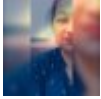


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VASANT PANCHMI: TODAY

Vasant Panchami is celebrated on fifth day of Shukla Paksha of Magh.

Mata Saraswati, the giver of knowledge, worshipped with yellow flowers, Gulal, water offerings, incense, lamp etc. Panchami is also celebrated as the birthday of Ma Saraswati.



Once, after creating the world, Brahma Ji was very happy and wanted to see his creation with his own eyes. So he set out on a journey. He was disappointed to see complete silence everywhere. Everyone on Earth appeared to be very lonely.

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He took some water in his Kamandal and sprinkled it in air. A Devi appeared with a harp in her hand. On Brahma Ji's request, she struck the chords of her harp and music emanated. Thus, Ma Saraswati was born who blessed the people with voice and filled Earth with music.



The ancient Mandir of Sri Sharda at Sringeri had sandalwood murti. Later, Sri Bharati Krishna Tirtha and Sri Vidyaranya had a mandir built in Kerala style, with timber and tiled roof. Sri Bharati Krishna Tirtha substituted the sandalwood murti with the present golden murti.

