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# Jain Marriage Ceremony

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#### || Om Shri Trishalananday Namah ||

#### Benediction

Namaskar and welcome to you all. At the very beginning, we bow down to the highly gracious Shri Arihant God, Ganadharas and the Deities of the Jain Shasan (Religious order) whose endless grace has blessed us with the auspicious occasion of the wedding of Dipti (Dimple) with Janak. Today, on the 8th April, 1997, i.e. The Gudipadavo day of the Vikram year 2053, let us begin with the sacred ceremony of the wedding of Dipti, the daughter of Shri Dilipbhai Ramniklal Mehta & Smt. Pallaviben, the residents of Palanpur; with Janak Kumar, the son of Shri Pankajbhāi Mansukhlal Doshi and Smt. Deepikaben, the residents of Amarapur. We whole-heartedly welcome all of you on behalf of the bride's as well as the groom's side. We request you to bless the matrimonial life of Dipti and Januk, as they, with joy in their hearts, are entering grihasthashram (The householder's life).





Om Jay Jay, Om Namostu, Namostu, Namostu.

Namo Arihantanam
Namo Siddhānam
Namo Āyariyānam
Namo Uvajzāyānam
Namo Leo Savva Sāhunam
Eso Panch Namukkāro
Savva Pāvappanāsaņo
Mangalānam cha savvesim
Padhamam havai Mangalam

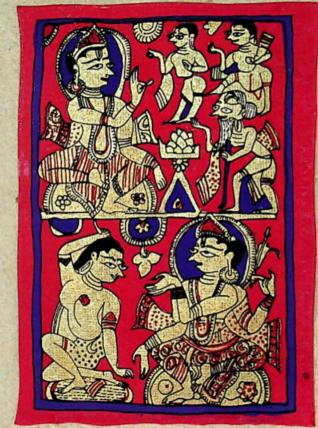
(meaning - Salutations to Arihantas, the establishers of The Shāsan. Salutations to the Siddhās (liberated souls) who have attained Moksha. Salutations to the Ācharyās (Spiritual masters) who are experts in the tenets expounded by The Arhats.

Salutations to the Upadhyayas (The Scholars) who enlighten the masses. Salutations to all the Sadhus of the world who have dedicated their lives to the fulfilment of the noble mission.

'Prostrations to the (above) five' is the destroyer of all sins - and is the first and most auspicious of all auspicious things).

Arhanto bhagawant Indramahitāhā Siddhāscha Siddhisthitā Achāryā jinashāsanonnatikarāhā poojyā Upādhyāyakāhā Shri Siddhānta Supāthaka munivarāhā ratnatrayārādhakā Panchaite Parmesthinah Pratidinam Kurvantu vo mangalam







(meaning - Lord Arihant, who is honoured by the gods inclusive of indra as wellashuman beings; The Siddhas who are seated on Siddhas heela; the Acharyas who are responsible for the growth of Jainism; the respected teachers who learn and teach scriptures and the honourable monks who are always eager to follow the Ratnatrayee, the three jewels of life may these five supreme gods protect us, always).

Om hrim arham Shri Gautamsvamine Namah! Om hrim arham Shri Gautamsvamine Namah! Om hrim arham Shri Gautasvamine Namah!

Now the bride and the groom will light the auspicious lamp (i.e. Mangal Deep). We pray for God's grace so that the light of the lamp shall brighten the life of both the bride and the groom. Now, there willbechanting of the Atmarakshāmantra, the creator of the unformidable armour of protection.

