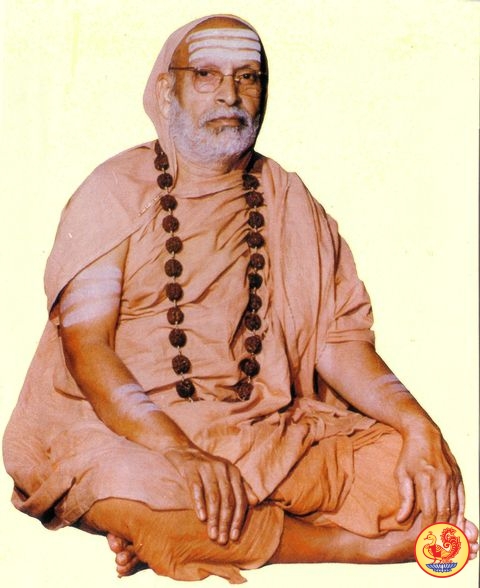
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**ABHINAVA VIDYATHIRTHA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Abhinava Vidyatirtha** (1917-1989) was the 35th [Jagadguru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jagadguru) of the [Sringeri Sharada Peetham](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sringeri_Sharada_Peetham). His birth name was Srinivasa Sastri.

He was born in Bangalore.

At the age of 14, he was given Sanyasa by Sri [Chandrashekhara Bharati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chandrashekhara_Bharati_III).

Sri Abhinava Vidyatirtha Mahaswami was well versed in Vedas and Yoga.

He was an eminent scholar and a master in hindu sacred texts.

In the year 1954, Sri Abhinava Vidya Tirtha took charge as the Shankaracharya of the Sringeri Math.

He occupied a major role in the functioning of the Math. He renovated several shrines in the Sharada temple, constructed a guest house and established a school. He had done puja regularly to Goddess Sharadambigai.

He appointed his successor in 1974 and gave him the Holy title Sri [Bharathi Teertha Mahaswami](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bharathi_Teertha_Mahaswami).

He died on 1989.

Sri Vidyateertha foundation was established in order to honour him, and a scholarship programme was also established in his name.

**IMPORTANCE**

During his period, he has travelled to all parts of india, and cultivated the bhakti among the people. He visited several holy shrines in india. He also made several spiritual discussions, and won in several debates during his period. He also clarified the doubts of his devotees with regard to spiritual matters, and helped them to attain the spiritual path.

He mingled with the people in a good manner and solved their problems. He advises the people to spare some time for devotion on god. It is also known from several old age devotees, that by seeing his glittering face, the devotees will forget their worries and worship him with bhakti.

Let us pray to the great saint and be blessed.

**“OM SREE ABHINAVA VIDYATHIRTHA SWAMIGALE NAMAHA”**

**“OM SREE SARADAMBIGAIYE NAMAHA”**

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**ABHINAVAGUPTA**



**INTRODUCTION**

Abhinavagupta (950–1016AD) was a famous Saint from [Kashmir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kashmir). He was also a great [musician](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Music_of_India) and [poet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_poetry).

**LIFE**

He was born in [Kashmir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kashmir) and studied under the guidance of holy [gurus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru). His great work [Tantraloka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tantraloka), was based on Shaivism, and was widely accepted by the followers of Shaivism.

His works also include devotional songs, and writings on yoga and meditation.

He was considered as an **"Intelligent scholar and a pious saint"** by the people.

His father was his first teacher, and taught him the literature. Sambhunatha was his most beloved guru, and he learnt all the devotional subjects from him, and has become a great scholar through his guidance.

Ramadeva was his disciple who has served him with much care, and devoted to scriptural study.

He travelled all over Kashmir and participated in several debates and won in the debates.

**SPIRITUAL WORKS**

1. [Tantrasara](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tantrasara)
2. Paratrisika
3. Paryantapancasika
4. Rahasyapancadasika
5. Laghvi prakriya
6. Devistotravivarana
7. Paramarthasara

Abhinavagupta has also composed a number of devotional poems.

He was a holy and a popular saint of India, who has sung many songs in praise of Lord Shiva.

He was against in enjoying worldly comforts and luxuries. He has donated all the money which he had received from the wealthy people to the poor. According to his famous saying that **ACCEPTING MONEY AND SPENDING IT LAVISHLY IS NOT ALLOWABLE IN THE LIFE OF THE SAINTS, SINCE IT IS AGAINST THE SPIRITUAL PATH**.

He lived a simple life. He spent most of his time in his life in doing meditation, spreading the spirituality and worshipping Lord Shiva.

Let us worship him and be blessed.

**“OM SREE ABHINAVAGUPTARE NAMAHA”**

**“OM NAMAH SHIVAYA”**

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**ANASUYA DEVI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Anasuya Devi** (1923–1985), was fondly called as **Amma**, was a spiritual [guru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru) from [Andhra pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andhra_Pradesh).

**LIFE**

Anasuya Devi was born in a village at [Guntur District](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guntur_District), [Andhra Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andhra_Pradesh). She got married during the year 1936, and had three children. She started a food grain bank in order to help the poor and needy.

She founded Annapurnalayam at her village in the year 1958, in order to serve free vegetarian food for all the visitors. She established a Sanskrit school in the year 1966. She was very kind to others, and treated all the people as equal irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

Amma died in the year 1985, at the age of 62.

A temple Anasuyeswaralayam was built in the year 1987.

**IMPORTANCE**

She was a sincere devotee of goddess shakthi and dedicated her life on her. She was well respected by her devotees. She was very pious and a gentle lady, who doesn’t find out any fault on others, and considered all the people as holy and respected everybody, whether good or bad.

According to her, all the people are good, since they are the children of god, and she was against caste discrimination. She provided free food to all the visitors at Andhra Pradesh, and attended them in a pleasing manner.

She looked after her household activities properly, in addition to devoting of god and doing other charitable activities. Though now she is not alive, her contribution made to the people cannot be forgotten.

Let us worship this great spiritual guru and be blessed.

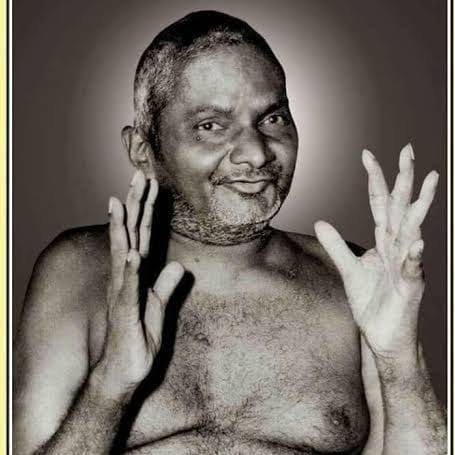
**“OM MATA ANASUYA DEVIYE NAMAHA”**

**“OM SAKTHI PARA SAKTHI”**

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**BHAGAWAN NITYANANDA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Bhagawan Nityananda** (1897–1961) was an [Indian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) [Saint](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru). His teachings were published in leading magazines. Nityananda was born in [Kerala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kerala). His birth name was Raman.

**LIFE**

He was adopted by a Nair couple and they properly took care of him.

Even at his younger age, Bhagwan Nityananda attained advanced spiritual state, and was enlightened by the god, and got spiritual energy and attained great power through meditation and yoga.

Nityananda became a wandering [yogi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yogi), and spent most of his time in [yogic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yogic) studies and went to Himalayas and other religious places for getting divine bliss.

Though he was not a highly educated person, he was aware of all the vedas and other spiritual texts, and got the capacity to give lectures on various topics of Hinduism.

Nityananda was popular in curing the diseases of the people through his yogic power. He constructed an [ashram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashram) near [Kanhangad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanhangad), [Kerala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kerala) state.

He was also popular in doing miracles for doing good things. Nityananda started a school, and provided food and clothing to the school children.

He gave lot of devotional teachings. And he also explained the importance of worshipping the god and asked the people to make regular visit to the temples, and also to provide charitable activities to the poor, and to help others in case of need.

In 1936, he stayed in a hut in the village of [Ganeshpuri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganeshpuri), nearby the shiva temple. And later he constructed an ashram in that place.

He died in the year 1961 at the age of 63. His [samadhi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samadhi#As_mausoleum) is located in [Ganeshpuri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganeshpuri).

Though he is not alive now, but his teachings will make us to feel his presence even today.

**IMPORTANCE**

He was a great siddha purusha, saint and a yogi who never thought about himself, and always done goodness to others through his great power.

He controlled his senses at his younger age itself, and fully realized the god within the inner soul, and became a worshipful saint. He was a pious, noble and a soft spoken saint.

Let us worship him and be blessed.

**“OM SREE BHAGAWAN NITYANANDARE NAMAHA”**

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**BHARADWAJA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Bharadwaja**, was one of the famous [Vedic](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vedic) sages in  [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_India), and who was a great scholar and a master of all vedas,puranas and upanishads.He was the son of Brahaspati and Mamata. His wife was susheela. And his children were [Drona](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drona)charya, [Garga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garga), [Ilavida](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ilavida) and Katyayani.

He was the grandfather of Asvathama, a great warrior of Mahabharata, who is also one among the seven **CHIRANJEEVIS** and is still living in this earth, by worshipping Lord Shiva.

**IMPORTANCE**

Bharadwaja is also mentioned in several ancient texts. He is also known as the "Father of Ayurvedic Medicine".

He is one of the [Saptarishis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saptarishi).

Brahmins belonging to Bharadwaja gotra were the descendents of Sage Bharadwaja.

Bharadwaja has contributed a lot of sacred texts, some of them are as follows:-

1. Some portions of Dhanur-veda.
2. Bharadvaj samhita.
3. Bharadvaj srautasutra and grhyasutra.
4. Some portions of Ayurveda.
5. [Charaka Samhita](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charaka_Samhita).
6. Niti sastra.
7. Bharadwaja siksa.

According to the Mahabharata, Bharadwaja trained his son [Drona](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drona) in the use of weapons.

In the epic Ramayana, Rama, Sita and Lakshmana visited Rishi Bharadwaja at his ashram.

**CONCLUSION**

He was a great rishi, who has contributed a lot in the ayurvedic medicinal field. He has worried about the health condition of the people in the earth and has rendered such a noble act. According to him, spirituality can be attained by a person, only if he is in a good health condition. He also advices the people to worship the god in an easy manner like chanting frequently the names of god. In his book, he has mentioned the details of ayurvedic herbs in a simplified manner. He is living in Saptarishi Mandala with his wife Susheela by doing penance. Let us worship this great rishi and his wife and be blessed.

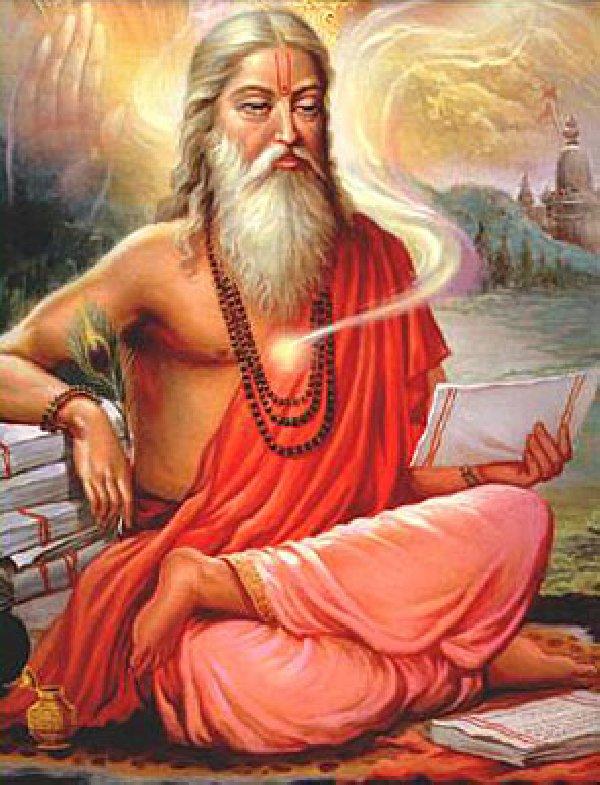
**“OM SREE RISHI BHARADWAJARE NAMAHA”**

**“OM MATA SUSHEELA NAMAHA”**

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**BHRIGU**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Maharishi Bhrigu** was one of the [Prajapatis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prajapati) created by Lord [Brahma](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brahma). And it is believed that he was born in the present day [Uttar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ballia) Pradesh. He is the author of [Bhrigu Samhita](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhrigu_Samhita). Bhrigu is considered to be the best son of Lord [Brahma](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brahma), since he was born from the mind of Lord Brahma. And he is having the spiritual knowledge and power similar to that of his father Lord Brahma.

**IMPORTANCE**

Bhrigu lived in an ashram at the present day [Rajasthan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rajasthan) in [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India), and led a very simple life. Bhrigu had made important contributions to Manusmriti. His wives were Khyati, Puloma and Kavyamata.

His children are:-

1. Dhata
2. Vidhata
3. Shukra
4. Chyavana
5. Bhargavi

Bhrigu is also mentioned in several hindu puranas. He is also mentioned in Mahabharatha. He was also praised by several rishis about his greatness.

An Ashram for Bhrigu is located in [Kanchipuram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanchipuram) District, Tamil nadu.

Since, Bhrigu Maharishi wants to test and to find the best one among the three gods,brahma,Vishnu and shiva, he went to vaikunta, and since Lord Vishnu was asleep in his vaikunta, he kicked him at his chest with his feet. But later he realized his mistake, when he was forgiven by Lord Vishnu and was warmly welcomed by him.

**CONCLUSION**

Bhrigu Maharishi was a great sage, who got the ability to test the greatness of the gods. His ego was removed by Lord Vishnu, through his gentle approach on Bhrigu. He was a great scholar in all the vedic subjects, and was referred in many ancient epics. Let us worship Bhrigu Maharishi and be blessed.

**“OM SREE BHRIGU MAHARISHIYE NAMAHA”**

**“OM NAMO NARAYANA”**

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**BHRINGI**



**INTRODUCTION**

According to [Holy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu_epics) texts, **Bhringi** was a great rishi, and an ardent devotee of Lord [Shiva](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiva). It is believed that he was very much devoted to Lord Shiva and only worships him and would not worship Mata Parvathi.

Once the great rishi Bhringi went to Mount Kailasa and circumambulated Lord Shiva. Goddess Parvati has asked him to worship her and to circumambulate her also.

But Bhringi was refused doing that, and he concentrated his attention only on worshipping Lord Shiva. And he took the shape of a bee and again circumambulated only on Lord Shiva. Due to his act, Mata Parvati has got very angry with him and punished him to lose all the flesh and blood from his body.

Due to the curse, he has lost all his energy from his body and fell down, and then he realized his mistake, and came to know that both shiva and parvati are one and the same, and prayed to both of them and asked Mata Parvati to forgive him, and he apologised for his mistake. They blessed him and he had granted one more leg in order to balance himself.

**IMPORTANCE**

Bhringi was a very ancient sage and a great scholar in all the subjects, including vedas, Upanishads and other divine scriptures. He was very good in doing severe penance, and got great spiritual energy through that. His name is also mentioned in several ancient texts, and mentions him that he was a great shiva devotee.

