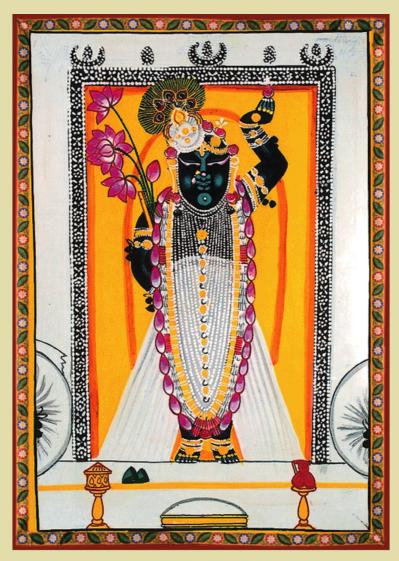
## THE UTSAV SHRI KRISHNA'S FESTIVE YEAR



AKHA TEEJ (Vaíshakh Sud Treej - 3)

Vaishakh Sud 3 is also known as AKHA TREEJ. It is the day when TRETA YUG was established. Parshuram Jayanti is celebrated on this day. Chandan Yatra starts on this Auspicious day.

The 2 month's seva starting from today is done by Chaturth priya Shri Yamunaji's Bhaav. As this day comes during extremely hot summer, Chandan (Sandal wood) and white coloured and light vastra is adroned to Thakurji. Chandan is mixed with 4 items - kesar, Kasturi, Kapur, and Chova and is smeared on prabhu's shriang (body). Chandan is colour of Chandravaliji, Kesar is colour of Swaminiji, Kapur is the colour of Yuthadhipati and Shri Lalitaji and chova is love of Pevotee's towards Shri Thakurji. Kasturi is the colour of the lord's swaroop and white vastra signifies coolness and provides lord with ease in the summer season. Kumkum and chandan is adroned to Thakurji by Priyaji on this auspious day and with this bhavna we adorne the prabhu with kumkum and chandan. Chandan must be applied on the kapol (forehead) and on the Vaksha (chest) of prabhu.

The bhavna behind this is that, by applying Chandan and kumkum to the prabhu, it provides coolness to the Virah agni of the devotee of being away from the lord for thousands of years.

Shringar: Chandan ki kor ke safed varsha Pichoda, shri mastak pan kaleh, pank ka Jod Jundal, Moti ke Aabharan Madhya ke shingar chandani thade vasta, moti ka choktha safed (white) pichvai with silver border.