

NOTES ON THIS LIST

SOURCE: Census of India 1961
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Part VII-B
Fairs and Festivals

CONTENTS: Numbers 1-363 are an alphabetical listing of the deities worshipped at fairs and festivals in H.P. as reported by the Census. Numbers 364-385 are a listing of all Nag Devtas and Devis. There are also listings of the forms of Shiva, Vishnu, Demons, Kali and Durga.
Listings from 364 onwards will be predominantly redundant, consisting primarily of previous listings arranged under the various headings for convenience' sake.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

Every page consists of five columns with the following headings: NAME OF DEITY, SEX (of deity), AKA ("also known as"--this column lists alternative names for the listing), O (incidence of possession of oracle), HS (incidence of human sacrifice--now restricted to legend), AS (present incidence of animal sacrifice), and REMARKS (this last column as for miscellaneous data.

? : A question mark indicates that the alternate identification is uncertain or surmised.

SHIVRATRI-MANDI: The census volume gives a comprehensive list of all those deities invited to the annual festival. These have been included in the list, as the purpose here is to list as many deities as possible. However, no additional data was given beside their names and sex. In addition, the inclusion of this list in the census volume weights figures in favor of the Mandi district. Any conclusions drawn from this list should therefore take these factors into account.

MYTHS 1, 2 and 3: Under the REMARKS column will be found occasional references to myth patterns designated 1, 2 and 3. Here is a short summary of the respective patterns.

Myth #1: Either 7 brothers or 7 sisters die as the result of a curse or the failure of parents to perform proper religious duties. One of the seven may be left. Frequent incidence of those dead being turned into stones (white or black). In the version involving Durga, all seven sisters are equivalent to, and have different names, than Durga.

Myth # 2: Centers around the ubiquitous snake-cult of Gugga, who appears to be a deified ruler or military hero, although he makes his appearance in myth #1 as a temple artisan

Myth #3: Concerns the cult of Mahasu. There is an excerpt from 'Tribes and Castes of the Punjab and North-West Frontier Province', Vol. I, by Sir Danzil Ibbetson, K.C.S.I., and Sir Edward Maclagan, K.C.I.E., C.S.I. (no date given), which gives an excellent account of what was (is?) a case of dynamic religious change. Mahasu was, at the time of the excerpt, in the process of spreading through the area and overpowering local/ancestral deities.

Those entries which are out of alphabetical order are marked by a small dash immediately to the left of the list number.

KINNAUR DISTRICT: Kinnaur District is overwhelmingly Buddhist, and so listings from it are not included here. This is also true for Tsechu Fair, Mandi District.

<u>NAME OF DEITY</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AKA</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>HS</u>	<u>AS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1. Aandi Purush Uttarsal	m					Shivratri-Mandi
2. Aatune ki Jalpa	f					" "
3. Adhi-Purak	m	Shiva (?)	x	x	x	Resurrection Kali, Scapegoat,
4. Adi Purad	m	Adhi-Brahma (?)				Shivratri-Mandi
5. Akleshwar	m	Shiva				
6. Ambika Devi	f					
7. Ashath Bhuji						
8. Baans ki Ambika Baans	f					Shivratri-Mandi
9. Baba Balik Nath		Baba Balik Rupi				
10. Baba Balik Rupi		Baba Balik Nath				
11. Badar	m					Shivratri-Mandi
12. Bagithach ka Muhra Nachan	m					" "
13. Baglamukhi Bakhhal	f					" "
14. Bah devi	f					
15. Bahishar			x			
16. Baira Wali Devi	f					
17. Baitha Mahasu	m	Mahasu				Myth #3
18. Bajeshwar	m	Biju			x	
19. Bajreshari	f					Durga, dismemberment myth
20. Bala Sundri	f	Durga				
21. Balmaand ka Gehri Uttarsal	m					Shivratri-Mandi
22. Balmiki	f	Balmiki Divas				Festival
23. Balmiki Divas	f	Balmiki				" "
24. Baluki Jalpa	f					Shivratri-Mandi
25. Ban						Assoc. w/Kali
26. Banad						
27. Banar	m				x	
28. Banashiva			x			
29. Banauli Mahadev	m					Shivratri-Mandi
30. Bandra			x			
31. Banesar Devta	m					Day called "Harsha"
32. Bani Devi	f					
33. Banivri	m					Shivratri-Mandi
34. Banlagi Devi	f					
35. Bans ka Markanda	m					Shivratri-Mandi
36. Bara Deo	m	Shiva				
37. Barah	m	Shiva				
38. Barat Bhagwan						Shivratri
39. Barnag	m					Shivratri-Mandi

