants

Namaskar,

It brings me immense pleasure and joy to welcome you to this year's Ganesh Utsav, a cherished festival that unites us all in reverence and celebration. As we gather to honor Bappa, the Vignaharta, the remover of obstacles, let us also reflect on the values He embodies – wisdom, prosperity, and the spirit of unity.

In the spirit of this festive occasion, let us come together as a community, transcending boundaries and differences, to share in the joy and festivities. May the vibrant colors, the rhythmic beats, and the jubilant atmosphere of this Utsav fill our hearts with positivity and renewed energy.

Let us also remember our responsibility to the environment. As we celebrate with grandeur, let's do so in a way that respects nature and preserves its beauty for generations to come.

Wishing you all a blessed Ganesh Utsav. May Ganpati Bappa's blessings be with you and your loved ones today and always.

Warm Regards,
Vrushal Khandke
President
Maharashtra Mandal London





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ॐ नमस्ते गणपतये

ॐ भद्रं कर्णेभिः शृणुयाम देवाः । भद्रं पश्येमाक्षभिर्यजत्राः ।
स्थिरैरङ्गैस्तुष्टुवाग्ँसस्तनूभिः । व्यशेम देवहितं यदायूः ।
स्वस्ति न इन्द्रो वृद्धश्रवाः । स्वस्ति नः पूषा विश्ववेदाः ।
स्वस्ति नस्तार्क्ष्यो अरिष्टनेमिः । स्वस्ति नो बृहस्पतिर्दधातु ॥
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥ ॐ नमस्ते गणपतये ॥१॥
त्वमेव प्रत्यक्षं तत्त्वमसि । त्वमेव केवलं कर्ताऽसि ।
त्वमेव केवलं धर्ताऽसि । त्वमेव केवलं हर्ताऽसि । त्वमेव सर्वं खल्विदं ब्रह्मासि ।
त्वं साक्षादात्माऽसि नित्यम् ॥२॥ ऋतं वच्मि । सत्यं वच्मि ॥३॥ अव त्वं माम् ।
अव वक्तारम् । अव श्रीतारम् । अव दातारम् । अव धातारम् ।
अवानूचानमव शिष्यम् । अव पुरस्तात् । अव दक्षिणात्तात् । अव पश्चात्तात् ।
अवोत्तरात्तात् । अव चोर्ध्वात्तात् । अवाधरात्तात् ।
सर्वतो मां पाहि पाहि समन्तात् ॥४॥ त्वं वाङ्मयस्त्वं चिन्मयः ।
त्वमानन्दमयस्त्वं ब्रह्ममयः । त्वं सच्चिदानन्दाऽद्वितीयोऽसि ।
त्वं प्रत्यक्षं ब्रह्मासि । त्वं ज्ञानमयो विज्ञानमयोऽसि ॥५॥
सर्वं जगदिदं त्वत्तो जायते । सर्वं जगदिदं त्वत्तस्तिष्ठति ।
सर्वं जगदिदं त्वयि लयमेष्यति । सर्वं जगदिदं त्वयि प्रत्येति ।
त्वं भूमिरापोऽनलोऽनिलो नभः । त्वं चत्वारि वाक् (परिमिता) पदानि ।
त्वं गुणत्रयातीतः । त्वं अवस्थात्रयातीतः । त्वं देहत्रयातीतः । त्वं कालत्रयातीतः ।
त्वं मूलाधारस्थितोऽसि नित्यम् । त्वं शक्तित्रयात्मकः ।
त्वां योगिनो ध्यायन्ति नित्यम् । त्वं ब्रह्मा त्वं विष्णुस्त्वं रुद्रस्त्वमिन्द्रस्त्वमग्निस्त्वं
वायुस्त्वं सूर्यस्त्वं चन्द्रमास्त्वं ब्रह्मा भूभुवस्सुवरोम् ॥६॥
गणादिं पूर्वमुच्चार्य वर्णादींस्तदनन्तरम् । अनुस्वारः परतरः । अर्धेन्दुलसितम् ।
तारेण ऋद्धम् । एतत्तव मनुस्वरूपम् ॥७॥ गकारः पूर्वरूपम् ।
अकारो मध्यरूपम् । अनुस्वारश्चान्त्यरूपम् । बिन्दुरुत्तररूपम् ।
नादस्संधानम् । संगृहिता संधिः ॥८॥ सैषा गणेशविद्या । गणक ऋषिः ।
निचृद्गायत्रीच्छन्दः । गणपतिर्देवता । ॐ गं गणपतये नमः ॥९॥
एकदन्ताय विद्महे वक्रतुण्डाय धीमहि । तत्रो दन्तिः प्रचोदयात् ॥१०॥
एकदन्तं चतुर्हस्तं पाशमङ्कुशधारिणम् ।
रदं च वरदं हस्तैर्बिभ्राणं मूषकध्वजम् ॥
रक्तं लम्बोदरं शूर्पकर्णकं रक्तवाससम् ।
रक्तगन्धानुलिप्ताङ्गं रक्तपुष्पैस्सुपूजितम् ॥
भक्तानुकम्पिनं देवं जगत्कारणमच्युतम् ।
आविर्भूतं च सृष्ट्यादौ प्रकृतेः पुरुषात्परम् ।
एवं ध्यायति यो नित्यं स योगी योगिनां वरः ॥११॥ नमो व्रातपतये ।
नमो गणपतये । नमः प्रमथपतये । नमस्तेऽस्तु लम्बोदरायैकदन्ताय
विघ्ननाशिने शिवसुताय वरदमूर्तये नमः ॥१२॥