#### Atmaraksha Mantra

Om paramesthinamaskaram saram navapadatmakam Ätmaraksakaram vajra-panjarabham smaramyaham || 1 || Om namo arihamtanam siraskam sirasi sthitam Om namo siddhanam mukhe mukhapatambaram || 2 || Om namo ayariyanam angaraksa tisayini Om namo uvajayanam ayudham hastayor dradham || 3 ||







Om namo loe savvasāhunam mochake padayoho shubhe
Eso pancha namukkāro shilā vajramayi tale || 4 ||
Savvappāvapanāsaņo vapro vajramayo bahihi
Mangalānam cha savvesim khadirāngāra khātikā || 5 ||
Svāhāntam cha padam jneyam padhamam havai mangalam
Vapropari vajramayam pidhānam deharakshaņe || 6 ||
Mahaprabhavā raksheyam kshudropadravanāshini
Parameshthipadādbhutā kathitā purvasuribhihi || 7 ||
Yaschainam kurute rakshām parameshthipadaihi sadā
Tasya na syād bhayam vyādhir ādhischāpi kadāchana || 8 ||

(Summary - Bowing down to the five divine presences who are the essence of the nine units of the Navakar mantra, I evoke Vajra panjar stotra (1) Placing my hand on the head, I bow down to the Arihant Bhagawan to protect my head. I place my hands on my face and bow down to the siddhas whose divine vibrations may protect my face. (2) I bow down to the teachers and seek their blessings to protect my chest and body parts from the shoulders downwards. I bow down to the Upadhyays (preceptors) to make my arms solid like armour. (3) I bow down to all the saints in the universe and pray to them to bless my legs & feet. These are the five benedictions. Visualizing their protection, I sit on an unbreakable rock. (4) With this power, I create a vajra (castle) around me with my two hands which will protect me from allevil influences. (5) Visualizing that I am blessed by the supreme benedictions, I protect and cover the castle with a heavy lid to protect myself from evil influences. (6) This protection or armour is highly powerful and the destroyer of evil influences. This protection has originated from the five divinites and is related by the great saints from the past. (7) Whoever recites this with purity, is eternally protected from all evils (8)







Now Dipti's mother Pallaviben and Janak's mother Deepikaben will put an auspicious Tilak on the forehead of the bride and the groom. Payalbahen will tie the Mindhal on the right hand of the bride and the groom. Bhaktibahen will tie the holy Rakshapotali on the right arms of both the parents. Now, the recital of the Mangal Tilak verses will follow.

#### Mangaltilak

Mangalam bhagavan viro, mangalam Gautamaprabhuhu Mangalam Sthulibhadradya, Jain dharmostu mangalam Nabhe adya jinaha sarve, Bharatadyascha chakrinah Kurvantu mangalam sarve, Vishnavah Prati Vishnavah Marudevi Trishaladya Vikhyata Jinamatarah Trijagat janita nanda, mangalay bhavantu me Chakreshwari Siddhayika, mukhyaha Shasandevata Samyaqdarsha Vighnaharaha, rachayantu jayshreeyam

(meaning - May Bhagawan Mahavir, Gautam Swami, Sthulibhabra and other sages and the Jainism, be auspicious to us.

May all the Tirthankars right from Rushabhdev to Mahavir, the sovereign rulers like Bharat and others, as well as, Vasudevas and Prativasudevas (antivasudevas), be good to us.

May the mothers right from Shri Marudevi to Trishalamata, the mothers of the Tirthankaras, the delighters to three worlds, be for my good. May, the principal gods and godesses of Jainism, like Chakreshwari and Siddhayika, remove my obstacles and bestow victory and wealth on me.)







Tubhyam namastribhuvanartiharay nath! Tubhyam namah Kshititalamalabhushanay Tubhyam namastrijagatah Parameshwaray Tubhyam namo Jin! bhavodadhishoshanay

(meaning - O Lord, bow down to you, who are the destroyer of the sufferings of the three worlds. Bow to you, the chaste and pure ornament of the face of the earth; bow to you, the paramount Lord of the three worlds. O Jina! bow down to you, the absorber of the ocean in the form of the wordly existence). And now follows Mangalik, the bestower of goodness.