It is believed that he lived for more than 1000 years, and had done severe penance on Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvathi towards neglecting to worship Mata Parvati, and also to reduce his sins towards his wrong act.

He was a great sage who has got the habit of welcoming his guests to his ashram and to give them food and water, to treat them with much care and respect, and to discuss with them about the greatness of Lord Shiva and Mata Parvati. He was also admired by the other great sages and was praised by them about his hospitality.

Hence from this incident, we came to know that we have to worship shiva and parvati together in order to get better results in our life.

Let us worship this great Rishi and be blessed.

**“OM NAMAH SHIVAYA”**

**“OM SAKTHI PARA SAKTHI”**

**“OM SREE BHRINGI MUNIVARE NAMAHA”**

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**CHAITANYA MAHAPRABHU**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Chaitanya Mahaprabhu**(1486–1534), was a  [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bengali_Hindu)  [saint](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint), and the chief of the  Vaishnava [Vedanta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vedanta) school in Hinduism. His birth name was Vishvambhar Mishra. He was born on West Bengal. He is considered as an incarnation of Lord Krishna.

He has asked his devotees to chant '[Hare Rama Hare Krishna mantra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hare_Krishna_(mantra))' in order to get liberated from birth cycle.  His birthday is celebrated as [Gaura-purnima](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaura-purnima).

While Chaitanya was travelling to gaya, he met the great saint [Ishvara Puri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isvara_Puri), and through him he became a great devotee of Lord Krishna and began to chant the [Gopala Krishna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gopal_(Krishna)) mantra repeatedly. He returned to Bengal and soon he became the leader of the Vaishnava group.

After some years he left Bengal and became a Sanyasi by [Swami Kesava Bharati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kesava_Bharati), and he travelled all over india by frequently chanting the names of Lord Krishna.

**TEACHINGS**

1. Krishna is the Supreme god.
2. Always concentrate your attention on Lord Krishna by chanting his divine names,even while doing your work, so that you can do your work properly through the grace of Lord Krishna.
3. Love others and show mercy on others.
4. Don’t always think about material objects, for that will not come with us. Think about the divine god.
5. Feed food to the poor people. Lord Krishna has narrated in the Bhagavat Gita about the importance of providing annadanam.
6. Always have peace of mind by worshipping god and keeping him in our mind.
7. Move towards the bhakti path in order to reach the heaven.
8. Love Krishna and in return you will be loved by Krishna.
9. Don’t cause injury to others, and help others in times of need.

10. Visit the temples regularly and offer worship.

**IMPORTANCE**

He took the avatar in order to give proper guidance to us in this kali yuga. He was inspired by the people through his simplistic approach in explaining about god, and in giving lectures. He lived a pious life and done many miracles to his devotees. He has protected his devotees from several problems in their life, and cured their diseases and showed a good path to them.

**DEATH**

He left his body and reached the divine abode of Lord Vishnu at the age of 48, at Puri.

**CONCLUSION**

A great saint and an avatar of Lord Krishna will always be remembered for his famous Hare Rama Hare Krishna song.

Let us worship Lord Rama and Lord Krishna and be blessed.

**“OM SREE CHAITANYA MAHAPRABHUVE NAMAHA”**

**“JAI SREE RAM”**

**“JAI KRISHNA”**

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**CHANAKYA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Chanakya** (2nd century BC) was an [ancient Indian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_India) guru, contains great wisdom, knowledge and specialized in all the subjects. He is also known as **Kautilya**, who was the author of the [Arthashastra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthashastra).

Chanakya was the guru for the [Mauryan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maurya_Empire) emperor [Chandragupta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chandragupta_Maurya) and helped him to establish the kingdom, and to rule it properly. Chanakya was the chief advisor to the great emperor Chandragupta and his son [Bindusara](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bindusara).

Chanakya’s name was mentioned in Buddhist and Jainism texts. And he was regarded as a great Guru and a philosopher, and also appreciated for his administrative capacity.

He was specialized in ancient Vedas, Upanishads and sacred texts and also a master in all kinds of art, and got the capacity to work as an advisor to the emperor.

**WORKS**

1. [Arthashastra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthashastra)
2. Chanakya Niti

The Arthashastra was written on the basis of political aspects, which has to be followed by a ruler for running his kingdom successfully, including financial position, relation with other rulers, welfare activities to be carried out to the people and the strength of the soldiers needed in case of war etc. The text also describes the duties to be followed by a ruler. Chanakya Niti is a collection of a [set](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aphorism) of principles based on various shastras.

Chanakya is regarded as a great thinker, religious reformer, famous politician, wise person and a social reformer of the ancient india.

The diplomatic enclave in New Delhi and Chanakya circle in mysore has been named after him.

Several tamil plays were screened by the famous drama and cinema artists based on the life and teachings of chanakya, and it was well appreciated by the audiences.

**IMPORTANCE**

He was a famous scholar and a wise man, has helped the great king Chandragupta towards successfully ruling his kingdom. Through his noble advice, he has ruled his kingdom in a proper manner, and he had not suffered from the problems of enemy invasion through the help of Chanakya.

Through his talent and efficiency, he made the kingdom of chadragupta to prosper. He also gave good advices to him, and was well appreciated by the people and also by several other kings.

Though he had lived several thousands of years back, still he is remembered by the people for his thorough knowledge in all the fields, and an expert administrator.

Let us worship the great guru and be blessed.

**“OM SREE CHANAKYARE NAMAHA”**

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**DEVAPI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Devapi** is an immortal sage. According to the ancient texts, he was the eldest son of the King of [Hastinapura](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hastinapura). He was a pious and a good prince but since he was affected with [leprosy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leprosy), his younger brother [Shantanu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shantanu) was declared as the king of Hastinapura. Shantanu ruled his kingdom in an efficient manner. And all the people in his region were very much satisfied with his golden rule. Later Devapi left the kingdom of hastinapura, and did severe penance in the forest.

Due to the request of his brother king shantanu, devapi served as a priest for some time in the kingdom of hastinapura and conducted a [yagna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yajna) for the prosperity of the kingdom, and again he went to the forest and continued his penance and lived a saintly life.

His importance is mentioned in vedas, puranas, and in Mahabharata, and was mentioned as a great man with divine power which he acquired through constant meditation.

He was also the elder brother of King Bahlika, who was the ruler of the Bahlika region.

**IMPORTANCE**

He and his brother bahlika are noble persons, who never interested in enjoying worldly comforts and they spent their life in doing good things to the people and by worshipping the god. Bahlika was well appreciated towards showing kindness to his region’s people and for donating the wealth to the poor. He ruled his kingdom in a proper manner. He was a worshipful person, who never done any bad acts during his period. Since he was asked by the kauravas to help them in the kurukshetra war, he agreed and joined with kauravas and fought against pandavas and was finally killed by Bheema. He was a great devotee of Lord Krishna.

Devapi was not interested in occupying the kings throne and hence left his kingdom and done severe penance which lasted for several years, and finally he was granted the boon of becoming as immortal till the end of this Kali Yuga, and will be the great king in the next krita yuga.

All the three brothers shantanu,devapi and bahliga were very much expert in all the vedic subjects and in ancient scriptures. They are also specialised in all kinds of art, and expert in handling all kinds of weapons. Devapi also gifted all of his riches to the poor and the needy and asked his brothers shantanu and bahliga to do good things to the people, and also to worship the god in a proper manner. In course of time, he also got relieved from his leprosy and became a healthiest person.

Let us pray to him and be blessed.

**“OM SREE DEVAPIYE NAMAHA”**

**“OM SREE BAHLIGARE NAMAHA”**

**“OM SREE SANTHANU MAHARAJAVE NAMAHA”**

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**GAGANGIRI MAHARAJ**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Shri Gagangiri Maharaj** was a pious [saint](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru) and belongs to the [Nath Sampradaya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nath_Sampradaya). His birth name was Shripad Patankar.

**LIFE**

Shri Gagangiri Maharaj was born at a village in [Patan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patan,_Maharashtra) district of [Maharashtra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maharashtra). At his younger age, he left his home and became a saint.

After becoming a saint, he learnt [yoga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yoga) and meditation. He visited many holy places including [Himachal Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Himachal_Pradesh) and Badrinath and worshipped Lord Shiva and Lord Vishnu. He stayed in the cave at Gagangiri and did severe penance.

Since, more people were benefited by his teachings they started worshipping him, including political persons of india.

Maharaj also asked the youngsters to spread spirituality among the masses.

He established his ashrams in [Khopoli](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khopoli) and [Gaganbawda](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Gaganbawda&action=edit&redlink=1). He has a huge number of devotees in all parts of india, including business man, poor and the rich people. He never differentiated between rich and poor, and treated all of them as equal.

Maharaj took Samadhi in the year 2008 at his Khopoli Ashram.

**IMPORTANCE**

He was a great saint, who was highly praised by the people for his good speech on spirituality and for his simplicity. He never enjoyed any comforts and luxuries, and lead a holy life. He had done many social welfare activities at his ashram such as giving clothes, providing shelter to the poor, providing food to the poor and needy, and also moved with the poor people in a kind manner.

He taught yoga and meditation to all class of people, in order to lead a healthy and a peaceful life. He also given spiritual lectures on gods, and asked the people to worship the gods regularly and to chant their names.

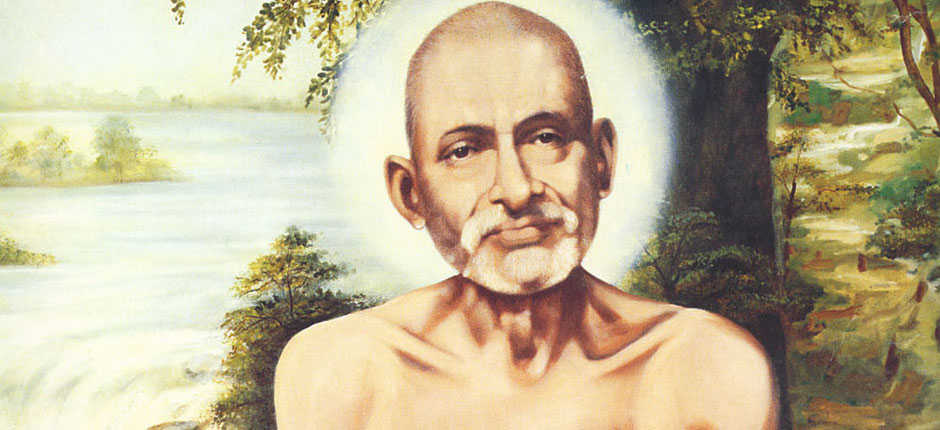
Let us worship him and be blessed.

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**GAJANAN MAHARAJ**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Gajanan Maharaj**   was an Indian guru belonged to Maharashtra, and he is regarded as an incarnation of Lord Ganesha. He has first appeared in [Shegaon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shegaon), Mahatashtra in the form of a young man, during the year 1878. He has attained [Samadhi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samadhi) on 1910. His detailed life history can be known from the sacred book **“SHRI GAJANAN MAHARAJ CHARITRA”**.

**IMPORTANCE**

Shree Gajanan Maharaj has travelled to many holy places, and he also visited Lord Trimbakeshwar Shiva Temple at Nashik. It is also believed, that Shree Gajanan Maharaj has appeared in the form of Pandhurang and as [Saint Ramdas](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Shri_Ramdas_Swami&action=edit&redlink=1)  for his sincere devotees.

In his lifetime, he has performed many miracles such as giving a new life to his devotees, lighting the lamp without fire, curing the dreaded diseases of the devotees, and solving several problems in the life of his devotees and giving peace to mind for many people by looking them kindly and by blessing them. He was well known in yoga and meditation apart from all other forms of art. He was a great scholar and got a very good knowledge in vedas and hindu scriptures.

Shree Gajanan Maharaj took Samadhi on 1910. His earthly remains were buried and a temple in his name was built on his [Samadhi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sam%C4%81dhi) at Shegaon. The holy existence of his soul in the Samadhi Temple blesses his devotees, and gives all the prosperity in their life.

In the presence of Gajanan Maharaj, Shri Sant Gajanan Maharaj Sansthan, was formed on 1908.

**CONCLUSION**

A great avatar of Lord Vinayaka,and a great human personality, who lived a simple and a noble life, and blessed all of his devotees and made them well in their life. In his Samadhi he blesses and helps the devotees during their difficult times. During his lifetime, he removed the ego of his devotees, and transformed them into good natured. Let us pray to him and chant his name with pure devotion in mind and be blessed.

**“OM SREE GANESAYA NAMAHA”**

**“OM SREE GAJANAN MAHARAJAVE NAMAHA”**

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**GANGA**



**INTRODUCTION**

Ganga is the river [Ganges](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganges) and she is considered as a [sacred](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhakti) and holy mother. It is believed that bathing in river ganges will cleanse us and will remove our sins and will lead to the path of **MOKSHA**. It is also believed that all the diseases will be cured by drinking the holy water of ganges.

In the bank of river ganges, several holy temples are situated, which include Kashi temple, Kali temple,Vishnu temple and Hanuman temple.

Ganga is described as the goddess who gives good fortunes in our life, and the Ganges River has been considered as the holiest among all the rivers by Hindus. River Ganges is worshipped as Ganga Mata. She looks very beautiful with a smiling face, and with a golden body. She contains the features of Mata Parvati Devi. The importance of ganges river is mentioned in Vedas and in various divine texts.

She was also the wife of the Kuru king Shantanu, and their son was Pithamaka Bhishma, and it is considered that her vehicle is Crocodile

Through the great king [Bhageeratha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhagiratha), she came down to earth from Kailasa, and still clearing our sins and blessing us with her divine power.

Ancestor’s last rites are performed here, in order to make their souls satisfied, and also they can travel easily to the respective worlds, based on their karmic deeds.

While coming down to the earth, she destroyed the the [meditation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sadhana) of [Jahnu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rishi_Jahnu) rishi. He got angry and drank up the waters of river ganges. Due to her prayers, Jahnu released her from his ears. Hence she got the name as Jahnavi.

Ganga Jayanti is celebrated mostly by the north indians on Saptami of Vaishakh month's shukla paksha of every year. Ganga Mata is also worshipped during the Navaratri festival as goddess Mata Durga.

**IMPORTANCE**

It is believed that by applying the water of the ganges river on our head, our all problems will be solved, and in due course, we will attain **SALVATION**. She is believed to be the saviour of all the living beings in the earth, and by worshipping her, especially at the banks of river ganges will yield good results, and we can forget our worries and problems by seeing the divine mother with our eyes.

She was brought down to the earth, in order to protect us from this Kaliyuga, and we can wash out our sins with her. She also gives courage, wisdom, boldness, confidence and good knowledge in all the subjects, and will make our life to run easily in this today’s tough world.

Ganga Aarti is famous which will be held on the banks of river ganges in the holy city of haridwar. Lot of people will have a glimpse on her, and will burn various lamps and place it in the river, as a prayer to her. Daily thousands of people will gather in haridwar and worship her with much devotion in their mind.

