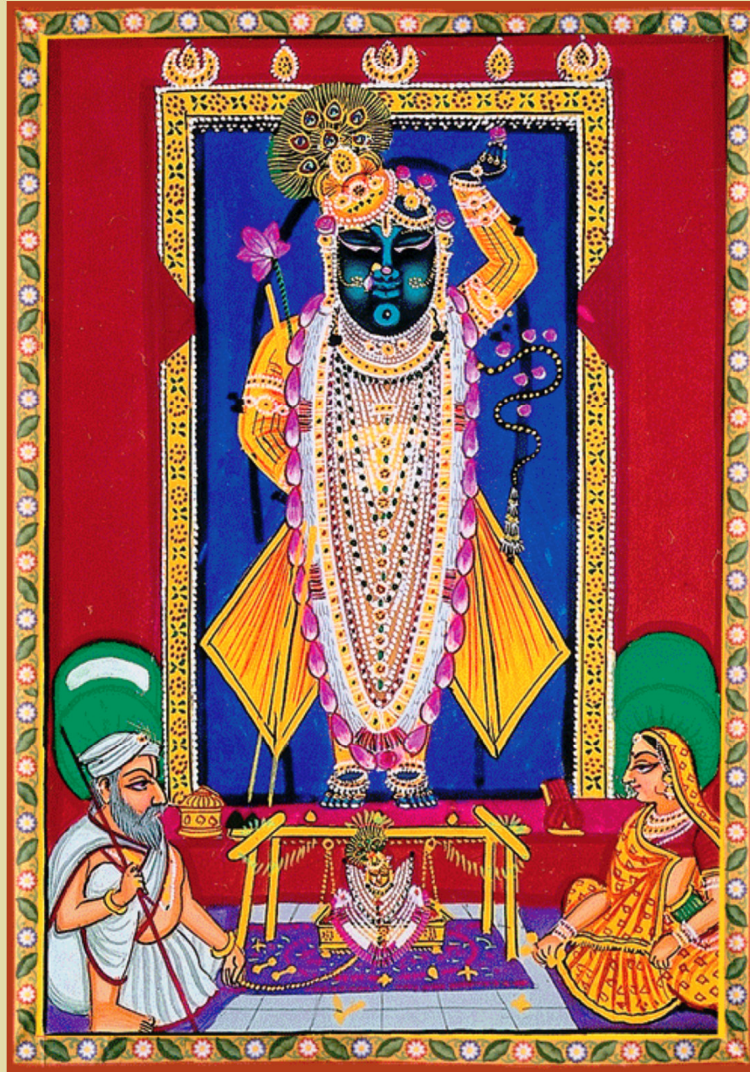


THE UTSAV
SHRI KRISHNA'S FESTIVE YEAR



NAND MAHOTSAV
(Shravan vad Naum - 9)

Nandmahotsav is celebrated on the day following Shri Krishna's birthday and it begins the celebrations on the home of Nanda and Yashoda in Gokul. Joy overflows as everyone's desires are filled with presence of Shri Krishna in their lives. Child Krishna is swung in a cradle and even today, lineage-holders dress up as Yashoda and swing their Beloved Krishna.

Shingar :- Janmashtami Shingar Vishesh Kram :- After Mahabhogarti is done Navnet Prigaji resides in a palna shreeji. Jashodaji is brought near palna starts rocking the Palna Nandbaba is brought to manikotha and darshan opens for all and now Nandutsav starts with a great zeal and enthusiasum. Nandutsav is celebrated first in manikotha then dol tivari and then Ratan chowk. Milk and curd mixed with turmeric are sprinkled over everyone as they sing and dance in the festive celebration.