

# Rituals and Worships



1.1. *Ugadi* offering of six tastes at home shrine



1.2. *Neem* leaves at the door on *Ugadi*



1.3. *Ganesha Puja*



1.4. *Varalaxmi Vratam*





1.5.Worshipping cobra-hive, Warangal



1.6.Worshipping cobra-hive on *Naagulachavithi*





1.7.Mr.Subramanyam and Mr.Purushottam worshipping cobra-hive



1.8.Worships of *Naagulachavithi*



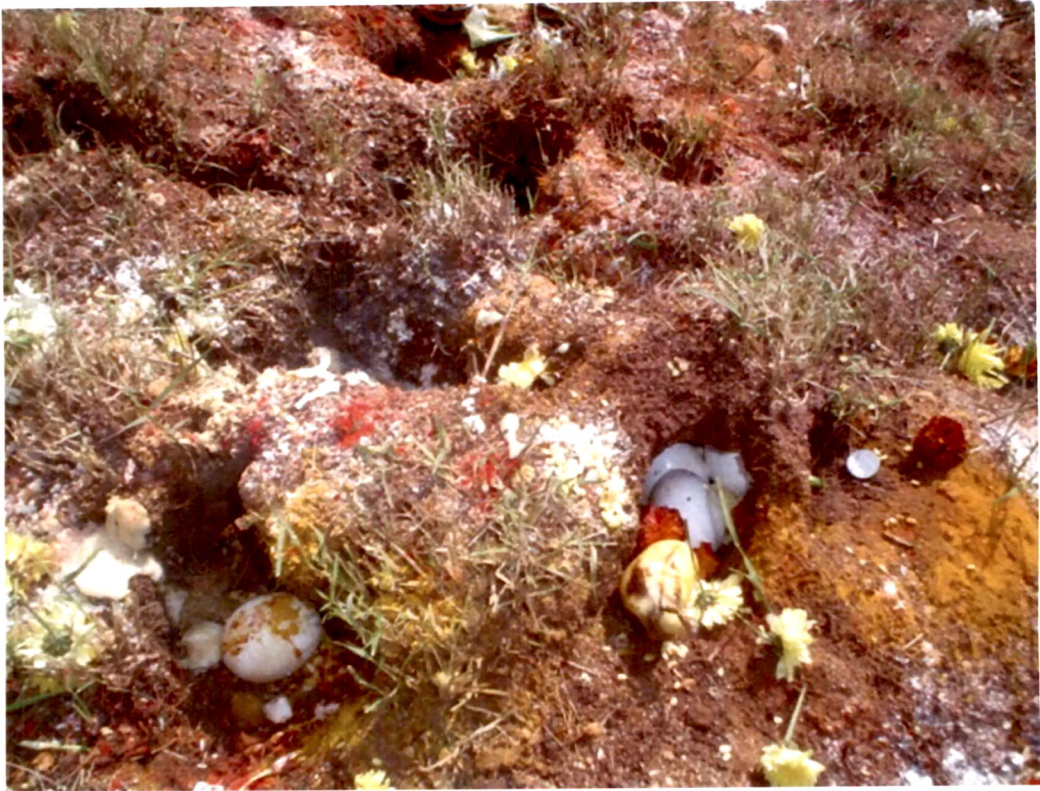


1.9.Pouring milk at cobra-hive



1.10.Pouring milk in to a cobra-hive on *Nagulachavithi*





1.11.Offered eggs at cobra-hive



1.12.Offering worships to the cobra-hive on *Naagulachavithi*,Hyderabad





1.13.Offereing food and clothes to a *Brahmachari*-unmarried man on the next day of *Nagulachavithi*



1.14.Offering worships to the grinding stone as *Gauri* on *Sankranti*





1.15.Offering worships to goddess *Pentamma*-Peepal tree at Alugubilli village



1.16.Worshipping '*Pentamma*' goddess



1.17. Agriculture labour taking grains from the farmer's house on *Kanuma* day-15th Jan.2006, Alugubilli village



1.18..A farmer offering to a priest on *Kanuma*, 15th Jan.2006,Alugubilli village





