

THE UTSAV
SHRI KRISHNA'S FESTIVE YEAR



THAKURANI TIJ
(Shravan Sud Teej - 3)

Originally a festival of Rajasthan, celebrated by women of princely houses, here this festival is dedicated to Shri Radha. Shrinathji wears a turban made from a chunri and piehhoda. The wooden hindola has mirrors embedded in it. The painted piehhvai shows dark monsoon clouds, rain and streaks of lightning. a frightened Radha is seen rushing towards Shrinathji to take shelter beneath his shawl while cowherds lood on.

Today during sandhya the lord resides in a mirrored hindola Also walls are decorated with cloth paintings depicting, naradgam, dwadas nikunj, giriraj swinging shyam shajama, nawneet priyaji with nand yashoda etc. And a chandova with dark clouds which surround. "saudamini" is an astonishing thing to see in shagam he is offered kach ka bungla.