



PAYING LAST RESPECTS

Chavuk Kai Kodpa • Neer Kodpa

For visitors

Please follow the steps below as you approach the deceased.

1

Remove shoes and headwear

Remove shoes before approaching the body; socks may remain on. Remove hats, caps, or other casual headwear.

2

Approach quietly

Stand beside the casket and take a moment to pay your respects.

3

Chavuk Kai Kodpa

Lightly touch the chest of the deceased with the back of your palm, then touch your own chest with your palm.

Alternative

If you prefer not to touch the body, simply offer Namaste while standing beside the casket.

4

Neer Kodpa

Dip a Tulsi (holy basil) leaf into the prepared water and gently apply the water to the lips of the deceased.

5

Step away

Move aside quietly so the next visitor may approach.

Please ask a family member or Kodava Koota volunteer if you are unsure about any step.

For the family / volunteer setting up Neer Kodpa

Place the prepared water (regular water, coconut water, or Kaveri/Ganga water) in a clean metal plate or shallow vessel with fresh Tulsi leaves. Keep the setup beside the casket where visitors can reach it easily.