

**Class-3****Lecture Sheet of Chapter-2**  
**Gods and Goddesses and Worship(Puja)****Lecture Sheet -1****Introduction:**

Ishwara is one and unique. He is formless. But He can take any form or shape. His power and qualities are unlimited.

**Gods and Goddesses:**

When some qualities or power of Ishwara are expressed in shapes, they are called devatas or gods and goddesses. Gods and goddesses are the visible shapes of Ishwara. They have supernatural power. The power of gods and goddesses is the power of Ishwara. Religious books like the Vedas and the Puranas speak about gods and goddesses.

**Examples of gods and goddesses:**

There are many gods and goddesses such as- Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva, Durga, Kali, Saraswati, Lakshmi, Kartik, Ganesha etc. Ishwara creates as devata Brahma. He rears as devata Vishnu. He destroys as devata Shiva.

**Importance of worshipping of gods and goddesses:**

- i) If we worship them, they become pleased with us.
- ii) Ishwara becomes satisfied, when gods and goddesses are satisfied.
- iii) Worshipping gods and goddesses means worshipping Ishwara.
- iv) If we worship gods and goddesses, they will bring welfare for all of us.

## **Worship or puja:**

Worship or puja is the prayer or adoration of gods and goddesses. We worship gods and goddesses with flower, fruits, water and various things. During worship we should recite mantras or hymns of deities in holy mind. After worship we should salute the gods and goddesses. The images of gods and goddesses are kept in the temples or at home. We should pronam when we see the images or idols of gods and goddesses.

## **Description of Devi Lakshmi:**

- 1) Lakshmi is the goddess of wealth. She is very calm and beautiful.
- 2) Her skin-colour is fair.
- 3) Her carrier is an owl and she sits on lotus.
- 4) In her right hand there is a lotus and in her left hand there are ears of paddy.
- 5) She has her seat in every house. Every Thursday people read 'Panchali' and worship Lakshmi.
- 6) 'Kojagori' Lakshmi puja is observed in the night of the full moon tithi in the month of Aswin.
- 7) We can acquire wealth and remove our sorrow by worshipping her. She does good to human.
- 8) The Salutation Mantra of Devi Lakshmi with meaning is given below:

**“Vishwarupasya bharyasi padme padmalaye Shubhe.**

**Sarbatah pahi mam devi mahalakshmi namo'astu Te.”**

Meaning: 'Oh Padma, Padmalaya, Subha, you are the wife of Bishwarupa (Narayana). You protect me entirely. Oh, devi maha Lakshmi, I salute you.'

## **Lecture Sheet -2**

### **Description of Devi Saraswati:**

- 1) Saraswati is the goddess of learning.
- 2) The colour of her body is white.

- 3) White swan is her carrier and white lotus is her seat.
- 4) There are a book and a vina in two hands of Devi Saraswati. Devi Saraswati is called as binapani because she holds a vina in her one hand.
- 5) Saraswati puja is held on the Panchami tithi of the sukla pakkha in the month of Magh. Students specially worship Saraswati.
- 6) The aim of worshipping Saraswati is to acquire knowledge.
- 7) The Salutation mantra of Devi Saraswati with meaning is given below:

**“Saraswati mahabhage vidye kamalalochane**

**Vishwarupe vishalakshi vidyam dehi namo’astu Te.”**

Meaning: ‘O noble- hearted Saraswati, goddess of wisdom, lotus-eyed, universe-like, big-eyed give me knowledge. I salute you.’