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40. Baru					x	
-41. Barari	f					
42. Batak Bhairau						
43. Bathindloo		Roe Devta				
44. Batuk	m	Shiva				
45. Bawan Maharaj	m	Vishnu				
-46. Bathindal	f					Dussehra
-47. Baidra					x	
48. Beethu Narain	m					Shivratri-Mandi
49. Behan ki Ghatasan Badar	f					" "
50. Beimsar			x			
* 51. Ehadri Kali	f	Durga				
52. Bhagwati Ambika						Assoc. w/ Shiva
53. Bhagwati Chamunda	f		x			Myth #1, Stone Worship
* 54. Bhagwati Kali	f	Kali				Dussehra, Magic Death
* 55. Bhairav						
56. Bhairava Pandoh	f					Shivratri-Mandi
57. Bhairoji						
58. Bhairuu Badar	m					Shivratri-Mandi
59. Bhangrohi	m					" "
60. Bhangrohi Nachan	"					" "
61. Bhar Singh	m					Sikh (?)
62. Bhawani	f					Assoc. w/ Durga, Myth #2 Gurkhas
63. Eheri Nag	m					Myth #3
64. Bhushan Banch Garahwali Nirubans	m					Shivratri-Mandi
65. Bhutharain ka Mohra Nachan	f					" "
66. Bhuvneshwari						
67. Bijat Raj	m	Shirgul				
68. Biju	m				x	
69. Bishnu			x		x	
70. Bir Nath	m					Shivratri-Mandi
71. Bithu Narain	"					" "
72. Biyala ka Narain Kanrhi	f					" "
73. Brajeshwari	f					
* 74. Brahmesh		Brahmeshwar (?)				
* 75. Brahmeshwar		Brahmesh (?)				
* 76. Brahmni Dev	f					Bathing
-77. Chalda	m	Shiva, Mahasu				
-78. Champavati	f					deified mortal

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79. Chadjawada	m					Shivratri-Mandi
80. Chakanvari Drang	m					" "
81. Chamahun	"					" "
82. Chamunda	f	Bhagwati Chamunda (?)	x	x	x	8 arms, lion car prevalent
83. Chanamu	m					Shivratri-Mandi
84. Chander Shekhar						
85. Chandi	f					
86. Chandi Chandiyari Badar	f					Shivratri-Mandi
87. Chandohia Kameshwar Pandoh	m					" "
88. Chandohia Sonor	"					" "
89. Chandiyal Tili	"					" "
90. Chandika	f	Durga			x	
91. Chandrawali	f	Laxmi				folk drama
92. Chanjwala	m					
93. Charohi	m					Shivratri-Mandi
94. Chatur Bhuj Narain		Chaturbhuj				
95. Chaturmukh	m		x			caste barriers
96. Chhindiara						
97. Chhota Ropa Thojari	m					Shivratri-Mandi
98. Chhoti Hadimba Guma	f					" "
99. Chikher	m					
100. Chillam						Myth #3, guards Chasralu
101. Chindi	f	Durga			x	
102. Chasralu	m					central to myth?
103. Chintpurni						assoc. w/Durga, dismember ment myth. No f/f assoc.
104. Chipru Nag Mangarh	m	Nag				Shivratri-Mandi
105. Chirpat Nath	m					followers known as <u>sidhs</u> sanctify demon site
106. Chisralu	m					Ghost
107. Chitra	m					revenge boon
108. Chitravi	f	Shiva Shakti				
109. Chuhari ki Parmeshwari Devgarh Chuhar	f					Shivratri-Mandi
110. Damghori Kali	f	Kali				
111. Dano Dev	m					
112. Daroni ka Gehri Badar	m					Shivratri-Mandi
113. Daroni ka Gahiri	m					Shivratri-Mandi
114. Deewala ki Gushain Dahar	f					" "
115. Dehant Nag	m	Nag				men/women mix
116. Deol ki Casain	f					Shivratri-Mandi

