## Sama Veda Upakarma Prayoga for the year 2021

## (9 September 2021)

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Gayatri Japam 2021 date is August 23. And check out Gayatri Japam Mantras here for 2021.

In the case of Sama Veda, The upa Karma prayogam is very extensive and differs very much from the Upakarma prayoga of Rig and Yajur Vedis. They always do it in Hastha Nakshtra of the Kanya Masa. It essentially consists of ten steps in the following order

1.Panchagavya sammelanam

2.Snana Mahasankalpam moo.bogL

3.Brahmayagnam

4.Punyaham

5.Rishipooja(Uthsarjan Karma)

6.Deva, rishi, Pithru Tharpanam (264+12)

7.Ghata Poojai

8.Yagnopaveethadhaaranam

9.Vedarambam

10.Kankanadharanam

Naturally these have to be done with the instruction of a Guru but in modern times when people are scattered all over the world and also because well learned Sama Vedi Purohithas are very scarce, many people are forced to do it in their home

depending on some handouts. Since most of the above steps are lengthy and involve proper chanting of Sama Veda Mantras, they do only three steps of the above 10. They are

I.Snana maha Sankalpam,

ii,Brahma Yagnam

iii.Yagnopaveetha dharanam

English is a very inadequate language to type out Sanskrit manthras. But I have made an effort to present the needed mantras for the above steps for the year 2021 because I feel that our youngsters are more at home in English rather than in their mother toungue or Sanskrit. Since I am not a Sama Vedin I depend for the mantras on Book published by C.Sankara TRama Sastri (1956) Sama Veda Upakrama prayoga published by Sri Balamanorama press, Madras. I have also got my typing read through and to certain extent edited by Sri.P.A.Anantharaman.I am grateful to him,

i.Snana Maha Samkalpam

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a.Aachamanam, wear Pavithram.

b.Shuklam baradharam......

c.Om bhoo

d.Maha samkalpam

Apavithra pavithro vaa sarvaavasthaam gathopi vaa , ya smareth pundari kaksham, sabahyanthara suchi , manasam vaachikam paapam , karmanaa Samuparjitham, sri Rama smaranenaiva vyopahathi na samsaya .Sree rama Rama rama

Tidhir Vishnu, Tatha vaara, nakshatram Vishnu reva cha

Yogascha karanam chaiva sarvam Vishnu mayam Jagat,

Sri Govinda , Govinda, Govinda

Aadya sri bhagawatha, Aadi vishno, Aadinarayanasya achinthyaya , aparimithaya, sakthyaa, briyamaanasya, mahaa jalou ghasya madhye,

koti Paribrhama maanaanam aneka brhmaandanam thame,avvaktha madhye, mahadahankara eka vayvakaasaa ahankaradhii pruthivva aptejo -aavaranairaavruthe- asmin mahathi bramanda-karanda-madale- aadhara sakthi aadhi koormaa nandathi ashta diggajopari prathishtithasya uparithale -Sathyadhi loka shadkasya adho bhage, mahaa nalayamana phani raja seshasya sahasra phanaa mandala mandithe, lolaalokachalena parivruthemani dighdanthi-shunda dhanda-uttambhithe, lavaneshu suraa sarpee dhadhee dugdha sudhodhakrnavii parivruthe, jambhu-plakshasaka-salmali-kusa-krouncha-pushkarakhva saptha dweepa dheepithe, Indra dheepa kaseru thamra gabhasthi naga soumya gandharwa chaarana bharathakhya nava gandathmake -Maha meru giri karnakopetha maha saroruhayamana pancha sath koti yojana vistheerna bhoo mandale- sumeru nishadha hemakoota himachala malyavath pariyathraka gandhamadhana kailasa vindhyachaladhi, maha shailadhishtithe, Lavana Samudhra mudhrithe, Bharatha Kimpurusha Hari Ilavrutha Ramyaka KuruBhadrascha Hiranmava Kethumalakhva nava varshopashobithe, , Jamboo dweepe, Bharatha varshe, bharatha kande, Mero Dakshine Parswe, Karma Bhoomou - Swamyavanthii kuru kshethraadhi sama bhoo Madhya rekhaya poorva dig Bhage, Vindhachalasya Dakshina dig Bhage, Dandakaranye,

