

Sarpabali is the worship of 54 divine snakes (including Siva's Vasuki and Vishnu's Adisesha) to ward off the bad effects of SarpaDosha, to help mitigate and eradicate the problems of skin diseases, to help people in search of life partners find suitable spouses, for progeny (Putra Bhaagyam) and for the overall wellbeing of all. (Sarpa Dosha may be present due to harm done to snakes and other reptiles in the past births and due to other causes. Sarpa Dosha is recognized when all the other grahas in one's horoscope lie between Raahu and Kethu. SarpaDosha is often a reason for late marriages). Turmeric powder, rice, milk, coconuts, fruits and flowers are the ingredients generally brought by devotees for Sarpabali. For the ingredients to be included in the Puja, they must be given to the priest before the Puja starts. Sankalpam for the Puja (when devotees can mention to the priest the problems to be overcome or desires to be fulfilled) will begin at 6:30 pm. Sarpabali Puja will be performed in the Kerala Tantric style from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

6:30 pm Sankalpam (when devotees can mention to the priest the problems to be overcome or

desires to be fulfilled)

7:00 pm Sarpabali Puja

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