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ॐ नमस्ते गणपतये

एतदथर्वशीर्षं योऽधीते स ब्रह्मभूयाय कल्पते ।
स सर्वविघ्नैर्न बाध्यते । स सर्वत्र सुखमेधते ।
स पञ्चमहापापात्प्रमुच्यते ।
सायमधीयानो दिवसकृतं पापं नाशयति ।
प्रातरधीयानो रात्रिकृतं पापं नाशयति ।
सायं प्रातः प्रयुञ्जानो पापोऽपापो भवति ।
सर्वत्राधीयानोऽपविघ्नो भवति ।
धर्मार्थकाममोक्षं च विन्दति ॥१३॥
इदमथर्वशीर्षमशिष्याय न देयम् ।
यो यदि मोहाद्दास्यति स पापीयान् भवति ।
सहस्रावर्तनाद्यं यं काममधीते तं तमनेन साधयेत् ॥१४॥
अनेन गणपतिमभिषिञ्चति स वाग्मी भवति ।
चतुर्थ्यामनश्नन् जपति स विद्यावान् भवति ।
इत्यथर्वणवाक्यम् ।
ब्रह्माद्यावरणं विद्यान् बिभेति कदाचनेति ॥१५॥
यो दूर्वाङ्कुरैर्यजति स वैश्रवणोपमो भवति ।
यो लाजैर्यजति स यशोवान् भवति ।
स मेधावान् भवति ।
यो मोदकसहस्रेण यजति स वाञ्छितफलमवाप्नोति ।
यस्साज्यसमिद्धिर्यजति स सर्वं लभते स सर्वं लभते ॥१६॥
अष्टौ ब्राह्मणान् सम्यग् ग्राहयित्वा सूर्यवर्चस्वी भवति ।
सूर्यग्रहेमहानद्यां प्रतिमासन्निधौ वा जप्त्वा सिद्धमन्त्रो भवति
महाविघ्नात् प्रमुच्यते । महादोषात् प्रमुच्यते ।
महाप्रत्यवायात् प्रमुच्यते ।
स सर्वविद् भवति स सर्वविद् भवति । य एवं वेद ।
इत्युपनिषत् ॥१७॥
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥





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ASHTAVINAYAKA TEMPLES

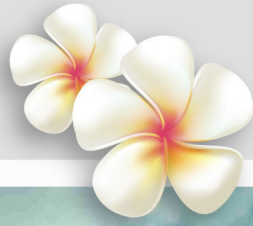


Ashtavinayak Yatra: A Tour Of 8 Abodes Of
Lord Ganesha In Maharashtra



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Shri Mayureshwar Ganapati Temple, Morgaon

📍 **Morgaon, Pune, Maharashtra**

Shri Mayureshwar Mandir or Shri Moreshwar Temple is a Hindu temple (mandir) dedicated to Ganesha, god of wisdom.



It is located in Moragaon in Pune District, about 65 km away from Pune city in the Indian state of Maharashtra. The temple is the starting and ending point of a pilgrimage of eight revered Ganesha temples called Ashtavinayaka. Moragon is the foremost centre of worship of the Ganapatya sect, which considers Ganesha as the Supreme Being. A Hindu legend relates the temple to killing of the demon Sindhura by Ganesha.

Shri Siddhivinayak Temple, Ahmednagar

📍 **Ahmednagar, Maharashtra**

The temple is located on the northern bank of the river Bhima in Siddhatek in the Karjat taluka of Ahmednagar district. The nearest station is Daund (19 km).



