

Sri Parushkottama
Kshetra
Jagannathpuri





Once, Lord Shiva performed the coronation ceremony of King Kashiraja, as he was very devoted to Lord Shiva. Kashiraja was defeated several times by Lord Krishna in battle.

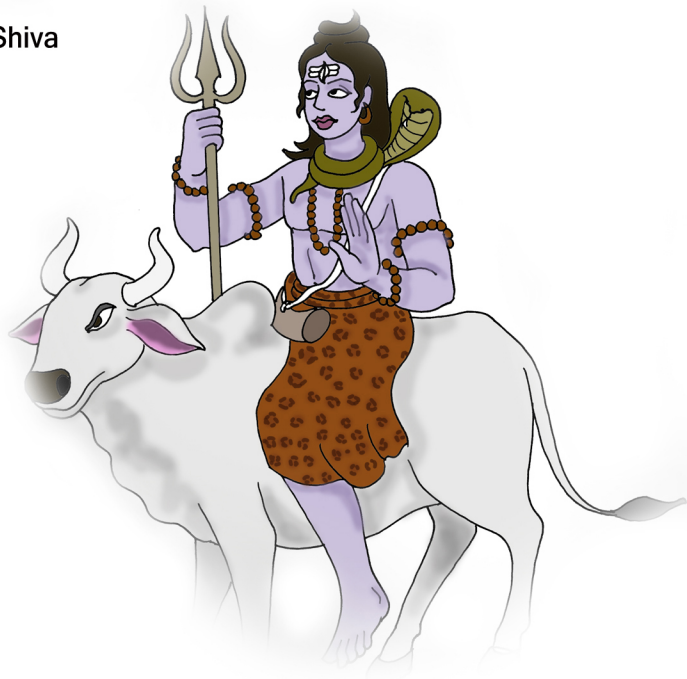


Defeated several times by Lord Krishna, he developed only one obsession, to defeat Lord Krishna in battle.



Fired by such perverted desire he performed terrible austerities, to please Lord Shiva so as to seek a boon to destroy Lord Krishna in battle.

Being pleased by his austerities Lord Shiva offered him his desired boon.



Lord Shiva said, "Go prepare for war with Lord Krishna. My army of followers will be right behind you. Let's see who is strong enough to defeat you when I am behind with my weapon, Pashupati."

