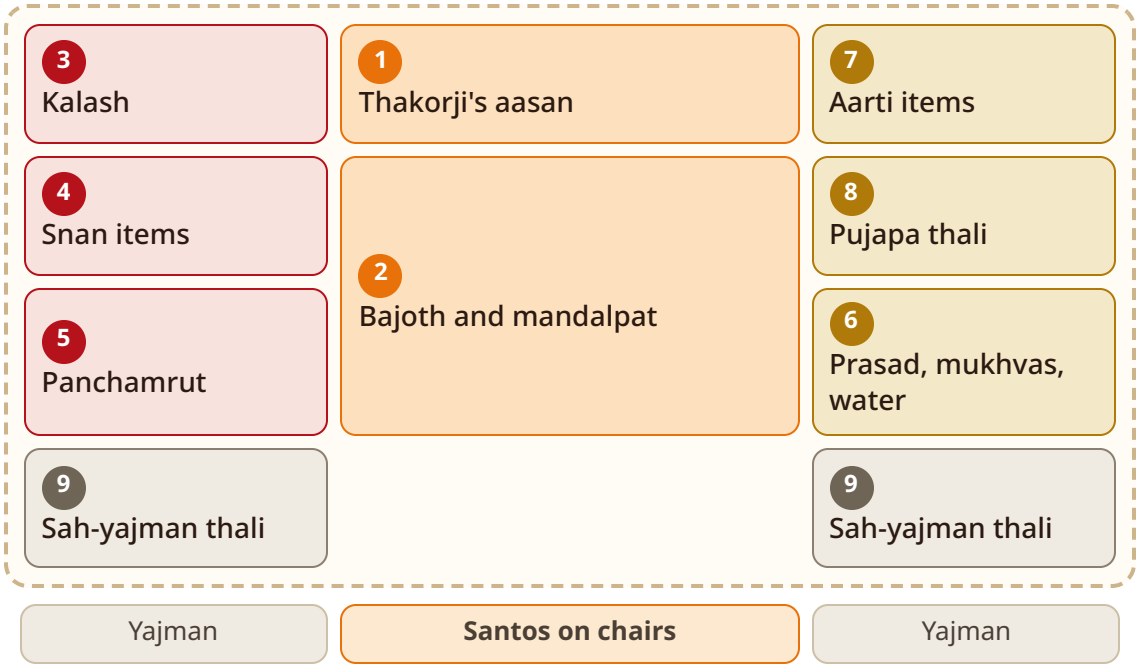
Shri Mahapuja: puja items list

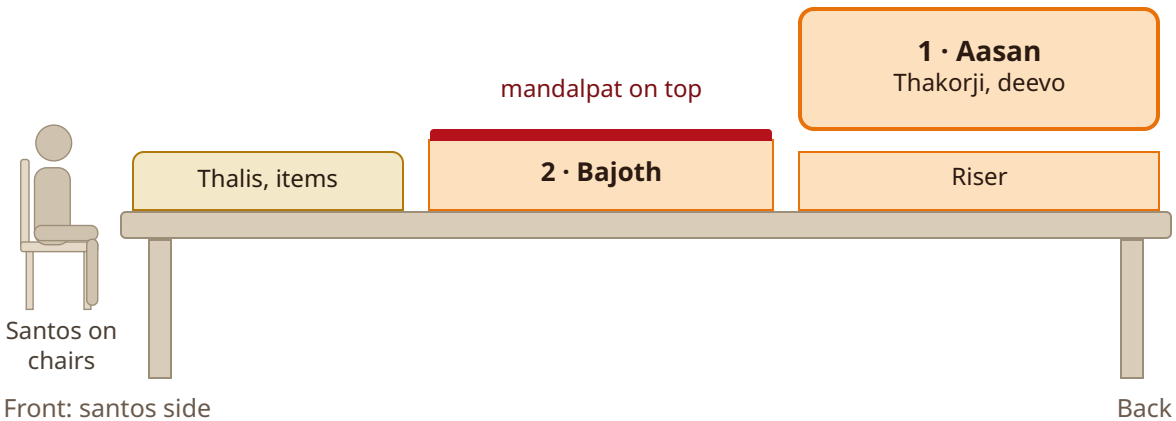
Before pujya Santos or a Brahmin arrive at our home or place to perform the Mahapuja vidhi, we should complete the preparation shown here, so they can give their time to the Mahapuja and not spend it on preparation.

