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Laksha Chandi

1. What is Laksha Chandi?

Laksha Chandi Yagna is a once-in-several-life-times event where 1000 Chandi Homam is conducted along with offering 1,000,000 Navakshari Mantras as Ahuti. Yagna of this scale also requires completion of 110,000 Devi Mahatmyam Parayanam along with 10,000,000 Navakshari Japa. Currently we are in the phase of collectively marching towards completion of the required number of Devi Mahatmyam or Durga Saptashati Parayanams.

2. What are other ways I can participate in this Laksha Chandi?

If you want to donate for this event, you can do it online at <https://bhaskaraprakasha.org/donate>. If you want to sponsor any of the laksha chandi homams, do reach out to the people listed in the Laksha chandi flyer <https://bhaskaraprakasha.org/lcflyer> or reach us at <https://bhaskaraprakasha.org/contact>

Prerequisites

1. What are prerequisites to participating in Laksha Chandi Parayanam?

If you have learnt Devi Mahatmyam and you have the Deeksha for Navakshari Mantra, you can chant and start contributing your parayanam towards the Laksha Chandi.

2. Do I need to have a deeksha from Bhaskara Prakasha Ashram (BPA) Gurus to contribute?

No. Any Guru Parampara is fine.

3. I don't have a deeksha, I don't know the Devi Mahatmyam either, but I would like to participate in the parayanam. Can I?

Sure. You can. In Apr 2020, BPA Gurus Sri. Raghu Ranganathan, Smt. Akila Ranganathan, and Smt. Shakti Subramanian taught Devi Manhatmyam online. All the classes are available in our YouTube channel <https://bit.ly/2Xl1jgM>.

If you believe, you will benefit from having a mentor to support you during this learning, send us an email to contact-us@bhaskaraprakasha.org or fill the contact-us form at <https://bhaskaraprakasha.org/contact>.

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Laksha Chandi Maha Yagnam

4. I don't have a deeksha, but I have learnt the Devi Mahatmyam and I would like to participate in the parayanam. Can I?

You can log your count. Unfortunately we will not be able to take your count towards Laksha Chandi, until you have Deeksha. If you are interested in getting Deeksha, you can fill the form at <https://bhaskaraprakasha.org/contact>

Parayanam Related Materials

1. Where do I find the sequence of what needs to be chanted?

Check out <https://bhaskaraprakasha.org/lcpublications> which lists all that you need to start contributing your parayanam towards Laksha Chandi

2. Where can I find the Sankalpam?

You can access the Sankalpam at

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1u3g4T1t_7Hsl1Eu3o_rASitFZcFXYJXf

3. Are there any videos?

Yes. We have a video with the entire chanting of the parayanam for the Laksha Chandi at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CM2Om32aTsQ>

Parayanam

1. Can I just contribute the Navakshari Mantra alone to the Laksha Chandi?

No. Currently, we expect everyone logging the Devi Mahatmyam will have contributed enough of the Navakshari mantra needed.

2. Can I take breaks during the parayanam?

No, we require you to chant from Sankalpam till Kshama Prarthana without a break.

3. Can I do a single parayanam over a week and count towards lakshachandi?

No, we require you to chant from Sankalpam till Kshama Prarthana in a single setting in a single day.

4. What is the dress code when doing the chanting?

Request you all to be dressed in Indian traditional dress. For women- Saree (6 or 9) preferable. Otherwise Salwar Kameez with Dupatta is ok. For Men, Veshti/Dhoti, Angavastram/Shawl draped around the shoulder is preferable. Otherwise Kurta or Shirt with Angavastram/Shawl on the shoulders.

5. Do I need to offer some prasada for each parayanam?
No. It is totally optional.

Back to Back Parayanams

1. I want to do multiple parayanams in one sitting. Can I do it?

We call this the "Time saver Parayanams". Typically two to three parayanams can be done like this as you become more comfortable chanting the thirteen chapters. Look at the 2 or 3 back-to-back parayana for more information.

2. What is 2 or 3 back-to-back parayana?

In this method, Kavachaargala Keelakam, Raatri sooktam and Devi Sooktam, Rahasyatrayam will be recited only once in the beginning and end respectively.

In the First round, at the end of 13th chapter, Saptasati Nyasam and Navakshari japam will be completed with Vimokam. Second round will start with Navakshari japam again followed by Saptasati nyasam (Bandhanam), 1st to 13th chapter, Saptashati vimokam, Navakshari vimokam. Same as above will be repeated for the third round.

After Navakshari vimokam, Devi Suktam, Rahasyatrayam till end will chant and this completes the entire parayanam.

3. When there are three Parayanams together back to back, can I join for one or two Parayanam if I am not able to sit for all the three?

Yes, in that case, you will do Kunchika stotram alone first, then join from Navakshari japa, Saptasati Nyasa, 13 chapters of Durga Saptasati, chant Saptasati nyasam Vimokam, Navakshari japam Vimokam chanted along with the Group.

4. I joined the first or first two Paarayanam but want to complete my Parayanam as I don't have time for the final Paarayanam?

In that case, after the Navakshari Japam and Navakshari Japam Vimokam, do Tantroakta Devi Suktam and Kshama Prarthana

5. If we are not able to join the Group Parayanam, what are my options?

Yes. You can chant along with our Devi Mahatmyam (slow chanting) Version in YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CM2Om32aTsQ>). Make sure that you do the parayanam in one sitting.

Online Group Parayanams

1. Should I just do the parayanam by myself?

It totally depends on what you prefer. Bhaskara Prakasha Ashram Disciples all over the world are doing the parayanams everyday online and they are open to everyone to join. You are welcome to join any of those parayanams. If you prefer to do it on your own but with a video, you can use our (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CM2Om32aTsQ>).

2. How do I know about upcoming parayanams?

Please click here for daily schedule of parayanams:

<https://bhaskaraprakasha.org/lcdailyschedule>

Please mark your calendars accordingly and join as many sessions as you can and don't forget to log your count if you were able to chant end to end.

Logging My Parayanam

1. How do I log my parayanam?

Please check the website www.bhaskaraprakasha.org for all details regarding LakshaChandi. You can submit your parayanam count through the button given in the webpage. Please take a minute to browse through and understand the details given there.

2. My parents are not computer savvy. Can someone take care of logging their counts?

Yes. Send us an email to contact-us@bhaskaraprakasha.org or fill the contact-us form at <https://bhaskaraprakasha.org/contact>. We can get someone to help with logging their counts