

The City Palace Museum Udaipur

The Number Trail



Explore the Divine Gesture:
The Magnificence of Mewar Spirituality,
with the help of numbers!

On your mark, get set, count!

Before we get started, let's boost our energy! How about a bowl full of sweet laddoos? But quick or he will slurp them all up! Do you know whose favourite it is?

Ganesha! Ganesha is the Hindu God of beginnings; a remover of obstacles. Can you find him?



Ganesha, elephant-headed god | Serpentine | Shree Eklingnath ji Temple |
800-900 CE | CPMU 2012.30.0245

One naughty little monkey
Standing under a mango tree,
A pretty lady tries to set herself free.
The artist is emphasizing on the
beauty of the woman

Now, look closely at the jewellery on her person! Which of these can you spot?



Necklace



Arm band



Anklet



Waist band



Hoop earring



Tikka



Markatacesta Surasundari, monkey pulling her lower garment | Marble |
Shree Eklingnath ji Temple | 1000-1100 CE | CPMU 2012.30.0023

Remember the sunflower that follows every movement of the Sun?
This pair is the Sun's top pick!
Clue: Think 'National Flower of India'

The Sun god Surya is depicted with lotuses in hand. They stand for fertility and purity.



Join your palms together and then gently open it, to make a lotus, in full bloom.

Surya, the Sun god | Marble | Shree Eklingnath ji Temple |
1100-1200 CE | CPMU 2012.30.0025



She's got the starter pack of a writer from another era, and stands confidently in an S-shaped posture.

Can you spot her 3 tools?



Pen



Ink Pot



Scroll

The posture she stands in is called Tribhanga, meaning bent in three places. Try recreating this posture.

Surasundari Patra Lekha, surasundari in the act of writing | Marble |
Shree Eklingnath ji Temple | 1000-1100 CE | CPMU 2012.30.0019

They're four little aides; human yet not so, but very powerful. Who are they?

Clue: They are in pairs, two on either side of their chief; one squatting down, the other standing tall!

The four are called Ayudhapurushas or depiction of the deity's divine weapons in human form.

The deity Vishnu, the Hindu God of Preservation, holds his weapons in his hands as well. Can you identify what they are?



Vishnu, the preserver of the universe | Sandstone | Shree Eklingnath ji Temple |
900 - 1000 CE | CPMU 2012.30.0007

Have you heard the story of Brahma losing his head?

The Hindu God of Creation, Brahma, once had 5 heads. This 5th head faced the skies above. Legend has it that one day, an enraged Shiva, the God of Destruction, chopped off this 5th head of Brahma. This was a grave sin, and even Shiva, despite being a God, had to observe penance. He wandered from place to place with the skull in hand, begging for alms.

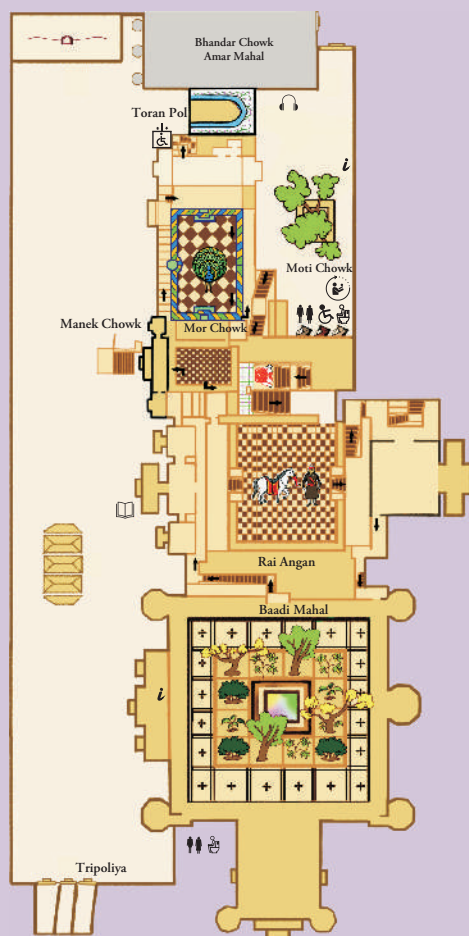


Sculptures of Shiva are often depicted with a skull in his hand, and a Khatwanga; a rod or stick with a skull, in remembrance of that act. Look closely. What else can you see in Shiva's hands?

Shiva as Andhakasura and Gajasura-Vadha-Sanyukta-Murti,
Shiva killing the demons Andhaka and Gaja |

Marble | Shree Eklingnath ji Temple | 1100-1200 CE | CPMU 2012.30.0015

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