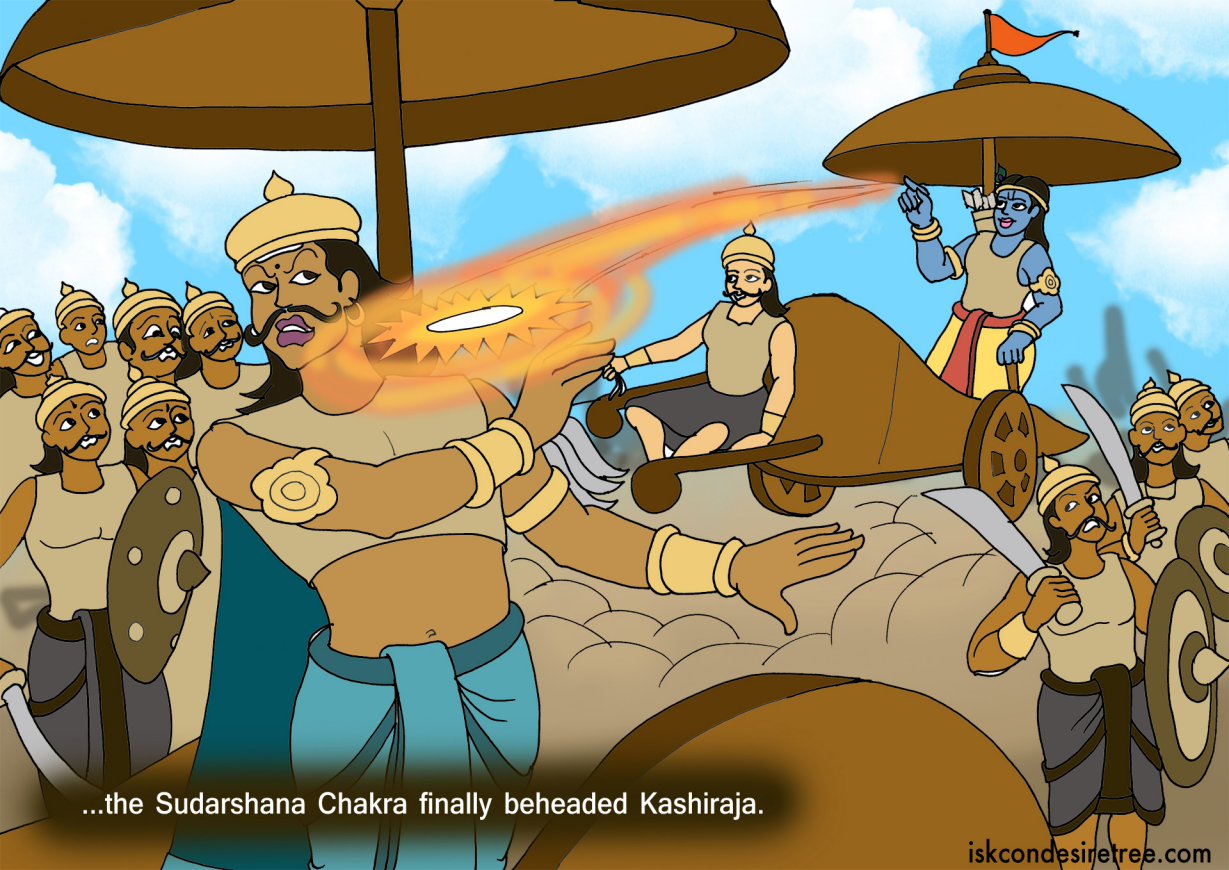


Reassured by Lord Shiva's words, the foolish king Kashiraja entered into the battlefield roaring confidently. Lord Krishna, the supersoul within everyone's heart, knew his perverted intention and immediately released the Sudarshana Chakra.

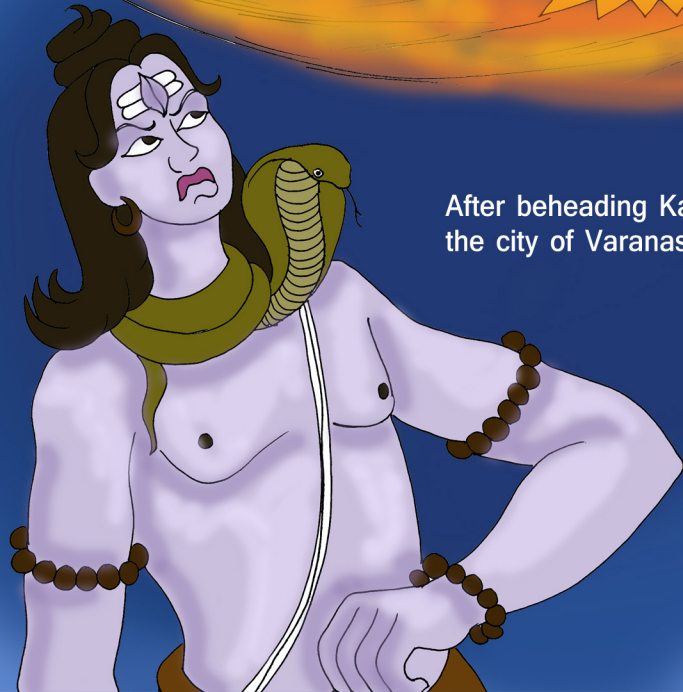




After creating havoc within the army of Kashiraja and the forces of Lord Shiva...



...the Sudarshana Chakra finally beheaded Kashiraja.



