

MEANING

- “The fourth day.”
- Also called Vinayaka Chaturthi.
- Marks the birth of the Hindu deity Ganesha, the elephant headed god of prosperity, new beginnings and wisdom.

GREETINGS

- “Happy Onam.”

WHEN

- A 10-day festival that is observed during the month of Bhadra, a lunisolar month.

COMMON PRACTICES

- There are four main rituals performed during the festival: Pranapratishtha, Shhodashopachara, Uttarpuja and Ganpati Visarjan.
- Hindus celebrate the festival at home or at public pandals, where they can pay respect, pray and bring offerings.
- Singing and playing religious songs, dancing to drums and lighting fireworks.



Ganesh Chaturthi

Hindi

Guh·naysh Chuh·tur·thee 

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

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- It is not mandatory to keep Ganesha for 10 days, but the idol should not be left at home unattended.
- Some Hindus may participate in a lacto-vegetarian diet.

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Type of Calendar:

Hindu (solar)

