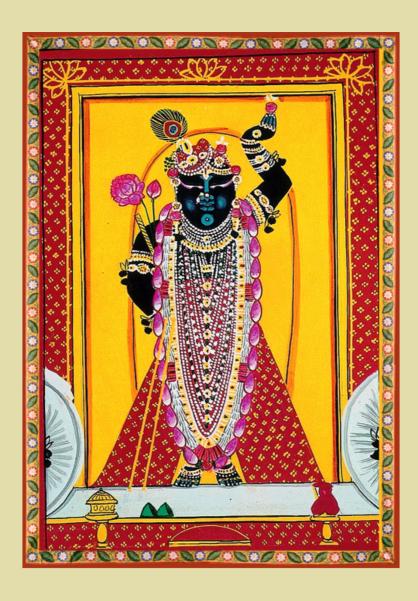
## THE UTSAV SHRI KRISHNA'S FESTIVE YEAR



## 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 pichhoda. The wooden hindola has mirrors embedded in it. The painted pichhvai shows dark monsoon clouds, rain and streaks of lightining, a frightened Radha is seen rushing towards Shrinathji to take shelter beneath this 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 shejama, nawneet priyaji with nand yashoda etc. And a chandova with dark clouds which surrownd. "saudamini" is an astonishing thing to see in shayam he is offered kach ka bungla.