

## **Indra**

One of the many, early devas in Aryan times, Indra is deva of the heavens. He is the most popular and powerful of the Vedic devas. He is described as the deva of the blue sky.

## **Brahma**

Brahma is the creator deva, maker of the universe, husband of Sarasvati, and , with Vishnu and Shiva, is one of the trimurti or triplicity of major male deities in the Hindu pantheon.

## **Durga**

Durga is a devi of grain and of battle, sometimes called the Protecting Mother; she is a consort of the deva Shiva.

## **Ganesha (Ganesh, Gonesh)**

Ganesha (Ganesh, Gonesh) opens the way, brings success, and is a patron of literature.

## **Hanuman**

Hanuman, is a deva of loyalty, courage, and spiritual wisdom who assisted the deva Rama in battle.

## **Kali**

Kali is a wrathful battlefield devi, warrior, and supreme mother; she is also the fierce consort of the deva [Shiva]].

## **Krishna (Krsna, Krisna)**

Krishna (Krsna, Krisna) is an avatar of the deva Vishnu, and is a cow-herd, gentle lover, and adored youth.

## **Lakshmi (Laksmi, Laxmi)**

Lakshmi (Laksmi, Laxmi) is a devi of wealth, good fortune, and success, and also a devi of beauty.

## **Parvati**

Parvati is a devi of the high Himalayas, the gentle, faithful, and devoted consort of Shiva, and mother to Ganesha.

**Sarasvati**

Sarasvati is the devi of music and of the language arts; she is the wife of the deva Brahma.

**Shiva (Siva)**

Shiva (Siva) is both the creator of life and its destroyer; the deva of yoga and meditation, and consort to Durga, Kali, and other devies.

**Vishnu (Visnu)**

Vishnu (Visnu) is a creator and preserver, Krishna and Rama are two of his many incarnations or avatars.