

Shri Ganapati (Spiritual analysis and worship)

Preface

Whatever little knowledge most people have about Deities is through stories read or heard during childhood. Due to little knowledge, their belief in God is very unsteady. Greater knowledge about Deities helps in augmenting belief. Determined efforts in that direction over a period of time turns belief into faith, and as a result there is qualitative improvement in worship as well as in spiritual practice. Hence, emphasis has been laid on giving useful information about Shrī Gaṇapati in this Booklet, which is not available elsewhere. Detailed information about Shrī Gaṇapati is provided in Sanatan's Text - 'Shrī Gaṇapati'.

Our prayer at the Holy feet of Shrī Guru is that after reading this Booklet may everyone be encouraged to perform spiritual practice. - **Compilers**

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