## **Description of god Ganesha:**

- 1) i) Ganesha is the god of perfection or success.
- 2) His carrier is rat. The skin colour of his body is red.
- 3) His head is like the head of an elephant and his belly is large in size. He wears the sacred thread on the neck.
- 4) He has a tooth and a trunk. He has four hands.
- 5) Ganesha is worshipped at the beginning of worship of all gods and goddesses. We should remember the name of Ganesha before all works. Because, Ganesha is the god of success.
- 6) By worshipping him one can be blessed or successful.
- 7) The Salutation mantra of Lord Ganesha with meaning is given below:

**“Ekadantam mahakayam lamvodara gajananam**

**Bighnanashakaram devam heramvam pranamyaham.”**

Meaning: ‘Owner of one tooth, owner of big body, long belly, gajanan, destruction of all obstacles , I salute Heromaba (Ganesha).’

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### Chapter – 2(Gods, Goddesses and Worship)

#### 1) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

- God can take any \_\_\_ or shape.
- Worshipping gods and goddesses means worshipping \_\_\_\_\_.
- Brahma is the god of \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_ is the goddess of wealth.
- At the beginning of worship of all devatas \_\_\_ is to be worshipped.
- Ishwara is one and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ishwara's power is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Worshipping devatas means worshipping \_\_\_\_\_.
- Gods and goddesses have supernatural \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ishwara's qualities are \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 2) Write down the meaning of the following words:

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| a) Unique    | f) Carrier  |
| b) Adoration | g) Acquire  |
| c) Liberal   | h) Calm     |
| d) Unitedly  | i) Protect  |
| e) Sacred    | j) Entirely |

#### 3) Match the Column-A with Column-B to make correct sentences:

Column-A	Column-B
a) God is one and	i) Owl
b) White swan	ii) Rears us.
c) The carrier of Lakshmi is	iii) Worship gods and goddesses.
d) Vishnu	iv) Unique.
e) We	v) Is the carrier of Saraswati.
f) Our body and mind become sacred	vi) God of creation.
g) Ganesha has a trunk	vii) Lord Ganesha.

h) Brahma is the	viii) By worshipping gods and goddesses.
i) Heromaba is the name of	ix) And a tooth.

**4) Write down the correct answer in your answer script:**

a) The visible shapes of God are \_\_\_\_

- i) Bhagaban
- ii) Satellite
- iii) Gods and goddesses
- iv) Stars

b) The name of the form in which Ishwara rears is-

- i) Durga
- ii) Lakshmi
- iii) Shiva
- iv) Vishnu

c) Lakshmi is the goddess of \_\_\_\_

- i) Creation
- ii) Learning
- iii) Power
- iv) Wealth

d) The carrier of Saraswati is\_

- i) Rat
- ii) Owl
- iii) White swan
- iv) Peacock

e) Name of the god who destroys all obstacles is\_

- i) Kartik
- ii) Brahma
- iii) Ganesha
- iv) Vishnu

**5) Answer to the following short questions:**

a) What are there in two hands of Devi Saraswati?

b) What is meant by worship?

c) Why is Devi Saraswati called as binapani?

d) When is Lord Ganesha worshipped?

e) What is to be done when we see the devatas?

f) What are there in two hands of Devi Lakshmi?

g) On which day do people worship Devi Lakshmi?

- h) When is 'Kojagori' Lakshmi puja observed?
- i) Who are called devatas or gods and goddesses?
- j) Which books speak about gods and goddesses?
- k) Write the name of some gods and goddesses.
- l) In which form does Ishwara create?
- m) In which form does Ishwara destroy

**6) Answer to the following questions in one word:**

- a) Who is one and unique?
- b) Who has no form?
- c) Who is formless?
- d) Who can assume any form or shape?
- e) Whose power is unlimited?
- f) Who is the goddess of wealth?
- g) How is Lakshmi's colour?
- h) What is the carrier of Devi Lakshmi?
- i) Who is the goddess of learning?
- j) What is the colour of Saraswati's body?
- k) What is Devi Saraswati's seat?
- l) What is Lakhmi Devi's seat?
- m) What is Saraswati's carrier?
- n) Who specially worship Devi Saraswati?
- o) Who is the god of perfection or success?
- p) What is the colour of Lord Ganesha's body?
- q) How many teeth does Lord Ganesha have?
- r) How many trunks does Lord Ganesha have?
- s) How is Lord Ganesh's belly?

