



**What is Navratri,  
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# Why and where do we celebrate it:

## What is it?

- ▶ Navratri is a Hindu festival that is dedicated to the worship of Goddess Durga and her nine divine avatars for a period of nine days and is celebrated every year in India.
- ▶ It is observed for different reasons and is celebrated differently in various parts of Indian cultural Sphere; totally there are 4 seasonal Navratri in a year but 2 of them are celebrated widely across the country.
- ▶ It is believed that goddess Durga battled with the buffalo demon Manisha surya (the evil) to restore peace and Dharma. She was successful and her success is commemorated every year through the Durga Pooja.
- ▶ Navratri worships Goddess Durga and her various forms which are the epitomes of power and have the ability to bring in anything desired.
- ▶ On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Navratri, Goddess Durga took the form of **Maa** Siddhidatri. Siddhidatri is an amalgamation of two words, Siddhi means supernatural power or meditative ability, and Dhatri means giver or awarder. Hence her name means the one who gives us power. Another name of Maa Siddhidatri is Goddess Lakshmi who represents the wealth, happiness and success.
- ▶ On these 9 days we dance( Garba) which is one of the traditional dance in India when we celebrate it.
- ▶ This year the Navratri is on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020





Dresses that  
you can  
wear on  
Navaratri:  
( if you  
want to)