Agnihotram or Nitya Yajna  
(As per Maharishi Dayanand’s Sanskar Vidhi)

Like Sandhya is performed in both the Sandhi Velas (Dawn and Dusk), both female and male (* If either male or female of the house is unable to perform Agnihitra due to some unknown reason or unforeseen circumstances then one of person present at the Yajna sthan, should do two Ahutis or oblations by reading the mantra twice) should do Agnihotra regularly. Agnihotra should be done by following Page 22-24 (Sanskaar Vidhi published by Arsha Sahitya Prachaar trust) as follows:

1. Achmaan and Anga Sparsha - People sitting to perform Yajna should do the three Achmaans with the below three Mantras (Shathpath Brahaman Pratham Kand, Pratham Adhyaya, Pratham Brhaman, 1-10 Kandika has recommended the use of Jal).
2. Agnyadhan

(After lighting of Diya with the Agni from Brahmin, Shatriya or Vaisha’s place or in other words Agni from a Dwijas place or simply light the Diya with Ghee in it; put some Kapoor or camphor in a spoon and light it with the Diya’s Agni. Put the Kapoor in a utensil e.g. steel plate, with small samidhas. Then either the Yajman or Purohit should lift the utensil with both hands and do Agnyadhan in the Hawan Kund with the mantra below)

With the next mantra Agni should be inflamed.

3. Samidadhan are with three 8 angul length and dipped in Ghee samidhas(* note that Maharishi has not inculcated the Panch Grith Ahuti in the Nitya Yajna. It is only for the Sanskaar yajnas).

The first one with the above mantra
The second one is with the above two mantras

The third one is with the above mantra

4. Jalprokshan (Jal Sinchan)
Water is taken in the anjali (cupped palm) and sprinkled in all the 4 directions of the Hawan Kund:

The first sinchan is done in the East direction starting from South to North.
The second sinchan is done in the West direction starting from South to North.
The third sinchan is done in the North direction starting from West to East.
After the fourth mantra, sinchan is done by starting from South-East corner of the Hawan Kund and completing the circle.

5. Agharavajyahuti & Ajyabhagahuti (Ghee oblations only)
The first ahuti is given in the North side of the Kund starting from West to East.
The second Ahuti is given in the South side again starting from West to East.
The third and fourth ahutis are given in the middle of the Hawan Kund.
6. Pratahakaal Ahuti – Ghee + Samagri (* if both Pratahakaal and Sayankaal yajnas are done together i.e. at one time then start with the ahuti of the most prominent kaal; e.g. if the yajna is done at 2:00pm then Sayankaal ahuti is given first with Pratahakaal ahuti to be followed later).

7. Sayankaal Ahuti - Ghee + Samagri

Gayatri Mantra
(Then 3 purna ahuti if only doing Pratahakaal Yajna otherwise as below)
Om Vishwani deva
Gayatri Mantra
Om Vishwani Deva
Gayatri Mantra and then Purna Ahuti

**Few points to note:**

- **Nitya Yajna or Agnihotram** is what we commonly refer to Dainik Yajna. Please note that Maharishi has not termed Agnihotra as "Dainik Yajna" anywhere.
- Our commonly called Vishesha Yajna is called Pakshik Yajna (done at the starting of the Shukla or Krishna paksh. We normally called it ujiyari or andheri in Fiji’s language).
- The procedure carried out for the Sanskaars has been named as per the Sanskaar which does not include Nitya Yajna in it. In other words it does not include Pratahakaal and Sayankaal ahuitis.
• There is no Udbohan inculcated by the Maharishi in any of the Yajnas.
• Maharishi has recommended the use of Ishwar Stuti Prathna Upasana, Swastivachan and Shantikarnam after the Nitya Yajna for those who unfortunately are unable to perform Yajna every day. Please note that Ishwar Stuti Prathna Upasana, Swastivachan and Shantikarnam are done before Agnyadhan when performing Sanskaars.

• Agnyadhan has nowhere been recommended by the Maharishi to be done by putting burning camphor via spoon by all participants into the havan kund as we are not doing Kapooradhan. Instead it should be done as explained above in the Agnyadhan section.
• Maharishi has recommended at least 16 ahuuti by each person in each Pratikakaal and Sayankaal yajnas (Satyarth Prakash Ch.3). One can offer as many ahuutis as he/she desires, in addition to these 32 ahuutis. The extra ahuuti can be given with Gayatri and Vishwani Deva mantras alternatively.
• Ahuutis can only be given with Ved Mantras (Rig Vedadi Bhashya Bhumika; Ved Vishay Vichaar). None of the Upanishads or other authoritative scriptures mantras can be used for ahuutis (there are few exceptions with the porushay ahuuti of Griha Sutras).