- t) How many hands does Lord Ganesha have?
- u) What is Lord Ganesh's carrier?
- v) Whose name do we remember before all works?

**7) Answer to the following broad questions:**

- a) What is the relation between Ishwara and gods and goddesses?
- b) Why should we worship gods and goddesses?
- c) Write down the meaning of the Salutation mantra of Lord Ganesha.
- d) Write down the meaning of the Salutation mantra of Devi Lakshmi.
- e) Write five lines about Devi Lakshmi.
- f) Write five lines about Devi Saraswati.
- g) Write five lines about Lord Ganesha.
- h) Write down the meaning of the Salutation mantra of Devi Saraswati.

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## Solution of Hindu Religion Worksheet of Class-3

### Chapter – 2(Gods, Goddesses and Worship)

#### 1) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words:

- a) God can take any \_\_\_ or shape. (**form**)
- b) Worshipping gods and goddesses means worshipping \_\_\_\_\_. (**Ishwara**)
- c) Brahma is the god of \_\_\_\_\_. (**creation**)
- d) \_\_\_ is the goddess of wealth. (**Lakshmi**)
- e) At the beginning of worship of all devatas \_\_\_\_\_is to be worshipped. (**Ganesha**)
- f) Ishwara is one and \_\_\_\_\_. (**unique**)
- g) Ishwara’s power is \_\_\_\_\_. (**unlimited**)
- h) Gods and goddesses have supernatural \_\_\_\_\_. (**power**)
- i) Ishwara’s qualities are \_\_\_\_\_. (**endless**)

#### 2) Meaning of the following words:

- |                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a) Unique - <b>Unparalleled</b>  | f) Carrier - <b>Bearer</b>      |
| b) Adoration - <b>Veneration</b> | g) Acquire - <b>Earn</b>        |
| c) Liberal - <b>Generous</b>     | h) Calm - <b>Quiet</b>          |
| d) Unitedly - <b>Jointly</b>     | i) Protect - <b>Defend</b>      |
| e) Sacred - <b>Holy</b>          | j) Entirely - <b>Completely</b> |

#### 3) Answers of Matching:

- a) God is one and - unique.
- b) White swan - is the carrier of Saraswati.
- c) The carrier of Lakshmi is – owl.
- d) Vishnu – rears us.
- e) We - worship gods and goddesses.
- f) Our body and mind become sacred - by worshipping gods and goddesses.



- g) Ganesha has a trunk - and a tooth.
- h) Brahma is the - god of creation.
- i) Heromaba is the name of - Lord Ganesha.

**4) Write the correct answer in your answer script:**

a) The visible shapes of God are\_\_\_\_\_

**Ans:** iii) Gods and goddesses

b) The name of the form in which Ishwara rears is-

**Ans:** iv) Vishnu

c) Lakshmi is the goddess of \_\_

**Ans:** iv) Wealth

d) The carrier of Saraswati is\_

**Ans:** iii) White swan

e) Name of the god who destroys all obstacles is\_

**Ans:** iii) Ganesha

**5) Answers of short questions:**

- a) There are a book and a vina in two hands of Devi Saraswati.
- b) Worship means prayer or adoration of gods and goddesses.
- c) Devi Saraswati is called as binapani because she holds a vina in her one hand.
- d) Lord Ganesha is worshipped at the beginning of worship of all gods and goddesses.
- e) We should salute the devatas when we see them.
- f) There are a lotus and ears of paddy in two hands of Devi Lakshmi.
- g) On Thursday people worship Devi Lakshmi.
- h) 'Kojagori' Lakshmi puja is observed in the night of the full moon tithi in the month of Aswin.
- i) When some qualities or powers of Ishwara are expressed in shapes, they are called devatas or gods and goddesses.