1.19. Offerings to a priest on Kanuma. 15th Jan. 2006



1.20. A Christian convert offering to a priest on 15th Jan. 2006 at Alugubilli village



1.21. Offereings to a priest by a Christian convert on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2006. Alugubilli village



1.22. Sacrificing pumpkin at the cross-roads at *Sankranti* times





1.23. Offereings made to a priest on *Sankranti* day by a *Brahmin* couple



1.24. *Bommalakolu*



1.25. *Bommalakoluvu*, Sankranti display of dolls



1.26. *Bhogi* fire, early morning hours, 13th Jan.2006, Rajuhmundry





1.27. *Gobbemma, Katyayini -worship. Tenali, Sankranti, Jan.2006*



1.28. *Ms.B.Suvarchala-'13 Kumkuma Bharani Vrat', Hyderabad.*



1.29.Offerings at the time of *Kumkuma Bharina Vrat*



1.30.B.Suvarchala on her *Vrat*





1.31.C.Vijayalaxmi, *Kailasa Gauri Vrat*



1.32.C.Vijayalaxmi performing *Kailasa Gauri Vrat*, 7th Nov.2005



1.33.Turmeric, Kumkum, fruits, flowers,Beetle leaves and nuts, bangles are on Vrat offerings



1.34.Many women accepting Vrat offerings





1.35.Worshipping 16 fruits as goddess *Gauri*



1.36.Performing 16 fruits *Vrat* Offerings made by Ms.Balamani & accepted Ms.Lata





1.37. *Vaibhavalaxmi Vrat* performed by R.Madhavi



1.38 Performing *Vaibhavalaxmi Vrat*





1.39.Vaibhavalaxmi Vrat by Smt.Mangatai, Hyderabad



1.40.Offering pairs of winnower to *Suhagan- Vrat* by Smt.Bharani lives at U.S.A performing at Hyderabad



1.41.Winnower Vrat



1.42.Winnower Vrat by Smt.Viraja, lives at U.S.A





1.43. Winnower Vrat Smt. Madhavi, Baroda



1.44. Worshipping cow and calf



1.45.Special offerings by Smt.Maheswari on Navratri time at her home shrine



1.46.Siva Kumar Vora ,a priest narrating *Santoshimata* story in Hindi to devotees,Hyderabad

