



# Gujarati Wedding Ritual Timeline

A practical guide to ceremony flow, pheras timing, and venue access.

<p><b>For Gujarati weddings with complex mandap or stage decor, the venue must be available at least 4 hours before Hasta Melap / Mangal Phera.</b></p>	<p>Example: If Hasta Melap / Mangal Phera is at <b>10:15 AM</b>, venue access should ideally begin by <b>6:15 AM</b>. If Baraat starts earlier, calculate decor and entrance setup from the Baraat arrival time instead.</p>
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Day-Before Rituals	Wedding Day Ritual Order
<p>Names only, because exact family sequence varies by priest and household.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mandap Muhurat</li> <li>● Griha Shanti</li> <li>● Pithi</li> <li>● Mehndi</li> <li>● Mameru / Mosalu</li> <li>● Garba</li> <li>● Sangeet or family welcome event, if included</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Baraat / Varghodo</li> <li>2 Pokwanu</li> <li>3 Ganesh Puja</li> <li>4 Jaimala / Varmala</li> <li>5 Madhuparka</li> <li>6 Antarpat</li> <li>7 Kanya Agaman</li> <li>8 Kanyadaan</li> <li>9 Hasta Melap</li> <li>10 Agni Puja</li> <li>11 Mangal Phera</li> <li>12 Saptapadi</li> <li>13 Sindoor and Mangal Sutra</li> <li>14 Kansar</li> <li>15 Aashirwad</li> <li>16 Vidaai</li> </ol>

## Planner Timing Note

Hasta Melap and Mangal Phera are the timing anchors for Gujarati ceremonies. The mandap, havan setup, florals, sound, priest setup, photo/video team, and key family seating should be ready before this moment, not during it.

If Baraat / Varghodo is elaborate or happens in a different arrival area, build a separate setup buffer for entrance decor, dhol, horse or car arrival, guest flow, and family welcome.

Final ritual names and sequence should always be confirmed with the family priest.