

Ethnobiological Analysis from Myth to Science:
XII. *Pancha Yajnya* (Five Sacrifices) - A Welcome Episode
of the Human Community for Rainy Season
Exhibited through Festivals

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ABSTRACT The doctrine of *Pancha Yajnya* (Five sacrifices) with the basic theme of some one's socio-ecological responsibility towards his source of knowledge (*Rrushi Yajnya*), for parents and ancestors (*Pitru Yajnya*) for environmental factors as Gods (*Deva Yajnya*), towards the biodiversity (*Bhoota Yajnya*) and for fellow human beings (*Nrru Yajnya*); in course of time has turned to a community activity and celebration instead of an individual commitment. The whole scenario is systematically celebrated through festivals of the rainy season in India as a welcome episode to rains and expression of gratitude to the environment, exhibiting through festive functions.