

Dipavali remedies 33 for wealth Science of Eclipse
Observances...
October 28

Avoid these foods, 30 which are hazardous to your health



Just radiate love, joy, bliss, and the nectar of Atman!

The celebration of $Dip\bar{a}vali$, a five-day festival including DhanTeras, Narak Chaturdashi, $Diw\bar{a}li$, New Year, and $Bh\bar{a}idooj$, enraptures you. It inspires you to discard the base thoughts of downtroddenness and lowliness that give rise to sorrow, worry, fear, grief, and hatred, and fill your mind with new thoughts that give rise to peace, affection, generosity and joy. It encourages you to awaken your essential nature, which is Existence-Knowledge-Bliss Absolute. If your eyes, speech, and action brim over with that $Satchid\bar{a}nanda$, make sure that you radiate bliss and peace through your eyes. Through your speech, bring hope to the hopeless, courage to the depressed, and shower the nectar of $\bar{A}tman$. Through your thoughts and benevolent deeds, shower the love, bliss, joy, and wisdom of the most benevolent God hidden within you. It is the law of nature. The way to receive is to give. A person receives what he gives. The flower gets its colour by reflecting or throwing back that colour.

Every action creates a reaction.

Share bliss and let your speech, eyes, and gestures brim over with joy. Songs and dances that arouse divine love are the means to do so. The ocean of bliss is surging within you. Even the salty oceans roll as sweet as honey.

मधु क्षरन्ति सिन्धवः । "The oceans roll as sweet as honey." (Rig Veda: 1.90.6) Bring happiness to all, wish good of all.

सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः । सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु मा किश्चद्दुःखभाग्भवेत् ॥ "May all be happy; may all enjoy health and be free from disease; may all behold what is auspicious; may none suffer."

My dear sons and daughters! Misery is not your nature, nor do you want it. For example, you have 32 teeth in your mouth, which are as hard as stone, yet never ever would you think – I have stones in my mouth, let me extract them and throw them away; instead, when a foodparticle or the fibre of *sabji* gets stuck between your teeth, your tongue tends to go there over and over again, and you remove it by some or other means, just because it's not natural. Similarly, when sorrow comes, we remove it because that's not our nature. Have you ever tried to remove happiness when it comes? Instead, bliss is what you hanker after! If you adopt fair means for the sake of bliss, all well and good; but bliss is what you seek, even by unfair means. However, one is bound to suffer the bad consequences of bad deeds; and hence, as per the rules laid down by the *shāstras*, one must not enjoy pleasure that will lead to future misery.

भूलकर भी उन खुशियों से मत खेलो। जिनके पीछे लगी हों गम की कतारें॥

'One must never indulge in pleasure that entails a series of sorrows.'

Your action should result in joy, bliss, and exultation, and must be intended to become one with the nature of God, who inspires, impels, and empowers the *jivas* to perform actions and gives their fruits. AUM, AUM, AUM...

Why is it that criminals roam freely while innocent saints are behind bars?

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Worry is like a funeral pyre

(In today's stressful environment, everyone says, "We should worry about our family, society, this and that." But the problems are multiplying. Why? Presented below is an inspiring story told by Pujya Bapuji that awakens discrimination.)

The more one is carefree, the more his

intellect works miraculously. So, as far as possible, do not give importance to worry. Make any appropriate effort, but don't fall into the trap of thinking, 'What will become



of my fate, my wife, and my children? What will become of this, and that?'

Once upon a time, there lived a robust wrestler. Right from his childhood, he moved from a village, and established himself in an akhārā (a traditional wrestling school). He would take milk, perform danda-baithak (a core wrestling exercise regime involving jack-knifing push-ups and deep knee bends), and narrate the kathā (religious story) of Lord Hanumāna to the public. He was mainly without worry and carefree! He didn't have to worry about making a living, the upbringing of children, doing a job, etc. The King had become quite annoyed with the wrestler because whenever he went on an elephant-ride, the wrestler would jokingly hold the elephant's tail. As a result, no matter how much the mahout tried, the elephant would not move forward. This would mock even the King. The crowd would then gather and cheer the wrestler. Wrestlers from far-off places were impressed by his name and fame. The whole village loved him. And since the entire village was in favour of him, how could the King punish him or even scold him?

