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→ **Seva:** Is loving selfless service to God and mankind at large.

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Sadbhav: Is an attitude of goodwill, harmony & compassion towards all arising from the understanding that both God and the individual self are the same.

The symbol of world in the logo indicates the mission of organization i.e. to unite Vaishnavs globally with a collective goal to play a positive role in the world for the upliftment of all irrespective of color, caste, national identity, gender, age, religion or socio-economic status by developing social, religious, spiritual and cultural values to spread love, knowledge and positivity through loving selfless service.

FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Bhagvad Smaran fellow Vaishnavs.

With the Grace of Shri Kalyanray Prabhu and the blessings of HDH Shashthpeethadishwar Pujya Pad Goswami 108 Shri Dwarkeshlalji Maharajshri, VIPO Global is extremely pleased to share the third edition of Pushti Awakening on the auspicious occasion of Dusherra Utsav.

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We are also extremely grateful to A. S. Pujya Jayati Vahuji for sharing samagri recipe and to Neetaben Mehta for her beautiful article on Shri Yamunaji.

Also, do not miss reading the informative articles on Shri Mahaprabhuji as a social reformer while India was under Mughal rule as well as his views on the role of women in society and marriage.

Our final edition of Pushti Awakening for the year will be dedicated as a surprise for Pujya Jejeshri's birthday which falls on December 3rd this year. We are inviting all of you to participate and send your greetings for the auspicious occasion. Please check out the last page of the magazine for further details.

Lastly, The entire editorial team here at "Pushti Awakening" would like to wish each one of our readers a Very happy, healthy and Prosperous Diwali and New Year. We bow humbly at Shri Kalyanray Prabhu and Pujya Jejeshri's lotus feet to bestow their divine blessings on each one of us.

- The Editorial Team

MESSAGE FROM PUJYA JEJESHRI

As the world battles the multiple natural disasters ranging from hurricanes, floods, droughts and fires due to climate change in the midst of Covid 19 Pandemic, there is one universal truth that prevails: These incidents of disaster and difficulty offers humanity the opportunity to attain immense spiritual growth more so than in good times.

We must remember that even during these extremely challenging periods, we must remain steadfast and continue to increase our faith and trust in Shri Krishna with humility and devotion.

Remember, our faith is always stronger than our fear, and our trust in Shri Prabhu should never wane. As a Vaishnav, to have unyielding faith and unshakeable trust in Shri Krishna means to surrender completely and find shelter at His lotus feet under all circumstances.

This year, as we celebrate Diwali during these difficult times, may the radiant light of the diyas shine ever so brightly in your hearts and lives, and I pray to Shri Krishna to bestow peace, joy, good health and prosperity on all and bless each one of us with His Grace.



My Blessings are Always with You,
Goswami Shri Dwarkeshlalji Maharajshri

Harnessing the Spiritual Potency of Adhik Maas or Purushottam Maas

Purshottam Maas, also known as Adhik Maas or Mal Maas, is a very special month in the Hindu calendar that only comes around once every few years. In 2020, we are blessed to have this month in the Hindu calendar, occurring from 18 September until 16 October.

During this time, Pushtimargiya vaishnavs and other devotees are advised to engage in shri prabhu seva, spiritual service, fasting, charitable giving, and other devotional activities in order to take full advantage of all of the gifts that this month has to offer for the soul. Although this month is often considered an inauspicious time due to various astrological reasons, it can also be a highly auspicious time to deepen your devotional seva to Shri Krishna. See below to learn more about this extraordinary time of year!

What is Adhik Maas?

Adhik Maas or Purushottam Maas is essentially an extra month added to the Hindu lunar calendar every 32.5 months to balance the gap between the lunar and solar years. Purushottam Maas occurs every 32 months, 16 days, and 8 ghadi (approximately 3 hours) as laid out by the astronomical system of Vasishtha Siddhantha.

Nearly every calendar in the world has an adjustment of the calendars in some form. In the Gregorian calendar, this is known as the leap day, which is the extra day at the end of February, added every 4 years. But the Hindu lunar calendar system of adjusting the dates between the lunar and solar years is actually the most accurate method for this modification.

In the Hindu lunar calendar, the solar year is 365 days and 6 hours, whereas the lunar year is 354 days. Due to this difference in time, a time gap

begins to accumulate of 11 days, 1 hour, 31 minutes, and 12 seconds every year between the lunar and solar years. The Hindu lunar calendar's unique method adds in a special thirteenth month to make up for this gap in time approximately every 2.7 years. Due to this variation in time, Adhik Maas occurs at a different time in the calendar every year.

