

Rāma Navami

Celebrating
the birth of
the Lord Rāma



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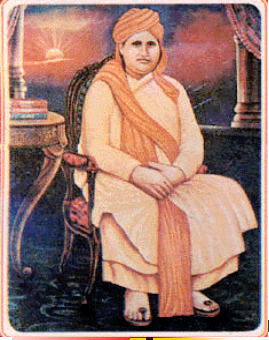
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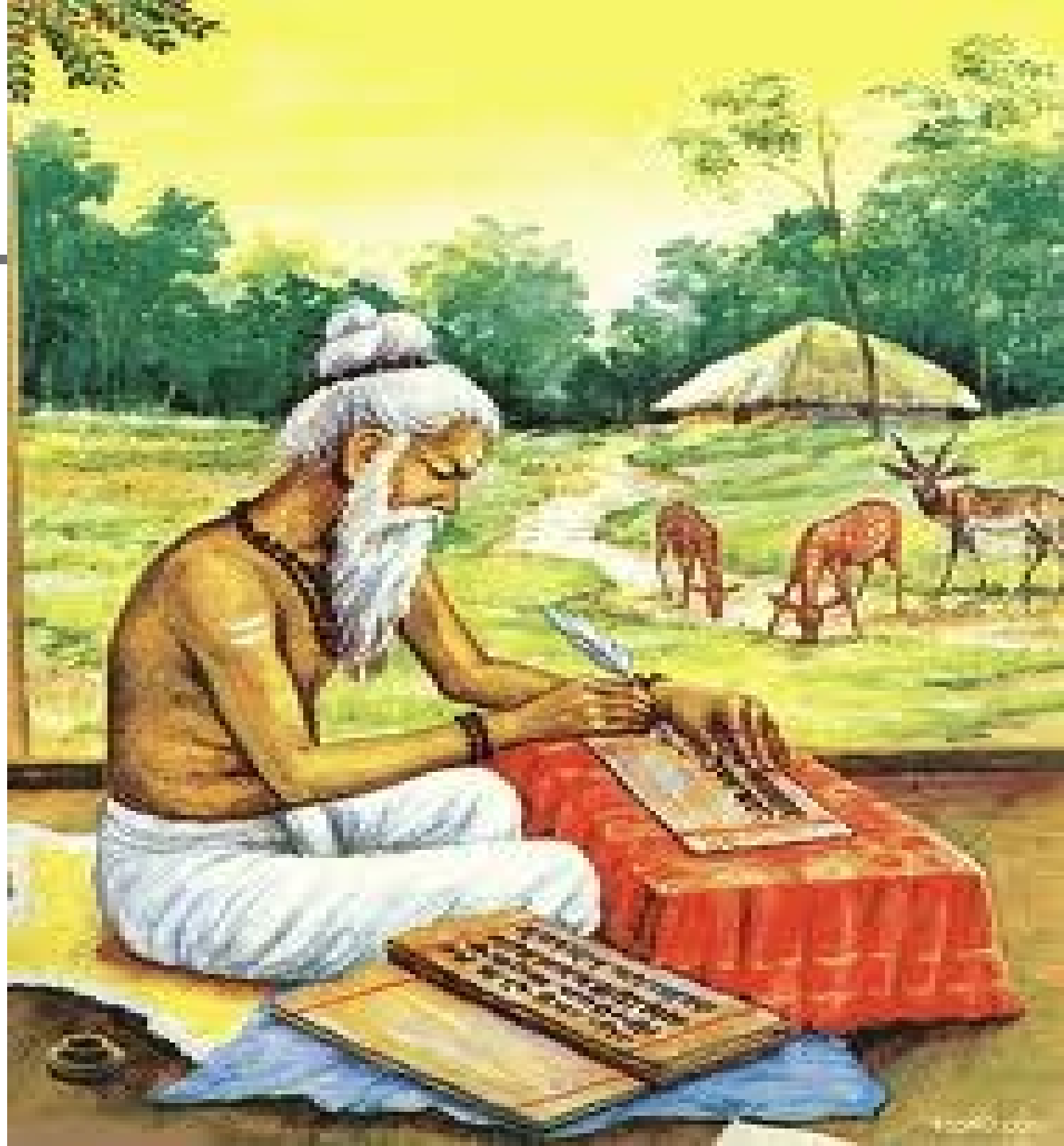
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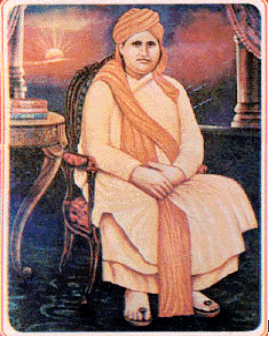
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Sage
Vālmīki
composing
Rāmāyaṇa