The King was worried about this. He went to a *mahātmā*, narrated the entire matter, and asked, "Mahārāj! How to punish this wrestler, please suggest a way? The *akhārā* where he lives is located in the middle of the city and whenever I have to go out, I pass in front of the *akhārā*. I keep

wondering, and checking on the whereabouts of the wrestler, so that the day he steps out, I can plan on my outing on that very same day. However, he never goes out."

Mahātmā said, "Don't worry; just bring the wrestler to me."

The wrestler came and $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}ji$ said, "Look, you perform *danda-baithaks*, and impressed by you, the villagers arrange for your milk, etc., and love you; but O crazy fellow! Have you ever thought about this public that applauds your strength today, saying ' $W\bar{a}h!$ W $\bar{a}h!$ ', but they may or may not do the same tomorrow? Today you are provided with food, etc., but tomorrow you may not get any, so what will you do if that happens?"

The wrestler said, "But until now, I haven't even thought or cared about tomorrow, or the future."

"You are an idiot. Just think about your future, keep some money (as your savings), and do a job."

"But I am not educated, all I have learnt is this wrestling, which earns me milk; and by performing some *danda-baithaks*, and by catching hold of the tail of the King's

Celebrate Transcendental Diwali with Worldly Diwali

Deepavali: Cluster

of five festivals

10th to 15th November

Dhan Teras

Bhāi Dooi

Existence-Consciousness-Bliss Absolute is the nature of the Supreme Self. Existencenature can be understood through true wisdom and the Vedanta shāstras. Consciousness-nature can be perceived through the eyes, but to fulfill the need of Bliss-nature, our Vedic culture has arranged the provision of festivals. Diwāli The festival of Deepāvalī is a collection of festivals.

Other festivals usually Narak last for 1, 1.5 or 2 days Chaturdashi but this festival spans 5 days. Deepāvalī is a cluster of five festivals – DhanTeras. Narak Chaturdashi, Diwāli, Bali Pratipadā and Bhāi Dooj.

Dhan-Teras: This day is celebrated by worshipping a cow and money. The wealth of the Self is the best of all wealth; the joy of the Self is the best of all joy; and the knowledge of the Self is the best of all knowledge. Says the Padma Purāna and Skanda Purāna, 'One who offers a light to Yama outside (his house) on Dhan-Teras is saved from untimely death.'

Narak Chaturdashi: Narak Chaturdashi night is special for doing japa (repetition of the mantra) and observing a vigil. It magnifies the effect of mantra japa and gives mantra siddhi. If the mantra is not repeated on this night, which awakens consciousness in the mantra (especially in the evening sandhyā) it becomes impure, and if repeated, the mantra awakens consciousness that is latent in it. This has also been observed in worldly mantras. Whatever deity the worshippers believe in, they can get success in their sādhanā to get their wishes fulfilled on - Pujya Bapuji the nights of Narak Chaudas and Deepāvalī.

If someone wakes up after sunrise, even by mistake, on this day, the power of his religious merit and good deeds done throughout the year is diminished. On the other hand, if one wakes up before

sunrise, massages sesame oil on his body, and takes a bath a few

before moments sunrise, he will grow

in sattva guna. One, Pratipada who indulges in sex on the nights of Holi, $Janm\bar{a}shtam\bar{i}$, Mahāshivarātri, Narak Chaturdashī, Deepāvalī, deteriorates his health and decreases longevity.

Deepāvalī: I would be pleased to see Deepāvalī in your life every day. Worldly Diwālī comes every 364 days. If we add the Diwālī of the Guru (Self-Realized Master), we experience Diwālī every day in every condition. Diwāli calls for four main activities:

(1) Cleaning the home (2) Bringing new things home. (3) Illumination. (4) Eating and offering sweets.

For other people, these are just four tasks, but a Sādhak should excel in these tasks.