She is also having various temples in all parts of india. She is worshipped as Gangaiamman in south india. There is a famous **GANGADEESWARAR TEMPLE** in purasawakkam,Chennai. It is believed that king bhageerath prayed to Lord Shiva at this place only.

Her importance cannot be explained in words. It is advisable to worship Goddess Ganga at Ganga Devi Temple, Haridwar and to visit the river ganges at least once in our life time.

Let us chant her glory and pray to her and be blessed.

**“OM SREE GANGA MATAVE NAMAHA”**

**“OM SREE BHAGEERATHARE NAMAHA”**

**“OM NAMAH SHIVAYA”**

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**GNANANDA GIRI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Gnanananda** (19th century) was an Indian saint, also called as Swami Sri Gnanananda Giri. He was one of the Chief Pontiffs of the [Jyotir Math](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jyotir_Math), Uttarakhand.

Gnanananda is a [great](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siddha) guru and Indian philosopher. He had a number of disciples including [Vidyananda](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Vidyananda_Giri&action=edit&redlink=1), [Triveni](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Triveni_(poetry)) and [Haridas](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Dasagiri&action=edit&redlink=1). His birth name was subramanyam.

**LIFE**

He was born in a village at [Karnataka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karnataka) to a Brahmin family. He left his home at young age due to his interest in spirituality.

Sivaratna Giri Swami was his guru and named him as Sri Gnanananda Giri. Gnananda spent many years at the Himalayas and made deep penance. He travelled all around India and also went to Nepal, Burma and Sri Lanka.

Gnanananda established [ashram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashram)s in Salem and at Siddhalingamadam.

Gnanananda built temples for the Hindu deities in [Tapovanam](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Tapovanam&action=edit&redlink=1),Tirukovilur.

**IMPORTANCE**

He advocated his devotees to do [meditation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japa) and [prayer](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Nama_sankirtan&action=edit&redlink=1). He was well versed in doing bhajans, and he announced to his devotees that doing [Hari Bhajans](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Hari_Bhajana&action=edit&redlink=1)  was the easiest way to attain "[Moksha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moksha)".

He was the guru of Sri [Haridas Giri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haridas_Giri) Swamigal, and asked him to spread the importance of [Namasankeetanam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Namasankeetanam)(Chanting the holy names of Lord Hari) among the masses. Haridas also visited several holy places in india to spread the importance of singing god's praises as instructed by his guru. Haridas Giri established Samajams in various countries. He was an obedient disciple of Sri Gnananda and considered him as equivalent to god, and served to him in a proper manner.

He was a humble and a noble saint who took care of his devotees in an affectionate manner. He has provided annadanam in his ashram to his devotees. He was a kind hearted sage and was a great preacher and has given many religious lectures and asked the people to worship the god by uttering his holy names in order to easily attain **SALVATION**.

Let us pray to him and be blessed.

**“OM SREE GNANANDA GIRI SWAMIGALE NAMAHA”**

**“OM SREE HARIDAS GIRI SWAMIGALE NAMAHA”**

**“OM NAMO NARAYANAYA NAMAHA”**

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**GOPALA BHATTA GOSWAMI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Gopala Bhatta Goswami** (1503–1578) was one of the main disciples of Sri [Chaitanya Mahaprabhu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chaitanya_Mahaprabhu). He was the prominent person in establishing the Gaudiya tradition through his spiritual speech.

**LIFE**

He was born in a Brahmin family in [srirangam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Srirangam). Gopala bhatta goswami was a great devotee of Lord Vishnu.

He met Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and served him for several months. He realized that Chaitanya was an avatar of Lord Krishna.

Gopal Bhatta took spiritual guidance from his uncle [Prabhodananda Sarasvati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prabhodananda_Sarasvati).

After the death of his parents, he travelled to Vrindavana, and met the great saints and Krishna devotees, Rupa and Sanatana and stayed with them.

As per the instructions given by Sree Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, he helped Rupa and Sanatana to complete the Vaishnava literature written by them.

Gopala Bhatta established the [Radha Raman Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radha_Raman_Temple) in [Vrindavan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vrindavan) in 1542, and his samadhi is present within the temple complex.

**IMPORTANCE**

He interacted with the followers of Krishna and formed a new bhakti cult (Spreading the importance of lord Krishna) and spread it among the masses. He also spread the “**RAMA”** and “**KRISHNA”** mantras through his followers. He has done many social welfare activities during his life time. He was a fond disciple of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

During his life time, he made many preaching among the followers of Lord Krishna and explained the glory of Lord Krishna to them in a detailed manner. Devotees assembled with much enthusiasm to listen to his speeches. He was considered as a great preacher by Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

He sung in praise of Lord Krishna, and was always involved in deep thoughts of Lord Krishna.

Let us worship him and be blessed.

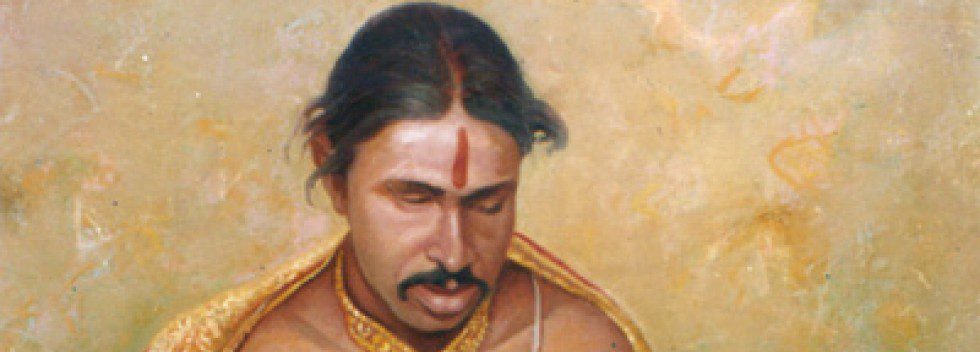
**“JAI SREE GOPALA BHATTA GOSWAMIYE NAMAHA”**

**“JAI KRISHNA”**

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**GULABRAO MAHARAJ**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Gulabrao Maharaj** (1881–1915) was a blind [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu) saint from [Maharashtra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maharashtra), India. He has written many devotional articles within a short period. His birth name was Gulab Gundoji Mohod.

**LIFE**

Gulabrao Maharaj was born in a village near [Amravati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amravati),Maharashtra. After the death of his mother, he was brought up by his grandmother.

He was the disciple of Shri Dhyaneshwar Maharaj and has become a great saint through his blessings.

Though he was a blind man, he has got great knowledge in devotional texts and contains extraordinary intelligence and extraordinary memory and good writing skills.

He has done deep meditation at his younger age and was found in a deep Samadhi stage.

He was an expert in writing poems at the age of sixteen. He was married, and even after that, he was involved in spiritual matters and doing meditation.

Though he was from a lower caste, he got many Brahmin disciples. He was aware of the vedas and even without reading the vedas, he got the knowledge through his self-realization.

**IMPORTANCE**

He has respected the learned scholars and discussed with them on various topics of Hinduism.

He has won several times in religious debates, which was held between him and pundits regarding the sciences.

He was an ardent devotee of Lord Krishna, and always praises him with his superb songs and dedicated his life towards worshipping him.

Saint Gulabrao Maharaj has become more popular after his Samadhi. His disciples are known to be the great saints. He still guides the people even after his death by his holy writings.

**CONCLUSION**

A great devotee of Lord Krishna, who possess high spiritual knowledge, was well known for his great intelligence and learning ability. He was respected by everyone and treated in a proper manner. He was a kind and soft natured person and does not hurt anybody by his words. He treated all the other people as the avatars of Lord Krishna, and given proper respect to them. He mesmerised the people through his pleasing smile and by his divine talks. He asked the people to think about Lord Krishna and to concentrate him with pure bhakti within their short life span period, in order to prevent the occurrence of re-births.

Let us worship this great saint and be blessed.

**“OM SREE GULABRAO MAHARAJ NAMAHA”**

**“JAI KRISHNA”**

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**GURU NANAK**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Guru Nanak** (1469–1539) was the founder of [Sikhism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sikhism) and he was the first amongst the ten [Sikh Gurus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sikh_Gurus). His birth day is celebrated during October–November.

Guru Nanak has travelled all over the world and spread the message of one God Principle, and states that there is one god, who lives in all of his creations.

**LIFE**

Guru Nanak was born in Pakistan. His father has worked as an accountant in a village in pakistan. He had one sister, and after her marriage, he lived with them. During the year 1487, Guru Nanak was married to Mata Sulakkhani, in the town of [Batala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batala). And they had two sons.

Guru Nanak's teachings can be found in the holy book [Guru Granth Sahib](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru_Granth_Sahib).

The three main teachings of Guru Nanak are as follows:

* Helping others in times of need.
* Honest living, without any fraud, and earning money through hard work.
* Chanting the names of god permanently in order to control the [weaknesses](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Five_Thieves) of the human personality.

Guru Nanak travelled extensively during his lifetime. He visited several foreign countries in order to spread his teachings.

After appointing his successor, Guru Nanak died on 1539 in [Kartarpur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kartarpur,_Pakistan), at the age of 70.

The Guru Gobind Sahib is sincerely worshipped by the followers of Sikhism, and he is considered as the final guru of Sikhism.

**IMPORTANCE**

Guru Nanak was a great person who mainly advocates the principle of helping others, and to live an honest life. Sikhism is a popular religion in india. Saint Guru Nanak was a great personality who lived a modest life and helped others. He was a pious and a noble person, and helped the people by guiding them to the spiritual path.

**CONCLUSION**

The great saint, Sri Guru Nanak who was the founder of the wonderful religion, **SIKHISM**, is still guiding us through his teachings. His great teachings are apart from the point of religious perspective. The **SIKHS** are very great, gentle, affectionate and bold people, and they are living their life peacefully through the blessings of **GURU NANAK JI**. Let us pray for the wellbeing of the entire people in the world to the great **SAINT GURU NANAK JI** and let us chant his name and be blessed.

**“JAI GURU NANAK JI JAI”**

**WRITTEN BY**

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**KALYAN SWAMI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Kalyan Swami** (1636–1714) was a sincere disciple of Shree Samarth Ramdas and they were united together with regard to the devotion of Lord Rama.

**LIFE**

He was born at Kohlapur,Maharashtra a famous pilgrimage site of Goddess Mahalakshmi. His birth name was Ambaji. After his father attained sainthood at Kashi, he and his mother were lived in their relative’s home.

At a younger age, he travelled to many places and had been conducted various religious discourses in order to lead the society to the right path. He also visited many holy temples situated in india. His discourses were attracted by a huge number of his followers.

After some time, he has become the disciple of Shree Samarth Ramdas.

From a young age, he was the chief disciple of Sri Samarth Ramadas, who was a famous saint of Maharashtra. Although he was tested by his guru in many situations, he never failed and has become the closest disciple of Samarth.

**IMPORTANCE**

He was a great scholar and an expert in all devotional texts and also well known in yoga and meditation.

He was a kind hearted saint and treated all of his devotees in a proper manner, and gave them his blessings, and also removed their sins through the grace of Lord Rama. He cured many dreaded diseases of his devotees, and also given them peace of mind.

**DISCIPLES**

1. Mudgal Swami
2. Jagannath Swami
3. Keshav Swami
4. Ramjibova Baramatikar
5. Haribova Bhoomkar
6. Purushottam Swami
7. Ramajiboova

**FAMOUS WRITINGS**

1. Soliv Sukh
2. Mahavakya Panchikaran
3. Dhruv Aakhyan
4. Rukmini Swayamvar

**DEATH**

Kalyan Swami died in 1714 in Osmanabad.

The Samadhi temple of Shree Kalyan Swami was constructed in Osmanabad.

**CONCLUSION**

He was a great devotee of Lord Rama and an obedient disciple of his guru Sri Samarth Ramadas. His teachings were well understood by everyone and he was the main person in promoting the importance of worshipping Lord Rama and chanting his Mantra. He was also a sincere devotee of Lord Hanuman, and wants to become like him with regard to Rama Bhakti. Let us pray to him and be blessed.

**“OM SREE KALYAN SWAMIYE NAMAHA”**

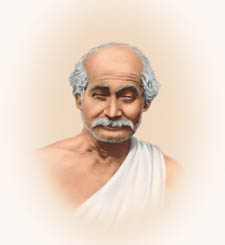
**“JAI SREE RAM”**

**“JAI HANUMAN”**

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**LAHIRI MAHASAYA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Shyama Charan Lahiri** (1828 –1895), also known as **Lahiri Mahasaya**, was an Indian [yogi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yoga), [guru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru) and a disciple of [Mahavatar Babaji](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahavatar_Babaji). He taught [Kriya Yoga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kriya_Yoga) to others, when he learned it from [Mahavatar Babaji](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahavatar_Babaji) in 1861. Lahiri Mahasaya was also the [guru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru) of [Swami Sri Yukteswar Giri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swami_Sri_Yukteswar_Giri).  He taught the kriya yoga to others and developed spirituality and spread it to others. He lived in Varanasi.

**LIFE**

Lahiri was born into a Brahmin family in the year 1828 in [Nadia district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nadia_district),west bengal. He was interested in doing meditation at his younger age. After some time his family moved to [Varanasi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Varanasi), and he has spent his rest of his life in Varanasi.

He studied all the languages, along with Vedas. In 1846, he was married and had two sons, and three daughters. Without leaving his family life, he continued working in a company as an accountant and also concentrated his attention on yoga and spirituality.

Lahiri Mahasaya died on 1895 in Varanasi. Though he left his physical body, he is still remembered for his teachings and for sharing the yoga techniques to others.

**IMPORTANT DISCIPLES**

1. [Panchanan Bhattacharya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Panchanan_Bhattacharya)

2. [Yukteswar Giri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yukteswar_Giri)

3. Pranabananda

4. [Keshavananda Brahmachari](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keshavananda_Brahmachari)

5. Bhupendranath Sanyal

6. Bhaskarananda Saraswati

7. Balananda Brahmachari of Deogarh

8. Iswari Narayan Sinha

**IMPORTANCE**

He taught kriya yoga to all class of people, without distinguishing them with respect to caste, creed, gender, community or religion.

He wants the human’s problems to be solved through learning and practising kriya yoga, and all of them must live their life happily.

According to him, kriya yoga is the medicine for all sorts of diseases. And he asked his followers to do it frequently.

He also asked his followers to solve their problems through meditation.

He wants everyone to live an honest life and through an honest earning.

Lahiri frequently taught the [Bhagavad Gita](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhagavad_Gita) to his followers.

**CONCLUSION**

A great guru and a spiritual master had opened our eyes through his yoga concepts. He used simple techniques for practising the Kriya yoga and taught it to the people very patiently and took much care of them, in learning the yoga. He was a humble scholar who never hurts anybody through his words, and asked his followers to avoid tension and to observe patience in their life. He wants all class of people to be treated as equal and they should be given proper rights in the society.

He also wants everyone to practise kriya yoga, in order to keep fit and to live happily for ever.