#### Mängalik

Chattari Mangalam Arihanta Mangalam Siddha Mangalam Sahu Mangalam Kevali pannatto dhammo mangalam

> Chattari loguttama Arihanta loguttama Siddha loguttama Sähu loguttama

Kevali pannatto dhammo loguttamo
Chattari saranam pavvajjami
Arihante saranam pavvajjami
Siddhe Saranam pavvajjami
Sahu Saranam pavvajjami

Kevali pannattam dhammam saranam pavvajjami







(meaning - Four elements are auspicious to us Lord Arhat is auspicious
The siddhas are auspicious
The monks are auspicious.
The Jain religion propounded by Lord Kevali is auspicious.

These four are the best in the world -

Arihant is the best of all.

Siddhas are the best.

The monks are the best amidst all.

The jain religion propounded by Lord Kevali, is the best.

I seek the refuge of (these) four -

I seek the shelter of Arihant

I seek the shelter of the Siddhas

I seek the shelter of the monks.

I seek the shelter of the religion propounded by Lord Kevali.)

We have just listened to the auspicious Mangalik. Now we request the bride and the groom, and also their parents to offer the sacred rice (Akshat) at the lotus like feet of Lord Jineshwar.

And now we begin with Arhat Pooja i.e. the worship of all the twentyfour Tirthankaras who are worshipped by all and at all the times. Dipti and Janak are requested to offer Vasakshepa (the sacred powder) to each Tirthankara Lord when His name is being recited. Payalbahen will offer holy rice or Akshata on the recital of the last shloka (verse), after sprinkling holy water on the bride and the groom, the articles for performing the pooja, the party etc.







### Arhat Pooja

Om Namo Arhate Swaha

Om Shri Rushabhah nah swasti, swasti shri Ajitah Shri Sambhavah Swasti, swasti Shri Abhinandanah

Shri Sumatiķi swasti, swasti Shri Padmaprabhah

Shri Suparshwah swasti, swasti Shri Chandraprabhah

Shri Suvidhihi swasti, swasti Shri Sheetalah

Shri Shreyansah swasti, swasti Shri Vasupoojyah

Shri Vimalah swasti, swasti Shri Anantah

Shri Dharmah Swasti, Swasti Shri Shantinathah

Shri Kunthuhu Swasti, Swasti Shri Aranathah

Shri Mallihi Swasti, swasti Shri Munisuvratah

Shri Namihi Swasti, swasti Shri Neminathah

Shri Parshwah swasti, swasti Shri Vardhamanah

Om hrim Shri Simandharādi Viharamān Viņshati Tirthankarebhyo Namah.

On namo Arhate swaha
Om hram, hrim, hum, hraum, hrah

Om Namo Arhate Bhagavate Shrimate Pavitra jalen Shuddhim Karomi Swāhā.







(Summary-MayShri Rushabhnath, Shri Ajitnath, Shri Sambhavnath and Shri Abhinandanswami, be auspicious to us.

May Shri Sumatināth, Shri Padmaprabhu, Shri Supārshwanāth and Shri Chandraprabh Swāmi, be gracious to us.

May Shri Suvidhiprabhu, Shri Sheetalnath, shri Shreyans jina Prabhu and Shri Vasupoojya, be auspicious to us.

May Shri Vimalnath, Shri Anantnath, Shri Dharma jina and Shri Shantinath, be gracious to us.

May Shri Kunthunath, Shri Aranath, Shri Mallinath and Shri Muni Suvrata, be auspicious to us.

May Shri Namināth, Shri Nemināth, Shri Pārshwanāth and Shri Vardhamān Prabhu, be gracious to us).

Now, webegin with Ghyanapooja i.e. the worship of the sacred scriptures and the books of learning. The bride and the groom will perform the ceremony by offering Vaskshepa (i.e. the sacred yellow coloured sandalwood powder). Both the parents will recite the following Mantras with utmost attention and devotion, having folded their hands in prayer. Thereafter, they will worship the scriptures by offering the sacred unbroken rice, i.e. Akshat, at the time of the recital of Shantimantra.

The parents of the bride and the groom, are requested to recite Shantimantra thrice, having solded their hands in prayer.







# Shāshtrapoojā (The worship of the scriptures)

Om hrim namo nanassa Om hrim namo nanassa Om hrim namo nanassa Om hrim namo nanassa Oh hrim namo nanassa

(meaning - Om hrim. Salutations to the god of learning (knowledge).