The History and Meaning of Adhik Maas

Besides the primary astrological and astronomical significance of this month, Purushottam Maas is also a highly religiously significant month as well, particularly for Pushtimargiya vaishnavs. It is said that when this month was created, none of the Gods wanted to be worshipped during this period because it only occurred every few years. The Gods requested that Lord Vishnu be the one to be worshipped during this month, and that is why Adhik Maas is now referred to as Purushottam Maas.

Given the significant connection that this month has with Lord Vishnu, this month is particularly potent for us. It is advised that we engage in prayer, fasting, charity, self-improvement, and other spiritual activities during this month.

Since this month only occurs every few years, there are no festivals that occur during it. In fact, this month is technically considered an inauspicious time, and it is generally not advised for people to perform auspicious work or events such as marriages, new business ventures, or large purchases. However, this entire month is also treated as a holy month. In some parts of South Asia, it is celebrated as a month-long celebration or mela. People who perform good deeds towards others and additional service towards Shri Krishna will surely conquer their senses.

5 Ways to Honor Adhik Maas

Given the religious significance of this month, it is essential to lead a pious and celibate life during this time in addition to engaging in other spiritually potent activities. See below for a few ideas of ways to honor this month and engage in more profound spiritual service.

- **Engage in Thakorji's Seva**

This month is an ideal time to engage in Prabhu Seva.

There are many ways that you can honor and worship Lord Krishna. But some of the most powerful things you can do during this time is to involve yourself more and more in shri prabhu's seva, manorath, kirtan, samagri and satsang/path. You can also practice regular puja and havan as well but our main aim should be prabhu seva and naam.

- **Donate to Bhramnins and Those in Need**

As mentioned, charitable giving and good deeds are an excellent way to deepen your spiritual connection with Krishna. Through regular charitable giving, you can deepen your relationships with others and improve your community through even a small generous act.

- **Practice Regular Fasting**

Fasting or vrata during this month is incredibly potent. By fasting even only one time in the month while focusing your mind entirely on Krishna, you can skyrocket your relationship with Lord Krishna and deepen your spirituality.

- **Commit to Japa Meditation**

Regular japa meditation during this month is essential as it creates a long-





lasting connection with Lord Krishna and can considerably further you on your spiritual path. This month is also an excellent time to perform some extra japa malas and practice some additional prayers for self-introspection and self-improvement.

• Immerse in Scriptural Reading

During this month, scriptural reading, particularly of the Bhagavad Gita, Shrimad Bhagwat, Shodash granth, Purshottam Sahastra naam etc, Can significantly deepen your connection with Lord Krishna and honor the spiritual potency of this time. This is also a good time to try to engage in parayana or reading scripture from beginning to end.

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Adhik Maas has extra spiritual potency, and it is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your connection with Lord Krishna and recommit to your faith. By engaging in even only one of the spiritual activities described above, you can significantly benefit spiritually and take advantage of this special time that only comes around every few years!

- Goswami AashrayKumarji Mahodayshri



“A MESSAGE TO YOUNG VAISHNAVS”

Today we all are standing at the gateway of our lives, the time of youthful days. We all should positively and constantly remember that we are associated in building a new task to revolutionize our lives. We all have been sent to this universe, for that purpose only because we are deserving of our desires. If you make use of your rights fully for that purpose, you will be able to render the performance of your duties most efficiently- Then the people of the world will gladly offer congratulations to you. If you have full faith the subject matter of puranas, the deities from Heaven or Dev Lok will shower the torrent of flowers on you.

Today we observe with our own eyes as witness to the fact of showering of flowers through airplanes. Then we must acknowledge and accept the fact of showering of flowers by Gods of Heaven, in ancient times. So we should think of the subject matter of ancient anecdotes from a new perspective and modern view point.

Whenever somebody talks to us about the ancient anecdote or stories, we should not express either feelings of hatred or dispassion towards them. We should evaluate the subject matter of the religious discourse from scientific view point, shouldn't we? What is its scriptural view point? What are the inner most thoughts that work behind that belief or concept? Always try to understand the ancient, religious discourses with full faith, new spirit and novel perspective.