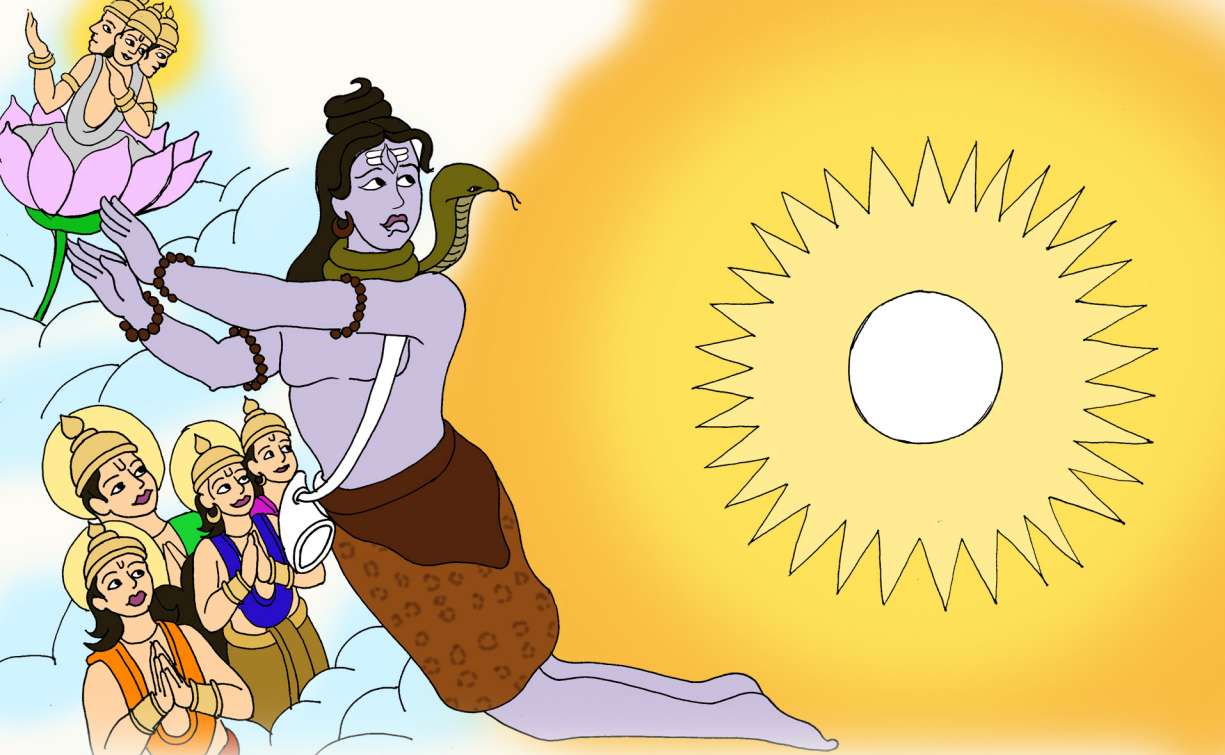
After beheading Kashiraja it began to destroy the city of Varanasi or Kashi.



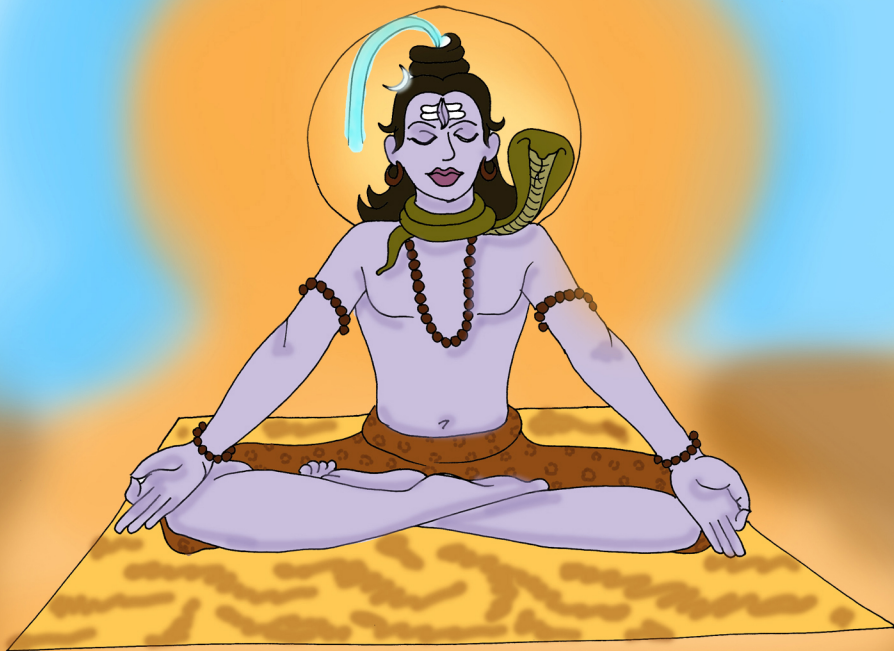
Seeing his beautiful city of Varanasi being scorched by Sudarshana, furious Shiva released the Pashupati weapon against Sudarshana Chakra.



