

WELCOME TO THE WEDDING OF

Akhil & Smiti

June 4th, 2022

A Guide to the Ceremony

1. SWAGATAM

The Bride's father welcomes the Groom's father and family.



2. DWARCHAR

Bride's mother welcomes the Groom and takes him to the mandap.



3. GANESH PUJA

Prayer to Lord Ganesh

The ceremony begins with a prayer to Lord Ganesh to remove all obstacles and ensure everything proceeds smoothly for the Bride and Groom.

4. KANYA AGAMAN

Bride enters the mandap.



5. JAI-MAALA

Bride and Groom exchange floral garlands signifying acceptance of each other as life long partners.



6. KANYA-DAAN

Bride's parents give their daughter to the groom. Groom accepts the Bride.



7. PANI GRAHAN/ HAST MILAP

Groom holds the Bride's right hand and accepts her as his wife.

8. HAVAN

God is worshiped through the recitation of Vedic verses while the sacred fire is ablazed.



9. MANGAL PHERA

The couple walks 7 times around the fire symbolizing their path through life together.



10. SAPTAPADI

Seven Vows

The Bride and Groom take seven steps together. With each step, they make a vow to each other – for prosperity and nourishment, for strength, for wealth, for happiness and harmony, for children, for longevity and for companionship.



11. SINDOOR DAAN, MANGALSUTRA, & RING EXCHANGE

The Groom gives the Bride a necklace and places sindoor in her hair, as a symbol of his love, commitment and respect.



12. SURYA DARSHAN

The Bride and Groom look to the sun or polar stars, they get inspiration to stick to their values even in difficult times.



13. BLESSINGS

The priest declares the Bride and Groom as husband and wife and blesses the newlyweds with a happy and prosperous life together. The couple then seeks blessings from family and friends as the ceremony concludes.