One will be very much pleased if you cultivate that habit and are able to comprehend in a better manner, ancient elements, beliefs, viewpoints perfectly in the light of modern view point and perspective. For example, this has become a habit for all of us to look at a person with eyes of condemnation and hatred, if he/she recites the names of God, Glories of God,

Singing devotional, songs in eulogy of God and getting associated

with 'Good Company' by calling him in a derogatory manner as 'Bhagat'. Bhagat is ridiculed by people by telling him that he runs away from the worldly life. But really speaking, a person who remains absorbed in listening to devotional songs in praise of God, is not a 'Bhagat' but *A BHAKTA-A DEVOTEE*. A devotee is one who is not separated from the Divine, even for a moment. He always remains united with recitation of names of God.

A devotee should not remain away from his adoration and worship, from his ideals and values, from most honourable objectives, from nationality, even for One MOMENT. If he remains away from many moments of his life-career, he will live in isolation. He cannot be called a devotee at all.

A devotee of God always remains united with remembrance and recitation of name of God for all the moments of his life. Just as, if all the moments of his life are associated with thinking of the welfare of the nation, he can be called *A TRUE DEVOTEE OF THE NATION (RASHTRA BHAKTA)*.

Every individual is in a way, a devotee of one kind or the other. Some are devoted to the Nation. Some are devoted to God. Some are devoted to their wives. Some are even devoted to cinemas or a particular actor or actress.

When a person's heart is united with the Supreme Element, with great respect, it is the devotion of truest type. The qualitative superiority and greatness of devotion increases in intensity and profundity in accordance with the innermost feelings that prevail inside his heart.

When a person is devoted to family, the feelings of his heart become broad-based. He becomes a devotee of society. When his feelings become more broad based and extensive, he becomes a devotee of the nation. When his heart becomes meritorious and still more broad based, he becomes a devotee of the world. But a devotee of God possesses the heart which is the most broad based and expansive, as compared to above mentioned kinds of hearts

Thus with the help of development of depthness, profundity and breadth of the

heart of a devotee, the inner most feelings of the heart become greater and greater, from humanitarian view point and He is considered to be a jewel among men.

Many divine devotees are born in our country. There is no State of India, where a divine devotee has not taken birth.

When crooked policies have tried to bring division between men, divine devotees have made maximum efforts to unite and integrate them with feeling of TRUE LOVE AND GOODWILL.

When people have been terrified by political tyrannies of the country, the divine devotees have done the magnificent work of awakening spirituality with the help of their speech and benevolent lives.

When all the people of the world are deeply absorbed in selfish spirit and spirit of 'mineness' only, the divine devotees have given the message of spirit of selflessness. They have said "People of the world yearn for worldly objects and are tempted by outward glory but they do not know that their lives will no longer exist in the world tomorrow as human life is transitory.

Why do they wander after aimless lives? If you desire to work hard, work only for the supreme prosperous life that you will attain after death.

One poet has rightly said and I like I most.

" I saw a wonderful way of life. All things of the world are transitory and momentary I saw arrival of old age that cannot be prevented I saw dispersal of youthful days, which cannot be regained."

Once you lose your life of youthful days, can you bring back those days? If you happened to meet a doctor who has obtained great degrees like F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P. in the field of medical science, and if you ask him, "I want to regain my youthful days and I want to become a dazzling man of 20 years with everlasting youthful spirit and for that purpose, I am ready to offer you the fees of 10 crores of rupees, he will give the reply "Oh brother! Even if you pay 100 millions, not crores of rupees, the days of youthfulness are gone and they cannot be regained. Once



lost – Always lost”. So can he bring back youthful days?..... No.

Due to that reason, that reason, that poet has uttered the above mentioned fact. The saints and sages have repeatedly told us” A day will come when you will have to repent of your deeds, if you adopt unfair and dishonest means to acquire more and more money and wealth” Because, by the time, you will have committed a number of sinful deeds. They will not remain with you for a long time. They will disappear from your hands, without your knowledge.

Just try to inquire the history of any country of the world. Whether they belong to East or West. People of the world become more and more egoistic if they yearn for or crave for money, wealth, power, name and fame, reputation. They all have reached a very condemnable stage of their lives.

He may be Hitler or Mussolini, or Napoleon or Alexander, The Great..... They all have been drowned by the floods of water in the form of repentance and remorse..... Take examples from the East, Karna, Jarasangh, Ravana, Duryodhana, etc they all have wasted their precious human lives by not performing their duties efficiently because they lost their conscience and spirit of consciousness as they were after money, wealth, property, power, fame etc. They abandoned the pious word 'Services' from their lives. Their hearts were decorated with spirit of selfishness and atlast they themselves died a miserable tragic death. So let us try to root out from our thoughts, and day to day actions of our of vanity, egoism bitter speech, selfish attitude and addiction of narcotic drugs which come in the form of Putna. Let Putna be departed for ever let us dedicate our lives for the sake of rendering divine services, love, self dedication and good company. Let our wealth in the form of youthful life rest in engagement of His playful activities. These are my innermost feelings of the heart, that I intend to convey.