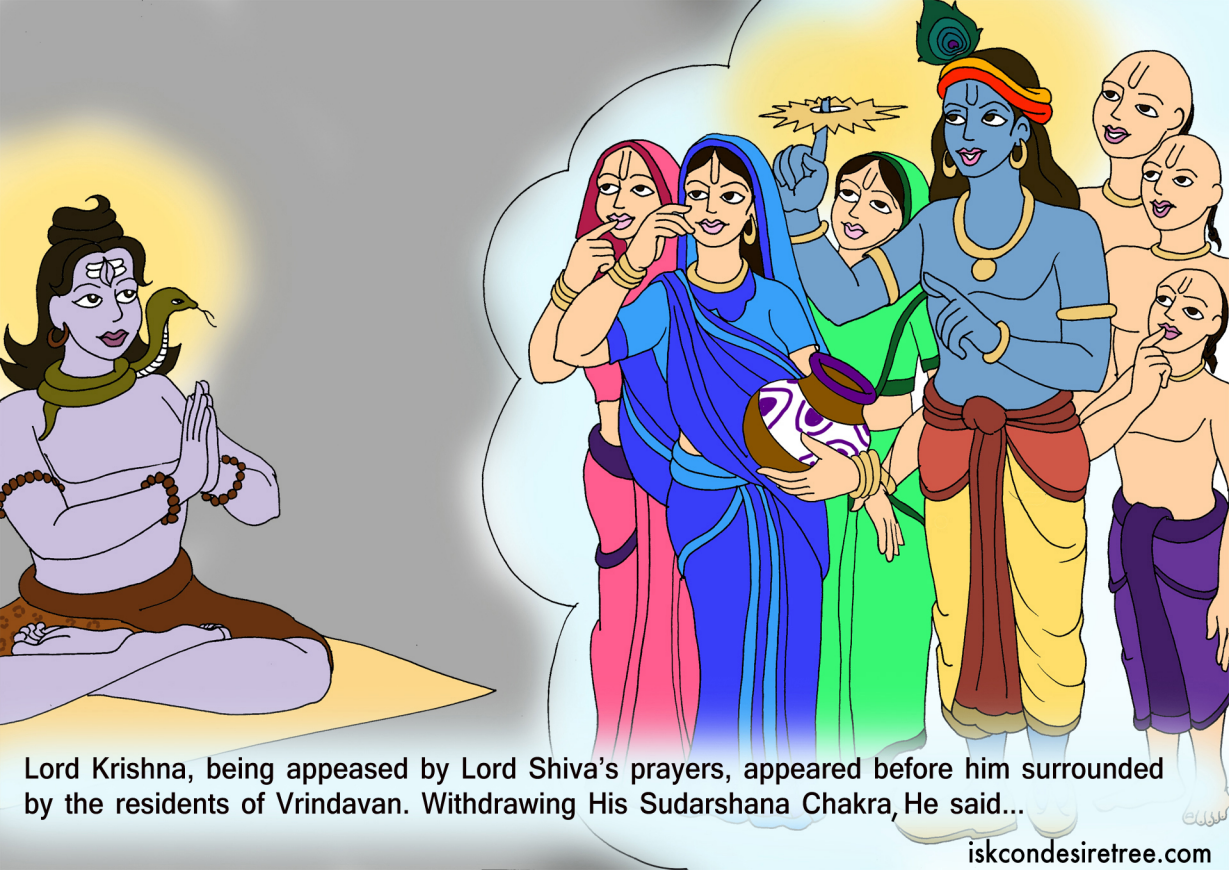
After shattering the Pashupati weapon, Sudarshana now went scorching after Lord Shiva who started running away.



