

idol shall be worshipped. Gaṇeśa shall be adored with incense, lamps and different kinds of food-offerings.

46. After worshipping you with various articles of worship like betel etc. and eulogising you with hymns, the devotee shall worship the crescent moon.

47. Afterwards, he shall feed the brahmins joyously with sweets with due honour. He himself shall take sweets and avoid salt.

48. Then the rites shall formally be dismissed. Then he shall remember Gaṇeśa. Thus the Vrata shall be concluded auspiciously.

49. When thus the Vrata is duly completed in a year, the devotee shall perform the rite of formal dismissal for the completion of the Vrata.

50. At my bidding twelve brahmins shall be fed. After placing a jar your image shall be worshipped.

51. After making the eight-petalled lotus diagram on the ground in accordance with Vedic injunctions a sacrifice shall be performed by the liberal people who have no disinclination to spend money.

52. Two women and two students shall be worshipped and fed in front of the idol duly.

53. The devotee shall keep awake at night and perform worship in the morning. After that the rites of formal dismissal with the mantra "Kṣemāya Punarāgamanāya Ca." (For welfare and return again) shall be performed.

54. The benediction as well as good wishes shall be received from the boy. In order to make the Vrata complete, handfuls of flowers shall be offered.

55. After prostrations, various routines shall be carried on. He who performs Vratas like this can secure the desired fruits.

56. O Gaṇeśa, he who performs your worship upto his ability, with faith, shall derive the fruit of all desires.

57. The devotee shall worship you, the lord of Gaṇas with vermillion, sandal paste, raw rice grains and Ketaka flowers as well as with other services.

58. They who devoutly worship you with acts of service will achieve success. Their obstacles will be quelled.

59. These Vratas shall be performed by the people