

Aadi Krithigai

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In news—The Prime Minister of India has greeted people of the country on the special day of Aadi Krithigai.

About Aadi Krithigai-

- Aadi Krithigai is a day **auspicious for Lord Muruga** and this day denotes the divinity between mother and child relationship.
- The festival is also referred to as Aadi Krittika, Kirthigai, Kritika and Krithika.
- **Aadi Krithigai in some regions is celebrated to symbolize the victory of good over evil** when Murugan slew the demon Surapadman. After the annihilation of the demon, Muruga blessed devotees with boons.
- The festival, which falls in the month of Aadi, was celebrated on July 24 2022.
- **Karthikeya or Muruga is the second son of Lord Shiva and Mother Parvathi.** Interesting and inspiring are his birth and feats, which are elaborately described in the **'Skanda Purana'**.
- **Muruga in Tamil means beauty.** Extolled as the epitome of beauty, valour and "Jnana" [Supreme Knowledge], Muruga is worshipped in several ways, through various rituals.
- In all Murugan temples, special poojas, abhishekams and yagams are conducted for Lord Muruga on Aadi Kirthigai day.
- **Aadi is the divine month**, this Tamil month of Aadi falls during the second half of the year known as Dakshinayanam when the Sun transits from the northern hemisphere to the Southern during July.
- The transition from the Southern to the Northern hemisphere in the month of January is known as Uthirayanam.

- According to Hindu scriptures, **Lord Muruga was born as six different babies. And he was looked after by the six Krittika stars.**
- **Later, Lord Muruga was combined as a single baby with six heads by Goddess Parvati on Aadi Krithigai day.**
- There are many variations to this legend. This is another reason for observing Aadi Krithigai.
- Aadi Krithigai and Thai Poosam are important festivals for Lord Subramaniya.
- For the Goddess Maariamman also the month of Aadi is very auspicious. Aadi Pooram and Aadi Peruku are very popular festivals in the rural areas of Tamil Nadu.