Sakala Jagat Srushta parardha dwaya jeewino Brahmana Pancha sadhabdhathmike Pradhame Parardhe Aatheethe. parardhe, Panchasadabdhou, Pradhame Dwitheeva Varshe. mase , Pradhame Pakshe, Pradhame Pradahme divase. AAhani dwitheeye yame , tritheeye muhurthe, swayambhuvaswarochisha-uthama-thamasa-raivatha-chakshuhakheshu, vyatheetheshu, sapthame shatsu manusha vaivaswatha manvanthare, aashta vimsathi thame, varthamane kali yuge, padhe, 9 Shalivahana shakabdhe. Chanrda prathame savanna souradhi maana bramithe, prabhavaadheenam sashti madhye samvatsaranaam Plava nama samvatsare, • Dakshinaayane, Varsha rithou, Simha mase, Shukla pakshe, \* shubha thidou, guru aadhva tritheevaam vasara nakshatra yukthayam, shubhayoga, yukthayam, \*\* hastha guna, viseshana visishtaavam. shubha karana evam \* thidou. Sarva asyam • Tritheeyam shubha Papa Harana nipuna sri Parameswara preethyartham, Anaadhya vidhyaa vaasanaya pravarthamane , Asmin mahathi Samsara Chakre, Vichithrabh karma gathibhi- vichithrasu yonishu , puna punaranekadha janithwa, Kenaapi punya karma viseshena idhaaneentha maanushye dwija janma visesham prapthavatho mama, iha janmani poorva janmasu maya kruthaanam brahma hathyadhi -swarnaastheya -suraapana- guruthalpagamana,pathaka chathushtaya, vyatheerikthaanaam maha thath samsargaanaam, theshaam pathakanaam. nikshipthaya, saranaagathaaya, , pathivruthaya sangama nishidha sashtraabhi gamanaadheenaa, vidwad nimithanam, brahmana pankthi bhedhacharana , vaardhakee -vidhawa vrushalyaadhi nimithaanaam. vesya samsarga balve vaardhake. jagrath vaysi kaumare vouvane swapna sushpthvavasthasu. kava mano vaak karmendriva vyapaarai, jnanendriya vyapaaraischa, samsarga nimithaanaam, bhooyo bhooyo aabhyasthanaam, thathra thathra garbhothpathi nimithanaam, thath saha bhojana thad uchishta bhakshana, aswa voni, paswadhi voniretha skhalitha nimithaanam.

govadha paswadhi prani vadha nimithaanam, sthree shoodhra vita kshatriya vadha nithaanaam, aayuktha lavana pakvanna madhu ksheera thila thaila maama moola phala ,

saaka raktha vasa suvarna, kambalaadhi vikraya nimithaanaam, aswadhi vahana , ikshu kanda dathana, paraapavaadana, bradhakadhyapana, asad prathi grahana, vrukshschedana, dhaanya roupya pasustheya, vaardushi karana shudhra seva, shudra preshya, heena jathi prathigraha, heena sakhya, pankthi bhedana, paka bhedana, paraa anna bhojana, asachasthra lapa, pramadhi kara, matadhikara, pourohithya, pareeksha paksha pathaka, thatakaarama vikraya, thataka vichedhanadhi sama paathakaanaam, jnantha sakruth kruthaanaam, aajnatha asakruth kruthaanaam. inanatho aajanathaascha athvanthabhvasthaanam, abhvashaanam, nirantharabhyasthaanaam, sankari karanaanaam. malini karananaam, aapathri karanaanaam, jathi bramsa karanaanam, aavihitha karamaacharana, vihitha karma thyagaadheenaam, prakeernikaanaam upa pathakaanaam, maha pathakaanaam, aathi paathakaanaam, evam navaanam nava vidhaanaam, bahoonaam bahuvidhaanaam sarveshaam papa namapanodhana dwara, aayajya yaajanaasath prathi grahaa bakshya bhakshanaa bhojya bhojanaa peya paanaadhi samastha papa kshyartham,

aswatha narayana sannidhou-deva brahmana sannidhou-tryaa trimsath koti devathaa sannidhou-sri visaalakshi sametha visweswara swami sannidhou-mahaa ganapathi sannidhou-seetha lakshmana bharatha sathrugna-hanumat samedha sri rama chandra swmai sannidhou-sri rukmani sathyabhama samedha sri gopala Krishna swami sannidhou-hari hara puthra swami sannidhou-sri lakshmi narayana swami sannidhou

Mama samastha papa kshyartha proshta padhyam hastharshe adhya yoth sarjana karmangam maadhyahnika snaanamaham karishye, maadhyahnika snaanamaham karishye. Aathi kroora maha kaya kalpantha dahanopama,

Bhairavaya namasthubhyam aanugnaam dhathu marhasi.