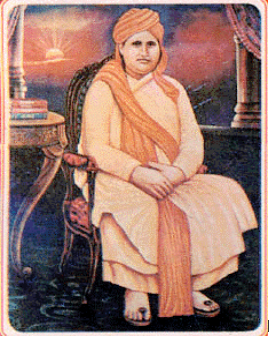
Rāmāyaṇa by Vālmiki



The **Rāmāyaṇa**, written by Sage Valmiki, is one of the greatest epics of humanity.

It is not just a story, but also an educational medium to demonstrate the importance of values and ethics in life.

The noblest lesson embodied in the **Rāmāyaṇa** is the supreme importance of righteousness in the life of every human being.



Rāmāyaṇa by Vālmiki



Cultivation of righteousness is the process of the
unfoldment of the latent divinity in man.

One must be imbued with a definite conviction about
the supremacy of moral principles, ethical values and
spiritual ideals, which should guide one's day to day
actions. That is the purpose of life.

That is the message and the mission of Lord Rama's
life.

Vālmīki asked Nārada

Who can possibly be full of virtues in this world at present ? Nay, who is possessed of prowess and knows what is right ? Who is conscious of services done, truthful of speech and firm of resolve? Who is possessed of right conduct and who is friendly to all living beings?

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Vālmīki asked Nārada

Who is a man of
knowledge? Nay, who is
powerful and who has
lovable appearance?

Who has subdued his
self? Who has
conquered anger? Who
is possessed splendor?
And who is above fault-
finding?

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Nāraḍa said

There is one,
descended in the line
of **Ikṣāku**, and known
by the name of
RAMA

endowed with the
manifold and rare
virtues that have been
described by you.

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As a person, Rama
personifies the
characteristics of an
ideal person (**puruṣottama**)
who is to be emulated.

Rama's purity and piety
in his intentions and
actions inspires
affection and devotion
for him.

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Shri Rāma

He was a image of love.

He was an ideal son, an
ideal brother, and an ideal
husband, an ideal friend and
an ideal king.

He can be taken to embody
all the highest ideals of man.



Ram suffered no less,
and lived an ascetic
life thereafter.

His life and journey is
one of perfect
adherence to dharma
despite harsh tests of
life and time.

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Ram

Shri Rāma

He displayed equanimity
of mind of the highest
order.

He was happy in
adversity, calm in
miseries, intrepid in
dangers.



Shri Rāma as a Loving Brother

Rama, being an elder brother gave his brothers a lot of love and care.

He was never envious or even slightly jealous of any of his brothers' achievement. Even when Bharata becomes King, he wasn't even slightly distressed about it. This is the reason all his brothers respected him and looked up to him as an awe-inspiring figure.



Shri Rāma as a Loving Husband

Sri Rama and Sita are the perfect couple, completely harmonious to each other to such an extent that they used to understand the thought process of the other without saying.

Rama respected Sita's choice to join him in the forests, and gave her equal authority and decision making power

He tried his best to insist her to stay and not sacrifice her comfortable life at the palace, but finally he respects Sita's decision.



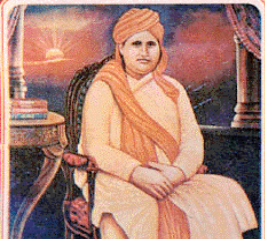
Lord Rama as a Loving Husband

During their stay at the forests, Rama took great care of his wife, and gave her all the attention that she deserved, and made all efforts to fulfill her wishes.

He even went to search for the golden deer, that Sita wanted, even though he knew that it was a trap by Ravana, and his fellow demons in action.

After Rama gets to know that Sita is kidnapped by Ravana, we get to see the emotional side of Rama.





Lord Rāma

Shri Ram, in the state of exile, maintained his organizational skill, befriended the civilized and the not so civilized tribes, won over people of all sorts to his side to wage the war against the evil.



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Lord Rama as a King

He was an ideal king.

His subjects loved him immensely.

He often used to say, "I will do anything and everything to please my subjects, and, if necessary I can even abandon my dear wife for their sake."

That is the reason why his reign was called "Rama Rajya."

