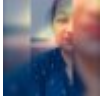


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DEVI GHUSHMA AND GHUSHMESHWAR JYOTIRLINGA (MAHA)

There was a pious brahmin, Sudharma, who lived with his wife Sudeha, in the forest of Devgiri. The couple was childless.

On the insistence of Sudeha, the brahmin married her sister Ghushma. Ghushma was an ardent Shiv devotee.



Daily, she made 101 shivlingas from mud, worshipped them and immersed them in the river. When Ghushma was blessed with a son, Sudeha started disliking Ghushma and ill-treated her. Time passed and Ghushma's son got married.

One night, jealous Sudeha killed this son.

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She threw his body in the same river in which Ghushma immersed shivlingas.
While everyone was lamenting the loss of her son, she continued her puja.
Her intense worship pleased Shiva who appeared and revived her son.
Shiva, then, wanted to punish Sudeha but Ghushma stopped him



She requested Mahadev to be present there always.

Mahadev granted her wish and appeared as a shivlinga which got the name Ghushmeshwar (on the name of Ghushma) and revered as a Jyotirlinga.

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