

THE UTSAV
SHRI KRISHNA'S FESTIVE YEAR



AKHA TEEJ
(Vaishakh Sud Treej - 3)

Vaishakh Sud 3 is also known as **AKHA TREEJ**. It is the day when TRETĀ YUG was established. Parshuram Jayanti is celebrated on this day. Chandan Yatra starts on this auspicious day.

The 2 month's seva starting from today is done by **Chaturth priga Shri Yamunaji's Bhaav**. As this day comes during extremely hot summer, **Chandan** (Sandal wood) and white coloured and light vastra is adorned to Thakurji. Chandan is mixed with 4 items - kesar, Kasturi, Kapur, and Chova and is smeared on prabhu's shring (body). Chandan is colour of Chandravali, Kesar is colour of Swaminiji, Kapur is the colour of Yuthadhipati and Shri Lalitaji and chova is love of Devotee's towards Shri Thakurji. Kasturi is the colour of the lord's swaroop and white vastra signifies coolness and provides lord with ease in the summer season. Kumkum and chandan is adorned to Thakurji by Prigaji on this auspicious day and with this bhavna we adorn the prabhu with kumkum and chandan. Chandan must be applied on the kapol (forehead) and on the Vaksha (chest) of prabhu.

The bhavna behind this is that, by applying Chandan and kumkum to the prabhu, it provides **coolness to the Virah agni** of the devotee of being away from the lord for thousands of years.

Shringar :- Chandan ki kor ke safed varsha Pichoda, shri mastak pan kalgh, pank ka Jod Jundal, Moti ke Abharan Madhya ke shingar chandani thade vasta, moti ka choktha safed (white) pichvai with silver border.