He wants women to be treated with much respect and men must treat women in a proper manner and they also should be given equal rights similar to that of men in the society.

Let us worship this great yogi and be blessed.

**“OM SREE LAHIRI MAHASAYA NAMAHA”**

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**LAKSHMANA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Lakshmana** is the younger brother of [Rama](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rama) and also his companion as per the epic [Ramayana](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramayana).

Lakshmana is the twin brother of [Shatrughna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shatrughna). He is regarded as the avatar of **ADHISESHA**, the divine serpent bed of Lord Vishnu.

**LIFE**

Lakshmana and his brother [Shatrughna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shatrughna) were born in [Ayodhya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ayodhya) to [Sumitra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sumitra) and King [Dasharatha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dasharatha) during Treta Yuga. Lakshmana also accompanied Rama towards killing the demons at Mithila as per the instructions given by the sage visvamitra. Lakshmana married Sita's younger sister [Urmila](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Urmila). And they had two sons. During the 14 years period of exile, Lakshmana left his wife Urmila and his children and joined with Rama.

He served Lord Rama and Mata Sita with much care and attention during the period of exile. He played an important role during the Ramayana war.

He also tried to protect Sita from the danger, by drawing the lakshman rekha(a line drawn by lakshmana which sita must not cross), when he went out in search of the golden deer, which sita wants to get it captured.

During the Ramayana war, he killed [Indrajit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indrajit) who was one of the sons of Ravana.

After Rama was seated in the throne of Ayodhya, when he was a given an offer of becoming the crown prince, he refused the offer, and asked Bharata to be made as the crown prince.

Lakshmana also safe guarded Mata Sita in the forests from animals, and asked sage Valmiki to take care of her in his ashram.

Lakshmana is a holy man who served with loyalty and affection to his elder brother throughout in his life. He never thought about his own comforts, but always thought about Lord Rama and assisted him in his entire life.

**IMPORTANCE**

He is a great avatar who served with utmost devotion and love to his elder brother Lord Rama. We can’t imagine such a great person in this today’s world. He was a dedicated brother and acted as a servant to Lord Rama who surrenders his entire mind and body towards doing service for him. He was also loved by the people of ayodhya for his kindness showed towards them, and for serving his brother in a proper manner.

He is a pious and a good natured person, who contains good knowledge in all the divine scriptures and also a master in all kinds of art. He contains wisdom, courage, boldness and spiritual power.

Though he was not punished, he went along with rama during the period of exile and looked after him and mata sita in a proper manner. The sincerity which he had shown to Rama and Sita cannot be forgotten by us.

Let us worship him and be blessed.

**“JAI SREE RAM”**

**“JAI SREE LAKSHMAN”**

**“JAI MATA SITA”**

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**LORD KALKI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Kalki**, is the tenth [avatar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Avatar) of Lord [Vishnu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vishnu) who will appear at the end of Kali Yuga. It is stated that Kaliyuga consists of 432000 years. Out of that, approximately 5400 years have been passed. Hence the remaining 426600 years are there for kaliyuga to get completed. It is believed that Lord Kalki will appear in this earth only after the completion of 426600 years and will punish the evil forces and protect the good ones.

**IMPORTANCE**

He is described in the Puranas as the avatar who appears by riding a holy white horse with a shining sword. Kalki is also found in Buddhist texts.

In the great epic Mahabharata also there is a mention about the Kalki avatar. He is described as the great person, and appears at the end of the Kali Yuga. He is described as a Brahmin warrior in the Puranas.

Kalki avatar will be born in Shambala village, and the place of the village is now not known, but it is stated, that it will be somewhere in India, and it will be known only at the time of emergence of Kalki bhagavan.

Lord Kalki will take birth as the son of a Holy Brahmin and will live a simple life. It is also told that he will learn the vedas from Lord Parasurama. Parasurama will be a teacher to Lord Kalki. Lord Kalki will also be a great devotee of Lord Shiva, and will get great powers by worshipping him. He will get the divine horse and a sword by worshipping Lord Shiva. Through that, he will destroy the evil ones, and safeguard the good people. The tenth avatar of Vishnu is seen as the form before deluge (Pralaya). He is mentioned in Mahabharata, and in various divine texts, and he is known to be similar to that of Lord Parashurama, who kills unrighteous kings.

**CONCLUSION**

Kalki bhagavan is another form of Lord Vishnu, always protects his sincere devotees, and save them from bad persons. He is a highly knowledgeable person. Let us pray to Lord Kalki Bhagavan and be blessed.

**“OM SREE KALKI BHAGAVANE NAMAHA”**

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**LORD MAHAVIRA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Mahavira**, also known as **Vardhamana**, was the twenty fourth [tirthankara](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tirthankara). He was a great jain monk who had left all the worldly pleasures, and acts as an example for others to follow his footsteps and principles, and he was greatly worshipped by the jain people. It is believed that while he was born, he was also blessed by the divine gods in the heaven, including Lord Indra.

**LIFE**

He was born on 599 BC in the present day bihar in a royal family. His father’s name was Siddhartha and his mother’s name was Trishala. He left home at the age of 30 in search for [spiritual enlightenment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spiritual_awakening), and for becoming a [saint](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ascetic). Mahavira had performed severe penance for 12 years, and after that he attained the spiritual enlightenment in his life. It is believed by the jain people, that he had attained moksha after his departure from the earth.

His main teachings for attaining spiritual liberation are:

1. Truth
2. Chastity
3. Non violence
4. Non stealing
5. Non attachment to worldly objects

Mahavira is usually depicted in a sitting posture, and his birthday is celebrated as Mahavir Jayanthi by the jain people in a grand manner, and they will give offerings to the poor and do lot of charity work on that day, in order to celebrate the birthday of their great Saint, and the saviour to the entire world.

Mahavir Jayanthi will usually be celebrated in the month of March or April of every year.

Mahavira was considered as the last Tirthankara.

According to the Svetambara, he travelled throughout India to teach the jain philosophy amongst the people, and was widely praised by the people through his teachings and through his kind and simple approach. He was worshipped by the kings in all parts of india, and was properly honoured and praised by them. He was attracted by large number of people to listen to his teachings and to get blessings from him. It is believed that, people got peace of mind and relieved from their mental and physical problems by seeing his shining face itself. He was such a charm and attractive looking person, who never cause any harm to others, and always aimed at doing good things to others in his entire life.

**FAMOUS DISCIPLES**

1. Agnibhuti
2. Vayubhuti
3. Akampita
4. Arya Vyakta
5. Sudharman
6. Manditaputra
7. Mauryaputra
8. Acalabhraataa
9. Metraya

He attained Nirvana at the age of 72 in bihar.

He is worshipped by the jain people as a great religious leader, guru and god.

**TEMPLES**

1. [Jal Mandir](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jal_Mandir) in [Pawapuri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pawapuri)
2. [Shri Mahavirji](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shri_Mahavirji) in  Rajasthan
3. [Mahavira Jain temple in Osian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahavira_Jain_temple,_Osian)
4. [Trilokyanatha Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trilokyanatha_Temple) in kancheepuram
5. [Brahma Jinalaya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brahma_Jinalaya) in [Lakkundi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lakkundi)
6. [Sankighatta](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sankighatta), [Karnataka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karnataka)
7. [Muchhal Mahavir Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muchhal_Mahavir_Temple) in Rajasthan
8. [Bhandavapur Jain Tirth](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhandavapur_Jain_Tirth)
9. [Dimapur Jain Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dimapur_Jain_Temple)

**IMPORTANCE**

He was a great avatar purusha (Great Divine Incarnation of God) who took birth in this earth in order to relieve us from the sins, and to move to the correct path. During his period, through his teachings, he made the people to live a happy and a noble life. He taught many good principles which are still helpful to the man kind. He has controlled his senses and has become a great spiritual master. In the present life scenario, we can’t imagine such a great person like him.

He had donated all the things which he possessed to others, including his cloth. We should also cultivate the habit of worshipping him by keeping utmost faith on him. Let us try to follow his principles and teachings and lead a happy, prosperous and a sin free life.

Let us chant his name and be blessed.

**“OM SREE BHAGAVAN MAHAVIRAYA NAMAHA”**

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**MANASA DEVI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Manasa Devi**, is a [goddess](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devi) of snakes, worshipped mainly in north [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India), for getting recovered from problems caused due to snakebite and also will bless the childless couple and give them children.

Her husband’s name is Jagatkaru, a great rishi, and their son’s name is Astika, a great serpent deity. The great Astika has freed his ancestors from the hell by performing rituals to them, and through his act, his anscestors were attained a permanent place in the heaven.

She is considered as the daughter of [Shiva](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiva) and [Parvati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parvati) and sister of the great serpent king [Vasuki](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vasuki).

Manasa is very kind towards her devotees, even for those people who do know much about her, through her kind attitude, she will make them to worship her, in order to give all the prosperity in their life.  She is also called by various names such as Nagathamman, Nagalakshmi and Nageswari, and is worshipped by the south Indians.

Manasa Devi is also mentioned in Vedas and various sacred texts, and her importance is also mentioned in the texts.

She is also considered to be the daughter of the great sage Kashyapa and Kadru.

She is the "remover of poison” from our body and also from our mind, and will make us to be sin free persons, and will give peace of mind, good luck, removal of various dreaded diseases from our body, and finally will give **SALVATION** to us, provided if we worship her sincerely and faithfully, always keeping about her thoughts in our mind.

She is the main deity of snakes and reptiles.

She worshipped Lord Krishna and got great divine powers.

Manasa Devi is worshiped in a grand manner on [Naga Panchami](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nag_Panchami)  festival.

**FAMOUS TEMPLES DEDICATED TO MATA MANASA DEVI** [1.Manasa Devi Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Mansa_Devi_Temple,_Mukkamala&action=edit&redlink=1), Andhra Pradesh. Here Mata Manasa is worshipped as [Mukkamala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mukkamala) in [West Godavari](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Godavari), [Andhra Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andhra_Pradesh).

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4.[Manasa Devi Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Mansa_Devi_Temple,&action=edit&redlink=1), [Dornipadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dornipadu), [Kurnool](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kurnool) , [Andhra Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andhra_Pradesh)

5.[Manasa Devi Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Mansa_Devi_Temple,&action=edit&redlink=1),  [kadapa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kadapa) , [Andhra Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andhra_Pradesh)

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7.[Manasa Devi Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Mansa_Devi_Temple,&action=edit&redlink=1), [Vadluru](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Vadluru&action=edit&redlink=1), [West Godavari](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Godavari) , [Andhra Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andhra_Pradesh)

**IMPORTANCE**

She is a great goddess who acts as an affectionate mother to her sincere devotees. By worshipping her, we can get immediate relief from all sorts of problems, and will be able to live our life in a proper manner. In tamilnadu, she is worshipped in the name of **NAGATHAMMAN**, and it is better to do milk abhishekam to her during Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays, in order to get better results in our life. If possible we can do all other types of abhishekhams also in order to get the blessings from the divine mother. We can chant various slokas meant for her, and recite her names repeatedly, and we will get more spiritual energy in our mind, and in our body, and will be able to run our life successfully.

Let us worship her with utmost devotion in our mind and be blessed.

**“OM SREE MATA MANASA DEVIYE NAMAHA”**

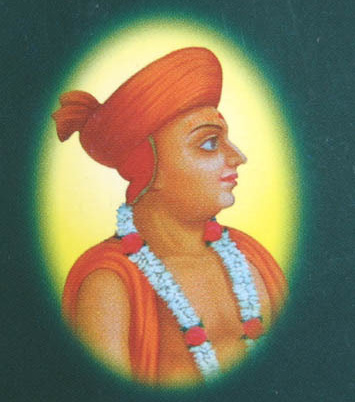
**“OM SREE NAGATHAMMANE NAMAHA”**

**“OM SAKTHI PARA SAKTHI”**

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**MUKTANAND SWAMI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Muktanand Swami** (1758-1830) was a famous saint of the [Swaminarayan Sampraday](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swaminarayan_Sampraday).His birth name was Mukund Das. He is considered as an avatar of the great “**DEVA RISHI NARADA**”

**LIFE**

He was born in a village in [Gujarat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gujarat) in the year 1758.

Mukund Das learned [Vedas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vedas), scriptures and other devotional texts at his younger age itself. And he was also expert in music, dance and interested in singing songs on Lord Krishna.

Muktanand Swami was the main disciple of Sri [Ramanand Swami](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramanand_Swami), and learnt all the divine subjects from him.

He was also interested in doing Satsang and bhajans, and done it regularly during his life time.

He was the favourite friend and devotee of Sri Swaminarayan and he was interested in writing lot of divine poems mainly based on the importance of Lord Krishna.

Muktanand Swami was also the friend of Sahajanand Swami and respected him as his [Guru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru).

He left his physical body and reached the divine abode of Lord Narayana during the year 1830.

**DIVINE WORKS**

1. Dharmabayanam
2. Panchratna
3. Vivek Chintamani
4. Udhav Gita
5. Satsangh Shiromani
6. Sati Gita
7. Shiksapatri Basha
8. Shreevasudevavtarchintamani
9. Mukundbhavli

**IMPORTANCE**

He was a great scholar of the Swami Narayan sect and considered as a holy saint by his devotees. During his period, he has done lot of welfare activities to the people, and performed many devotional concerts and spread the bhakti cult among the people. He also provided food to the devotees, and removed the sins of his devotees.

He gave peace of mind to the people, and asked them to chant the glory of Lord Krishna repeatedly during their life time. He insisted the people to lead a holy life and to remove their bad habits, and to visit the temples in order to get the divine bliss of the god.

His name and fame was spread across the masses, and people were very much interested in listening to his spiritual discourses on Lord Krishna. He blessed all of his devotees, and prayed to Lord Krishna for the prosperity of his devotees. By listening to his lectures, the worries and sufferings of the people were vanished. And they lead a very happy and a peaceful life.

Let us worship the great saint and be blessed.

**“OM SREE MUKTANAND SWAMI MAHARAJ NAMAHA”**

**“JAI SWAMINARAYAN”**

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**NACHIKETA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Nachiketa** was the son of the sage Vajashravas and was very spiritual in nature similar to that of his father. He has got cleared his doubts with the god of Death, [Yama](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yama). Nachiketa is noted for his deep interest in devotion to god and was interested to attain the path of moksha. He is also mentioned in the rigveda, and also in other ancient hindu sacred texts, and tells the details about his conversation with Lord Yama.

Once he noticed his father had donated only old and sick cows to the Brahmins, and asked his father to donate him also, since he was also the property of the father.His father has got angry with him, and said that he will give to him in the hands of Lord Yama.

Hence Nachiketa went to Lord Yama’s place, but since yama was unavailable at that place, he waited there for few days without taking food and water. After few days, Yama arrived to his place and told to Nachiketa, to ask three boons from him. Nachiketa first asked for peace of mind for his father and well as for himself. Next, Nachiketa learned the details of various homams. For his third boon, He wanted to about the life after death.