Durbhojana duraalaapa dush prathigraha sambhavam,

Paapam hara mama kshipram sahyakanye namosthuthe.

Triraathram jahnavi theere pancha rathram thu yaamune,

Sadhya punathu kaaveri papa maamaranthikam.

Ganga gangethi yo brooyaadh yo janaanaam shatai rapi,

Muchyathe sarva paapebhyo Vishnu lokam sa gachathi. (take bath thus)

After bath (Nowadays people only take Sankalpa Snanam by sprinkling water)

take Pancha Gavyam chanting

Yathavagasthi gatham papam dehe thishtathi maamake,

Praasanam pancha gavyasya dahathwagni rivendanam.

Take bath again, wear dry cloths, put on caste marks, do regular daily duties and then do Brahma Yagna.

\*Tritheeya is up to 0.19 am on 10-9-2021 afterwards Chathurthi

Hastha Nakshatra is up to 2.31 pm on 9-9-2021, afterwards Chithra Nakshatra. Change according to your local time after comparing it to IST. The Avani avittam for Sama Vedis has to be done in Hastha Nakshatram. (If you are doing it after hastha nakshatra in the country where you live , please consult your Acharya- possibly you have to do it the previous day there).

Summary meaning: Here again apart from locating oneself with reference to time, one locates himself with reference to place also.We are supposed to live in Jambu Dweepa, Bharatha Kanda which is south of the great mountain Maha meru. Then again this Bhasratha Kanda is blessed with many holy rivers and holy places. Then prayer is done to God to pardon sins committed by word, thought and deed, because this was done inspite of his great grace which made us be born as human beings after several wheels of birth. Also the sins performed during several ages in life is highlighted.Some of the sins specifically mentioned are those done while earning money without conscience, giving money to improper people, actions which did not suit the caste we are born in, cutting of tree, spoiling a lake , trading of several banned commodities such as salt, blanket, meat, root, fruit etc, sins due to non performance of actions which ought to have been done and so on. We pray God and tell him that we would take bath in holy pure water and then start the veda parayanas which is our duty as a Brahmin.

ii.Brahma Yagnam.

Perform Achamanam

Face eastern direction and do "Shuklam baradaram...." Followed by pranayamam "om Bhoo..."

Mamopatha samastha duritha kshya dwara sri Parameshwara preethyartham Brahma Yagnam karishye. Brahma yagnena Yakshye.

Chant and clean the hands with water

Vidhyudasi paapmanam vidhya me paapmanam amruthath Sathya mupaime

And then chant

Om Bhorbavassuva

Om tatsa vithurvarenyam.

Om Bhargo devasya Dheemahi

Om Dhiyo yona prachodayath

Om Tatsa vithurvarenyam Bhargo devasya dheemahi

Om Dhiyo yona prachodayath

Om Bhoo, Om Bhuva, Om Suva, Om Sathyam, Om Purusha

Om Bhoo, bhoo., hoi bhoo, Hoi bhoo Haa aavu vaa a, suvarjyothi aa

Om Bhuvaa, Bhuva, Hoi Bhuva, Hoi Bhuva, Haa aavu vaa a,suvarjyothi aa

Om Suvaa , Suva, Hoi Bhuva, Hoi Bhuva, Haa aavu vaa a, suvarjyothi aa

Om Sathyam , Sathyam, Hoi Bhuva, Hoi Bhuva, Haa aavu vaa a, suvarjyothi aa

Om Purushaa , Purusha, Hoi Bhuva, Hoi Bhuva, Haa aavu vaa a,suvarjyothi aa

Om Thatsa vithurvarenyam , bhargo devasya dheemahi, dhiyo yoo na Pracho aa, him , dhayo Aaa aa,

Om Agnimeele purohitham Yagnasya Dheva mruthvijam, hotharam Rathna Dhathamam

Om Ishe Tworje Thwa ,vayavasthapayavastha Devo vassavitha prarpayathu sreshtathamaya karmane

Om Agna Aayahi veethaye grunano havyadathaye, ni hotha sadhsi bharhishi

Om sanno devirabheeshtaya Aapo peethaye sam yorabhisravanthu na

Sprinkle water round the head by reciting

Sathyam Thapa sradhayam juhomi

Recite three times with folded hands

Om namo brahmane namosthwagnaye nama pruthwyai nama oshadheebhya namo vaache namo vaachaspathaye namo vishnave bruhathe karomi.