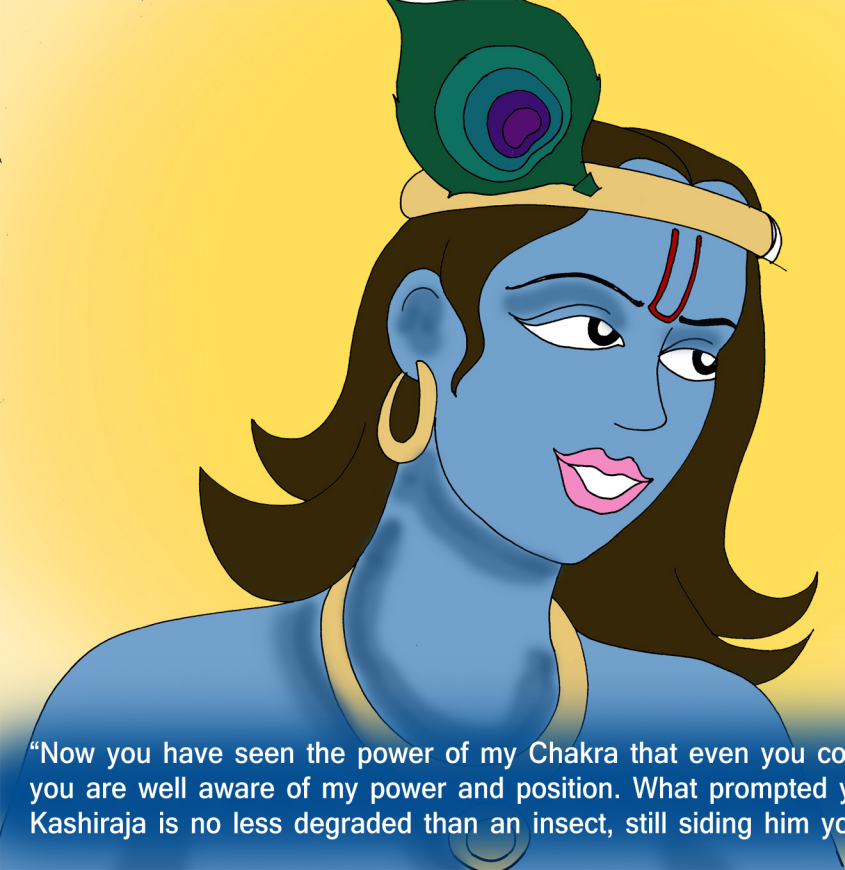
The Sudarshana Chakra chased Lord Shiva, who found himself under the same predicament as Durvasa Muni, who had offended Ambarisha Maharaja, a pure devotee of Lord Krishna.



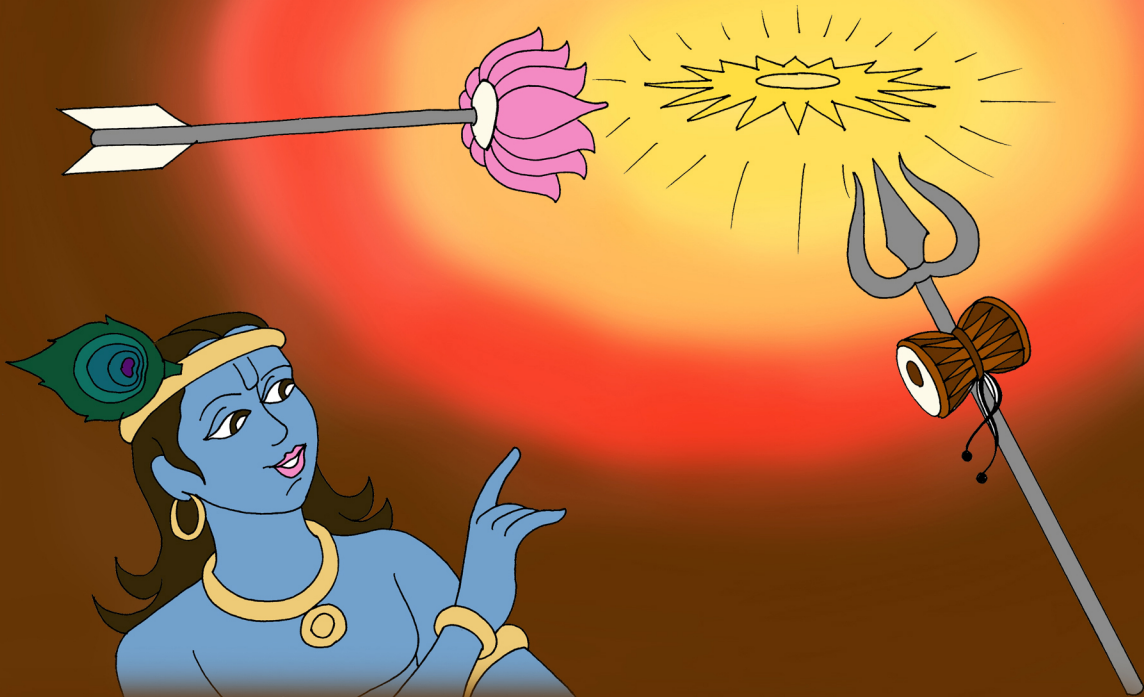
Finding no refuge in the entire universe, Lord Shiva sat and meditated on Lord Krishna for protection.



