

Rama Parivar



Sri Rama

Sri Rama is one of the most adored God in Hindus. He is one of the avatara (incarnation) of Lord Vishnu. He is the central figure in the hindu epic “Ramayana”. The word “Ram” means “rejoice/be pleased”. Rama is similar to Vishnu but still has some distinctive features. Rama always has two hands and holds a dhanus (bow) and baanas (arrows). Rama is personified as an ideal person (purushottama) or the best upholder of dharmas. The birthday of Lord Rama is celebrated as Rama Navami. He is also referred as Ramachandra, Raghuveera, Raghava and Raghurama.

Rama is usually pictured in a family style called the Rama Parivar. The parivar includes Sri Rama, his wife Sita Devi on the left, his brother Lakshmana on the right and his devotee Hanuman sitting in front of Sri Rama.

Sri Sita Devi

Sri Sita Devi is an ideal form of womanhood like Sri Rama being the ideal form of man. She is an incarnation of Goddess Lakshmi and is also called as Janaki/Mythili in this incarnation. She is seen as the embodiment of virtues. The pair Sita-Rama is popular like Radha-Krishna and the divine marriage is celebrated in all temples as “Sita-Rama Kalayanam”.

Sri Lakshmana

Sri Lakshmana was a dutiful brother to Lord Rama and is a symbol of sacrifice. He is considered as an avatara of Adishesha, the snake on which Lord Vishnu resides.

Sri Hanuman

Sri Hanuman is an ardent devotee of Lord Rama. He is the son of vAyu (the god of wind/air). He is one of the central characteristic of the epic Ramayana and played an important role in uniting Rama with his wife Sita. He is also called as Anjaneya, Maruti, Pawanasuta, Bajrangabali, etc. He is known for his strength and is sometimes depicted carrying the mountain of herbs called the Sanjeeva. He is greater known for his love and devotion to Lord Ram. His devotion, celibacy and strength inspire the devotees. He is believed to destroy the obstacles and difficulties of his devotees. He also eradicates fears and provide them the strength and courage. His birthday is celebrated as Hanuman Jayanthi.

Slokas

Sri Rama

“Sri Rama Rama Rameti Rame Rame Manorame
Sahasranama Tattulyam Rama Nama Varanane.”

Meaning:

Chanting this sloka for three times is equivalent to chanting the entire Vishnu Sahasranama, the 1008 names of Bhagavan Vishnu.

Sri Hanuman

buddhir balam yasho dhairyam

nirbhayatvam arogatAm

ajADyam vAk paTutvam ca

hanumat smaraNAAt bhavet ||

By remembering Hanuman one will be blessed with intelligence, physical strength, good reputation, courage, fearlessness, good health, absence of dullness and eloquence in speech.