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153. Jalpu Nir	m					Shivratri-Mandi
154. Jamal	m	Bithu Narain Ka Mohra				" "
155. Jamlu			x	x	x	Resurrection, Kali, Scapegoat
156. Jethi Jawalji	f	Durga			x	Durga's sister Myth 1
157. Jha-la-ri			x			
158. Jhanagar ki Sighasan	f					Shivratri-Mandi
159. Jhanda Sardar	m					Military Hero Hindu/Muslim/Sikh
160. Jhangar ki Seedhasan Badar	f					Shivratri-Mandi
161. Jhara Devi	f					
162. Jhathibir Drangsira	m					" "
163. Jishar	m	Karan				
164. Junga	m					
165. Kadhauni Narain Amargarh Chuhar	m					Shivratri-Mandi
166. (Nag) Kajauni			x			
167. Kali Bhagwati	f	Kali		x		dismemberment myth, stone-throwing
168. Kali Mai	f	Kali		x		
169. Kali Maie	f	Kali				
170. Kali Nag	f	Kali				
171. Kalwa	m					
172. Kakulah ki Kameshwari	f					Shivratri-Mandi
173. Kamaksha						attacks Mahasu (Myth #3)
174. Kameshwar	m					Shivratri-Mandi
175. Kamro Nag	m					
176. Kamru Nag	m					
177. Kamru Nag Kamkhah	m					Shivratri-Mandi
178. Kamuri Bal Kameshwar	m					" "
179. Kandhauni Narain	m					" "
180. Kandhi Kameshwar	m					" "
181. Kandi Kameshwar Tarapur Pandoh	m					" "
182. Kanganoo						Assoc. w/Kali Nag
183. Kani ka Nagmu Badar	m					Shivratri-Mandi
184. Kapal Dhar-ka-Giri						
185. Karan	m	Jishar, Dethu				
186. Kashmiri	f					Shivratri-Mandi
187. Kandhlu Kameshwar Kandhlu	m					" "
188. Kasla Darng	m					" "
189. Kasla Drang	m					" "

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190. Kauloo						Assoc. w/Kali
191. Kaunloo						" " Nag
-192. Kasmeshwar	m					Shivratri-Mandi
193. Keegis Narain Sanor	m					" "
194. Keerdu	m					" "
195. Kehloon Nag	m					
196. Keling						
197. Kelo Batwal						Myth 2, cures snakebite, Hindu/Muslim/Sikh Shivratri-Mandi
198. Khakachi ka Gehri Badar	m					" "
199. Khamradha Markanda Sanor	m					" "
200. Khandla ka Narain Sanor	m					" "
201. Khantu	m					
202. Khavlasa ka Narain Sanor	m					Shivratri-Mandi
203. Khurijal	m					
204. Kigsi Narain	m					Shivratri-Mandi
205. Kilbaru	m		x		x	Assoc. w/ Panch Birs, Bishnu
206. Kiraru	m					Shivratri-Mandi
207. Kot Ishwar Mahadev	m				x	
-208. Kolis					x	
209. Kotlu Naraingarh	m					Shivratri-Mandi
210. Krishnan		Visnu/Krishna(?)				
211. Kurgan	m				x	prevalent cult
212. Lachhmi Narain						
213. Lahol	f	Parvati				Parvati-doll made by young girls
214. Lakh Data	m	Lakshman Yati (Hindus) Gayarvin Ka Pir (Muslims)				Prevalent cult. Ori- ginally Muslim. Hindus consider household deity.
215. Lakhna Devi	f					Myth #1
216. Lakshmi	f					
217. Lakshmi Narain		Hari Rai				
218. Lanakra						Assoc. w/Kali
219. Lugasani	f	Durga			x	Durga's sister Myth 1
220. Machhander Nath	m					Preceptor, Gorakh Nath Not deified.
221. Machhodri Sanor	f					Shivratri-Mandi

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293. Ratesh	f				x	Blood archery
294. Roe	m	Bathindloo				
295. Roopavali	f					Shivratri-Mandi
296. Ropa	f					" "
297. Ropa Panjain	m					" "
298. Rayagli ka Gahiri	f					" "
299. Riyagli ka Gehri Uttarsal	m					" "
300. Rupa	m					
301. Sairi Bali Kameshwar Sairi	m					Shivratri-Mandi
302. Shakti Devi	f				x	Assoc. w/Shiva
303. Sanjhi Devi	f					Dussehra
304. Sarasvati Markanda Naraingarh	m					Shivratri-Mandi
305. Saunti	m					
306. Selboni Nachan	f					Shivratri-Mandi
307. Shakambri	f					" "
308. Shamunag Saraj Kaliper	m					" "
309. Shankar	m	Shiva				Shiva-doll made by young girls
310. Shankar	m					
311. Sharad Purnima						
312. Sharda Bhagwati						
313. Shawal ka Bishu						
314. Shawet Batuk						
315. Sheetla	f	Shitla (?)				
316. Shergal	m					
317. Shesha Nag						
318. Shiama Kali	f	Kali			x	
319. Shihl ka Giri						
320. Shikru	m					Suicide
321. Shimsa	f					Birth boons
322. Shirgul			x		x	Assoc. w/Anti-Arya Samaj propaganda
323. Shitla	f	Sheetla(?)			x	7 priest families
324. Shiva	m	See appendix				
325. Shiva ka Ghatasan	m	Shiva (?)				Shivratri-Mandi
326. " "	f	" "				" "
327. Shiva ka Ghatasan Badar	f	Shiva (?)				" "
328. Shyati Nag Dahar	m					" "
329. Sidh	m					Assoc. with Chirpat Nath(?)