- j) Religious books like the Vedas and the Puranas speak about gods and goddesses.
- k) The name of some gods and goddesses are- Brahma, Vishnu, Durga, Shiva, Lakshmi, Saraswati, Ganesha etc.
- l) Ishwara creates in form of Brahma.
- m) Ishwara destroys in form of Shiva.

**6) Answer to the following questions in one word:**

- a) Who is one and unique? (**Ishwara**)
- b) Who has no form? (**Ishwara**)
- c) Who is formless? (**Ishwara**)
- d) Who can assume any form or shape? (**Ishwara**)
- e) Whose power is unlimited? (**Ishwara's**)
- f) Who is the goddess of wealth? (**Lakshmi**)
- g) How is Lakshmi's colour? (**Fair**)
- h) What is the carrier of Devi Lakshmi? (**Owl**)
- i) Who is the goddess of learning? (**Saraswati**)
- j) What is the colour of Saraswati's body? (**White**)
- k) What is Devi Saraswati's seat? (**White lotus**)
- l) What is Lakhmi Devi's seat? (**Lotus**)
- m) What is Saraswati's carrier? (**White swan**)
- n) Who specially worship Devi Saraswati? (**Students**)
- o) Who is the god of perfection or success? (**Ganesha**)
- p) What is the colour of Lord Ganesha's body? (**Red**)
- q) How many teeth does Lord Ganesha have? (**One**)
- r) How many trunks does Lord Ganesha have? (**One**)
- s) How is Lord Ganesh's belly? (**Large**)
- t) How many hands does Lord Ganesha have? (**Four**)
- u) What is Lord Ganesh's carrier? (**Rat**)

v) Whose name do we remember before all works? (**Ganesha's**)

**7) Answers of broad questions:**

a) The relation between Ishwara and gods and goddesses is very intimate. Because Ishwara is formless, but when some qualities or powers of Ishwara are expressed in shapes, they are called devatas or gods and goddesses. For example- Ishwara creates in form of Brahma, He destroys in form of Shiva etc.

b) We should worship gods and goddesses because they are the visible shapes of Ishwara. When we worship them, they are being satisfied. When gods and goddesses are satisfied, Ishwara will be also satisfied and He will do welfare to us.

c) The meaning of the Salutation mantra of Lord Ganesha is given below:

**'Owner of one tooth, owner of big body, long belly, gajanan, destruction of all obstacles , I salute Heromaba (Ganesha).'**

d) The meaning of the Salutation mantra of Devi Lakshmi is given below:

**'Oh Padma, Padmalaya, Subha, you are the wife of Bishwarupa (Narayana). You protect me entirely. Oh, devi maha Lakshmi, I salute you.'**

e) **Five lines about Devi Lakshmi are given below:**

i) Lakshmi is the goddess of wealth.

ii) Her carrier is an owl.

iii) Her skin – colour is fair and she sits on a lotus.

iv) There is a lotus in her right hand and there are ears of paddy in her left hand.

v) 'Kojagori' Lakshmi puja is observed in the night of the full moon tithi in the month of Aswin.

f) **Five lines about Devi Saraswati are given below:**

i) Saraswati is the goddess of learning.

ii) Her carrier is white swan.

iii) Her skin – colour is white and she sits on white lotus.

iv) There is a book in her right hand and there is a vina in her left hand.

v) Saraswati puja is held on the Panchami tithi of the sukla pakkha in the month of Magh.

**g) Five lines about Lord Ganesha are given below:**

i) Ganesha is the god of perfection or success.

ii) His carrier is rat.

iii) His head is like the head of an elephant and his belly is large in size.

iv) He has a tooth and a trunk.

v) Ganesha is worshipped at the beginning of worship of all gods and goddesses.

**h) The meaning of the Salutation mantra of Devi Saraswati is given below:**

**‘O noble- hearted Saraswati, goddess of wisdom, lotus-eyed, universe-like, big-eyed  
give me knowledge. I salute you.’**

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