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**Govardhan Puja** is an important festival that holds a special place in Hinduism. It is primarily celebrated on the Shukla Pratipada of the month of Kartik. This day commemorates Lord Shri Krishna lifting the Govardhan Hill when he subdued the wrath of Indra Dev to protect his devotees.

#### **Date of Govardhan Puja**

Govardhan Puja will be celebrated on 22 October 2025 (Wednesday). This date falls on the day after Diwali. On the day of Diwali, Goddess Lakshmi is worshipped, while the following day is traditionally observed as Govardhan Puja or the Annakut Festival.

#### Significance of Govardhan Puja:

**Glorification of Lord Krishna**: This festival highlights the immense strength of Lord Krishna and his ability to protect his devotees. Krishna lifted the Govardhan Hill on his little finger to shield the villagers from the torrential rains caused by Indra Dev.













Indra's Wrath: When Indra Dev unleashed a storm upon the residents of Gokul, Krishna lifted the Govardhan Hill to safeguard them, marking the beginning of the Govardhan Puja tradition.

#### **How Govardhan Puja is Celebrated:**

#### 1. Construction of Govardhan Hill:

- Devotees create a representation of the Govardhan Hill using soil, cow dung, and other natural materials. It is beautifully adorned with colorful flowers and leaves.
- In some places, the hill is constructed in the courtyard of homes, symbolizing the participation of the entire family in the celebration.

#### 2. Offering of Food:

- On this day, a variety of dishes are prepared, including rice, lentils, bread, vegetables, sweets, and other delicacies.
- All the dishes are offered to the Govardhan Hill, seeking the blessings of Lord Krishna. This offering is known as Annakut, meaning "mountain of food."

#### 3. Rituals and Prayers:

- During the prayers, devotees worship the Govardhan Hill and walk around it while singing hymns and chanting mantras.
- Specially, mantras like "Om Govardhanaya Namah" are chanted, and devotees perform the Aarti of Lord Krishna.













#### 4. Games and Celebrations:

- Various games and cultural programs are organized to promote unity and brotherhood within the community during this occasion.
- Children circle around the Govardhan Hill and enjoy special sweets.

#### **Spiritual Significance of Govardhan Puja:**

- Environmental Conservation: Govardhan Puja teaches us the importance of responsibility towards nature. This festival inspires us to protect our environment and maintain ecological balance.
- Importance of Devotion: It strengthens the feeling of unwavering devotion and faith in God. Devotees believe that the worship and offerings made on this day bring happiness, prosperity, and peace to their lives.

#### After Govardhan Puja:

After the celebration, devotees share sweets with one another and exchange happiness. It is especially significant to celebrate this day with family and friends.

Thus, Govardhan Puja is not just a religious event; it is also a cultural festival that promotes love, unity, and brotherhood in society.













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