First thing: cleaning the house. It is good to clean the house of your body, but it is equally important to clean 'your' own house. The house made from bricks and cement is not 'your' house but the house of your body. Your heart is 'your' house. So, ensure you keep 'your' house clean by repeating your Guru-Mantra, doing meditation and kirtan, performing good

Real wealth

- Pujya Bapuji

I heard a story wherein a woodcutter bowed down at the feet of a $b\bar{a}b\bar{a}$ (ascetic), and said, " $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}ji$! I am wasting my life selling firewood. However, it is not enough for me to make ends meet. May you bless me, Nāth!"

 $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}$ said, "Dear son! When you go to the jungle to get firewood, go a little further into the forest."

When the woodcutter went further into the forest, he started finding logs of sandalwood. This removed his poverty to some extent and brought about some richness. At times, he would discuss religious matters with $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}$. Then he said to $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}$, " $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}$! Other people are wealthier than me; please shower some grace on me, my Lord!"

Bābā said, "Go further."

As the story goes, the woodcutter went further ahead, and found zinc and copper mines. He thus became richer. After some time, holding $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}$'s feet, he requested, " $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}$! Please let me know if you have any other advice for me."

Bābā said, "Go further ahead." On going further ahead, he found mines of gold and diamonds, and he thus became very rich and wealthy. The hut and the broken vessels that he owned earlier were now replaced by palaces and golden dishes. He no longer had to carry the load of wood on his shoulders and was roaming in a chariot instead, but there was no peace in his mind, no joy. Holding Bābā's feet, he said, "Bābā! Earlier, when I earned my living by cutting wood, I would get good and sound sleep, but now, despite having so many facilities, I have become restless and am unable to sleep soundly."

Bābā said, "OK, come back."

"But $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}$! Even the thought of coming back to where I started sends shivers down my spine. Please bestow such grace upon me that I don't have to come back, and yet I find repose within."

"OK, then go further ahead." Upon going further ahead, he found jewels. He came to $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}$, and said, " $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}$! Now I own these things, I have some fear and worries pricking my mind: 'What will happen to this wealth? What will happen to me? What if I lose these possessions and belongings?...'

Bābā said, "Go further ahead."

When he went further ahead, he came across the hut of a great man who was established in the Self. He thus made it to the feet of such a *Brahmanishtha Mahāpurusha* (who was established in the direct knowledge of Brahman) who, being intoxicated with the wine of divine (bliss of Brahman), remained ever contented in the Self; whose eyes were dropping down that wine divine, and even the words being uttered by whose lips were reflecting the intoxication of that wine divine; whose mind as well as heart were fully satisfied with the divine bliss, and to whom, nothing other than Supreme Self appeared real.

The woodcutter thus developed a strong faith in $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}$, wondering: 'One $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}$, by way of repeatedly suggesting 'go further ahead', first led me to diamonds and jewels, and now I have found this $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}$.' Sitting at the feet of the $Mah\bar{a}tm\bar{a}$, he said, " $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}$! Earlier, I was a woodcutter. By virtue of the grace of a $B\bar{a}b\bar{a}$, I found mines of copper, followed by gold, and whatnot. As a result, I now seem to be quite happy in a worldly sense to worldly people. I may be a bigtime merchant or even the richest merchant in town, but I don't have peace of mind or happiness, solace, or calmness within. By

An easy Asana with many benefits

(In the previous issue you read the method and importance of shavāsana. Continue...)

Nowadays, people are becoming slaves to injections, capsules, operations, etc., but those who follow the lifestyle of the sages, and do āsanas and physical exercise, naturally remain healthy and rarely become ill. Asanas give good exercise to the channels of the life force, respiratory system, digestive system, brain, etc. and make them capable of working efficiently; they also give peace of mind.

In this series of *yogāsanas*, an extremely simple āsana is presented, which everyone can do very easily.

We hear in the satsang-discourses delivered by Pujya Bapuji:

There is a very simple āsana and it has many benefits. It provides health to the kidneys, the organs of the urinary tract and prevents diseases like backache. It prevents the formation of renal stones, and ameliorates all stomach disorders. If you do it, you will not have pain in the knees in old age and maintain celibacy.

