

## Radha Krishna



### Sri Krishna

Sri Krishna is another incarnation of Lord Vishnu. He is worshipped as a major deity in Hinduism. He is the god of compassion, love and tenderness. His birthday is celebrated as Janmashtami or Krishna Jayanthi. Sri Krishna's life is depicted as "Krishna leela" and is part of Mahabharatam, the Bhagavata puranam and also Bhagavat Gita. He is the main character in all the three. The name originates from Krishna, *Kṛṣṇa* which means black or dark blue. He is also called as Govinda, Gopala, Vasudeva, etc. He is usually depicted with a flute and a peacock feather on his hair.

## **Sri Radha Krishna**

Radha and Krishna is considered the symbolic of the divine union between the jivatma and paramatma – the individual self and the universal self. The Bhagavata story of Krishna and Radha is a mesmerizing one across generations. With Krishna, Radha is worshipped as the Supreme Goddess for it is said that Krishna is satisfied only by devotional service and Radha is personification of devotional service to the supreme.

## **Slokas**

### **Sri Krishna**

Krishnaaya Vaasudevaaya Devakii Nandanaaya Ca |

Nanda-Gopa Kumaaraaya Govindaaya Namoh Namah ||

Meaning:

Salutations to Sri Krishna Who is the Son and the Joy of Father Vasudeva and Mother Devaki. Salutations to Him who is the Boy of Cowherd Nanda and Who is Himself the Lord Govinda; Many Salutations to Him again and again.

### **Sri Radha**

Goloka-Vasini Gopi Gopisha Gopa-Matrika

Sananda Paramananda Nanda-Nandana-Kamini

Meaning:

Radha rani is a resident of Goloka, known as Vrindavan, and is a cowherd damsel. She is the queen of the gopis and the divine mother of the cowherd boys. She is joyful and always experiencing the highest bliss. She incites strong desires in the heart of the son of Nanda (Lord Krishna).