

# THE HORSE MOUNTED GODDESS IN BUDDHISM: A POSTULATED HISTORY

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The goddess, Gaja Lakshmi (Shri), is a possible precursor to the protective mounted goddess of eastern India, Nepal and Tibet who are also known as Shri.

Sanchi Stupa 2, ca 120-100 BCE



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Location of mounted goddess





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Detail of mounted goddess



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Panjara Mahakala (Tib: Gur gyi mgon-po) and his entourage of four mahakala deities. Lower right: dPal IDan Lha-mo. Saska tradition, late 14th-15th cent.





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Tibetan style

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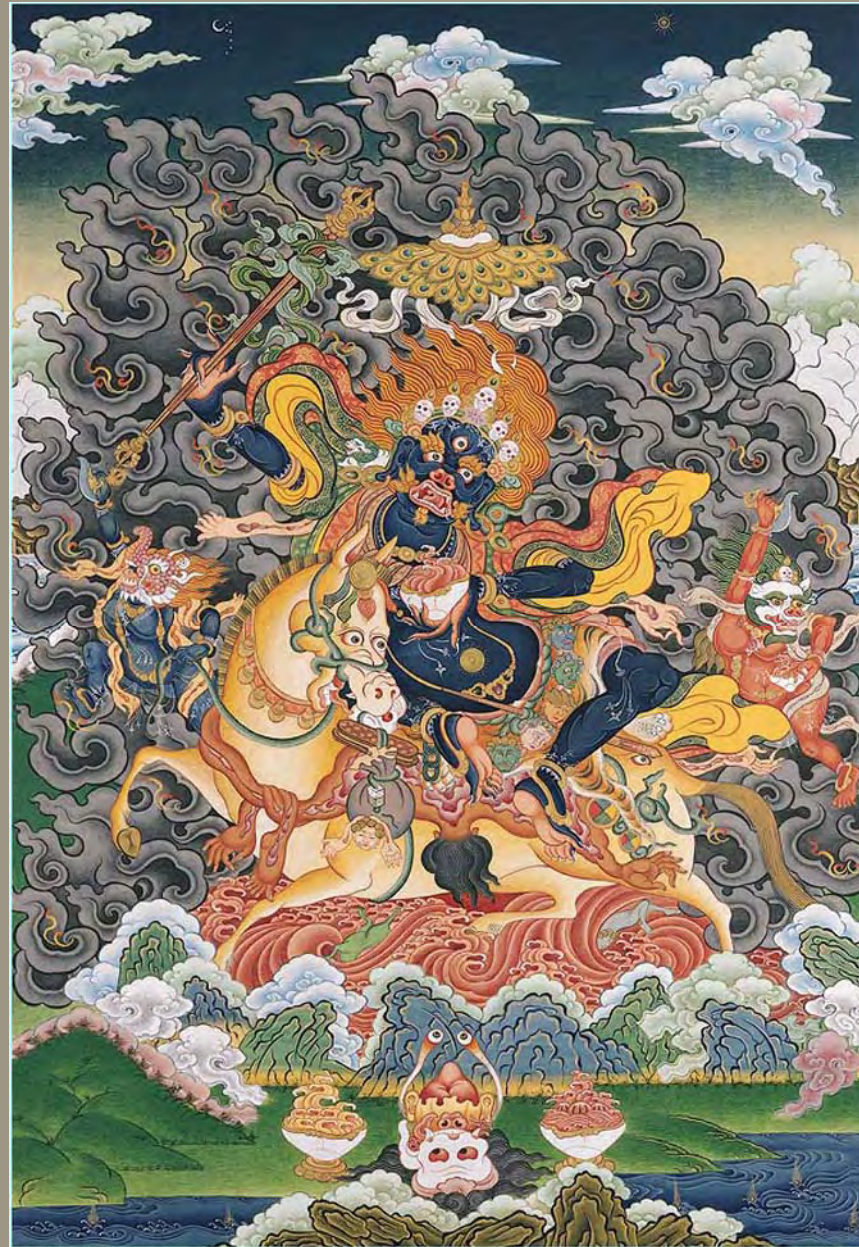
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Buryatia style

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