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330. Sidh Bhairav						
331. Sidh Kali	f	Kali			x	
332. Sip	m				x	
333. Sitla	f	Shitla(?)				Devi of cattle
334. Siyanj Bahni Machharot Nachan						Shivratri-Mandi
335. Soloni	f	Durga			x	Central to Myth #1
336. Soohara ka Gehri Birinath Uttarsal m						Shivratri-Mandi
337. Sthan						
338. Suhra ka Gahri	m					Shivratri-Mandi
339. Suhram ka Gehri Uttarsal m	m					" "
340. Sui Mata	f	originally Rani of Bannu				Sati (deified)
341. Sulardhasi	m					
342. Tameshwari	f				x	
343. Tangwali Devta	m	Brahma Shringu Rshi (?)				
344. Taradevi	f	Durga				dismemberment Myth #1
345. Tarna Devi	f					Military legend
346. Teekru Kameshwar Teekar Balh m	m					Shivratri-Mandi
347. Teepru Nag	m					" "
348. Thakur Lakshmi Narain	m					
349. Thalawti Markanda Sanor	f					Shivratri-Mandi
350. Thaloti	m					" "
351. Thati Mahargiyal	m					
352. Tipru Nag	m					Shivratri-Mandi
353. Toongeshauri	f					" "
354. Traile ka Giri						
355. Tribhoni						disease cures increase cow's milk
356. Tundeevi Nav Sanor	m					Shivratri-Mandi
357. Tundibir Drangsira	m					" "
358. Tungasi Dahar	m					" "
359. Vaitha Mahasu	m	Mahasu Shiva Chalda			x	Central, Myth #1
360. Vani ka Gehri Sanor	m					Shivratri-Mandi
361. (Nag) Vaski						succession fight
362. Vishnu	m	See appendix				
363. Vishnu Bhagwan	m	Vishnu				festival

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364. Chipu Nag Mangarh	m					Shivratri-Mandi
365. Dehant						Village Deity men/women mix
366. Bheri						Myth #3
367. Kajaumi			x			
368. Kali Nag	f	Kali (?)				
369. Kamro						
370. Kamru						
371. Kehloon						
372. Khalji						
373. Madhaur						
374. Mahu	m				x	Magical Death Shivratri-Mandi
375. Mahun		Pali Nag	x			
376. Naag		Shergal Nag Raja Karan (Mahab.) See # 185				
377. Nona	m				x	
378. Pali Nag		Mahun Nag Shergal Nag Raja Karan (Mahab.) See # 185				
379. Pundri			x		x	
380. Shergal		See # 375, 378				
381. Shesha						
382. Shyati Nag Dahar	m					Shivratri-Mandi
383. Teepru	m	Tipru(?)				" "
384. Tipru	m	Teepru(?)				" "
385. Vaski						

FORM OF DURGA*KALI

	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AKA</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>HS</u>	<u>AS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
417. Bala Sundri	f	Durga				
418. Bhadri Kali	f	Durga, Kali				
419. Bhagwati Kali	f	Kali				
420. Chandika	f	Durga			x	
421. Chindi	f	Durga			x	
422. Damghori Kali	f	Kali				
423. Durga Bhagwan	f	Durga				festival
424. Hinglaj	f	Durga			x	Myth #1 (sister)
425. Jethi Jawalji	f	Durga			x	" "
426. Kali Bhagwati	f	Kali		x		dismemberment myth, stone-throw
427. Kali Mai	f	Kali		x		
428. Kali Maie	f	Kali				
429. Kali Nag	f	Kali				
430. Lugasani	f	Durga			x	Myth #1 (sister)
431. Naina	f	Durga			x	" "
432. Naug	f	Durga			x	" "
433. Parmeshri	f	Kali	x	x	x	Scapegoat, Resurrection
434. Phungni	f	#433				
435. Shiyama Kali	f	Kali			x	
436. Sidh Kali	f	Kali			x	
437. Soloni	f	Durga			x	Central to Myth #1
438. Taradevi	f	Durga				dismemberment, myth #1