

DEITY I.D.



Brahma

the creator of the universe and one of the three primary Hindu gods. He represents wisdom and knowledge, particularly the wisdom and knowledge of the four Vedas (ancient sacred texts). He also symbolizes the four cardinal directions (north, south, east, and west) and the four aspects of human personality (mind, intellect, ego, and self). His consort (wife) is Saraswati.



Shiva

one of the three primary Hindu gods. He is the destroyer of the universe; in particular, he destroys sin and ignorance. He usually appears in a meditating posture. His consort (wife) is Parvati.



Vishnu

one of the three primary Hindu gods. He is the preserver and sustainer of the universe and is believed to have appeared on earth in the form of several avatars, or incarnations, including Krishna and Rama. His consort (wife) is Lakshmi.



Parvati

(pictured as Durga)

the Divine Mother and the goddess who preserves moral order and righteousness. She is considered charming and pleasant but also has a darker side, taking the form of the warrior goddess Durga (often depicted riding an animal) or the destroyer goddess Kali. She is Shiva's consort.



Lakshmi

the goddess of prosperity and generosity (represented by gold coins) and of purity (represented by a lotus blossom). She is Vishnu's consort.



Saraswati

the goddess of wisdom and learning who is worshiped mostly by students, teachers, and scholars. She is a musician who plays the music of love and life. She is the consort of Brahma.



Ganesh

the first son of Shiva and Parvati. His large head and ears symbolize wisdom and the need to listen to others.