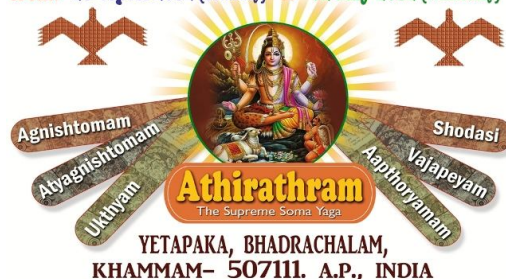




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ITEMS USED IN YAGA



Items Used in Athirathram : Items Used in a Yaagam: Several items are required for a Yaagam. They vary from utensils, raw parts of plants and so on. Some of them are given below.

1. Earthen Vessels

- (a) Mahaaveeram : 3 numbers, used during Pravargyam. Made of soil dug out using Adi (a special equipment), made to be smelt by a horse, wetted and kneaded using goat's milk, and then mixed in a particular proportion with ant-hill soil (Puttumannu), Poothika grass, goat's hair and iron powder; large enough to hold two potfulls (Kutam) of water.
- (b) Aajyasthhaali : Used for keeping ghee; a circular container made of the same soil mix as in (a) above, with the bottom gradually sloping down to the middle.
- (c) Dohana Paathram : 2 numbers; for milking, shaped like the trunk of an elephant.

- (d) Rohina Kapaalam and Kapila Kapaalam : In order to fry Purodaasam; shaped like a sphere on a horse.
- (e) Pots (Kutam) : 4 numbers; to keep vasuvari stored.
- (f) Pots (Kutam) : 2 numbers; to be kept in Havirdhaani.
- (g) Kamandalu : For performing Parishekam with water.
- (h) Chattis (Flat Vessels) : To keep grains, etc.

2. Somalatha

2 bundles of Somalatha plant (*Sarcostemma ascidium*), believed to have been brought from the Moojaavan mountains ([Click here to know more about Somalatha](#))

3. Arani and Manthham

They are used for making fire, and are made from the branch of a banyan tree (*Ficus bengalensis*) which has undergone Shodasa Kriyas.

4 . (i) Yoopam : A wooden post for tying the sacrificial lamb; made of Koovalam, [wood apple (*Aegle marmelos*)] or similar tree which the Yajamaan and Adhwaryu together fell while Manthrams are chanted, ensuring that it falls towards northeast, and which a carpenter cuts to the proper length and a square shape.

(ii) Chashaalam : Made out of the remaining upper part of the wood, in (i) above.

5 . (i) Wood (Thadi) : 2 numbers, for carrying Mahaaveeram.

(ii) Dhrishti : Wooden spatula (Chattukam) made of Karingaali plant, for removing soot.

(iii) Juhu : 2 flat and 2 with depression; made of Plaasu (*Butea monosperma*).

(iv) Graham : 11 numbers, wooden vessels (Chashakam) for taking Soma juice.

(v) Chamasam : 4 numbers, wooden vessels (Praneetha).

(vi) Dronakalasangam

(vii) Paripsu : Shaped like a small boat.

(viii) Unthu Vandi : 2 numbers, push-carts to carry Soma juice.

(ix) Ox hides : To be placed over Uparavakkuzhis (holes).

(x) Lamb, cow, horse

(xi) Darbha grass, Samidhas, special Dhaanyams and other items for various homams.

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