

## Sri Ambaji / Durga Devi

*OM IEM HREEM SREEM SREE MATRE NAMAH*

It is believed that Goddess Amba was one of the deities of pre-aryan race. She is a multi-amental Goddess with many names. She is Shakti, she is Amba, she is Laxmi, she is Durga, she is Parvati and she is Kali. Worship of Amba/Shakti/Durga is very popular among hindus. Worshipping of goddess Amba / Durga / Shakti protects mankind from evil and misery by destroying evil forces such as hatred, jealousy, prejudice and selfishness.

In her image Goddess Amba is shown in female form wearing red clothes and sitting on a tiger and has many arms to fight against evil forces.



Every year during month of kartik (in September-October) Hindus observe 10 days of ceremonies, puja, fasts and feasts in honor of the goddess Shakti. It begins with fasts and ends with festivities. Last day is called Dusshera. Universal nature of this festival is often found to transcend regional influence and local culture through out India such as garba-ras in Gujarat, Ramlila in Varanasi, Dusshera in Mysore and Durga puja in Bengal.

Ambaji temple is the seat of Goddess Amba situated in Arasur hills in Gujarat. It is believed that there are footsteps of Goddess Amba there on the gabber hill. Thousands of Hindus from all over the world visit this temple.

*AYAGIRI NANDINI, NANDITA MODINI, VISWA VINODINI, NANDIMATHE  
GIRIVARA VINDHYA SIRODHI NIVASINI, VISHNU VILASINI, GISHNUMATHE  
BHAGAVATHI HE SITHI KANTHA KUTUMBINI, BHOORI KUTUMBINI, BHOORI KRUTE  
JAYA JAYA HE MAHISHASURA MARDINI, RAMYAKA VARDHINI, SAILA STHUTE.*

*NITYANANDA KARI, VARA ABHAYAKARI  
SOUNDARYA RATNAKARI, NIRDUTAKHILA GHORA PAPA NASANA KARI  
PRATYAKHA MAHESWARI, PRALAYECHALA VAMSA PAVANAKARI  
KASI PURADHEESWARI, BIKSHAM DEHI  
KRUPA VALAMBANA KARI, MATA ANNAPURNESWARI  
ITCHA SAKTI, GNANA SAKTI, KRIYA SAKTI SWAROOPINI  
MATA KAMAKSHI, PITA KAMAKSHI, BHRATA KAMAKSHI  
PUTRAM KAMAKSHI, SAKALAM KAMAKSHI, SARVAM KAMAKSHI  
JAGAJJANANI SUBHA VANI KALYANI, JAGAJJANINI SUBHA VANI KALYANI.*