Lord Krishna, being appeased by Lord Shiva's prayers, appeared before him surrounded by the residents of Vrindavan. Withdrawing His Sudarshana Chakra, He said...



“Now you have seen the power of my Chakra that even you could not counter. Oh! Shiva you are well aware of my power and position. What prompted you to act in this way? This Kashiraja is no less degraded than an insect, still siding him you fought with me?...”



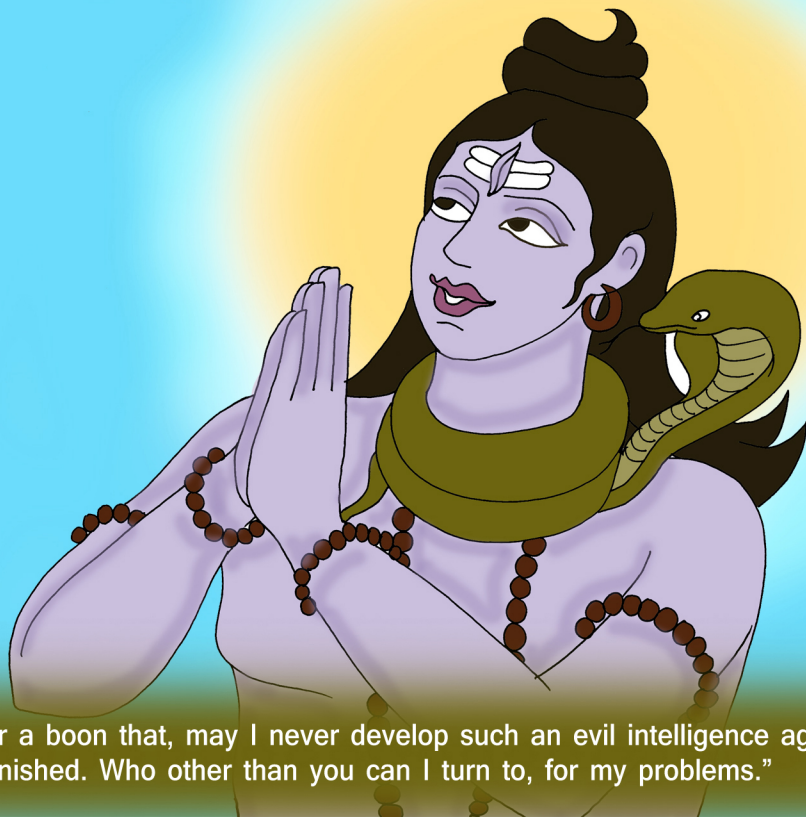
...even the most powerful weapons like Brahmastra and Pashupatiastra together cannot match my Sudarshana Chakra.”



Hearing Lord Krishna's words
Lord Shiva threw himself at
Lord Krishna's lotus feet and
offered prayers.

“Oh! Lord the entire creation is subservient to your command and so am I. Who can act independently? Just as dry straws are strewn by the wind the entire creation bends at your command. But somehow you have given me this false pride and blinded me. Thus, I was not able to see anyone but myself. What can I do? I acted only as you desired.”