Lord Yama’s quotes are as follows:-

1. One should realize himself through his soul, which only can lead him to the path of heaven.
2. Only our body will get destroyed and not our soul.
3. We will not get moksha only by reading divine books.
4. We should know the difference between our soul and our body, and must act accordingly.
5. Proper understanding the Self only will relieve us from the cycle of rebirths.
6. Realize the self by filling the thoughts of god in your mind.
7. Through the thoughts of god, definitely you can reach the path of heaven.

After knowing about the details from Yama, Nachiketa has attained **MOKSHA**. Nachiketa was considered as one of the most famous person in Hinduism, and he was praised by Swami Vivekananda and appreciated for his boldness and wisdom.

**IMPORTANCE**

He was a brave person, who met Yama directly at his place itself and asked his doubts. Through him, we have understood the meaning of self-realisation, and also the importance behind it. He was also praised by the divine gods in heaven for his courage and wisdom. He also learnt all the divine scriptures at his younger age itself, and was a very active person. He also occupies in the place of child devotees like Bhakta Prahalada, Dhuruva and Markandeya.

Let us worship the great divine child and be blessed.

**“OM SREE NACHIKETARE NAMAHA”**

**“OM SREE YAMA DHARMARAJAVE NAMAHA”**

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**NAKULA**



**INTRODUCTION**

As per [Mahabharata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahabharata), **Nakula** was the one of the five [Pandava](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pandava) brothers. Nakula and [Sahadeva](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sahadeva) were [twin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twin) brothers born to Mata [Madri](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madri), through the great divine physicians, the [Ashwini Kumaras](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashwini_Kumaras). Both of them were married with Draupati, and they had children from her.

Both Nakula and Sahadeva were very handsome and good natured persons, and they were very pious and noble persons. Both of them were brave warriors in the battle field. Nakula was an expert in the art of training the horses, while Sahadeva was an expert in handling of sword, and got the capacity to defeat his enemies with his sword.

Nakula killed the kings Kshemankara, Mahamaha, and Suratha through his great knowledge in handling of weapons.

During the period of pandava’s exile, Nakula worked as a horse-trainer.

Nakula also knows the art of treating all the diseases of the horses. He was also a skilled rider of chariots.

Both Nakula and Sakadeva contained good knowledge in Ayurveda, since they were the sons of the divine physicians Ashwini Kumaras.

Both Nakula and Sakadeva were skilled in all kinds of arts, and both of them were experts in handling various types of weapons in the battle field, and they helped a lot in the battle field of Kurukshetra.

**IMPORTANCE**

Nakula and Shakadeva are inseparable twins and both of them lived in a friendly manner. During the period of pandava’s exile, they showed their love and affection towards all other brothers, and convinced them in case of difficult situation faced by the other pandavas.

Both of them were very kind and gentle, and were loved by everybody. Both of them looked healthy, since they are the sons of the divine physicians.

They showed their bhakti towards Lord Krishna and considered him as their friend, philosopher, guide and god. Through the affection showed by Lord Krishna, they got peace of mind and able to live their life in a proper manner.

Let us worship the divine twins and be blessed.

**“OM SREE NAKULAYA NAMAHA”**

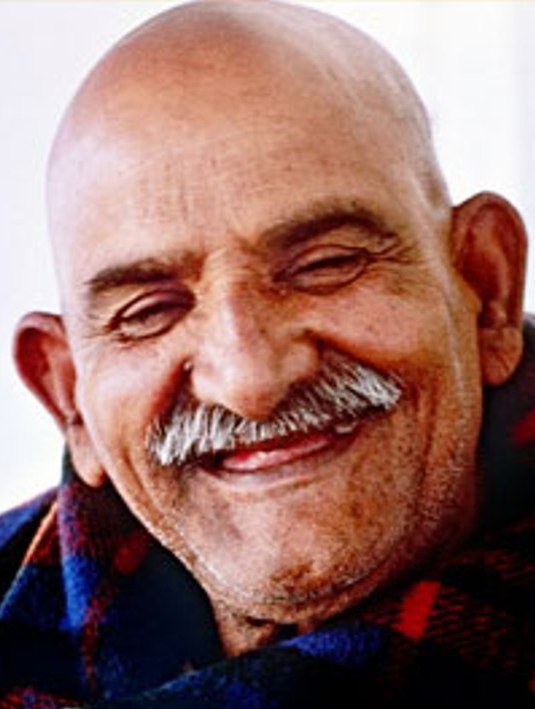
**“OM SREE SAGADEVAYA NAMAHA”**

**“OM SREE ASHWINI DEVAYA NAMAHA”**

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**NEEM KAROLI BABA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Neem Karoli Baba** (1900-1973) was a [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hinduism) [guru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru), and a devotee of Lord [Hanuman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hanuman). His famous disciples are [Ram Dass](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ram_Dass), [Bhagavan Das](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhagavan_Das_(yogi)) and [Krishna Das](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Krishna_Das_(singer)). His [ashrams](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashrams) are situated in  [Vrindavan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vrindavan), [Rishikesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rishikesh),  Neem Karoli village in [Uttar](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Farrukhabad) Pradesh, and in USA. His birth name was Lakshmi Narayan Sharma.

**LIFE**

He was born in a village at [Firozabad district](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Firozabad_district), [Uttar Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uttar_Pradesh), India, in a Brahmin family. At his younger age he became a saint. And later as per the wish of his father he married, and got three children.

He left his home in 1958. Thereafter he wandered throughout india and went to many holy places and met many saints and discussed with them about spirituality.

His ashrams are situated at Vrindavan and at Kainchi.

The Kainchi Dham [ashram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ashram)  was built in the year 1964 which contains Hanuman temple.

He died at the age of 73.

Subsequently, his [samadhi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samadhi_(shrine)) shrine was constructed at Vrindavan ashram, which also contains some of his personal belongings.

**IMPORTANCE**

He was a great yoga master and an expert in meditation, and had done many charitable activities to the poor and needy such as providing food grains to them, helping for education, providing clothes and building shelters.

He was interested in chanting the mantras of Lord Rama and Lord Hanuman. He was a dedicated devotee of Lord Hanuman, and conducted regular puja and bhajans in his ashram. He asked his followers to involve in doing puja and to show utmost faith on god.

He was against caste discrimination and respected all the people as equal and considered all the people as the children of god.

He insisted the people to do good things to others, to act honestly and never to cheat others and asked them to work hard in order to earn money. He also asked the people to respect the elders and to take care of their parents.

He also cured the diseases of his devotees and gave them mental satisfaction.

Let us worship this great saint and be blessed.

**“OM SREE NEEM KAROLI BABA NAMAHA”**

**“JAI SREE RAM”**

**“JAI HANUMAN”**

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**PARAMAHANSA YOGANANDA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Paramahansa Yogananda** (1893 –1952) was a great [yogi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yoga) and [guru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru), attracted by his followers through his teachings on [meditation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meditation) and  [Yoga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kriya_Yoga). He was the author of the book ‘The [Autobiography of a Yogi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autobiography_of_a_Yogi)’.

**LIFE**

Yogananda was born in [Gorakhpur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorakhpur), [Uttar Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uttar_Pradesh), [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India), to a [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindus) family. During his younger age itself, he met many great sages and saints and discussed with them about spirituality.

After finishing his schooling, for some time he left home and joined an Hermitage in [Varanasi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Varanasi).

In 1915, he became a saint and known as Swami Yogananda Giri. In 1917, Yogananda started a school for boys for imparting spiritual education for them.

In 1920, Yogananda went to USA towards giving lectures in spirituality, which was attracted by thousands of people.

He also met [Mahatma Gandhi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahatma_Gandhi).

He was given the title Parmahansa by his Guru, Sri Yukteswar on account of his highest spiritual knowledge.

He has described in his book, that once he has seen Lord Krishna directly and received his blessings.

He went to America for conducting spiritual meetings amongst the people on 1952. While he was addressing the meeting, suddenly he died due to heart failure. His followers believe that he reached in a stage of Samadhi, and is still blessing us with his divine power.

**HIS FAMOUS LECTURES ARE AS FOLLOWS:-**

1. Temples are the place of worship. We should visit temples frequently and to worship the god, and to keep him in our heart.
2. We should realize our inner spiritual energy, and must think that god is always living with us.
3. Spirituality is a must in order to overcome from physical and mental diseases.
4. We have to think highly, in order to reach the top level in our life.
5. Do good things to others, and never speak badly about others.
6. All the religion teaches the same principles such as worshipping god with good faith, and working hard for earning for our livelihood, and not to cheat others and to live honestly, and always showing mercy on others.
7. We have to involve ourselves in doing social welfare activities such as providing food, clothing and housing facility to the poor etc.

**IMPORTANCE**

He also taught Yoga concepts to the people for self-realization purpose. He asked to do meditation in order to purify our mind, and to avoid concentrating on unnecessary activities.

He was a great saint and taught the basics of living the life in a proper manner. He was a learned man and contains all good qualities. It is believed that he once met Maha Avatar Babaji at Himalayas in a cave, and received his blessings.

He served his Guru Sri Yukteswar in a good manner and received his blessings and divine power. He has reduced the sufferings of the people through his spiritual lectures and helped them to attain spiritual energy.

Let us worship him and be blessed.

**“OM SREE PARAMAHANSA YOGANANDARE NAMAHA”**

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**RAVIDAS**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Ravidas(1450-1520)** was a Hindu Saint, famous poet and a spiritual [guru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru) who was worshipped in the North India. He was born in a village near Varanasi.

**LIFE**

He was born in a family who were considered as [untouchables](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Untouchability). It is believed that Ravidas was one of the disciples of the great saint Sri [Ramananda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramananda).

He met [Guru Nanak](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru_Nanak_Dev_Ji), the founder of Sikhism and his devotional songs were included in [Guru Granth Sahib](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guru_Granth_Sahib).

He spent most of his time in devotion at the banks of river Ganga. And also he interacted with large number of saints and discussed about the matters related to spirituality with them.

**IMPORTANCE**

He was admired by the higher sects of people and praised his knowledge. He travelled all over India and spread the bhakti spirit among the people. He worshipped god without any form. According to him, god has no form and shape, and he contains great power.

Ravidas is known as a saint and was respected by his followers. He is considered as a great guru by his devotees. He was talented in writing devotional poems and was a great scholar. He was against caste discrimination. According to him, all are equal before god, and everyone must respect each other and live together in a friendly manner. And he further says, we are all the servants of the god, and we should think only about god, god only and nothing else. Why we should worry unnecessarily about unwanted things, if god is near to us. Keep pure devotion on god, and that is enough to do our work properly.

**CONCLUSION**

Ravidas is a great devotee of Lord Vishnu, and has written magnificent poems in praise of him. He was respected by all class of people, the rich and the poor, educated and the uneducated and followed his principles. Let us worship him and be blessed.

**JAI RAVIDASJI JAI**

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**RISHI KAPILA**



**INTRODUCTION**

Kapila is a vedic rishi who was mentioned in Rig Veda and Yajur Veda. He is also considered to be an incarnation of Lord Vishnu. Kapila was the son of the great rishi Kardama and his wife Devahuti. His importance is also mentioned in Buddhism and Jainism texts. Kapila was considered as one of the seven great sages along with Sanaka, Sananda, Sanatana, Asuri, Vodhu and Pancasikha.

According to Brahma Purana, when King [Sagara](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_Sagara)'s 60,000 sons were looking for their Ashvamedha horse at the place of kapila, and they disturbed Kapila while he was sleeping. He had woken up and burnt Sagara's sons to ashes. He got such a great divine power.

**DEVOTIONAL WORKS**

1. Manvadi Shraddha
2. Drstantara Yoga
3. Kapilanyayabhasa
4. Kapila Purana
5. Kapila Samhita
6. Kapilasutra
7. Kapila Stotra
8. Kapila Smriti

9. Kapilopanishad

10. Kapila Gita

11. Kapila [Pancharatra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pancharatra)

12. Vagbhatta

13. Nischalakara

14. Ayurvedadipika.

15. Kavindracharya

16. Ashtangahradaya

17. Sarvadarsanasamgraha

**TEACHINGS**

1. Control your mind through involving yourself in spiritual thoughts.
2. Always think about god, and chant his glory, and worship him with utmost faith and keep bhakti on him.
3. Never blame on god, for your problems, since everything is happening in your life, based on your karma only.
4. God has created human beings, only for protecting them, and making them to live happily. He will never unnecessarily give problems in your life.
5. Always think several times, before starting a work, and pray to god, then you can do it properly.
6. Respect your parents and your guru, and offer your prayers to them, then your life will prosper.
7. Earn money only by honest means, and don’t cheat others, and don’t give any troubles to others. Help others in case of need.

**IMPORTANCE**

He has got great spiritual powers, and was always in meditative state, and contains great powers similar to that of Lord Vishnu. He took avatar in order to establish the path of dharma in this world, and also to share his writings to the entire world. He always insisted the people to follow the path of dharma, and to do goodness to others. He was a noble and pious saint, who always chants the glory of Lord Vishnu, and worships him.

Let us pray to him and be blessed.

**“OM SREE RISHI KAPILARE NAMAHA”**

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**RISHI ANGIRAS**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Angiras** is a powerful [rishi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rishi) in [Hinduism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hinduism). He is mentioned in vedas as a great rishi, and contains divine knowledge. He is also considered to be one among the [Saptarishis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saptarishi).  He is the son of Lord Brahma and he had three children. As per ancient vedas, he is also considered to be a great singer, who sings in praise of the Trimurtis: Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. His name is also mentioned in Buddhist texts. He is also considered as one of the prajapatis, similar to that of Lord Daksha.

**IMPORTANCE**

He has got many divine qualities through his severe penance. Due to his penance, he attained the state of “Brahmarshi”. He had introduced many Vedic Mantras to this world. He was the author of many Vedic Hymns and mantras and he had introduced fire-worship, conducting homams in the hindu rituals, in order to please the divine gods in the heaven.

Though he contained lot of powers through his meditation, he was very kind and gentle and shared his vedic knowledge to others. He asked the people to worship god through chanting various mantras and praise him through singing divine songs, in order to please him, and to get prosperity in the life.

He was a very ancient rishi who was also present during the time of churning of ocean for getting the divine nectar from the ocean, and also during the vamana avatar of Lord Vishnu. He is the worshipper of all the three gods, and doesn’t find any difference between them.

It is also believed that he had chanted the mantras of gods for more than millions of times, and through that, he had got great spiritual power. He also advises us to sincerely worship the god, in order to achieve goodness in our life. He was a noble and a pious rishi, who lived a simple life.

It is also believed, that he is still living in the saptharishi mandala and doing penance.

Let us worship this great “**RISHI**” and be blessed.

**“OM SREE ANGIRASA MAHARISHIYE NAMAHA”**

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**RISHI ATREYA**



**INTRODUCTIO**N

**Atreya** **Rishi** was a descendant of **Sage** [**Atri**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Atri) and his importance are described in the ancient [Puranas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puranas). He was born in takshashila, gandhara in the present day Pakistan.