- Shri Sharnamkumarji Mahodayshri

DAILY ADHIKMASS MANORATH DARSHAN AT KALYANRAJI MANDIR, VADODARA



SHRI YAMUNAJI

... Neeta Mehta

Shri Vallabh does not preach or encourage worship or devotion to any other form other than Shri Krishna. So Pushti Marga unlike other ways of Vedic Hindu religion does not preach the worship of female form as a separate entity like Shakti Puja. And yet Shri Yamunaji holds a special place of reverence and devotion in every Vaishnav heart. In fact, it is strongly emphasized in Pushti Marga, that it is only by the grace of Shri Yamunaji that a person is accepted and progresses.

Shri Yamunaji is the “*Chaturth Priya*,” or the Fourth Eternal Consort of Shri Krishna, and she is *Shyam Rupa*, *Shyam Swarup*, and *Shyam Kruparas* all in one. It is her grace and compassion for her devotees that takes him on the path of bhakti or devotion towards Krishna, and therefore her worship is ultimately the worship of Krishna. Here, she is considered as being one of the five forms of Shri Krishna. The other four being: Shri Krishna himself, Shri Vallabh, Shri Gusainji and Shri Giriraji. Therefore devotion towards Shri Yamunaji is a devotion and worship towards Shri Krishna himself.

When Shri Krishna manifested himself on earth to perform his divine leelas, he manifested himself along with the divine ambience of *Golokh Dham* and thus created Vraj Bhoomi. Shri Yamunaji also manifested on the earth in the form of the River Yamuna to aid and create lovely surroundings for the celebration of the divine love and divine leelas of Shri Krishna. In Vraj, we can see all the leelas like *Gaucharan*, *Raas*, etc on the banks of Shri Yamunaji.

But it is her consort form which is the personification of the grace of Shri Krishna which is revered and worshipped in Pushti Marga. And this aspect

of Shri Yamunaji is beautifully depicted by Shri Vallabh in the hymn, “Shri Yamunashtakam,” where he teaches us why Shri Yamunaji holds such a special status in Pushti Marg. Here she is described as “*Ananata Guna Bhushitey*,” or possessor of innumerable virtues that make her dear to Shri Krishna: and there are some qualities she bestows upon her devotees to endear themselves to Shri Krishna. Shri Vallabh also describes her as “*Krupa Jaladhi*,” – an infinite ocean of grace. Her grace is most striking attribute of Shri Yamunaji, and by her grace she accepts her devotees, cleansing them of all mortal faults and fills their hearts with strong devotion and love for Shri Krishna.



Thus in Pushti Marga, Shri Vallabh includes the worship of Shri Yamunaji as a means through which Shri Krishna's grace can be invoked. Thousands of devotees who visit *Vraj Bhoomi* start their pilgrimage by first performing her pooja. Her presence in the devotees life changes him completely, transforming him into being fit to attain divine experiences as he progresses towards attaining the bliss of Shri Krishna. Shri Vallabh greatly emphasizes upon the devotion towards Shri Yamunaji if one's goal is Shri Krishna bhakti for her intervention is the prime factor which leads a devotee faster towards his goal.



SHRIMAD VALLABHACHARYA MAHAPRABHUJI (The Social Reformer)

“If our social order is not to go to pieces, if our social thought is not to become incoherent, we must control and give meaning to the outward experiences which are increasingly pouring on us. The principle of dharma, the scales of value are to be maintained in and through the stress of the new experiments. Only then will it be possible for us to have balanced or integral progress. If we try to adopt inherited codes in changing conditions, instability if not collapse, will be the result. We should introduce changes today and make content of Hindu Dharma, relevant to modern conditions.”



(Excerpt from “Religion, Science and Culture” by Dr Radhakrishnan)

Shrimad Mahaprabhuji's thoughts on the social structure existing during his times should be viewed in the similar light as Dr Radhakrishnan wrote about in his book in which he discussed the relationship between religion, science and culture with the evolving times.

