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#### “Significance of Marigold flowers in Indian culture”

Flowers in Indian culture are thought to be pure and are used in many Hindu festivals and during worship. Marigold flowers are among one of the most popular flowers in India because they are easy to grow, brightly colored and flower for a long time. The marigold has forever been associated with auspicious occasions and is considered ideal for the purpose of larger than life celebrations. These flowers hold a very strong significance even in the ancient mythological times. Marigold garland necklaces are offered to guests in welcome as a mark of respect and honor.

The colors of marigolds range from yellow to gold to orange, red and mahogany. The marigold is associated with the sun - being vibrant yellow and gold in color. The marigold is also called the “herb of the sun”, representing passion and even creativity. This flower has been renowned to be considered as the favorite bloom of the gods. Many auspicious occasions are incomplete without the use of these flowers. It has a very important and prominent place on any occasion of celebration, either it's the welcome of some important person, the marriage ceremony, a

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festival celebration , a pooja of a diety or any function.

Marigolds, both yellow and orange, have been the traditional favourites at Indian weddings. Marigolds are also considered to be representative of the sun. Thus, they symbolize brightness and positive energy to be bestowed on the couple. No wedding celebration or decoration is complete without the use of these flowers.

A garland made of Mango and marigold is used in "torana" in Hindu homes, which means gateway in Sanskrit. This garland is changed in every festive occasion and given the number of hindu festivals. One strong reason for the use of the flower as a "torana" is that it has protective properties - has a piercing odour that keeps insects and other pests at bay. They are even used to decorate the religious places.

In both Christianity and Hinduism, the marigold has a lot of spiritual significance. The flower is offered to Mother Mary on the Feast of the Annunciation. This is the day when the angel Gabriel came to Mother Mary to tell her of Jesus Christ's coming.

In Hinduism too, the flower symbolizes auspiciousness. The saffron/orange colour signifies renunciation and hence is offered to God as a symbol of surrender. In fact the Sanskrit name for marigold is Stulapushpa which signifies this It symbolizes a trust in the divine and will to overcome obstacles.

Marigolds contain several medicinal properties and are widely used in Ayurveda and Homeopathy. Marigolds are considered as an age old remedy for curing headaches, swelling, tooth-aches and also prevent wounds from getting infected. Marigolds are also used in aromatherapy.

***"Knowledge overcomes  
 ignorance as sunlight  
 darkness"***

- Sanskrit Proverb

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