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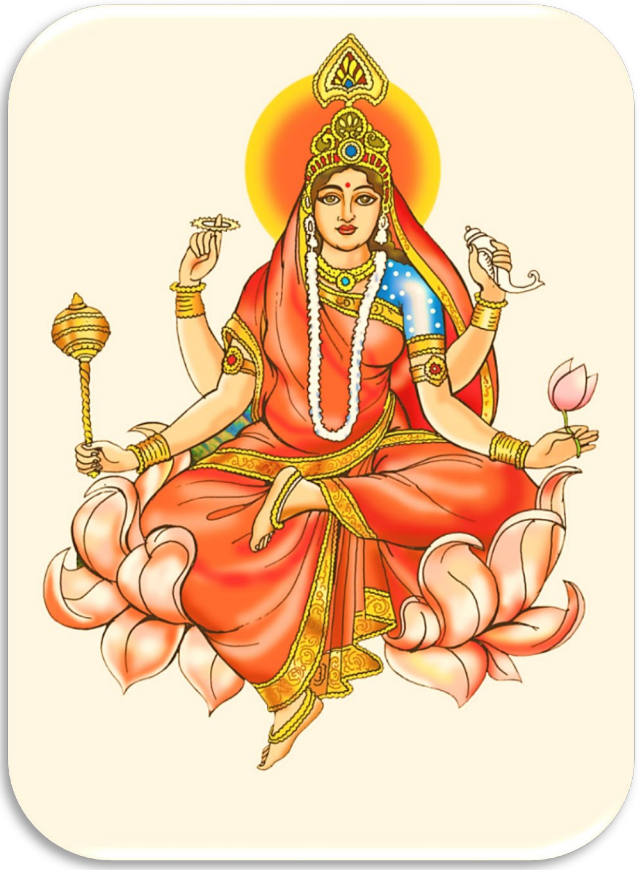
Navaratri Stories: Day 9

Siddhidatri

On the last day of Navaratri we worship the form of Shakti called Siddhidatri. Siddhidatri translates to “the one who fulfills wishes”.



Ma Kushmanda created the universe. She also created the first beings including the Trimurti of Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. When Shiva was created, he asked the Goddess for powers or Siddhi. To do this Kushmanda had to create another Goddess. The Goddess she created would award Shiva with 18 powers. Since this Goddess gave Siddhi, she is known as Siddhidatri.

It’s also said that when Brahma was given the task of creating the world, he faced a few obstacles. Brahma needed both men and women to create. He decided to ask Ma Kushmanda for help. Siddhidatri

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transformed half of Shiva's body into a woman's body. This form is known as Ardhanarishvara. Brahma was able to create beings with Shiva's form.

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