> Technique: Early in the morning, spread a mat or a blanket and sit on it with the legs extended forward, keeping

> > both your palms near the

waist on the floor. Then place one leg over the other and move the toes from side to side (from right to left and vice versa). (It may be repeated after changing the position of the legs, too.) Repeat it for 5 to 7 minutes. (To watch the video.

visit the link: https://youtu.be/ OunilJ0LM7M).

The civil surgeon of Ahmedabad, who later became Director of the Department of Health, Gujarat State needed an operation. He used to perform operations on others. He was a high ranking officer. He came to me and said, "Swāmi ji! I have a health problem

that needs me to undergo an operation."

I said, "Will you have an operation on your belly, despite being a high ranking doctor?" Though you will be operated on free of charge, a torn

cloth does not have the same value after darning. Why will you get your abdomen incised? Have you committed a sin?"

"Bapuji, there is no other treatment."

I explained to him the method of this āsana, and said, "Brother! Do this āsana, and take this small amount of herb. You will become healthy with God's grace; keep your will strong."

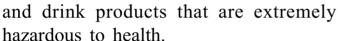
After three days, his letter arrived. He wrote: 'Bapuji! I have been cured without undergoing an operation. I am astonished." There is nothing to be astonished by; $\bar{A}sanas$ have a tremendous power of healing. One does not become a powerful man by becoming fat. Obesity does not make one powerful. Tendons and muscles should be strong. The practice of āsanas makes the tendons and muscles powerful. Energy is stores, and the person becomes strong. If females are not able to do other asanas for whatever reason, they can do this āsana, at least. It is very easy. (To be continued...)

Avoid these foods, which are hazardous to your health

Health & Natu

There is a steep rise in the incidence of disease caused by faulty diet. More people are becoming sick due of lack of consideration about the wholesomeness or unwholesomeness of food, based on the quality of the food (good or bad), mode of

preparation, manner in which we consume it, quantity, season, place, etc. Taste is given priority over health in the consumption of food and there is a trend of consuming scores of food



Beware of chips prepared from potatoes and bananas!

In Ayurveda, potatoes have been considered the most unwholesome tubers; and if they are consumed after being fried in cooking oil, they act just like poison. Palm oil which is normally used for frying potatoes, gives rise to health-related problems. According to the World Health Organization, consumption of palm oil increases the risk of cardiovascular disease and leads to hyper-cholesterolemia. Modern research shows that 'potato chips give rise to diseases like mental stress, depression, and infertility. They increase the risk of high blood pressure due to their high sodium content. Not only this, as the potatoes are fried in oil at a very high temperature or for a long time, a harmful chemical named acrylamide is produced which is carcinogenic.'

Also, impure substances like animal powdered meat are added to potato chips by many food companies and they are mentioned in the ingredient list in coded

words so nobody can understand it.

Banana chips also have an extremely adverse effect on health. These are prepared by frying raw bananas in oil.

Acharya Charaka Ji says in the *charaka* Sanhitā (Sutra Sthāna 26.100-102): "That

is incompatibility with reference to richness of quality where the juice is taken of unripe (e.g raw banana), overripe, or putrified substances.*

Diseases caused by such incompatible food are

ascites, hyperacidity, herpes, anaemia, impotency, etc."

According to experts, the high content of saturated fats in potato chips causes diseases like hypercholesterolemia, obesity, etc. The consumption of sugar-coated banana chips leads to an increase in blood sugar levels, which increases the risk of diseases like diabetes.

Lok Sant Pujya Bapuji who takes care of elevating society along with mental peace and physical health has alerted society by throwing light on this subject in his satsang-discourses. He said, "It is the discovery of the followers of Hippocrates that raw bananas contain this many vitamins, this many calories, and are very nutritious, but they are not aware of the fact that it will increase $\bar{a}ma$ (undigested food toxins) and thereby ruin your health. The discoveries of Ayurveda are based on divine insight.

Never consume unripe or overripe fruit.

*According to the Ayurveda shāstra 'Bhāvaprakāsh Nighantu', some fruits like cucumber and bael are among the food substances that are more beneficial when consumed unripe than ripe. Therefore, consumption of these unripe fruits is not prohibited.



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