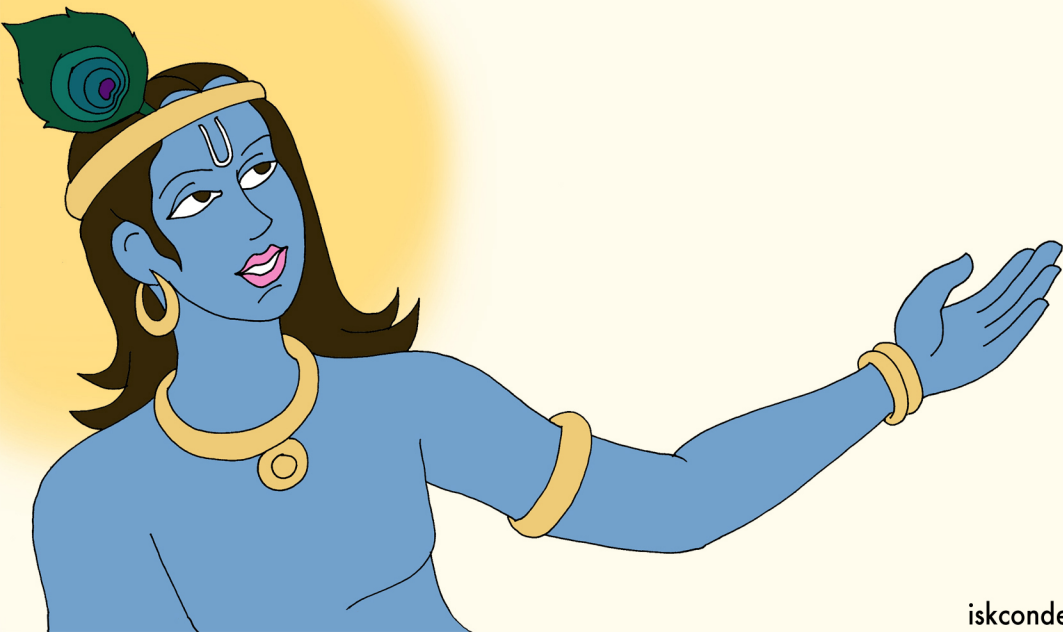


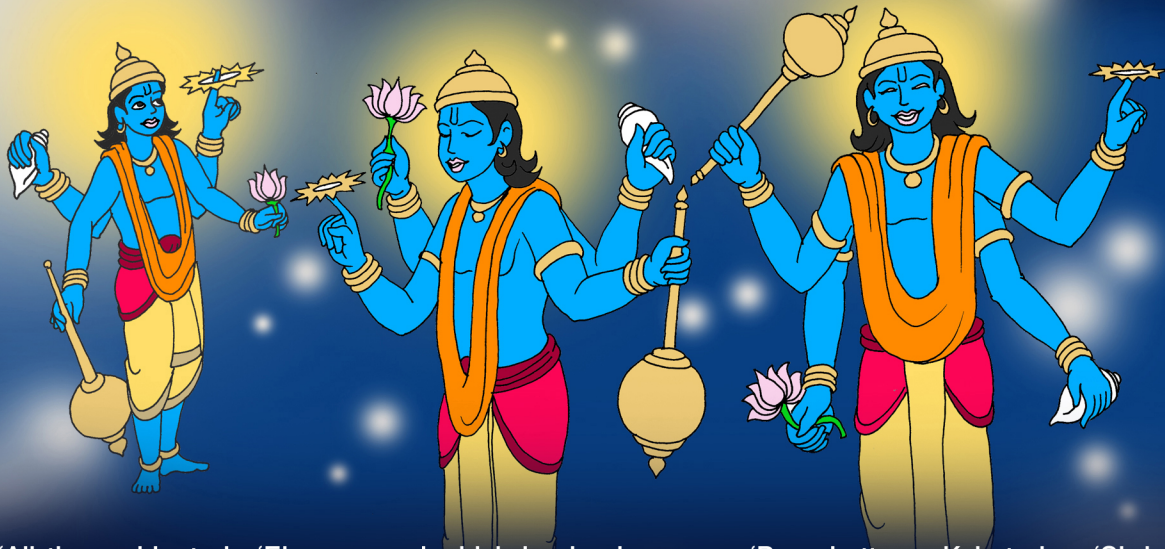
“I pray for a boon that, may I never develop such an evil intelligence again. I’ve been rightly punished. Who other than you can I turn to, for my problems.”

Lord Krishna blessed Lord Shiva saying, "Oh dear! the place that is designated for you is Ekamravana. Here you'll be worshipped as Kotitigeshvara."