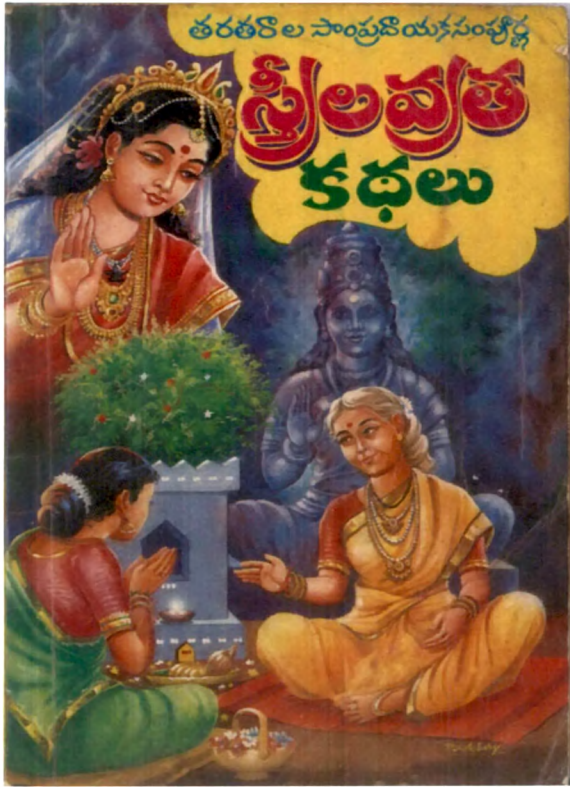




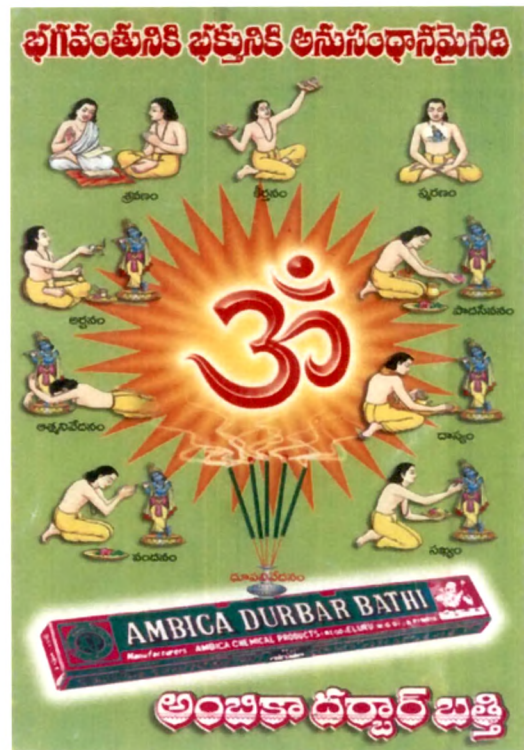
1.47.Offering worships to *Tulasi* on *Ksheerabdidvadasi*



1.48.Printed book on *Stree lavrata kathalu*, later edition



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1.50. Different kinds of worships printed on the back page of *Stree lavratakathalu*





1.51. *Kameswari Vrat* performed by Ms.K.Laxmi along with her husband



1.52. Akkalamuthaiduvalu at the time of *Kameswar vrat*



1.53. Offerings made to *Suhagan*, *Kameswari Vrat*



1.54. Worshipping *Suhagan* women in the name of goddess *Kameswari*





1.55.Smt.Laxmi's husband collects back the blessings from the *Suhagan* women after the worships offered to them by Smt. Laxmi



1.56.Home shrine



1.57.Home shrine of Smt.B.Janaki, Hyderabad



1.58.Home shrine-Rajuhmundry





1.59. Offereing worships to Peepal tree at Smt. Maheswari's house



1.60. Pumpkin regularly hanging at the door along with *Toran* at Ms. Ambika's house in Hyderabad



1.61.Tuesday-*Rahukalam* worship. Lighting in lemon halves at *Skandagiri* temple