There were no crime during his regime. All led a virtuous life.

Nobody spoke any untruth.

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Let Sri Rama be our ideal.

Ideals are remembered and adored for the purpose of adopting them in our own life.

We should make an honest attempt to grow in the virtues that Lord Rama represents.

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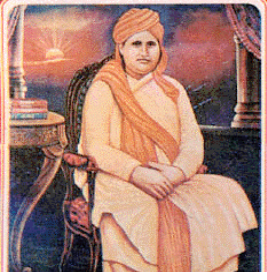
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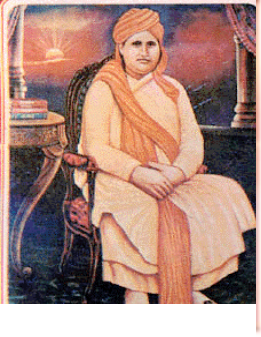
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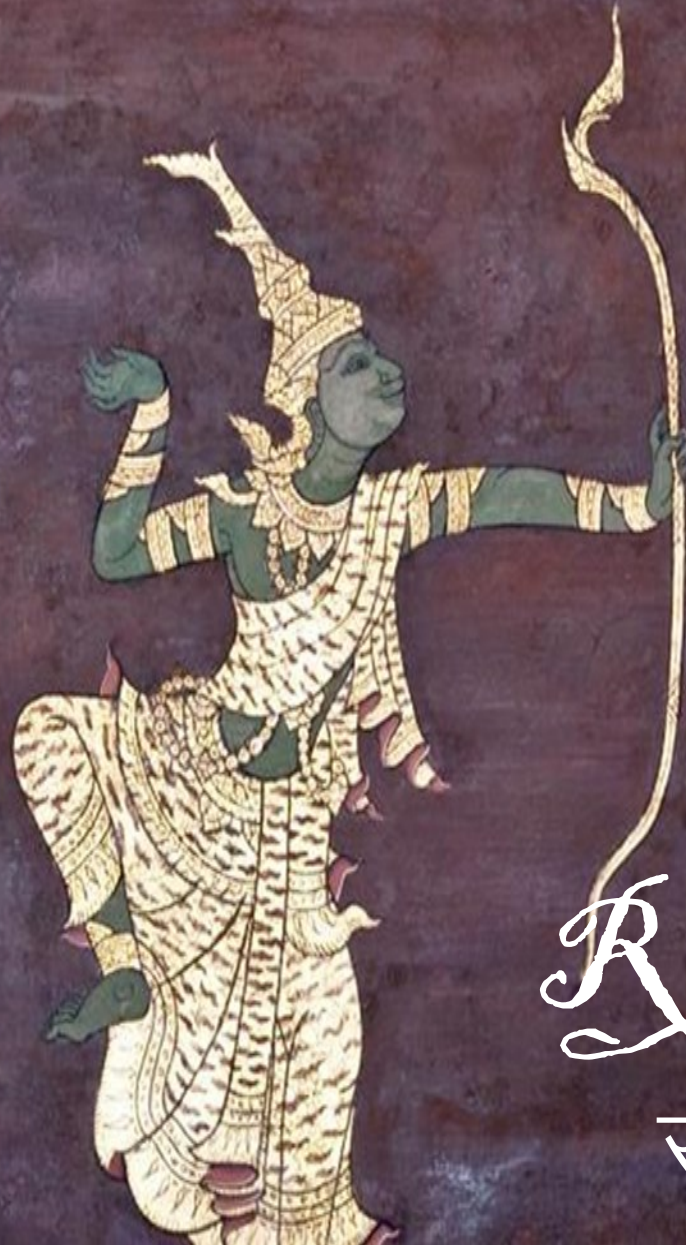
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The land of prosperity

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การบูชาพระพุทธรูป
ในวัดพระศรีรัตนศาสดาราม
กรุงเทพฯ



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मा निषाद प्रतिष्ठां
त्वमगमः शाश्वतीः समाः
यत् क्रौञ्चमिथुनादेक—
—मवधीः काममोहितम् ॥

Mā niṣāda pratiṣṭhām
tvamagamah śāśvatīḥ samāḥ,
Yat krauncha-mithunādeka-
mavadhīḥ kāma-mohitam.

May you not have peace of mind
for endless years, O hunter,
since you killed one of the pair
of cranes, infatuated with
passion.

Rāmāyaṇa, Bāla-kāṇḍa -2-15

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Grief
converted into a
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