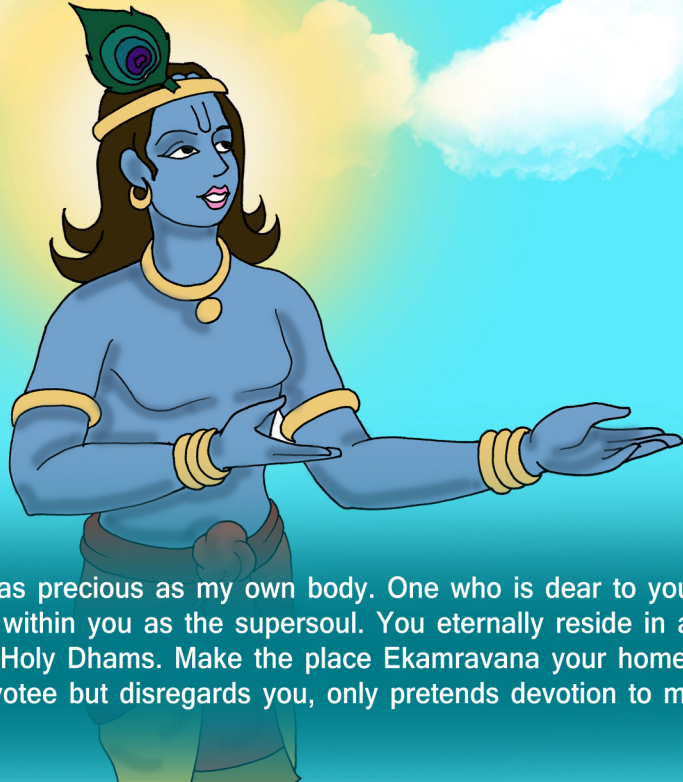


This area is spread over 80 square miles. The demigods worship this place.





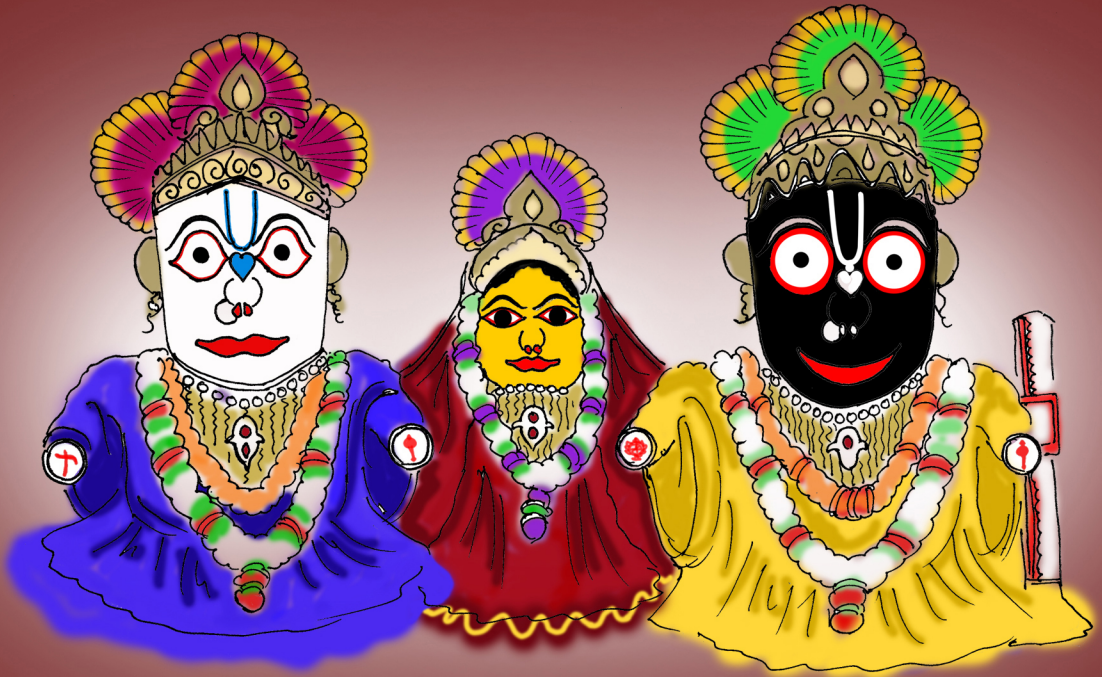
“All the residents in ‘Ekamravana’ which is also known as ‘Purushottama Kshetra’ or ‘Shri Kshetra’, possess four-handed forms. This is the most auspicious of all places of pilgrimage. Act of sleeping here is equivalent to Samadhi, simply lying here is equivalent to paying obeisances to the deity, walking around is same as circumambulating the Lord and any speech is Lord’s glorification. Such is the potency of this Kshetra.”



“Oh! Shiva you are as precious as my own body. One who is dear to you is also dear to me. I always reside within you as the supersoul. You eternally reside in all my abodes as the protector of the Holy Dhams. Make the place Ekamravana your home. Anyone who claims to be my devotee but disregards you, only pretends devotion to me. Saying so, the Lord disappeared.



This is how Lord Shiva came to reside in this beautiful place called Bhubaneshwara.



Lord Jagannath at Simanta Dvipa, in Sri Mayapur Dham, is non-different from Lord Jagannath at Purushottama Kshetra Jagannathpuri.

Jagannath Puri Dham ki Jai...





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