## Shantimantra (spell for peace)

Om hrim,  $\Lambda$ rham,  $\Lambda$ , si,  $\bar{a}$ , u, sa namah. Sarvam shantim kuru kuru swaha

Om, hrim, Arham, A, si, ā, u, sā namah, Sarvam Shāntim kuru kuru swāhā

Om, hrim, Arham, Λ si, ā, u, sā namah, Sarvam Shāntim kuru kuru swāhā.

And now we begin with the most important sacrament of this Wedding Ceremony, the sacrament of the tying of wedding knots, known as Chhedabandhan. Pallavibahen is requested to tie one end of the saree of Dipti with the other end of the loose cloth hung over the right shoulder of Janakbhāi. This end of Khes (i.e. the loose garment) has betel nut and silver coins tied to it.

Pāyalbahen will place joyfully a Varmālā - the garland symbolising the union-around the neck of Dipti and Janak. The verse (shloka) bringing out the importance of the ceremony will be sung at this time.







## Chhedabandhan (Tying of the sacred knot)

Asmin janmanyesh bandho dvayorve Kāme dharme va gruhsthatvabhāji Yogo jātaḥ panchdevāgni sākshi Jāyā patyoranchal granthibandhāt

(Summary - This is symbolic of your partnership in the performance of duties. This union has been formed in the presence of the five gods and the light).

And now follows Hastameläp, the joining of the palms of the bride and the groom, symbolising their union. This is the core of the sacrament of the wedding. Dipti's father Dilipbhäi is requested to form the holy swastik onthepalm of Dipti and Janak, and then enjoy the fortune of causing Hastameläp after placing the right palm of Dipti on the right palm of Janak, at this moment, keeping Lord Jineshwara as witness. Dipti and Janak will silently recite Navkär Mantra thrice, in their mind, with full concentration, having resorted to Kumbhaka dhyān (meditation), taking deep breaths. The parents of the bride will pour holy water on the united palms of the bridal couple, at the time of the recital of Om Arham at the end of the last quarter of the shloka. The shloka of Hasta Meläp will be sung now.

#### Hastamelap (The union of two palms)

Hāridra Pankamavalipya Suvāsinibhlhi Dattam dwayo janakayoho khalu tau gruhitvā Dakshin karam nijasutam bhavamagrapanim Limped varasya cha karadway yojanārtham

(Summary - The bride's father puts the right hand of the daughter who has been annointed by turmeric by the ladies whose husbands are alive, in the hand of the groom).







Now we will chant Mangalashtak, a group of eight verses, with the wish that may Dipti-Janak who have now become a couple, keeping Lord Jineshwar as witness, have harmony, love, peace and happiness at every moment in their life.

# Mangalashtak (The Auspicious Eights)

- 1. Having bowed down to all the saints, we worship them with devotion. May that great Lord Mahavir, who has liberated the souls in bondage, having let flow the Ganges of love, be beneficial to the couple.
- 2. May all the (twenty-sour) Tirthankaras, who have unfurled the flag of religion, who are the true companions of the soul and who are a giver of the nectar in the form of peace, do good to our Dipti & Janak, joyfully.
- 3. May the uninterrupted streams of love flowing from the hearts of grandmother, Sushilā, and grand father, Ramanikbhāi, who have nourished her with love having taken her to their lap, who did never utter bitter words and who took care day and night to grow the seeds of culture in Dipti, be auspicious to the couple.







4. May the matchless maternal love of Pallavi do good to both Dipti & Janak; the love whose fragrance has always spread in the air and who is the incarnate of God on the earth.

5. May the love of father Dilipbhāi, who has imparted the lessons of life with love, for whom Dipti has remained an apple of his eye, and who has become an affectionate father, life long friend and a companion on the path of righteousness. bestow auspiciousness on Dimple.

