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Parashuram Jayanti | धर्म की रक्षा के लिए जन्मे भगवान परशुराम की प्रेरणादायक कथा | PDF

Parashurama Jayanti is celebrated as the birth anniversary of Lord Parashurama, the sixth incarnation of Lord Vishnu. This festival falls on the Tiritiya (third day) of the Shukla Paksha in the month of Vaishakh.

It is also known as **Akshaya Tiritiya**, which is considered highly auspicious.

It is believed that the good deeds, charity, and worship performed on this day never diminish.

Hence, the day is called "Akshaya," meaning "imperishable." Lord Parashurama is seen as a symbol of martial arts, protection of righteousness, and the fight against injustice. He ended the tyranny of the Kshatriyas and reestablished Dharma.

Thus, Parashurama Jayanti is not just a birth celebration; it is also a festival of support for righteousness and justice.



Why is Parashurama Jayanti Celebrated?

Lord Parashurama was born into the Bhrigu Rishi lineage. His father was Sage Jamadagni, and his mother was Renuka. He is considered a partial incarnation (Anshavatar) of Lord Vishnu.

He embodied a rare combination of anger, penance, and justice.

This festival is celebrated to remember his ideals.

He taught that sometimes, it becomes necessary to take up arms to protect Dharma.

Though he was a Brahmin by birth, he fulfilled the duties of a Kshatriya and fought bravely against injustice.

On this day, devotees worship Lord Parashurama.

They read stories of his life and pledge to follow the path of truth and righteousness.

The Mythological Story of Parashurama Jayanti

Parashurama Jayanti marks the birth of Lord Parashurama, the sixth incarnation of Lord Vishnu.

This festival is observed on the Tertiya of the bright half of the Vaishakh month.

It is also celebrated as Akshaya Tertiya, which is considered extremely auspicious.

It is believed that good deeds and charity done on this day never diminish.



What is done on Parashurama Jayanti?

1. Fasting and Austerity:

Devotees observe a fast on Parashurama Jayanti.

While fasting, they consume only sattvic food or observe a waterless (nirjala) fast.

The fast aims for self-purification and expressing devotion to Lord Parashurama.

2. Worship Rituals:

Devotees bathe early in the morning and wear clean clothes.

The idol or image of Lord Parashurama is bathed with

Panchamrit (a mixture of milk, curd, ghee, honey, and sugar).

They offer rice grains (Akshat), flowers, sandalwood paste, incense, and lamps during the worship.

Fruits, coconut, and sweet offerings are presented to Lord Parashurama.

The mantra “Om Parashuramaya Namah” is chanted.

Listening to his stories and organizing a sacred fire ritual (havan) are also common practices.

3. Storytelling and Spiritual Gatherings:

Devotees read and listen to stories and incidents from Lord Parashurama’s life.

Many places organize community hymn-singing (bhajan-kirtan) and satsangs (spiritual gatherings).

4. Charity and Good Deeds:

Charity holds special importance on the auspicious day of Akshaya Tritiya.

Devotees donate food, clothes, water, umbrellas, jewelry, and more.

Special emphasis is placed on helping the poor and needy.

5. Other Religious Activities:

Some people perform Bhoomi Pujan (land worship) on this day.

Buying gold, silver, new clothes, or agricultural tools is considered highly auspicious.

This day is also ideal for organizing auspicious ceremonies like marriages.

- **Protection of Dharma:** Never tolerate injustice, and fight for truth and righteousness.
- **Mastery in Weapons and Scriptures:** Parashurama showed that both education and martial skills are important.
- **True Devotion:** Obeying the commands of parents and gurus with utmost sincerity.
- **Sacrifice and Penance:** Through intense penance, Parashurama acquired divine powers and used them for the welfare of society.



Many legendary warriors, including Bhishma Pitamah, Dronacharya, and Karna, were trained by him in martial arts. **Parashurama Jayanti** is not just a celebration of Lord Parashurama's birth; it is a festival that symbolizes Dharma (righteousness), valor, and justice.

This day teaches us that to protect Dharma, one must be willing to embrace penance, sacrifice, and strength. The teachings of Lord Parashurama are just as relevant today as they were in ancient times.

Inspired by his devotion, strength, and love for justice, we can strive to live a life filled with Dharma and truth. On this auspicious occasion of Parashurama Jayanti, let us all pledge to stand against injustice and walk on the path of righteousness.

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