1.62.Offereing lights in lemon halves, *Rahukala Puja*





1.63. *Ganesh Puja*



1.64. *Worship of beetle leaves to Lord Hanuman with beetle leaves*



1.65.Satyanarayana Vrat in a Tamilian couple in Hyderabad



1.66.Satyanarayana Vrat at U.S.A.by Dr.Dinkar and family

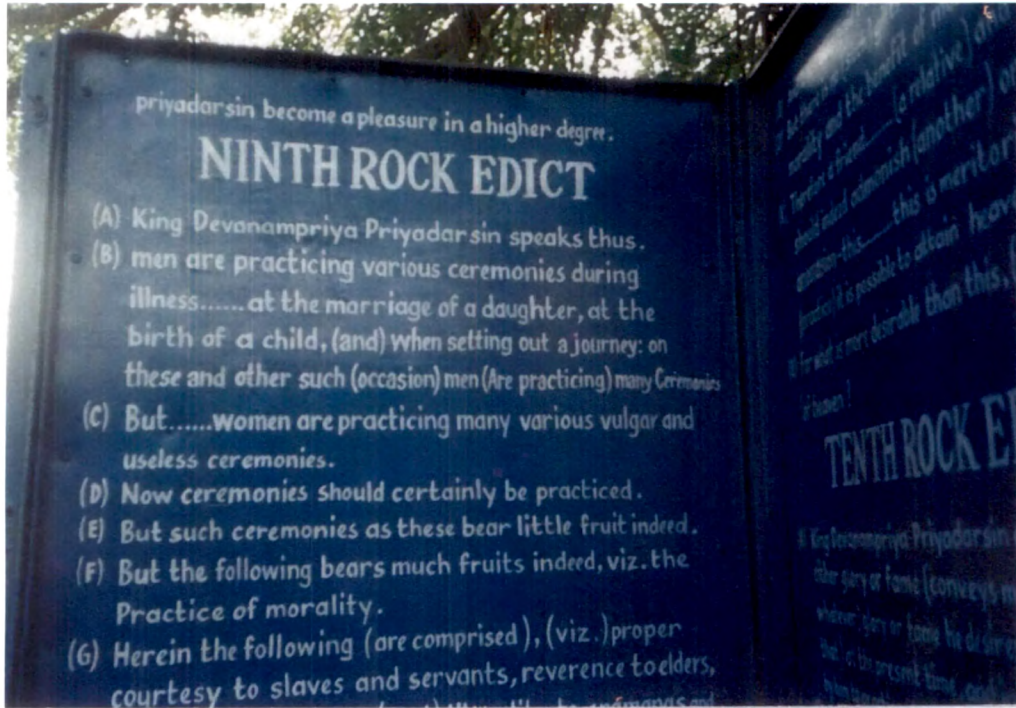




1.67. *Sashtipurthi*-60 th birthday of Mr.Sarma at U.S.A



1.68. *Sashtipurthi*, 60th birthday ritual at U.S.A



1.69.Dhuli Elephant Orissa rock edict display



1.70 News paper wishing Sankranti festival





1.71 Pothuramudu



1.72 .Haridaasu and Pothuramudu at the time of Sankranti

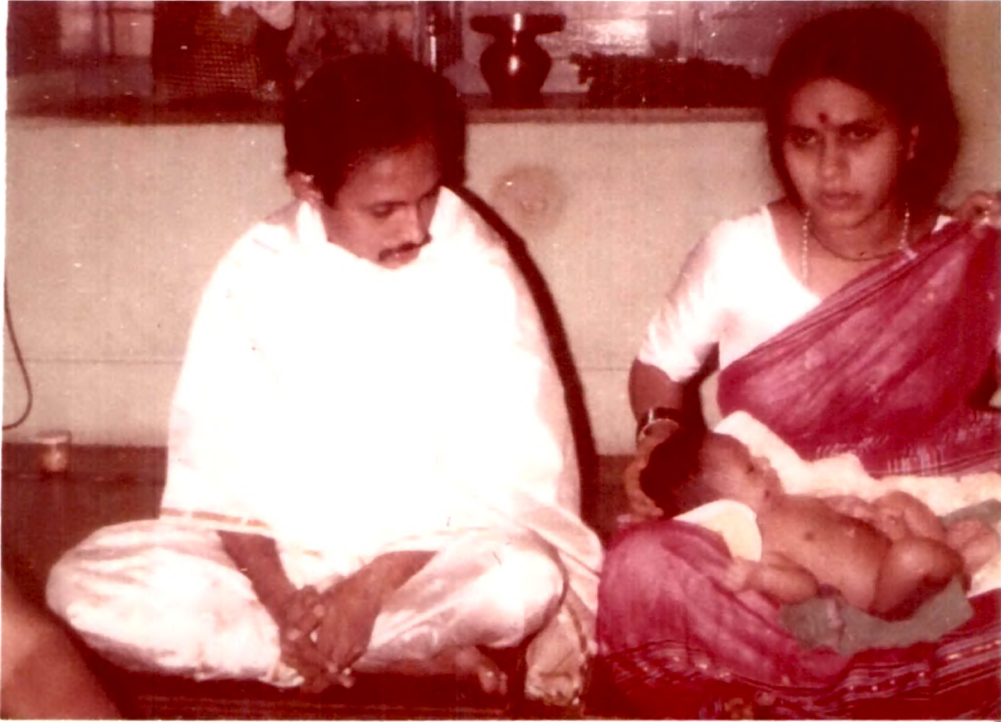


1.73. Collecting money at the time of *Sankranti-Rajuhmundry* streets

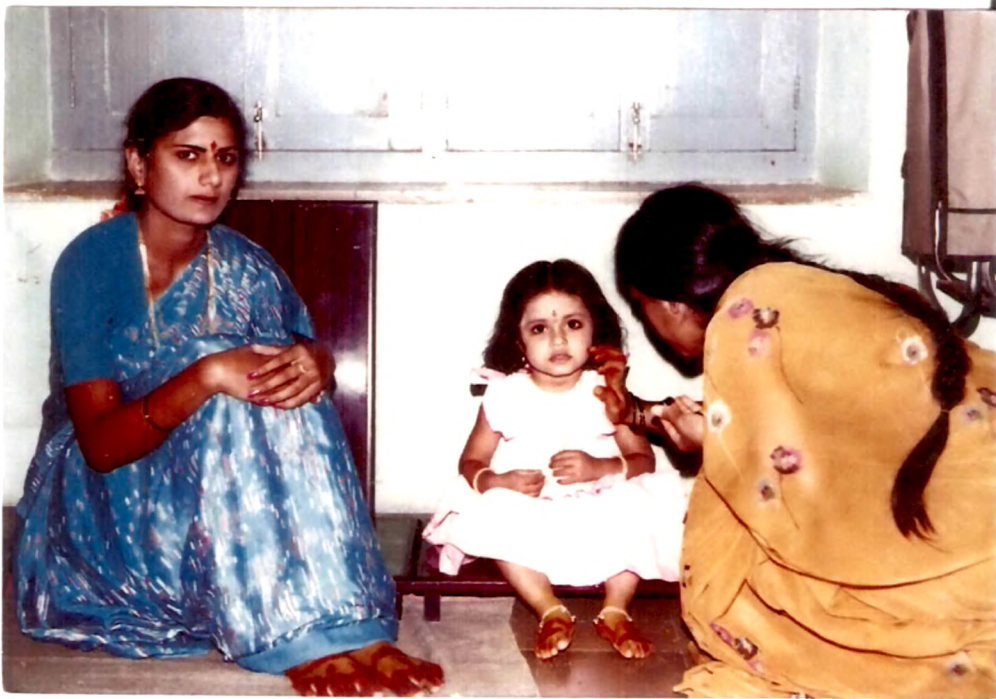


1.74. *Godbharai*-mother filling her daughter's lap wishing her safe pregnancy





1.75. *Naamkaran*-naming ceremony of a new born child



1.76. Decorating a bride and an accompanying jr. bride



1.77.Initial blessing to the would be bride



1.78.Pounding turmeric to begin the ritual of wedding





1.79.Worshipping *Gauri*, part of wedding ritual



1.80.*Muhurtam*- auspicious moment of wedding



1.81.Wedding



1.82.One of the wedding rituals, touching a stone





