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SRI GANESHA, GULUR (KAR)

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Gulur village in Tumkur is famous for the unique way of celebrating Ganapati festival.

Gulur has a striking murti of Ganesha in black stone. In front of it stands another impressive 9-foot clay murti of Ganesha that is remade every year.



Once, a poor brahmin was facing difficult times. In his dream, Ganesha advised him to offer prayers to him. The brahmin met Maharishi Agastya by chance. Maharishi asked him to collect sand from nearby lake to make Ganesha murti. A murti approx 8-9 feet was made.



Pooja was performed for 30 days and later the murti was immersed in lake. After this, all problems of the brahmin disappeared. Since then, this practice has continued. Every year, mud from lake near Gulur is collected and moulded by artisans.



The 9 ft tall Ganesha murti takes 108 days approx for completion.

Puja begins on the day of Bali Padyami (Deepavali) and continues for about one month. The annual jatra is held on the third day after the completion of the Kartika Masa.

