

THE UTSAV

SHRI KRISHNA'S FESTIVE YEAR



DASSERA

(Aso Sud Dasam - 10)

Pushti Elucidation:- Rama had won over Ravana on Dassera. Ramas festival used to be celebrated in the house of Nandraiji. In that Krishna used to take part. Dassera is celebrated with the bhavna of Nandalay. As there are many dimensions to a diamond, similarly there are many dimensions to this festival also. For e.g. When Rama killed Ravana, he was coronated (rajgabhishek). Therefore this festival is also celebrated as the new year of Kshatriyas. In this festival padas of both Krishnalæla & Ramlæla are sung.

Shringar :- Safed (white) Jari ke shringar, Gherdar Baga, Shri mastak par paagh, Saada chandrika, Karna ful, Vanmala ka bhari Shringar, Utsav ke jadau aabhran, Hara (green) thada vasta, Dichvai hari (green) salma sitara ke kam vali tibari vali.

Vishesh Kram :- Today onwards 1,25,000 leaves of tulsi are offered to the lord starting from mangla today to kartik shukla dasam. In Rajbhog cows made of wood are kept. Shreeji is offered a Dhal and a Katar in the bhog darshan, and he is offered fresh wheat shoots in Shri mastak after removing the chandrika.