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Sita Devi

Sita Devi, a manifestation of the goddess of fortune, Laksmi Devi, is the eternal consort of Lord Ramacandra. Srimati Sita Devi is the daughter of the Earth goddess, Bhumi Devi.

King Janaka was the wise and benevolent King of Janakpuri and although a great saintly king he was childless.

Once, Janaka maharaj was ploughing a piece of land and then to prepare it for conducting a Yajna. He unearthed a golden casket in which he found a beautiful girl and was overjoyed.

A land ploughed by the yoke is called 'Sita', and so he named the baby as Sita. With the arrival of the baby, the king's good luck appeared to soar up. His queen also gave birth to a daughter who was named Urmila.

Sita grew up and played in the palace of Janakaraj. She became well known for her beauty as well as her devotion.

As Sita Devi attained marriageable age, Janaka Maharaja arranged for a swayamvar (where the brides choose their spouses for their prowess). He had set a condition that he would marry his daughter to the person who lifts the divine bow and strings it. (This bow was given by Parasuaram to Janaka Maharaj).

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During the swayamvar, many great warriors tried but they failed to lift the bow, forget about stringing it. Finally, Sage Vishwamitra told Lord Rama to go and fulfill the challenge.



Lord Rama offered his respects to Sage Vishwamitra and after praying to Lord Shiva went to lift the bow. As soon as he lifted the bow and tried to string it, the bow broke into two pieces.

Sitadevi came and garlanded him and accepted him as her husband

Sita Devi is also called by different names such as:

1. Janaki: The Beloved Daughter of King Janaka.
2. Vaidehi: Princess of Videha; Daughter of Videha.
3. Maithili: Princess of Mithila

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