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■Significance of Pran Pratishtha in Sanatan Dharma.■

Pran Prathistha, also known as Murthi Sthapana, is a practice in Hinduism. It is the consecration of a Murthi (deity idol) in a temple with the accompaniment of Mantras and hymns.



When the priest or Purohit performs the rites, the idol converts into a deity by the invocation of life energy or Prana. There are elaborate discussions in different Vedic and ancient scriptures on the importance as well as the ways of conducting the Pran Prathishta.



In Tantra-Tattva, Prana Prathishta is a ritual meant to introduce life into a Murthi (deity idol). Not everyone can conduct Prana Prathishta. As per Vaishayasi Samhita of the Panchratra Agam Shastra, "One in whose every organ Paramatma resides wholly, that pure Mahapurush is...

...eligible to perform Prana Prathishta because one who can invoke Paramatva within his heart to the Murthi can offer it."

The word Prana refers to life energy, and Prathishta means resting or position. In this very context, Prathishta is the installation or consecration.

Significance of Prana Prathishta: There are many significances associated with the performance of Prana Prathishta. It invokes the deity and gives the Murthi life energy. So, when a person visits a temple, he or she can imbibe the vitalities from the divine figure.

The worship of the deity helps in elevating a person to a higher realm of existence. The process involved in Prana Prathishta and Murthi Stapanam removes any evil forces present in the Murthi. Through the cleansing of the Murthi, it aids in evading the presence of any negative..

...energies and induces positivity.

Prana Prathishta is, thus, a process that can enhance the vitality of the Murthi that we worship. It can foster divinity to the Murthi. It flows to the worshippers when they pay their respect to the deity.