6. The sweet moments of childhood fled away fast while playing with them and whose arrival has brightened the canopy of the heart - such sweet uncles and aunties Arun-Rajnikā and Nainā-Harshad, do good to Dipti & Janak, forever.

These Dipu-Payal alongwith Ashana, and Russel-Mona with whom there is the companionship mingled with affectionate quarrels, pray that may all the supreme gods, do good to the couple.

8. May you have forever the soothing shadow of affection in love, Ganges in the form of maternal love flowing from the heart of Pushpamummy, may you always let bloom Pankajbhai having become Bhakti of Deepika. With these wishes the 'Rajamani' family solicits the blessings of The Almighty on the couple.







Now follows the recital of Navakarmantra and Om Arham

## Navakārmantra

Om namo Arihantanam
Om namo Siddhanam
Om namo Ayariyanam
Om namo Uvajzayanam
Namo loe savva sahunam
Eso panch namukkaro
Sava pavppanasano
Mangalanam cha savvesim
Padhamam havai mangalam

Om Arham! Atmāsi, Jivosi, Samakālosi, Samachittosi, Samakarmosi, samashreyosi, Samadehosi, Samasnehosi, Samapramodosi, Sama gamosi, Sama Viĥarosi, Sama mokshosi, Tadehi Ekatvam idāniyam.

Om Arham, Om Shāntiḥi, Shāntiḥi, Shāntiḥi!

Om kshvim, kshvim, ham saḥ swāhā.

Thenewly wedded couple is requested to offer unbroken sacred rice, with devotion, at the lotus-like feet of Jineshwar.







Dipti-Janak, from this day onwards, you are companions of each other, at every stage of your life. Now may you be the companions of each other, taking six holy rounds or mangalpheras, around the lamp, in the presence of the Shasan devatas, holding each other's hand. May you cherish the sacred wish in your hearts that - Let us be co-enjoyers in love, long life and also in our mental as well as physical actions.

The bride will lead and the groom will follow her, while performing this Mangalphera ceremony. A sacred verse will be chanted with each sacred round and the couple will offer Akshat at the feet, of the Lord uttering the words, "Om Arham", when the word, 'Swāhā', is being spoken at the end of each Phera.

# Mangalphera

Sajjāti Sadgriĥasthatvam, pārivrājyam surendratā Samrājyam Paramārhantyam, nirvānam cheti saptakam

Om hrim Shri Sajjāti paramsthānāy namah swāhā
Om hrim Shri Sadgrihastha paramsthānāy nāmah swāhā
Om hrim Shri Parivrājya paramsthānāy namah swāhā
Om hrim Shri Surendratā paramsthānāy namah swāhā
Om hrim Shri Sāmrajya paramsthānāy namah swāhā
Om hrim Shri Paramarhantya paramsthānāy namah swāhā







(Summary - Salutations to the supreme place in the form of noble origin. Salutations to the mankhood.

Salutations to the supreme place in the form of glory.
Salutations to the supreme place in the form of sovereignity.
Salutations to the supreme place in the form of highest Lord Arihant)

Now sollows the saptapadi ceremony, the very soundation of the wedding sacrament. Dipti and sanak are urged to take the seven vows with love and sullest understanding, bearing in their heart the sanctity, and holiness of the Wedding Sacrament. Let us all listen peacefully, to these seven vows.

## Saptapadi (The seven vows)

In the witness of Shri Jineshwar Bhagawan, Shri Ganadhar Bhagawant, Shri Siddhachakra, Shri Shrutshashtra and the lamp, we take vows that

(1) Upholding with enthusiasm each other's feelings, we will discharge our house-holder's duties with dignity.

(2) We will always be a complement and supplement to each other.

(3) We will observe just behaviour in odd or even times and will always be companions to each other.

(4) We will remain completely faithful to each other in our thoughts, words and deeds.

(5). We will enjoy equal status and authority in our worldly dealings and shall devotionally perform the householder's functions with love and co-operation.

(6) We will live happily having become a part and parcel of each other's families.

