

Welcome!



a traditional Hindu Vivaha is comprised of a series of religious ceremonies and rituals. Vivaha is one of the 16 sacraments (Sanskars) of Hindu life that stem from The Vedas, the oldest of Hindu Scriptures. Vivaha is the sacred ceremony for the spiritual partnership between two individuals in mind, body, spirit, and soul in this and their future lives. The priest (pandit) will chant the Sanskrit verses (mantra), believed to convey the message to God for a blessing of the spiritual union.

The ceremony takes place in the Mandapam (altar) symbolizing The Universe, built of four pillars that signify the four Hindu Vedas and philosophies of life: Brahmacharya (bachelor), evolving into Grihastha (a household), Vanaprastha (retirement), and Sanyasa (renunciation) and further, the four aspects of human life: Dharma (duty), Artha (a sense of purpose), Kama (desire), and Moksha (enlightenment). The pillars are also believed to represent each of the couple's parents whose love, blessings, and support made the wedding happen.

Each of the five elements fire, water, air, earth, and space - are represented within the Mandapam. Agni (the Holy fire) exists as a divine witness to this sacred union and symbolizes the illumination of knowledge and happiness.

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THE HINDU WEDDING GUIDE FOR *Naiya & Hemanth*

LET US TAKE YOU THROUGH ALL THE RITUALS TAKING PLACE TODAY



Ganesh Pooja

PRAYERS TO LORD GANESH

The ceremony begins with a prayer honoring Lord Ganesh, the remover of all obstacles. As per Hindu mythology, Lord Ganesh is always worshipped before starting any new chapter in one's life!



Kanya Aagman

THE BRIDE'S ENTRY

The bride is accompanied by her uncles / brothers as she enters the wedding, who will be holding a "phoolon ki chadar". As the bride enters the mandap, they are separated by an Antarpat (cloth) which signifies that they come as separate individuals.



Kandyadaan & Hasta Melap

GIVING AWAY OF THE BRIDE & THE "MEETING OF HANDS"

The brides' parents, with the blessings of the Almighty, will place the bride's right hand in the groom's right hand thereby entrusting her happiness to him from now on. The groom's scarf is then tied to the bride's veil signifying the union of their souls. Happy Wife = Happy Life!



Sumuhurtham

AUSPICIOUS TIME

According to Telugu tradition, an auspicious "wedding time" has been determined specifically for Naiya and Hemanth, based on their astrological signs. A paste of cumin and jaggery will be placed on each others' heads. The couple is officially husband and wife.

Mangalsutra

BRIDAL NECKLACE

Hemanth will give Naiya two necklaces or mangalsutras during the ceremony. The first is according to Telugu tradition. Hemanth ties a holy thread with two pendants around Naiya's neck. The knots symbolize the three forms of Hindu Gods, and refer to Hemanth's promise to accept Naiya as his wife by 3 means: thoughts, speech, and actions.



Talambralu

THE RITUAL OF HAPPINESS

The couple showers one another with a mixture of rice, turmeric, and flowers symbolizing happiness and prosperity.

Ghat Bandhan

TYING OF THE KNOT

In Gujarati tradition, the bride and groom are joined together by tying a corner of their outer garments, symbolizing the bond of marriage. After this, a small open fire is lit and the fire God (Agni) is invited to witness the marriage.



Agni Puja & Mangal Pheras

FOUR CIRCLES AROUND THE HOLY FIRE

The couple walk around the fire four times, symbolizing the core aspirations of married life - Dharma (Duty & Religion), Artha (Prosperity), Kama (Family), and Moksha (Salvation).

Mangalsutra & Sindoor

NECKLACE & POWDER OF PROMISE

The Gujurati mangalsutra (black bead necklace) & sindoor (red powder on the bride's forehead) symbolises the bride's lifelong protection by the groom & his promise to fulfill her every wish.



Saptapadi

THE SEVEN VOWS OF MARITAL BLISS

The couple will take seven sacred steps & recite the following vows:

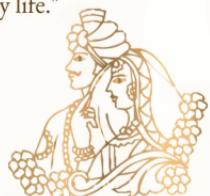
- 1) To keep a pure household, avoiding all things harmful to our health.
- 2) To develop mental, physical & spiritual strength.
- 3) To acquire wealth by righteous means.
- 4) To acquire knowledge, happiness and harmony by mutual love and trust.
- 5) To pray for virtuous, intelligent, and courageous children.
- 6) To exercise self-restraint for longevity.
- 7) To vow to always remain true companions and life-long partners.



Akhand Saubhagyavati

BLESSINGS FROM MARRIED WOMEN

Married women whisper "Akhand Saubhagyavati" in the bride's ear, which means "good luck, prosperity, and a long happy life."



Aashirvaad

BLESSINGS TO THE COUPLE

The priest now declares the couple "man & wife." The happy couple seek blessings from God, the priest, their parents, & all of you!

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Thank You!



We are so grateful you could attend our wedding festivities this week! We are thrilled to share this momentous occasion with our friends and family.

Can't wait to continue the celebrations this evening at the reception!

A very special thanks to our parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews! Their constant support and guidance made today a success.

Thank you to all of our vendors for helping us achieve the vision we had for our wedding day!



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