1.83. Good health and the entering of new bride's feet has a relation as per the pharmaceutical advertisement



1.84. Images of cow and calf entering a new house on an invitation card



1.85.Entering a new house



1.86.Boiling milk to spill over, auspicious sign, after entering the new house premise





1.87. *Ganesh Chaturdhi* in America. Artificial flowers and fruits used to decorate the *Mandap*

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1.88. *Diwali* market in America [web pages]



1.89. *Akshrabhyasam* in America-initiating the first writing



1.90. *Sankranti Kolu* at America





1.91 .Radha & Krishna playing Holi



1.92.Sivaabhishekam. Men alone following ritual



1.93. *Lingaabhishekam*, men alone following ritual



1.94. Father initiating his son to perform *Agnikaryam* after *Upanayanam*, men alone performing ritual.





1.95. *Dwija*, after performing *Upanayanam*



1.96. *Nityagni Homam*-evening worship of *Agni*-Men alone performing ritual, Tenali town



1.97. *Sandhyavandan* and *Devatarchana*. Men alone following ritual



1.98. *Sandhyavandan* by J.nataraja Sarma  
men alone performs





1.99. *Bhagavat Saptah* at Sankaramatham. Hyderabad. Nov. 2005



1.100. *Bhagavat Saptah* at Sankaramatham, 7th Nov. 2005



1.101.Engagement ceremony-Confirming the bride