

## NEERANGDEEN NI KRIYAA

Among all the religious ceremonies extant at present, the "Neerangdeen ni Kriyaa" is the lengthiest and costliest. This ceremony is spread over eighteen days. This rite is performed for the consecration of the "Aab-e Zar", which is the urine of a bull and many of us thus consider it as a dirty substance but it contains anti-septic chemicals which have medicinal properties. This was known to the great souls of the Aryan race and was used freely as a medicine.

In the "Neerangdeen ni Kriyaa" the urine of the completely white bull is used. Not a single coloured hair should be on their body, such a bull is known as "Varasrjaajee". When a cow gives birth to a female calf as her first offspring and where this calf on becoming a cow gives birth as her first offspring to a female calf and this calf on becoming a cow gives birth as her first offspring to a completely white male calf, it is called a "Varasiyo". Such a "Varasiyo" is under the all spacious planetary hegemony of the "Barjeesh". (Jupiter).

In the beginning, that is the first nine days, a pair of pious Mobeds under go the "Navraatri nu Barshnum." On the tenth day, they take a bath. This is done to develop the spiritual powers within the two. On the 11th and 12th days the Mobeds perform the "Pargaroo ni Kriyaa". During the last six days the "Gevaraa ni Kriyaa" is performed each day. "Gevaraa" is a term derived from the Avesta word "Geush Uravaa" the soul of the earth. When the Mobeds perform this Kriyaa, they act as co-workers of the "Gaush Urvaa", Hence, the term "Gevaraa".

On the 18th day, the Varasyaajee along with some twenty to thirty bulls are brought, and their "Aab-e Zar" is collected in a copper or bronze vessel from the "Haavan Gaah" onwards with the recital of the "Baaj" prayers. There the Vessel is kept on a block of stone and cordoned off with a "Paavi" - a border made of dry pure sand from the shore. Along with the above Vessel, another Vessel of similar metal filled with "Aav" (pure water) is placed.

By now, the pair of Mobeds has become enough pious to draw towards these vessels the currents of Cosmic energies that flow throughout. During the reciting of the "Vendidad", the Mobeds open the lid on the vessels and glance into them. The reason is that the "Vaanthwo-fraads" - an invisible energy emanating from the eyes - aid in the changing process of the "Aab-e-Zar" into the consecrated "Nirang" and the "Aav". Again, the open the lid of the vessels from time to time and gently slip some "Sang-i Rezaa" (small round pebbles). These "Sang-i Rezaa" too takes part in the changing process.

After the completion of the entire "Kriyaa" the vessels of the "Neerang" and the "Aav" are poured into two different dry and thoroughly cleaned jars. The lids are covered with a piece of clean white cotton cloth. These "Neerang" and "Aav" remain clean for any amount of time. These are used for purificatory processes such as the "Nahaan", before the Navjote and marriage ceremony and during the "Barshnum".

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