Shrimad Mahaprabhuji is revered not only as a philosopher and religious teacher of Sanatan Vedic Dharma, but also as a great social reformer and thinker. During his lifetime he traveled the length and breadth of India and witnessed first hand the change of the social and religious structure of society under Islasmic rule. He noted that the values of Sanatan Vedic Dharma was stumbling and losing it's significance in society. Shrimad Mahaprabhuji soon realized that the principles of Hinduism needed to be

rescued and preserved, so he suggested many reforms. It is important to note here that Shrimad Mahaprabhuji was a traditionalist when it came to the practice of Hinduism following the principles of the four Vedas, but in the matters of social life, he was considered as progressive or liberal.

His main focus was the re-orientation of the concept of *dharma*. *Dharma* was misunderstood as performance of sacrifices, observing rules of purity, practicing penance, visiting holy places, acquiring religious knowledge and following specific worship practices only.

Per Shrimad Mahaprabhuji, the definition of *dharma* extended beyond these, to include an urge and inclination of the heart and mind expressed as duty to oneself, to God, to society and to humanity. According to Shri Vallabacharyaji, *dharma* should improve relationship between individuals and union with God. *Dharma* teaches one to discriminate between what is socially good and bad. It helps to free one from the notion of I and mine. It also implies purification of the heart and not just the body alone. Its focus is

not on self love but universal love which transcends caste, creed and color. It views all beings as belonging to God. It is *dharma* of the heart and not the intellect alone.

Shrimad Vallabhacharya expounded on these spiritual values of *dharma* while preserving the religious practices because he strongly believed that social change should take place with religious control. In this manner, he rescued the downfall of Hindu society under Mughal rule. He was a revolutionary, who reformed the society without disrupting it's social structure. He not only preserved the foundation of Sanatan Vedic dharma but also advanced it with the principles of *sneh*, (universal love) *seva*, (selfless



WHAT WERE SHRIMAD MAHAPRABHUJI'S VIEWS ON WOMEN AND MARRIAGE?

Shri Acharyan's views on the role of women in society was very advanced and progressive for his times and more in accordance with the ancient Vedic scriptures. Shri Acharyacharan regarding women to be equal to men as in the Vedic period when women enjoyed equal rights to men for a religious life.

In the Vedic period, both spouses participated in sacrificial rituals, offered prayers together. Women also studied the Vedas. Young women were able to adorn the sacred thread (*janoi*) through the Upananyan Sanskar ceremony. Women were able to participate in the philosophical discussions and some women also composed Vedic hymns.

It was during the Mahabharath that the position of women in society started to deteriorate with a continued downward trend reaching its nadir under Mughal occupation during Shri Mahaprabhuji's time. Shri Mahaprabhuji endeavored to improve their position in regards to religious practice and subsequently in society.

According to Shri Mahaprabhuji there is no distinction between man or woman for religious practices as the soul is devoid of sexual differences. Shri Vallabhacharya, states your sex does not matter as long as you have the qualities of love, self sacrifice, penance and unrelenting commitment to attain God's love and grace. Although these qualities are inherently more common in the female sex he also clearly states that just because you are woman does not qualify you for devotional life.

However, the Gopis of Vraj, possessed all



these qualities and are held in highest regard by Shri Acharyacharan as he anointed them as the Guru's in the Path of Grace.

In the Karika portion of his famous text, Shri Subhodiniji, Shri Acharyacharan states that women alone are eligible for the bliss of devotion because of these underlying inherent qualities and their spouses can become eligible for devotion through their wives. (Bhagvad Chapter 10, Verse 29). Also in the Venu Gita, he states that these natural qualities of love that a woman possesses for her lover is exactly of the same nature in Pushti Marga. It is the highest form of love as it is devoid of the physical or sensual/sexual aspect. It is a kind of love that is capable of spiritual sacrifice, suffering, encountering and facing all kinds of difficulties, trials and tribulations. Shri Acharyacharan has nothing but praise for women who possess these qualities.

Shri Mahaprabhuji's views on marriage were based mostly on love. He did not openly encourage inter-caste marriages but if there were two people who truly loved each other and were from different castes, he did not object to the union. He encouraged his followers to live a married life, like himself so both husband and wife could engage in Shri Prabhu's Seva which is the main objective of a Pushtimargiya way of life. According to Shri Mahaprabhuji, the purpose of householder life is to live together in love and harmony and perform Shri Prabhu's seva. And even if one partner becomes a hindrance to the other in Shri Prabhu's seva, he strongly dissuades them from separating.