The temple is accessible from the small village of Shirapur in Pune district, on the southern bank of the river, from where it can be reached by boat or newly constructed bridge. Other routes are (48 km) Daund-Kasti-Padgaon, Shirur-Shrigonda-Siddhatek, Karjat-Rashin-Siddhatek. The temple stands on a hillock, surrounded by thick foliage of Babul trees and is located approximately 1 km from the core Siddhatek village.





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Shree Ballaleshwar Temple, Devasthan Pali

📍 **Pali, Raigad, Maharashtra**

Ballaleshwar Pali is one of the eight temples of the Hindu God Ganesha. Among Ganesha temples, Ballaleshwar is the only one dedicated to Ganesha that is known by his devotee's name.

It is located in the village of Pali which is 28 km from Roha in the Raigad district of Maharashtra, India. It is situated between fort Sarasgad and the river Amba. Built in the shape of the letter Shri, it was made by mixing lead with the cement during construction. The east-facing temple was carefully positioned so that, as the sun rises, sun rays fall directly on the murti during worship.

Varadavinayak Temple Mahad

📍 **Mahad, Maharashtra**

Varadvinayak, also spelt as Varadavinayaka, is one of the Ashtavinayak temples of the Hindu deity Ganesha. It is located in Mhad village situated in Khalapur taluka near Karjat and Khopoli of Raigad District, Maharashtra, India.

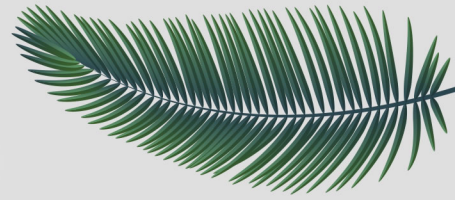
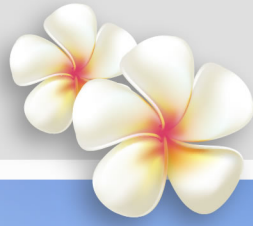
The temple was built (restored) by Peshwa General Ramji Mahadev Biwalkar in 1725AD. This place is not in Raigad district, but rather in Pune district. It is close to Lonavala and Panvel. The idol of this temple Varada Vinayak is a swayambu (self originated) and was found in the adjoining lake in an immersed position in 1690 AD. This temple is said to be built in 1725AD by Subhedar Ramji Mahadev Biwalkar. The temple premises are on one side of a beautiful pond.





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Shree Chintamani Vinayaka Temple, Theur

📍 **Theur, Maharashtra**

The Chintamani Temple of Theur is a Hindu temple dedicated to Supreme God Ganesha according to Ganapatya Sect located 25 km (16 mi) from Pune



the temple is “one of the larger and more famous” of the Ashtavinayaka, the eight revered shrines of Ganesha in the Indian state of Maharashtra. Described as “one of the larger and more famous” of the Ashtavinayaka temples, the temple’s main gate located to the North is relatively smaller compared to the scale of the temple, however the central icon of Chintamani-Ganesha faces East. The temple has a wooden Sabha-mandapa (assembly hall), which was built by Madhavrao.



Girijatmaj Ashtavinayak Temple, Lenyadri

📍 **Golegaon, Maharashtra**

Lenyadri is a deserted location, with no human settlement nearby. It is located at about 4.8 kilometres (3.0 mi) from Junnar, the headquarters of Junnar taluka.

It is situated on the north-west banks of river Kukadi, which flows between Golegaon and Junnar. It is also approached through Nanaghat, which was originally on the trade route between Aparantaka or the northern Konkan and the Deccan and descending to the plains of the Junnar town. The circular hill, where Lenyadri caves have been emboweled, raises about 30 metres (98 ft) above the plains in the Hatkeshwar and Suleiman ranges.





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Shree Vigneshwara Temple, Ozar

📍 **Ozar, Maharashtra**

Ozar is located about 85 km from Pune, off the Pune-Nashik highway and about 9 km north to Narayangaon. Along another Ashtavinayak temple of Lenyadri, Ozar is in the Junnar taluka of Pune district.

Ozar is situated on the banks of Kukadi River close to the Yedagaon dam built on it. The east-facing temple features a “spacious courtyard, a grand entrance, sculptural and mural work”. It is surrounded by a walled compound with a large gateway flanked by two large stone Dvarapala (gatekeepers) sculptures and a row of four musicians in bas relief on the lintel. One can view the Lenyadri shrine and Shivneri Fort standing on the wall.