Sage Atreya was a great physician of [Ayurveda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ayurveda) and he wrote the famous book Bhela Samhita on 6th century BC. He worked as a physician for several kings, and was well appreciated for his talent in curing dreaded diseases through his divine ayurvedic medicine. He also served as a physician of King Nagnajita of [Gandhara Kingdom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gandhara_Kingdom), during the dwapara yuga. He was also the author of Charakasamhita, a text on ayurveda. He taught his knowledge in Ayurveda to six of his disciples. All of them contained great knowledge in Ayurveda as well as in all other fields.

The names are as follows:

**DISCIPLES**

1. Agnivesha
2. Bhela
3. Jatukarna
4. [Parashara](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parashara)
5. Harita
6. Ksharapani

**IMPORTANCE**

He was an ancient sage and a great physician in ayurvedic. Through his medicine, he has cured all types of diseases to all types of people. He doesn’t distinguish between rich and poor, good and bad, with regard to curing the diseases. His works are more valuable to the people and is a great treasure for the ayurveda physicians. He also shared his knowledge in Ayurveda to the divine demi gods. From ancient texts, it is believed that he was lived for more than 1000 years.

Apart from the field of Ayurveda, he also specialized in all other forms of art and is a great expert in astrology. He correctly tells the fortune of the past, present and future of the people, through his great spiritual knowledge. He was also interested in doing meditation and yoga, and also a great yoga master.

He got great knowledge in Vedas, Upanishads and ancient texts and also highly interested in spirituality and worshipping the divine gods.

Brahmin’s who belongs to atreya gothram are considered as the descendants of Atreya Maharishi.

Let us worship the great rishi and be blessed.

**“OM SREE ATREYA MAHARISHIYE NAMAHA”**

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**RISHI GARGA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Rishi Garga** was one of the most ancient sage and also a great contributor to the field of [Ayurveda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ayurveda), and also an expert in astrology.

He was the Author of Garga Samhita and Garga Hora which contains the details of astrology.

**LIFE**

Garga was the son of the great rishi [Bharadwaja](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bharadwaja) and Suseela. Garga also had two sisters named Ilavida and Katyayani.

Garga was lived during the period of Lord Krishna and he was the reputed priest for the [Yadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yadu) dynasty. He only named the new born divine babies as Balarama and Krishna in the house of Nandagopal and Yashoda. He also told to Nanda about the importance of the divine babies and asked him to take care of them, and to be protected from the demons.

His ashram is situated in almora district, uttarakhand.

**IMPORTANCE**

He was a great sage and a master in all kinds of art. He was well versed in Vedas, Upanishads and Divine texts. It is believed that he had lived for several thousands of years, and also lived during the dwapara yuga, and served Lord Krishna and Lord Balarama.

He was a great fortune teller, and was awarded by the kings for his talent in astrology. Though he was a scholar, he was a humble and a noble sage, who never find any fault with others. During his lifetime, he never cursed anybody and he never harmed others.

He was interested in doing severe penance, and has obtained great yogic power through that. He never interested in any material comforts in this earth, but concentrated his attention only on god. He ate only simple food, and always chants the glory of the god. He contains pure heart. It is also believed that through the use of ayurvedic medicines, he has cured the diseases of the people during his period.

Let us worship this great rishi and be blessed.

**“OM SREE GARGA MUNIVARE NAMAHA”**

**WRITTEN BY**

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**RUPA GOSWAMI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Rupa-Goswami** (1489–1564) was a Guru, poet and preacher of the Gaudiya Vaishnava tradition. He was associated with [Chaitanya Mahaprabhu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caitanya_Mahaprabhu).

**LIFE**

Rupa Goswami was born in Bangladesh. Rupa Goswami spent his childhood in Bangladesh and for some time he worked under a muslim king. He studied the divine texts from the famous scholar [Sarvabhauma Bhattacharya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sarvabhauma_Bhattacharya). He also studied [Sanskrit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sanskrit) under his guidance.

After getting the blessings of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, he joined with him. At the banks of the River Ganges, Sri Chaitanya explained about the details of [Gaudiya Vaishnavism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaudiya_Vaishnavism) to him.

As per the instructions of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, Rupa Goswami went to Vrindavan and spread the importance of Vaishnavism.

Rupa Goswami departed from this world in 1564 AD, and his samadhi is located in the [Radha-Damodara](http://www.radhadamodarmandir.com/) temple in Vrindavana.

Rupa Goswami is considered to be the incarnation of Rupa Manjuri, a cowherd lived during dwapara yuga and who physically served Mata Radha and Sri Krishna in a pleasing manner, and received their blessings.

He was a great writer and a music composer, who sang songs in praise of Lord Krishna, and was admired by his devotees.

**DEVOTIONAL WORKS**

1. Bhakti-rasamrta-sindhu
2. Ujjvala-nilamani
3. Laghu-bhagavatamrta
4. Vidagdhamadhava
5. Lalitamadhava
6. Stavamala
7. Danakelikaumudi
8. Sri Radha-krishna-ganoddesa-dipika
9. Mathura-mahatmya

**IMPORTANCE**

He was the main person in spreading the consciousness of Lord Krishna throughout india. He was a great devotee of Lord Krishna and was a disciple of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. He took the avatar for the benefit of the human beings and for removing the sins of the devotees.

He also worried about the sufferings of the people in Kali Yuga and explained the importance of devotion to them. He asked the people to praise Lord Krishna and to chant his holy mantras in order to get relieved from the birth cycle. His teachings are based on implementing the faith of Lord Krishna to the people.

Let us worship him and be blessed.

**“OM SREE RUPA GOSWAMIYE NAMAHA”**

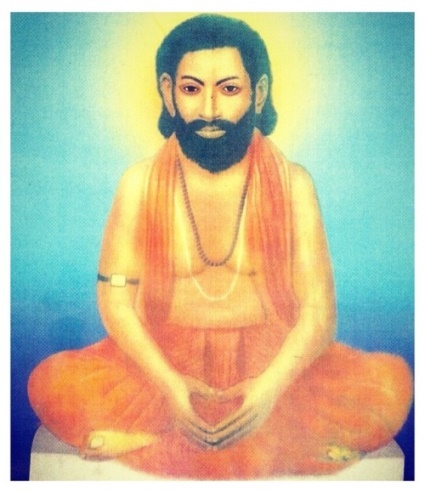
**“OM SREE CHAITANYA MAHAPRABHUVE NAMAHA”**

**“JAI KRISHNA”**

**WRITTEN BY**

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**SAINT RAMPRASAD SEN**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Saint Ramprasad Sen(**1723–1775) was a [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu)  poet and a great saint of [Bengal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bengal). His [devotional](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhakti) poems on goddess kali are still popular in Bengal.

**LIFE**

Ramprasad was born in a village on the banks of the [Ganges](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganges) near [Kolkata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kolkata), into a Brahmin family. He devoted his entire attention in writing poems from an early age. He was sincerely devoted to Mother Kali and often sung in praise of her. He has got the darshan of Kali, and he was very much impressed on kali, and always thought about her day and night.

Ramprasad's literary works include

1. Vidyasundar
2. Kali-kirtana
3. Krishna-kirtana
4. Shaktigiti

Ramprasad devoted most of his time towards writing devotional poems on Kali mata. After his father’s death, Ramprasad moved to Kolkata and worked as an accountant in a private firm. But instead of doing accounts work, he has written devotional songs on Kali. But his employer took pity on him, and he has asked him to return to his village, and to continue composing songs to Kali, and he continued paying his salary.

After returning to his village, Ramprasad spent most of his time in doing meditation and praying to Kali, and writing poems. He became a disciple of [Krishnananda Agamavagisha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Krishnananda_Agamavagisha), a great [yogi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yogi). Ramprasad became well known for his devotional songs, and he became the [court poet](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Court_poet) of [Raja](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raja) [Krishnachandra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Krishnachandra_Roy) of [Nadia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nadia_district).

Once he got a vision of goddess [Annapurna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annapurna_Devi_Mata) of [Varanasi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Varanasi). He is regarded as the famous person of the [bhakti movement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bhakti_movement) in Bengal.  Ramprasad's songs are known as Ramprasadi. His poems were very popular during his lifetime.

**IMPORTANCE**

His devotional songs on Kali are very simple and written with pure devotion on kali. His songs were well accepted by various classes of people, and he was even admired by other religious people for his good songs.

He was praised by the Great Saint [Ramakrishna Paramahamsa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramakrishna_Paramahamsa), and he sang his songs and regarded him as a great poet. [Paramhansa Yogananda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paramhansa_Yogananda) was also attracted with the devotional songs of Ramprasad. Sister Nivedita, the disciple of Swami Vivekananda regarded him as a great scholar and a highly knowledgeable person with spiritual energy.

In Bengal, Ramprasad's songs are recited by most of the devotees of kali even today.

**CONCLUSION**

Ramprasad was a great kali devotee, who has spent most of his time in writing devotional poems. He was a humble and honest man, who lived a saintly life, and taught the path of devotion to others. He made his followers to become the sincere devotees of Kali. He never allowed luxuries and comforts in his life. Though he was granted lot of wealth by the rich people, he never accepted it, and he lived a simple and a pious life. Let us worship the great **“KALI DEVOTEE”** and chant his name and be blessed.

**“JAI KALI MAA”**

**“JAI KALI BHAKT RAMPRASAD JAI”**

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**SAMBA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Samba** was the son of Lord [Krishna](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Krishna), and [Jambavati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jambavati). His grandfather was the great “**JAMBAVAN**”, the bear king, who lived in treta yuga and also in dwapara yuga. In the ancient times, people were also worshipped the sons of Lord Krishna.

Samba was born due to the severe penance of Lord Krishna on Lord Shiva. He contains the features of Lord Shiva, and at his younger age itself, he learnt the various forms of art, along with divine scriptures and the handling of powerful weapons by the great scholars, and also by his father Lord Krishna. He resembled with Lord Krishna with regard to his mischievous activities made during his childhood. He was attracted by his playful activities and was loved by the entire people of Dwaraka. He has got many brothers and sisters. He was married to Lakshmana, the daughter of duryodana.

According to puranas, samba was suffered from leprosy due to the curse of sage Durvasa, since he misbehaved with him. After some time he got cured from the disease by worshipping Lord Surya. As per the curse of Gandhari, at the end of dwapara yuga, all the yadavas were destroyed by attacking one another, and their dynasty comes to an end, and Krishna and Balarama also departed from this earth and merged with Lord Vishnu.

**IMPORTANCE**

He was the loving son of Lord Krishna and Mata Jambavati. He got talents at his early age itself, and also contains all the divine qualities as that of Lord Krishna. He was also blessed by his grand- father **JAMBAVAN,** and he looked very handsome and attractive. The dwaraka people were much liked him for his kindness shown on them, and for his good activities.

Let us pray to the great son of Lord Krishna, and be blessed.

**“OM SREE SAMBAYA NAMAHA”**

**“OM SREE KRISHNAYA NAMAHA”**

**“OM MATA JAMBAVATHIYE NAMAHA”**

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**SHREEDHAR SWAMI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Sri Shreedhar Swami** (1908–1973) was a famous Hindu saint and a poet. He was an ardent devotee of Lord [Ram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rama)a, and a disciple of [Samarth Ramdas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samarth_Ramdas).

**LIFE**

Sri Shreedhar Swami was born in a [Brahmin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brahmin) family in the year 1908 in Karnataka. He had lost his father at his younger age, and his family was taken care by his mother and brother. He was interested in spirituality at a younger age.

He was a great devotee of Lord Rama, and will frequently chant his name from his younger age itself. It is also told that, once he went for his school exams without studying properly, and by the grace of Lord Rama, he had got good marks in the exams.

After some time, his mother and brother were also died, and after their death, he went to [Gulbarga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulbarga) and lived with his aunt and continued his education there. After finishing his education, he met Samarth Ramadas at [Sajjangad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sajjangad), Maharashtra and sought spiritual knowledge from him and became a saint.

As per his guru’s instructions he went all over india and spread the importance of [Sanatan Dharma](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Sanatan_Vedic_Dharma&action=edit&redlink=1).

He also explained the importance of vedas and hindu scriptures to the people through his speeches. He built an ashram at Varadapura,Karnataka.

He attained samadhi in the year 1973 at his ashram at Karnataka.

He wrote several spiritual books in Marathi, Kannada and English.

**SPIRITUAL WORKS**

1. Nirupam
2. Moksha Sandesh

**IMPORTANCE**

He was a great disciple of Samarth ramadas, and an expert in yoga, meditation, vedas and hindu scriptures.

He also solved the problems of the people and removed their diseases and also healed the people suffered from black magic and mental problems. He reduced the sins of his devotees by asking them to frequently chant “**RAMA MANTRA**”, “**SREE RAM”, “JAYA RAM”,“JAYA JAYA RAM”**

Let us worship the great saint and be blessed.

**“OM SREE SREEDHAR SWAMIGALE NAMAHA”**

**“JAI SREE RAM”**

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**SOHAM SWAMI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Soham Swami (1858-1918)** was a [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu) saint from India. He was the disciple of the Advaita Scholar [Tibbetibaba](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tibbetibaba). Tibbetibaba was a great spiritual saint of India. His birth name was Shyama Kanta Bandopadhyay.

**LIFE**

Soham Swami was born in a small village in a brahmin family at Bikrampur district,West Bengal in the year 1858. And at his younger age itself, he was interested in doing yoga and meditation and also contains great physical energy and strength.

His father worked as a record keeper in the district court in [Tripura](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tripura). He studied in west Bengal, and was an intelligent boy, and able to grasp all the subjects without much difficulty, and also marked as number one in the sports.

In 1899, he left home and became a saint. His guru was [Tibbetibaba](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tibbetibaba), and he renamed him as ″**SOHAM SWAMI**″.

Soham Swami constructed an ashram in uttarakhand. His disciple was Niralamba swami.

He followed the spiritual path of Advaita.

In the year 1918, Soham Swami died in his hermitage at Bhawali. His [samadhi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samadhi) is located at [Palitpur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palitpur), Burdwan, India.

**DEVOTIONAL WRITINGS**

1. Soham Geeta
2. Soham Tattva
3. Soham Samhita
4. Common Sense
5. Truth
6. Shambuka Badh Kavya,
7. Bhagabat Geetar Shamolochana

**IMPORTANCE**

He was a great saint and also a body builder contains physical and spiritual powers. He asked his devotees to keep their body tight and fit in order to protect them from their enemies and also to eliminate the diseases. He was an honest and straight forward person. He never hated anybody during his life, and had spoken to everyone in a kind manner, and interacted with his followers in a pleasing manner. He insisted his followers to do yoga, meditation, regular exercise and worshipping god regularly. He also cured the mental and physical diseases of his followers, through his spiritual powers, and also done many charitable activities, including providing food to the poor and the needy.

Let us worship this great yogi and be blessed.

**“OM SREE SOHAM SWAMIYE NAMAHA”**

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**SWAMI PRANAVANANDA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Swami Pranavananda**(1896–1941) was a [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu)  [saint](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint), and also the founder of [Bharat Sevashram Sangha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bharat_Sevashram_Sangha). He is remembered for the upliftment of the [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu) society at the highest level in the entire world. He was considered as one of the famous spiritual leaders of India. His principles are mainly based on universal love, showing sympathy for all, humanity and respecting each other, and attaining high level of spirituality through devotion and meditation.