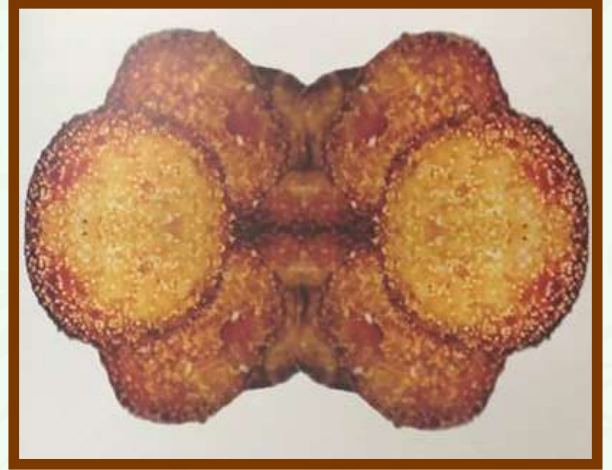


INDARSA SAMAGRI RECIPE

Courtesy P. Pu. Go. A. Sau. Jayati Vahuji

Ingredients:-

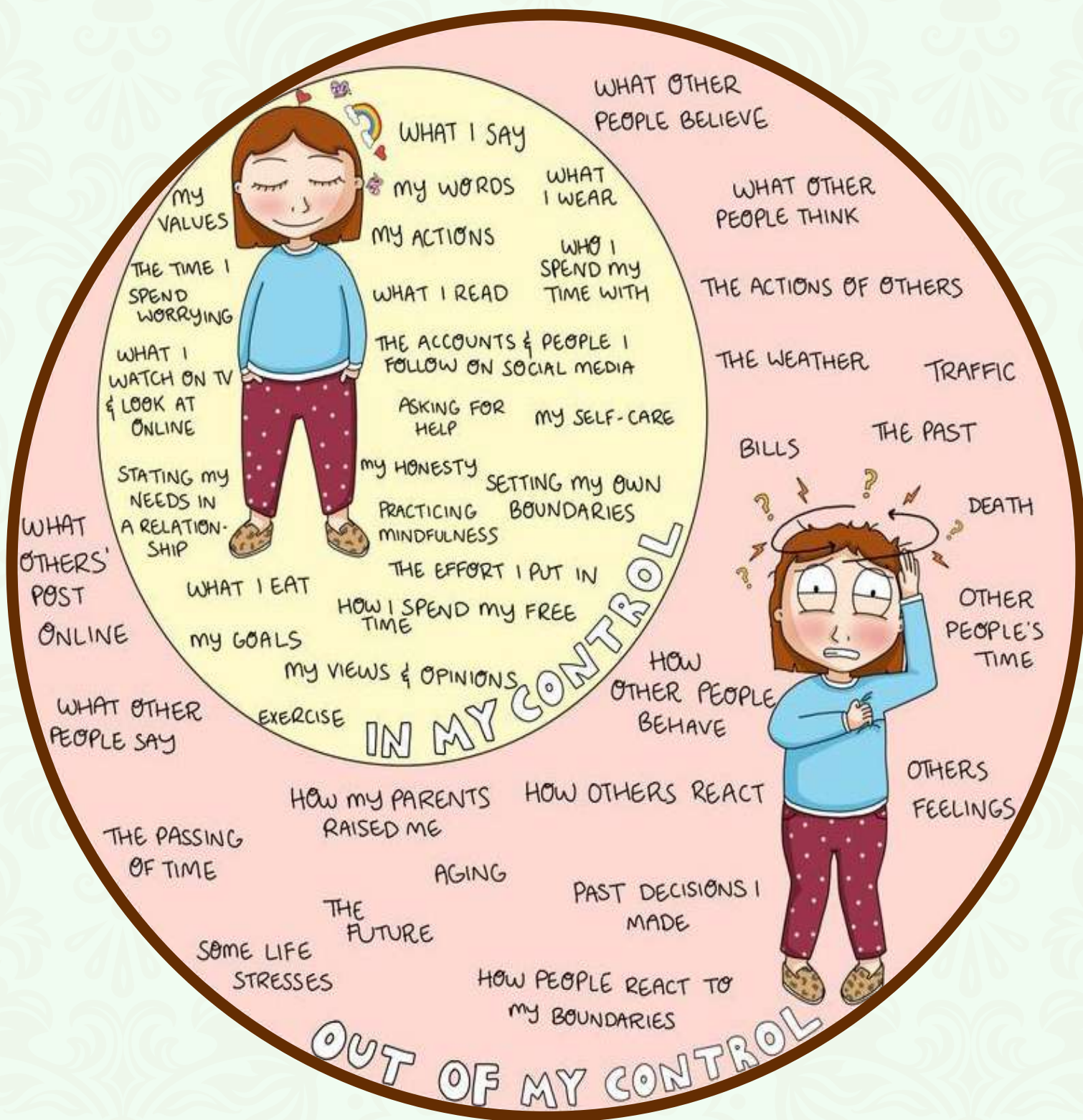
- * 1 Small Cup Rice Flour
- * 1 Small Cup Maida
- * Ghee
- * Ghee for Frying
- * 2-3 tsp Poppy Seeds (Khas Khas)
- * 50 gm Jaggery
- * Water