Shree Mahaganapati Temple, Ranjangaon

📍 **Ranjangaon, Maharashtra**

While going from the Pune Nagar highway the route is Pune - Koregaon then via Shikrapur; Rajangaon is 21 km before Shirur. From Pune it is 50 km. Madhavrao Peshwa made a room in the basement of the temple to keep the idol of lord Ganesh.



This temple's Ganpati idol was inaugurated and donated by the “Kholam” family, a goldsmith family based in Ranjangaon. The temple was built between the 9th and 10th century. The main temple looks like it was built in the Peshwa period. Nagarkhana is situated above the entrance gate. The temple facing east has huge and beautiful entrance gate.





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LORD GANESHA AND RIVER KAVERI

This Lord Ganapathi story is a favorite one among kids. Once upon a time, Sage Agastyai sought the blessings of Lord Brahma and Shiva.

The sage wished to create flowing river in a suitable location to offer water to the southern lands. The Gods, listening to his prayers, had his kamandalui filled with sacred water.

The Sage then reached the Coorg Mountains. On his way, he spotted a small boy and requested him to take good care of his pot containing water as he needed to go to toilet.

The small boy was none other than Ganesha and he placed the small pot on the ground as he felt that location was perfect for a river.

Then a crow landed on this pot and Sage Agastya shooed off the bird. The crow flew off tipping the pot to the ground and spilled off some water.

This water formed River Kaveri and is considered as a sacred river.

Moral:

EVERY ACTION HAPPENS FOR A GOOD CAUSE. SO DO NOT BE WORRIED EVEN IF SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS IN YOUR LIFE, EVENTUALLY THERE WILL BE A GOOD ENDING.





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LORD GANESHA AND GODDESS PARVATI

This Bal Ganesha story for kids would teach them that they have to take care of animals in a gentle way.

One day child Ganesha was playing with a cat and was tormenting the animal by pulling his tail and throwing him on the ground.

- ▶ He left the cat and went to Mount Kailash to meet his mother Goddess Parvati.
- ▶ He was shocked to see her wounded.
- ▶ When he asked her about it, his mother replied that it was his action that caused the wound. As she was playing with him as a cat.
- ▶ She also said that it is unfair to treat animals cruelly and Ganesha was sorry for injuring the cat.

Moral:

ANIMALS HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO LIVE IN THIS WORLD, JUST AS HUMANS DO. SO DO NOT CAUSE ANY INJURY OR ILL-TREAT ANY ANIMAL.





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LORD GANESH AND KARTHIKEYA STORY

One day Ganesha and his younger brother Karthikeya were playing. They received a special fruit from the gods. Being kids, they were not ready to share the fruit.

Their parents, Lord Shiva and Parvati said that the first one who comes around the world thrice, would get this fruit of immortality and supreme knowledge.

Karthikeya climbed on his peacock at once and set off, to win the fruit.

Ganesha was worried about winning the race as he had a stout appearance and his vehicle the Mouse does not have wings!

Later, he took a decision based on his wisdom and asked the permission of his parents to revolve around them thrice as he felt that his parents were his universe.

Ganesha won the race and the fruit.

Moral:

THIS STORY OF GANESHA HAS TWO MORALS.

- ▶ Use of wisdom at the right time and right place.
- ▶ Respect your parents; there can be no one as important as them in your life!





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Ganeshotsav

2023 Schedule Program



Day 1

4:30 PM Pratishthapana
5:00 PM Pooja Followed by Aarti & Prasad
* No Ganesh Darshan till Pratishthapana

19th

September, 2023
(Tue)

Day 2 & 3

11:00 AM Mandal will Open
5:00 PM Pooja followed by Aarti

20th, 21th

September, 2023
(Wed & Thu)

Day 4

11:00 AM Mandal will open
4:00 PM Pooja followed by Aarti
6:30 PM Darshan followed by Prasad
7:30 PM Lecture on NHS organ donation and Homeopathy followed by Maharashtra folk art and culture dance presented by NAAD Foundation, Sambhaji Nagar

22nd

September, 2023
(Fri)

Day 5

11:00 AM Mandal will open
3:00 PM Pooja followed by Aarti
5:30 PM Darshan followed by Prasad
7:00 PM Cultural Programs

23rd

September, 2023
(Sat)

Day 6

9:30 AM Mandal will open
11:00 AM Sahasra Vartan
01:30 PM Pooja followed by Aarti & Prasad
2:30 PM Baal Darbar
4:00 PM Evening Pooja followed by Aarti
6:30 PM Prasad
7:30 PM Antakshari

24th

September, 2023
(Sun)

