

Department of CSE-IOT (Internet of Things)

Event: - Ayudha Pooja

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Venue: - Ramachandra college of Engineering Autonomous

Introduction

Ayudha Pooja is one of the most important festivals celebrated mainly in South India, especially in the states of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, and Kerala. The word “Ayudha” means “tools” or “instruments,” and “Pooja” means “worship.” Hence, Ayudha Pooja literally means “the worship of tools and instruments.

This festival usually falls on the **ninth day (Navami)** of the **Navaratri festival**, which generally comes in the months of **September or October**. It is also known as **Astra Pooja** in some regions. On this day, people express gratitude to the tools, machines, and instruments that help them in their daily life and profession.

Significance and Beliefs

Ayudha Pooja has great **religious and cultural significance**. According to Hindu mythology, Goddess **Durga** and **Chamundeshwari** are worshipped for their victory over the demon **Mahishasura**, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. Traditionally, warriors used to worship their weapons before going to battle. Over time, this practice evolved into worshipping all kinds of tools, whether used in education, agriculture, industry, or household work.

How It Is Celebrated

On Ayudha Pooja day, people clean and decorate their tools, vehicles, and workplaces. Students clean their books and study materials, farmers worship their ploughs and tractors, and mechanics, artisans, and workers worship their instruments.

- Tools and machines are washed, polished, and smeared with turmeric and kumkum.
- Flowers, banana leaves, and sandalwood paste are used for decoration.
- Lemon and coconut are placed before vehicles and machinery as an offering.
- After the Pooja, prasadam is distributed among family members and co-workers.

The next day, known as **Vijayadashami (Dussehra)**, is considered an auspicious day to begin new ventures or learning activities, especially for children (known as **Vidyarambham**).

Cultural Importance

Ayudha Pooja teaches the value of gratitude, discipline, and respect for work. It reminds us that every tool, from the smallest pen to large industrial machines, plays a vital role in our lives. The celebration promotes the idea of working with devotion and respecting one's profession, no matter how big or small.



Conclusion

In essence, Ayudha Pooja is not only a religious festival but also a celebration of work and tools that support human progress. It unites people from different professions in expressing gratitude towards their instruments and inspires everyone to perform their duties with dedication, respect, and sincerity.

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