**LIFE**

He was born in [Bangladesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh). And he was born through the blessings of Lord Shiva. He was very sincere in his studies and performed well in the school. He was an expert in yoga and meditation and was a great scholar.

He never married and become a saint due to his sincere devotion on Lord Shiva, and also to flourish the hindu religion in all parts of the world.

**FAMOUS TEACHINGS**

1. Working hard is not only important for running a person’s livelihood, but also at least he has to do some sort of help to others.
2. Don’t be greedy, since it will swallow your life.
3. Devotion is very important to live a good life
4. Always follow the path of saints, and learn their teachings, since it will be helpful to you throughout your life.
5. Avoid getting tensed, since nothing is going to be changed by getting tension.
6. Feel free to talk with others in case of necessity, and at the same time, don’t talk too much to others.
7. Always show courtesy on all living beings, since they are also like you.
8. Respect your parents and elders.
9. Forgive the person who has caused harm to you. You will be properly rewarded in the court of God.

**IMPORTANCE**

He untiringly worked hard for the welfare of the poor, and also was keen in providing the basic amenities to the poor and the needy.

He was a great devotee of Lord Shiva and spent his time towards doing meditation and yoga. He also solved the problems of his devotees and reduced their sins, and cured their diseases.

Let us pray to him and be blessed.

**“OM SWAMI PRANAVANANDARE NAMAHA”**

**“OM NAMAH SHIVAYA”**

**WRITTEN BY**

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**SWARUPANANDA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Swarupananda** (1871–1906) was a disciple of Swami [Vivekananda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vivekananda) and the president of the [Advaita Ashrama](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advaita_Ashrama), situated at Uttarakhand. His birth name was Ajay Hari Bannerjee.

**LIFE**

He was born in Kolkata, in a Brahmin family. He was very much interested in spirituality at a younger age.  He had started a school for teaching of Indian scriptures. Swarupananda served as the editor of [Prabuddha Bharata](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prabuddha_Bharata), a devotional magazine.

After meeting Swami Vivekanda, he has become a saint in the year 1898.

[Sister Nivedita](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sister_Nivedita) also had become a [main](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monastic) disciple of Swami Vivekananda along with Swarupananda at Belur.

Swarupananda became the president of the Mayavati ashrama,Uttarakhand.

**Death**

He died in nainital in the year 1906.

**IMPORTANCE**

Swarupananda was very much interested towards the upliftment of the poor people in the region. He established schools and a charitable dispensary and also arranged Hindi and English teachers to teach to the tribal employees of the Ashram. He travelled to several parts of india and visited many holy temples.

He worked tirelessly for the welfare of the people and towards spreading the spiritual knowledge among all classes of people, poor and rich, educated and uneducated.

He followed the principles of swami Vivekananda and implemented it by his teachings to his followers. He was a great saint, and treated all the people as equal, and was against caste discrimination, and his teachings are mainly based on spirituality and social responsibility, and to treat all the people in a proper manner without any discrimination with regard to caste, gender and religion.

He worked among the youngsters to spread the message of Vivekananda. He translated the holy book Bhagavit Gita to English.

Let us worship him and be blessed.

**“OM SREE SWAMY SWARUPANANDAYA NAMAHA”**

**“OM SWAMI VIVEKANANDAYA NAMAHA”**

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**TAPTI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Tapti** is the goddess of river Tapti, and she is the daughter of [Surya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Surya) and Chaya. Her siblings are Yama, Yamuna, Bhadra, Shanidev and Ashwin Kumaras. Her husband name is Samvarna and their son name is Kuru, the founder of the kuru dynasty.

She is mentioned in Mahabharata and Bhagavatam and also in various divine texts, and her importance is also mentioned.

As per the Hindu texts, Tapti contains great knowledge in various subjects and looks attractive and contains a very good behaviour, and also contains soft and gentle nature.

Tapti is a river in india between the Godavari and the narmada rivers. It covers the indian state of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

There is a famous temple dedicated to Mata Tapti at betul, Madhya Pradesh. Devotees are visiting from all parts of india, to have a glimpse of their divine mother. Daily temple rituals will take place, and the goddess will be decorated with flowers and ornaments, and fulfil the wishes of her devotees. By taking bath in the river tapti will clears our sins, and will become holy. She is worshipped as a goddess since ancient times. Her vehicle is Fish.

The famous mantra for Mata tapti is:

**“OM SURYAPUTRY MAA TAPTI DEVIYE NAMAHA”**

**IMPORTANCE**

She is the sister of river Yamuna and both are very holy rivers. She is mainly worshipped for getting relieved from water related diseases like cough, cold, diabetes and also cures various other dreaded diseases. Being the daughter of the Sun God, she looks very bright and calm. She contains all the good qualities and is a worshipful mother. Many sages and saints were praised her glory and worshipped her for getting relieved from birth cycle.

Various demi gods also worships her for her great spiritual power, and she also contains the features of Mata Parvati.

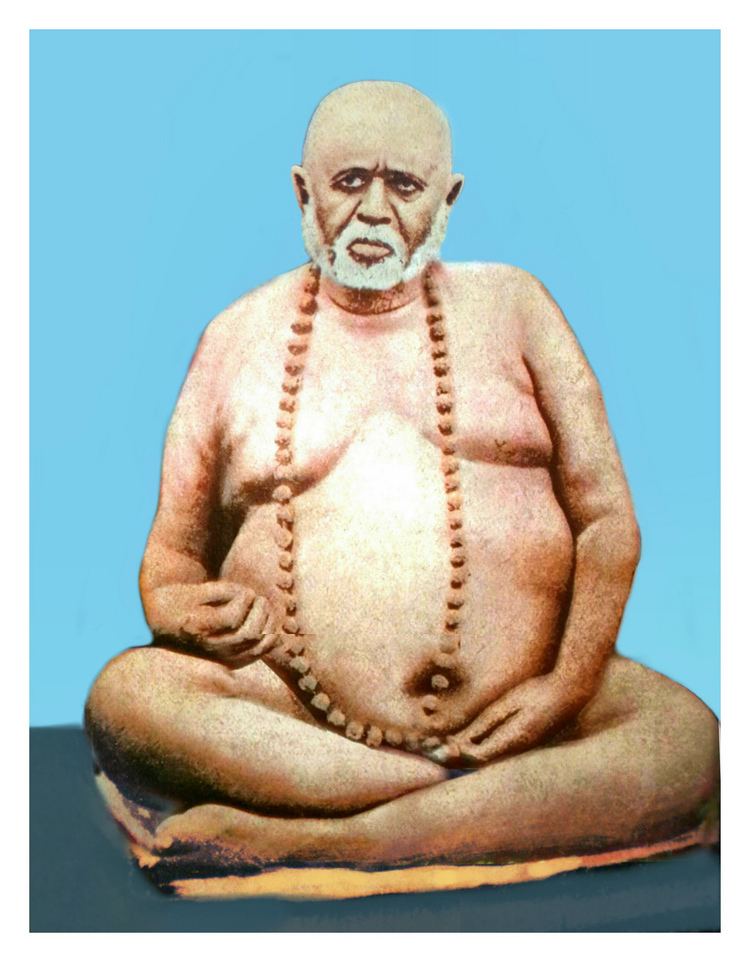
Let us worship the great divine mother and be blessed.

**“OM SREE MATA TAPTI DEVIYE NAMAHA”**

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**TRAILANGA SWAMY**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Trailanga Swami** was a [Hindu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu) saint who lived in [Varanasi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Varanasi), [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India).  It is believed that he lived for more than 200 years. He is considered as an incarnation of Lord [Shiva](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiva). His birth name was shivarama.

**LIFE**

He was born at [Vizianagaram](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vizianagaram) District in [Andhra Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andhra_Pradesh).

His parents were ardent devotees of Lord [Shiva](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiva). After the death of his father in 1647, Sivarama carried out Kali worship in the nearby Kali temple.

After several years of Kali worship, he became a great yogi and he met his Guru Bhagirathananda Saraswati, in 1679 in [Punjab](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Punjab_region), and became a saint and was known as Swami Ganapati Saraswati in 1685. He settled in Varanasi in 1737. After some time, due to his spiritualistic life, he came to be known as Trailanga Swami.

He lived at different places in varanasi. He was also roamed in the streets with naked body. Large number of people were attracted by his yogic powers, and become his devotees. He met many saints including [Vivekananda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vivekananda), [Lahiri Mahasaya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lahiri_Mahasaya) and [Swami Abhedananda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swami_Abhedananda) and discussed spiritual matters with them.

He ate only small quantity of food, and in some occasions, he didn’t take food and water for several days.

On many occasions, he was tested by many people, and finally realized his holiness and asked for apology from him.

**DEATH**

He died in the year 1887. And according to his devotees, he is still alive and blessing his devotees in a divine form.

**TEACHINGS**

1. Always keep your mind pure, and don’t allow unnecessary thoughts to enter into your mind.
2. Don’t be greedy and don’t be a miser. Spent some portion of your money to the poor.
3. All the incidents happening in your life, is based on your past karma only. We can’t change the fate, but can pray to the god, for getting peace of mind.
4. Worship Lord Shiva and Shakti, you will be blessed by them.
5. Don’t curse others, and don’t give any troubles to others. Do good things to others.
6. Don’t blame on god, for your sufferings. Nothing is going to be changed by blaming god, instead you pray to him sincerely, and definitely some good change will take place in your life.
7. Don’t get too much attachment to the wordly objects, since they will perish in course of time. Show your deep attachment on god, and it will last for ever.
8. Show mercy on all the living creatures, since they are all the creations of the god.
9. Control your senses and do meditation on god, it will help you to run your life smoothly.

**IMPORTANCE**

He was a great avatar of Shiva, and led a simple and a noble life. He lived a long life, in order to safeguard the people. During his period, he has removed the sins of the people, and cured the mental and physical problems of the people.

He was a calm and a gentle saint, who never spoken any harsh words over others.

He has also got good knowledge in vedic subjects and was specialized in yoga and meditation.

Let us worship this great saint and be blessed.

**“OM SREE TRAILANGA SWAMIGALE NAMAHA”**

**“OM NAMAH SHIVAYA”**

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**VAISHNO DEVI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Vaishno Devi,** also known as  **Vaishnavi**, is the incarnation of Mata Parvati. **Vaishno Devi Mandir** is a [famous](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hindu_temple) temple dedicated to Goddess Vaishnavi and is located in Kashmir.

Lakhs of devotees are visiting the Holy Shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi every year in Kashmir.

She was formed through the union of the Tridevis, Parvati,Lakshmi and Saraswati.

After destroying several demons, she incarnated as a human with the name of Vaishnavi, in order to maintain peace in the earth.

At his younger age itself, she was very much devoted to Lord Vishnu, and wanted to marry him.

Lord Vishnu appeared before her and granted her the boon that during his kalki avatar at the end of kaliyuga, he would marry her and asked her to wait for him on the trikuta mountain and to bless her devotees, which is located in the present day Kashmir, and her temple is also situated in trikuta mountain ranges.

**IMPORTANT TEMPLES**

1. Vaishnavi temple in Bangalore
2. Vaishnavi temple in Gulbarga
3. Vaishnavi temple in Jaipur
4. Vaishnavi temple in Delhi
5. Vaishnavi temple in Chennai
6. Vaishnavi temple in Haridwar
7. Vaishnavi temple in Andhra Pradesh

**IMPORTANCE**

She contains great power and energy of the gods and goddess and is worshipped mainly in North India, and also in some parts of south india. She is worshipped as “**VAISHNAVI**” in south india. She is the mother for the entire universe, and she cures all the diseases related to mental and physical and also protects them from evil forces.

She is also considered as a powerful deity, who will come along with us in all walks of our life. We have to perform puja and abhishekham to her, and to chant her mantras and names, in order to live a happy and peaceful life.

Let us worship the great goddess and be blessed.

**“OM MATA VAISHNO DEVIYE NAMAHA”**

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**VASHISHTA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Vashishta** is one of ancient Vedic rishis. He is also one of the [Saptarishis](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saptarishi). Vashishta is the main contributor of [Rigveda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rigveda). He is mentioned in Rigvedic texts and also in other Vedic texts. **IMPORTANCE**

He is attributed to the literary works which are as follows:-

1. Yoga Vashishta
2. Vashishtha Samhita
3. Agni Purana – Partial Contribution
4. Vishnu Purana – Partial Contribution
5. Vashishta [dharmasutra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dharmasutra)

He has got the possession of the divine wish fulfilling cows [Kamadhenu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kamadhenu) and Nandini her child, from Swarkaloka.

He is regarded as a scholar and he was married to Arundhati. According to ancient texts, it is believed that, several thousands of years ago, Vashishta has lived on the banks of The Holy River [Ganga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganga).

Vashishta is well-known for his relationship with Vishwamitra. Once, the great king Vishwamitra tried to steal Sage Vashishta’s divine cow. Through his great spiritual powers, Sage Vashishta has defeated Vishwamitra's army and sons. Later Vishwamitra undertook severe penances for several thousands of years and became a Brahmarishi. After that, both of them were became friends, and he was praised as Brahmarishi from the mouth of Sage Vashishta.

**Main Disciples**

1. Manu
2. Nahusha,
3. Rantideva
4. Bhishma.
5. Samvarta

**Temples Dedicated to Sage Vashista**

1. Ashram in [Guwahati](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guwahati), [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India).
2. Vashishta Temple in Himachal Pradesh.
3. Vashishta Cave, on the banks of [Ganges](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganges) at Shivpuri
4. Arundhati Cave on the banks of Ganges at Shivpuri

There is also a separate shrine for Guru Vashishta at Sree Dharmasastha Temple in [Arattupuzha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arattupuzha) village in [Thrissur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thrissur) district of [Kerala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kerala).

**CONCLUSION**

Sage Vashishta who was a great rishi, was well-educated in various divine texts including vedas and puranas and a wise man, who is a master in all the subjects, and also a guru to many great kings and scholars. He is residing in Saptharishi Mandala along with her wife Arunthathi, and doing penance on god. Let us worship this great Maharishi and be blessed.

**“OM SREE VASHISHTA MAHARISHIYE NAMAHA”**

**“OM SREE MATA ARUNDATHIYE NAMAHA”**

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**VIJAYA DASA**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Vijaya Dasa**(1682–1755), was a great saint from [Karnataka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karnataka), [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India). He spread the importance of the philosophy of [Madhwacharya](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Madhwacharya) across South India through his devotional songs.

**LIFE**

Vijaya Dasa was born in a [Brahmin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brahmin) family in Karnataka. At a younger age, he went to varanasi and studied [Sanskrit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sanskrit). He became a scholar in varanasi. Through the divine grace of Sri [Purandara Dasa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purandara_Dasa), he has become a famous saint and he was called as Vijaya Dasaru, and he occupied an important role in spreading [Dvaita](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dvaita) teachings.