Day 7, 8 & 9

11:00 AM Mandal will Open
5:00 PM Pooja followed by Aarti
8:00 PM Marathi Mandal Reading presents Marathi Ekankika - "Pali Mhanali Polpatala" Writer: Udayan Brahma

25th, 26th, 27th

September, 2023
(Mon, Tue & Wed)

* Marathi Ekankika on 27th Sept 2023 @ 8:00 pm

Day 10

9:00 AM Mandal will Open
10:30 AM Pooja followed by Aarti
2:30 PM Uttar Pooja followed by Miravanuk (procession) in the Mandal
3:30 PM Leave for Visarjan
5:00 PM Visarjan at MAABC (Ibis Boat House, Hartington Road, London W4 3UJ) (Strictly by RSVP, limited places)

28th

September, 2023
(Thu)



- For Pooja -

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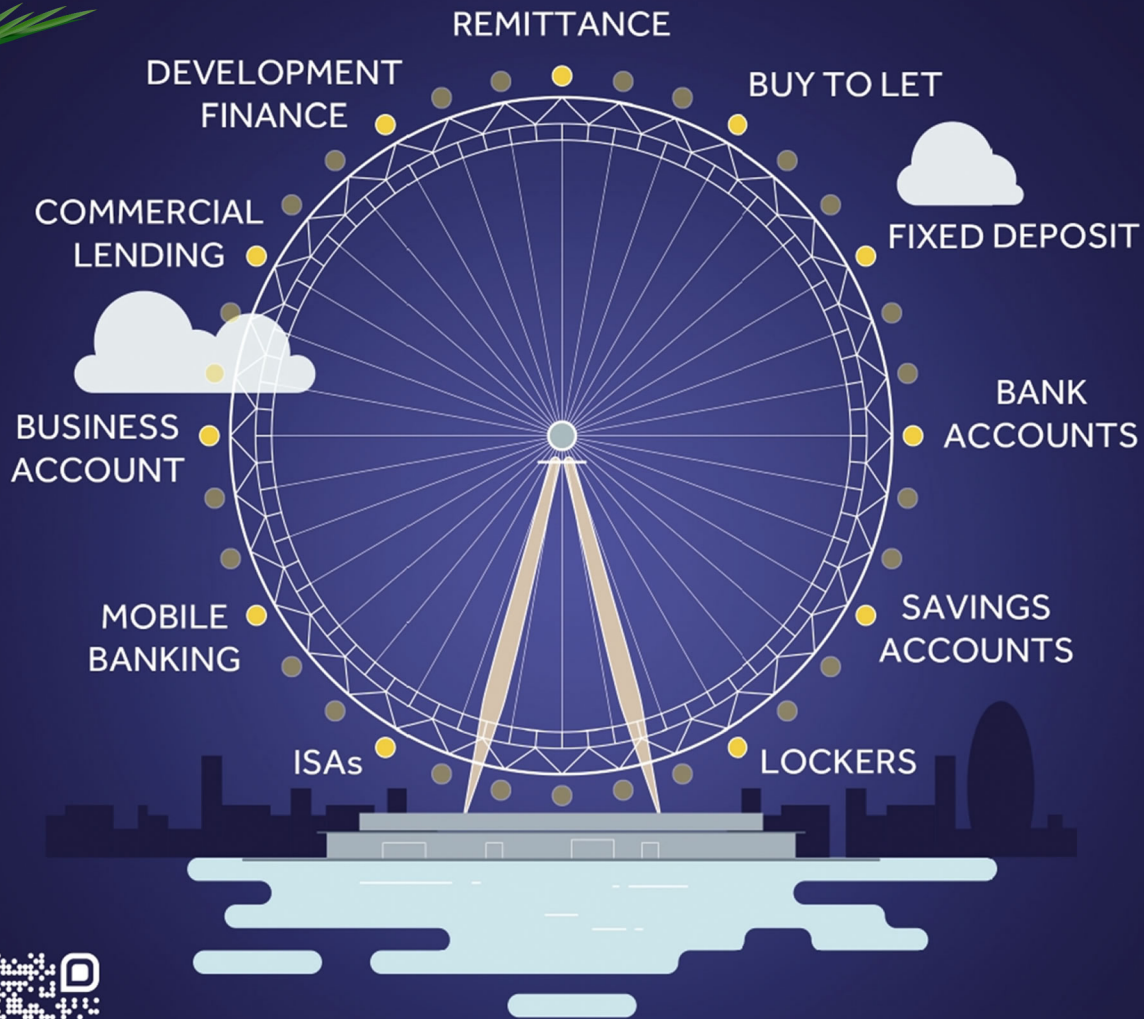
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