Mix together rice flour, maida and ghee. Take just enough water required to form a dough and add to it 50 gm jaggery. Dissolve it in water. Make stiff dough using jaggery mixed water. (like that of “Bhakhri”). Divide the dough into small balls. Roll them out keeping the puris slightly thick. (like thor). Sprinkle poppy seeds on both sides properly and deep fry them till they are well cooked from inside too. Cool them.

They are ready to be offered to Shri Prabhu.

JOURNEY TO WELLNESS DIAGRAM



THE POSITIVE EXPERIENCE OF LIFE INTERRUPTED BY COVID 19

Humans are social beings. Just as eating, drinking and sleeping are essential for our wellbeing so is social interaction. There have been many studies done by the scientists and medical doctors that have shown that loneliness has significant health risks from anxiety, depression to heart disease.

In the last few months with the onset of Covid 19 Pandemic, being in isolation has become the norm for millions of us around the world. Many of us with means have been able to connect with our families, friends, neighbors and colleagues through telephone conversations, Facetime, Zoom meetings and other social media platforms. However, the physical presence, the gentle touch, the meaningful hugs, the unspoken body gestures cannot be felt or realized with these forms of communication which are very important for our physical, mental and spiritual well being.

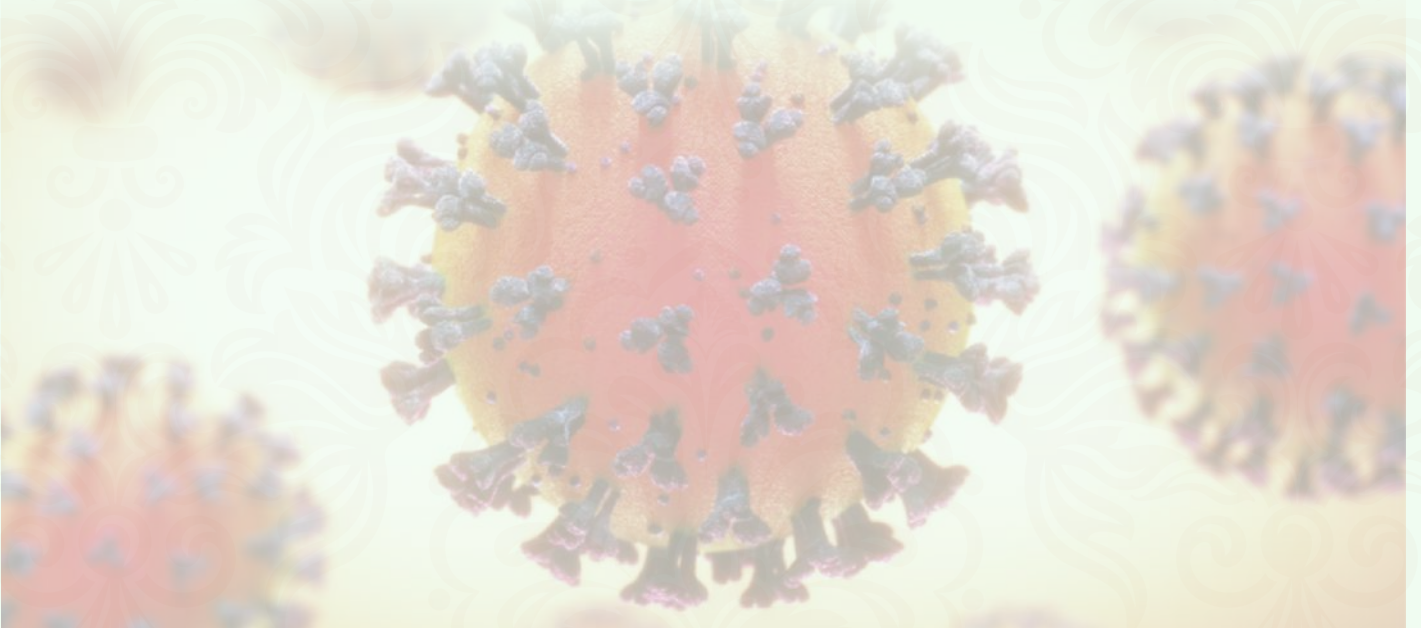
For individuals like myself who also work outside of the home and in whose homes Shri Thakorji resides, it has been an immense opportunity to build a more meaningful relationship with Him. Before Covid 19, I spent majority of my waking hours outside the home, leaving me little time for Shri Thakorji's Seva. I woke early every morning to partake of seva but always felt rushed. It seemed like there was not enough time in the morning for seva in a calm and relaxed manner and to “bond” with Shri Thakorji. The practice felt more like a chore.