**IMPORTANCE**

Through his great divine compositions, he was regarded as  a great scholar among all the people. And he was well versed in [Kannada literature](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kannada_literature).

He performed many miracles in the life of his devotees and made them to live happily. He has turned the uneducated person into an educated person, cured the diseases of the people, spreading the bhakti movement of Lord Narayana. According to him, only due to the divine grace of Lord Narayana, he has performed the miracles in the life of his devotees. He is considered as the spiritual heir of the Great Saint Purandara Dasa, and also considered as an incarnation of Bhrigu Maharishi.

He practiced the habit of singing devotional songs, and chanting of god’s name amongst the people. According to him, the impossible can be made into a possible, by chanting the glory of God’s name, and to get deeply attached with him. He was the main saint in spreading the importance of Lord Narayana through his famous compositions, which was developed and sung by him.

**CONCLUSION**

A great and a kind hearted saint, who took birth for the welfare of the people, and for spreading the importance of **“HARI BHAKTI”** among the masses. During his period, he solved the problems of the people, and turned their sorrow into joy. He has given them health, wealth and happiness in their life. Let us worship this great saint and chant his name and be blessed for ever.

**“OM SREE VIJAYA DASARUVE NAMAHA”**

**“OM NAMO NARAYANAYA NAMAHA”**

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**VINDYAVASINI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Vindyavasini** is one of the various names of the goddess [Durga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durga). She gets the name of Vindyavasini, since she resides in Vindyachal. Her temple is located at [Vindyachal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vindhyachal), on the banks of river [Ganges](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganges), in [Uttar Pradesh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uttar_Pradesh). According to various puranas, it was stated that goddess durga took the avatar of Vindyavasini in order to kill the demon Mahishasura.

Another famous temple is located in Bandla, Himachal Pradesh also called Bandla Mata Temple. It is surrounded with full of natural beauty and vegetation and it attracts a large number of devotees from all parts of india, in order to get the blessings from the divine holy mother “**MAA VINDYAVASINI DEVI**”.

As per the instruction of Lord [Vishnu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vishnu), Vasudev had replaced Krishna with the girl child of Yashoda. When [Kamsa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kamsa) tried to kill the girl child, she escaped from Kamsa and turned into the form of Durga Devi and informed him that the killer of kamsa was already born at [Mathura](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathura). After that, she has chosen to reside in the Vindhyachal mountains and her temple is located at that place.

She has chosen the place, since the place was very calm and a holy place with full of beauty.

The temple is also one of the [Shakti Peethas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakti_Peethas) of India. She is also called as Kajala devi. She is the divine incarnation of goddess durga.

During Navarathiri festival, large number of people will visit the temple, and offer their prayers to the goddess, and they will also do abhishekam and various pujas to the goddess in order to get her blessings.

There is also a temple of Goddess Saraswati and Goddess Kali nearby the vindyachal temple.

One temple dedicated to Mata Vindyavasini is located in Nepal.

**IMPORTANCE**

She is a very powerful goddess and was worshipped by her devotees throughout the year. She gives all the good fortunes, removes the sins and reduces the ill effects caused by the planets, and also cures the diseases of the devotees.

By reciting the mantra of Vindyavasini, we will get better results in our life, and attain happiness and all prosperity in our life.

She has taken the avatar of Vindyavasini in order to safeguard us from the evil effects of **KALI YUGA**. By worshipping her, we will get physical and mental relaxation in our mind and body, and will be able to move towards the spiritual path. We will be blessed by her and we will be start doing right things in our life.

Let us visit the holy temple of the goddess at Vindyachal at least once in our life time and be blessed.

**“OM SREE VINDYAVASINI DEVIYE NAMAHA”**

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**YAMUNA**



**INTRODUCTION**

[**Yamuna**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yamuna) is the holiest river of Hinduism. The river is worshipped as Goddess Yamuna. She is also referred in vedas and divine scriptures, and her importance is also mentioned in the divine texts. She is also called as Yami, since she is the sister of Lord Yama.

She is the daughter of the sun god, Surya and Saranyu. Her brothers are Yama, Shanidev and Ashwin Kumaras, the divine physicians. And her sisters are Tapti and Badhra. Bathing in River Yamuna will remove our sins, and there is no need to afraid about our death and also our death will naturally occur, without any major sufferings, since she is the sister of Lord Yama Dharmaraj and Ashwin Kumaras.

She looks very beautiful with a charming face and contains a divine look. She welcomes all of her devotees to her place, and removes their physical and mental sufferings through her divine grace.

She is also a sincere devotee of Lord Krishna and Lord Balarama, and Krishna has spent his childhood days on the banks of river Yamuna, and she became very calm through the divine touch of Lord Krishna.

Yamunotri is the place of Goddess Yamuna, and it is situated in Uttarakhand, and a temple is also dedicated to her. Lot of devotees from all parts of india visit this temple, and get the blessings of the holy divine mother. It is advisable to stay at least for two days in this place, in order to attend all the pujas performed at the Yamuna Temple.

Being the daughter of Lord Surya, she contains great spiritual power, and was worshipped for getting better prosperity in our life. She will clear our karmas and protect us from the clutches of “**KALI PURUSHA**”, and make us to live happily and peacefully. We can chant the slokas meant for Yamuna and recite her various names frequently with much devotion in our mind, for getting better results in our life.

Let us worship the divine mother and be blessed.

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**YOGASWAMI**



**INTRODUCTION**

Yogaswami(1872–1964) was a Hindu Saint, who was praised by the people of other religions also, for showing his kindness among the people, and for undertaking several social welfare activities. He was the Acharya of the [**Nandinatha Sampradaya**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nandinatha_Sampradaya)'s Kailasa Parampara. Yogaswami was the disciple of Satguru Chellappaswami, and he has become a saint through his guidance.

**LIFE**

Yogaswami was born in Jaffna, in Sri Lanka. His birth name was Sadasivan. He was a strict bachelor and has done meditation and studied the hindu scriptures at his younger age itself.

He was the admirer of Swami Vivekananda towards his religious speech.

Yogaswami travelled all over india and visted Chidambaram temple in Tamilnadu and also visited Kashi Viswanathar Temple at Kasi. He also met Ramanamaharishi at his Ashram at Tiruvannamalai.

Yogaswami passed at the age of 91 in [Srilanka](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colombuthurai). All the people at Srilanka paid their last tributes to him.

A temple was constructed in his native place at Srilanka for the worship of the people.

**IMPORTANCE**

He followed the principles of great saints and siddhas and lived a saintly life. He was very simple and a straight forward person. His teachings are mainly based on doing good things to others, providing food to the poor and the needy, doing meditation and yoga, and realising the god within oneself.

Yogaswami has written many spiritual poems and songs, which was widely accepted and admired by the people of Srilanka. During his period, he was considered as a **“GEM”** and a **“HOLY PERSON”** among the people. He was well appreciated for his writing skills, and for his great knowledge in hindu religious texts, and for his courage and wisdom.

**IMPORTANT DISCIPLES**

1. Markandu Swamy
2. Sellathurai Swamy
3. Santha Swamy
4. Srikhantha

**CONCLUSION**

Sri Yogaswami who lived a pious life will always be remembered by the people for his famous poems and songs. His poems were written in a simple manner and were able to understand by anybody without much difficulty. He was a great Shiva Devotee, who always worships Lord Shiva and prayed to him for the welfare of the people.

He removed the difficulties of the people through his spiritual power.

He was worshipped by the people due to his divine power and for his good poems and teachings.

Let us worship him and be blessed.

**“OM SREE YOGASWAMIYE NAMAHA”**

**“OM NAMAH SHIVAYA”**

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**KONGANAR**



**INTRODUCTION**

Sri Konganar was believed to have been born during the 5th century BC, and is the disciple of Boganathar, and he is one among the 18 great siddhars. He was appreciated as the best student by Bogar himself. He was born in Erode in a goldsmith family. His main works include in the field of medicine, yoga and philosophy. He left home at his younger age in order to seek spiritualism. He got knowledge in various fields through the guidance of his guru Bogar and became a knowledgeable person. He is a great worshipper of Lord Shiva.

He was very good in doing yoga and meditation and specialized in all kinds of arts and a great scholar in all spiritual subjects.

Sri Konganar is a kind hearted Guru. He has got large number of disciples and he taught all the subjects to them with much affection and care.

Once he changed an iron into gold piece, and gifted it to his siddhar friend sivavakiyar’s wife, since sivavakiyar has gone outside. After his return to his home, his wife had narrated the incident, he immediately thrown out the gold piece into the well. He is such a great Siddha Purusha.

His Guru Boga has made his contributions in various fields.

After living a long life, he entered jeeva samathi at Thirupathi in Andhra Pradesh, nearby the Temple Complex of Lord Venkateswara.

**IMPORTANCE**

He shared his knowledge to his disciples, and asked them to help the common people. He also cured several health related problems of the people, and guided them in the spiritual path and told them about the greatness of Lord Shiva and asked them to worship him sincerely in order to attain all the prospects in their life.

Let us worship this great siddhar and be blessed.

**“OM SREE KONGANARE NAMAHA”**

**“OM NAMAH SHIVAYA”**

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**PULIPANI SIDDHAR**



**INTRODUCTION**

Pulipani Siddhar is an ancient siddhar and is the disciple of Bogar. He is a staunch devotee of Lord Shiva.

Bogar installed Lord Murugan’s Navabashanaidol at the Palani Hill, and daily he performed milk and panchamirtham abhishekham to the idol of Lord Murugan. After some time, his disciple **Pulipani siddhar** performed puja for Lord Murugan, since his guru Bogar went into a samadhi stage.

He got knowledge in vedic subjects and also an expert in all kinds of arts. He is very much interested in spirituality, and also chants the glory of Lord Shiva.

After getting the darshan of Lord Nataraja he concentrated his entire attention on devoting Lord Shiva. He worshipped Lord Siva with ‘Vilva’ leaves. He got a pair of Tiger’s paws as a boon, in order to climb the Vilva tree and for plucking the leaves for the shiva puja.

Pulipani performed yogic meditation towards Lord Siva. He has gained the status of Siddhar, through the divine grace of Lord Shiva.

**IMPORTANCE**

1. By sincerely praying to Pulipani Siddhar, all sorts of dreaded diseases and mental disorders will be removed.
2. We will get self confidence in our mind, and will be able to do our work properly.
3. We can attain health, wealth and happiness in our life.
4. Enemy related problems will be solved.
5. We will get peace of mind.
6. Unmarried people will be married soon, and they will be blessed with good children.
7. We can attain spiritual energy in our mind.
8. We will have a bright future.
9. Bad, negative and suicidal thoughts will be removed from our mind.

Thus by worshipping Pulipani siddhar, we will get the above benefits in our life, and also after our departure from the earth, we can get **SALVATION**.

Let us praise his glory and be blessed.

**“OM SREE PULIPANI SIDDHARE NAMAHA”**

**“OM NAMAH SHIVAYA”**

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**RISHI PATANJALI**



**INTRODUCTION**

**Patanjali** was a sage, siddha and a yoga guru in [Hinduism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hinduism), and he had written large number of sanskrit devotional texts, Ayurveda texts and yoga texts.

**LIFE**

He is considered to have been lived during the 2nd century BC.

He is also one among the 18 siddhars belonged to the shaiva tradition, and he is popularly worshipped by the shaivite sect of people, and he is considered as an incarnation of Lord Shiva, and contains all the features of Lord Shiva.

It is believed that he would have been lived for more than 1000 years, and attained great spiritual power through the divine grace of Lord Shiva.

He has attained [Samadhi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samadhi) through his yogic powers at the [Brahmapureeswarar Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brahmapureeswarar_Temple) located at [Tirupattur](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tirupattur), [Tamil Nadu](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamil_Nadu), [India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India).

Jeeva Samadhi of sage Patanjali, can be seen in [Brahmapureeswarar Temple](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brahmapureeswarar_Temple).

In the Yoga tradition, Patanjali is a popular name.

Patanjali studied Yoga from Lord Nandhi Deva.

Patanjali also writes the texts in a simple manner.

**LITEREARY WORKS**

1. Mahabhasya
2. Patanjalatantra
3. Yogaratnakara
4. Padarthavihnana
5. Carakavarttika
6. Yogaratnasamuccaya
7. Cakradatta bhasya

**IMPORTANCE**

He is a great sage who contains knowledge in all fields. Though he was an expert scholar in various fields, he was specialized in yoga and meditation. He was also a great ayurveda physician and contains good knowledge in Ayurveda, and it is believed that he had treated several people from various diseases through his ayurvedic medicine. He also contained spiritual powers and yogic power through constant meditation. He is a great worshipper of Lord Shiva, Mata Parvati and Nandi deva. He worried about the physical sufferings of the people in the world, and introduced his medicine, several thousands of years before, through his books. It is also believed that during his period, he has seen directly the divine appearance of Lord Shiva, and he was blessed by Lord Shiva. He has got the power to meditate for several years and he attained siddhi (**SALVATION)** through that.

He is a great sage who lived by taking very little food and water and concentrated his entire attention on devoting Lord Shiva. He was apart from normal people, and considered as a great yogi. He is still living with us through his great divine books.

Let us worship this great sage and be blessed.

**“OM SREE PATANJALI RISHIYE NAMAHA”**

**“OM NAMAH SHIVAYA”**

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**SATTAIMUNI**



**INTRODUCTION**

Sattaimuni Siddhar was born in Srilanka and he lived by taking alms nearby a temple, in order to run his family. Even though he was a poor person, he was interested in the welfare of the people.

Sattaimuni Siddhar occupies a main place for his great works.

Due to the various health sufferings of the people, he made an extensive research in siddha and written medical related texts for the benefit of the mankind.

He left his family at his younger age, in order to seek spiritualism and to gain knowledge in siddha.

He was the disciple of [Siddhar Agathiyar](http://www.tknsiddha.com/medicine/agathiyar-siddhar/) and  [Bogar](http://www.tknsiddha.com/medicine/siddhar-bogar/), and learned many important subjects from them. He got the capacity to grasp the subjects quickly, and he was well appreciated for his talents by his gurus.

Being a sincere devotee of lord Shiva, it is believed, that since he was not having sufficient clothes to wear, once Lord Shiva himself appeared before him and presented him some good clothes to wear.

He was the guru of Pambatti Siddhar and Sundaranar Siddhar and he taught all the subjects to them.

He wrote the concepts of siddha secrets in a simplified manner.

Sattaimuni Siddhar is expert in Siddha medicine, and also in other fields.

After living a long life, he attained samadhi in sree rangam thiruchi.

**IMPORTANCE**

He was a great siddhar who was very much worried about the sufferings of the people from various diseases, and introduced new concepts in siddha medicine field through his great works. He was well versed in all divine texts, and also an expert in all forms of arts. Though he contained a great knowledge in all the subjects, he never got pride and remained as calm and a polite person throughout in his life.

Let us worship this great siddhar and be blessed.

**“OM SREE SATTAIMUNI SIDDHARE NAMAHA”**

**“OM NAMAH SHIVAYA”**

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