



## **Shodsopchara Pooja: Sixteen steps of Image worship**

*Goal: Invite God, through an image to offer love and devotion & Learn a ritual to train mind, body and speech.*

*Prelude: Self purification, Sharira Pavitri Karana, Verses of peace, Declaration of Intent. Sankalpa, Dhyan. Gotropcara is part of Sankalpa.*

1. **Invocation** - Avahanum. Ganpataye Namaha (GN) Avahayami
2. **Offer a seat:** Asana. GN... *Asanum Samarpayami*
3. **Wash Deity's feet:** Padyam. GN Padyum Samarpayami
4. **Oblations** - Arghya...GN Arghyam Samarpayami
5. **Offer water:** GN Achmanym Samarpayami
6. **Five Nectar-** GN Panchamrita, Snanum Samarpayami  
Water for Bath- Shudhodak Snanarthe Jalum Samarpayami
7. **Garment-** Vastra: GN Vastrum Samarpayami
8. **Colors and Perfumes-** gandham. GN Gandhum Samarpayami
9. **Rice-** GN Akshatan Samarpayami
10. **Flower:** GN Pushpam Samarpyami
11. **Fragrance-**GN Dhoopam Samarpayami
12. **Light** - GN (Deepum darshyami), Deepum Samarpayami
13. **Food-** GN Naivedyam Samarpayami
14. **Gifts-** Dakshina... GN... Dakshinam Samarpayami  
A mini form of Arti may be performed.
15. **Circum ambulance** -Pradakshina. GN... Pradakshinam Samarpayami
16. **Salutation and Good bye...** *Vandana* and asking for forgiveness  
Namaskarum Samarpayami. Visarjan for photograph or Utsave Moorti

*Acharya Mishriji.*

English: Jayant Mehta

- ❖ If the deity is other than *Ganpati* change the verse accordingly.
- ❖ Some modifications are allowed.
- ❖ Addition of Gayatri Mantra, Bhajan and meditation are helpful.