Now in the midst of the Pandemic as I am spending more time in isolation, Shri Thakorji has become the center of my daily activity. With Shri Thakorji, we do not need to practice social/physical distancing as we do with everyone else, and so we get an opportunity to hold him close to us, look into

his eyes, talk to him, bathe him, feed him and make sure all his needs are met, without worrying about anything. During that precious time, I realize that I am not worried about the rules of social distancing, my mind is relaxed and my spirit is deeply connected to Shri Thakorji. This intimate connection with Shri Thakorji has become more and more meaningful for me as it has brought me much comfort and solace during this challenging period not only during seva but throughout the day.

Despite all the despair, pain and difficulties that we are all experiencing, I have found my days to be filled with a lot of joy and meaningful moments that have resulted in a tremendous feeling of calm, strength and confidence which has truly converted to a positive outlook on life. It has not only given me an opportunity to contemplate about what matters most to live a fulfilled life, but also the kind of life I want to live now and after Covid 19.

- Dr Grishma Patel



Shh!..... It's A Surprise!!

Invitation to All Vaishnavs of All Age groups:

This year, Pushti Awakening has dedicated its last edition of the year as a dedicated offering to Pujya Jejeshri on the auspicious occasion of his "Pragatya Din" / birthday which falls on December 3rd this year.

We are inviting Vaishnavs from children to seniors to send their offerings in the form of wishes to Pujya Jejeshri in the form of essays, poems, art work or simple "Pragatya Din ki Badhai" messages along with any photos you may have of you or your family with Pujya Jejeshri. The entire e- magazine will be filled with your wishes.



Please submit your birthday messages, articles, poetry, art work by November 15th by visiting our website at vipoglobal.org

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at pujyashreepadunathji@yahoo.com

Thank You!



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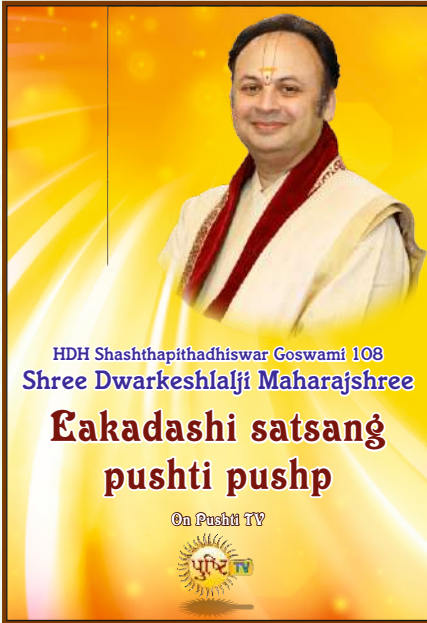
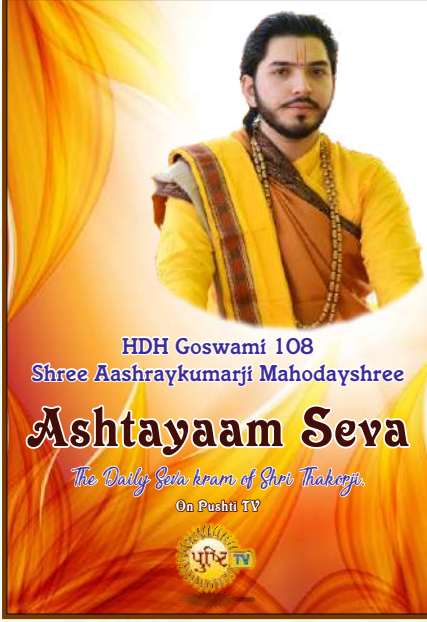
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