8.Clean the hands again with water by reciting "vrushtirasi vruschame paapmanamamruthath sathyamupaaga"

Devarshi Pithru tharpanam Karishye

9.Do deva tharpanam through the tip of fingers

1.Bramodaya ye deva thaan devaan tharpayami

2.Sarvaan devaan tharpayami

3. Sarva deva ganaan tharpayami

4.Sarva deva pathnis tharapayami

5.Sarva deva ganapathnis tharpayami

6.Sarva deva puthaam stharpayami

7.Sarva deva gana puthamstharpayami

10. Do rishi tharpanam(each twice) by wearing yagnopaveetha as garland and pouring out water from the little finger

1,Krishna dwaipayanaya ye rishaya thaan rishin tharpayami

2. Sarvaan risheen tharpayami

3.Sarva rishi ganaan tharpayami

4. Sarve rishi pathnis tharpayami

5,Sarva rishi gana pathnistharpayami

6.Sarva rishi puthramstharpayami

7.Srava rishi gana puthramstharpayami

11.Put the Yagnopaveetham in normal fashion and pour water from the tips of fingers

1.Rig vedam tharpayami

2.Yajur Vedam tharpayami

- 3. Sama Vedam tharpayami
- 4. Atharva Vedam tharpayami
- 5. Ithihasa puranam tharpayami

12.Only those who have lost their father (others go to step 13)do Pithru tharpanam wearing the yagnopaveetham on the right shoulder pouring water between the thumb. And index finger(thrice).

1.Soma pithruman yamo angiraswan agni kavyavahana ithyadaya ye pithara

thaan pithrun tharpayami,

- 2. Sarvaan pithrun tharpayami
- 3. Sarva pithru ganan tharpayami
- 4. Sarva pithru pathnistharpayami
- 5. Sarva pithru ganapanthnistharpayami

6.Sarva Pithru puthrastharpayami

7.Sarva pithru gana puthraastharpayami

8.oorjam vahanthi amrutham grutham paya keelaalam parisruyatham

swadaastha tharpayatha me pithrun

13.Put the Yagnopa Vita in the Normal fashion and do Aachamanam

Brahma yagnam(sacrifice to Brahma) is the oblation offered to satisfy Devas, Rishis(sages) and Pithrus(ancestors). It is supposed to be performed daily after Madhyannikam, But nowadays it is done mainly on avani avittam days.

iii.Yagnopa veetha dharana manthra

(Manthra for wearing Poonal)

a.Aachamanam:Shuklaam Bharadharam...... Santhaye

b.Om Bhoo.....Bhoorbhavaswarom

c.Mamo patha samastha duritha kshya dwara sri paameshwara preethyartham

Sroutha smartha vihitha sadachara nithya karmaanushtanaa yogyatha sidhyartham brhma teja abhivrudyartham yagnopaveetha dharanam karishye. d.Yagnopaveetha dharana maha manthrasya

Parabrhma rishi(Touch forehead)

Trushtup chanda (touch below nose)

Paramathma devatha (touch heart)

III.Yagnopaveetha dharane viniyoga

Wear Poonal one by one by reciting(poonal should be held by both hands, the tie in the poonal being held above by the right hand facing upwards)

Yagnopaveetham paramam pavithram praja pathe,

Yat sahajam purasthad aayushyam

Agriyam prathi muncha shubram yagnopaveetham balamasthu theja.

f.After wearing all poonals one by one do Aachamanam

g.Remove the old poonals and break them to pieces by reciting

Upaveetham bhinna thanthum jeernam kasmala dooshitham, visrujami jale punarbrahman varcho deergayurasthu me.

h.Do aachamanam.

Summary meaning: I wear the white yagnopavitha that is purifying, which was born along with brahma, which is capable of increasing life .I am sure this would give glory and strength to me.I am destroying the dirty, soiled yagnopavita.

6.Gaayathri japam (23 August 2021)

For Yajur, Rig and Sama Vedis given separately

And then do aachamanam. And bring to end upakarma

Please note that

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