Setup on the table



Everything on one large table. Each number matches a photo. Santos sit on chairs. Yajmans may sit on chairs or on the floor.

Keep Thakorji's aasan higher



The aasan sits slightly higher than the bajoth with the mandalpat.

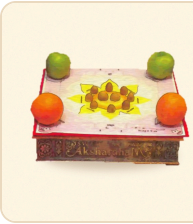
In kit Kit = Swaminarayan Aksharpith Mahapuja kit

Photos and steps



1 Thakorji's aasan and deevo

- [ ] Panchmurti In kit
- [ ] Bajoth or patlo for the Panchmurti
- [ ] Deevo with ghee for 45 minutes
- [ ] Aasan slightly higher than the bajoth



2 Bajoth and mandalpat cloth

- [ ] Bajoth
- [ ] Mandalpat, or a red / white cloth In kit
- [ ] Chokha, about 1 kg
- [ ] Supari 10 + 1 = 11 In kit
- [ ] Whole fruits



3 Punyahvachan kalash

- [ ] Kalash, nadachhadi on the neck, half full of water
- [ ] Nariyal, nadachhadi around the middle
- [ ] Nadachhadi In kit



4 Items for Thakorji's snan

- [ ] Tarbhanu or plain dish
- [ ] Nagarvel paan (10) or flower petals
- [ ] Lota of slightly warm water
- [ ] Napkin to wipe Thakorji



5 Panchamrut

- [ ] Dudh, dahi
- [ ] Sakar, madh, ghee (one spoon each)
- [ ] Mix gently



6 Prasad, mukhvas and water

- [ ] Sakar no shiro, penda, dry-fruit mithai, or cut fruits
- [ ] Mukhvas (small vatki)
- [ ] Glass of water to offer to Thakorji



7 Aarti items

- [ ] Aarti
- [ ] Ghantdi (bell)
- [ ] Kapoor goti In kit
- [ ] Diwasali, agarbatti



8 Pujapa thali

- [ ] Abil, gulal, kanku In kit
- [ ] Haldar
- [ ] Janoi In kit
- [ ] Nadachhadi (2 or 3), supari (1), sikka (5)
- [ ] Flower petals
- [ ] Vatki of water with a spoon, and an empty vatki



9 Sah-yajman thali

- [ ] Thali, vatki, chamchi: one set per yajman
- [ ] Aasaniya to sit on
- [ ] Kanku and nadachhadi

Puja items list for each sah-yajman

☐ Kanku	5 g	☐ Abil	5 g
☐ Gulal	5 g	☐ Haldar	5 g
☐ Chokha (rice)	25 g	☐ Thali, chamchi	1
☐ Sakar / dry fruits	as needed	☐ Wick and wick-holder / spoon for aarti	1
☐ Vatki	2	☐ Supari	1
☐ Patla / aasan	1	☐ Pushp (flowers)	8
☐ Paper napkin	2	☐ Nagarvel paan	1
☐ Nadachhadi (12 inch)	3		

Note: if there are more than 3 yajmans, increase the number of nagarvel paan and supari accordingly.

Kit

The Mahapuja kit prepared by Swaminarayan Aksharpith includes the items below. Anything beyond these, the yajman must arrange from their own home.

- ☐ BAPS Swaminarayan Mahapuja mandal (mandalpat) cloth to spread on the bajoth
- ☐ Supari or shaligram (11)
- ☐ Nadachhadi: for yajmans (5), plus 1 dadi (ball) to tie the nariyal and kalash
- ☐ Panchmurti
- ☐ Abil, gulal, kanku (haldar must be taken from home)
- ☐ Janoi (1)
- ☐ Kapoor goti (1)

Mahapuja visarjan

After the Mahapuja is complete, let all members have darshan of the Mahapuja. During this time, the pujya Santos will go to another room.

After concluding the Mahapuja properly, put the puja items in one plastic bag and respectfully place it for disposal. If the puja is for land, etc., place those items on the ground.

Note: the women of the house can also join and benefit from the Mahapuja, seated according to maryada in the next room, or, if the room is large, a little distance behind the men, in a way that the Santos' maryada is maintained and the puja vidhi can be heard, keeping a puja thali (like a sah-yajman's) with them.