(7) We shall bring glory to Grihsthashram by striving to attain the three noble goals viz, Dharma (Duty), Artha (acquiring wealth) and Kama (the fulfilment of desires) with pure intention.







After taking these seven vows, the bride will change her place and sit on the left side of the groom. Dipti has now acquired the status of The Kulvadhu of The Doshi Family, having completed her maidenhood. Now, let us hail the couple with saffron coloured rice, in the air filled with the blowing of conches, ringing of bells and melodious music.

And now, the couple will perform the ceremony of the seventh phera. At this time, the bride will follow the groom. Both the parents will offer sacred rice at the feet of the god, when the words "namah swaha" are being uttered in the last quarter of the shlokas which will be sung at this time. At last, they will recite the mantra, "Om Punyaham, punyaham, priyantam, priyantam, thrice with us. Sajjāti sadgrihasthatvam pārivrājyam surendratā Sāmrājyam paramarhantyam, nirvanam cheti saptakam Nirvan paramasthānam, jinabhāshitamuttamam

Now, the parents will recite Om punyaham, punyaham, priyantam, priyantam
Om punyaham, punyaham, priyantam, priyantam
Om punyaham, punyaham, priyantam

pujyet saptavargāṇi swarga mokshasukhā karam Om hrim Shri Nirvān Paramsthānāy namah swāhā







(Summary-Noblebirth, goodhouseholding, divinity, sovereignity, the qualities of Arihant and salvation - the group of these seven is always the bestower of good.)

Now Janak will place the Mangalsutra, symbol of the good fortune, around the neck of Dipti. The priest will now utter the blessings for the couple.

## Blessings

Om supratigriheetastu, shantirastu, Tushtirastu, Pushtirastu, Riddhirastu, Vriddhirastu, Shivamastu, Kalyanamastu, Karmasiddhirastu, deerghayurastu, punyam vardhatam, dharmo vardhatam kulqotravardhatam, swasti bhadram astu.

Om Shantihi Shantihi Shantihi! Om Kshvim Kshvim ham sah swaha!

(meaning - May both of you be well accepted, let there be prace, contentment, nourishment, prosperity and growth. May goodness occur to you. May you have success in your actions. May you have long life. May the power of virtuous deeds go on increasing. May the religious tendencies prosper. May your family line increase. May you be blessed by the good.)







Dear friends and relations, here comes to an end the ceremony. Your participation has added auspiciousness to the ceremony. We thank you all on behalf of the Rājamani Parivar and the Doshi Parivar. Let us pray, The Almighty, to bestow every kind of happiness on Dipti and Janak. May both of them be true companions.

We have performed this ceremony with accuracy and devotion. Yet, we ask for forgiveness before the god for any possible fault.

# Vandana (The Salutation)

Icchhami Khamāsaņo, Vandium, javanijjae Nisihiae matthaena Vandāmi

Om Aghyahinam, kriyahinam, mantrahinam cha yatkrutam! Tatsarvam Kripaya devaha Kshamayantu parmeshwaraha Avahanam na janami, na janami visarjanam Pooja vidhim na janami, praseed parameshwar!

(Meaning - O revered sir! With all my might and pure body, I intend to ask for forgiveness with my head lowered at your feet.

O supreme Lords! May you kindly pardon all my such actions which might be devoid of permission (of the scriptures), rites and mantras.

O supreme Lord! I know neither the ceremony of calling you, nor the ceremony of biding farewell. I know not even the rites of worship, (still) may you be pleased with me.







Now, we request everybody, including the persons seated on the stage to recite Navakar Mantra with feelings.

Namo Arihantanam
Namo Siddhāṇam
Namo Āyariyaṇam
Namo Uvajzāyaṇam
Namo Loe Savva Sāhuṇam
Eso panch namukkaro
Savva Pāvappaṇāsaṇo
Mangalāṇam cha savvesim
Padhamam havai mangalam

Sarva mångal mängalyam, sarva kalyanakaranam Pradhanam sarvadharmanam, Jainam jayati shasanam

~ Victory to Shri Jineshwar Bhagawan ~







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