

# The Pracetas

Prachinabarhi, the father of the Pracetas, ordered the Pracetas to marry and beget children. Following the order, the Pracetas entered the ocean to practice austerities and penances.



While the princes were undergoing severe austerities, Narada Muni instructed Prachinabarhi.

**While the Pracetas were doing austerities under water, they saw Lord Shiva, who was accompanied by many musicians, who were glorifying Him.**



**The Pracetas offered their obeisances to Lord Shiva in great amazement.**



**Lord Shiva advised the Pracetas to recite prayers to please the Supreme Lord.**



**All the Praceta's stood in the water for ten thousand years and recited the prayers given to them by Lord Shiva. Pleased with their austerities, Lord Vishnu appeared before them.**



**The Lord Vishnu asked the Pracetas to marry the daughter born by the coupling of the Apsara named Pramalocho with the sage Kandu. This girl was kept under the care of forest trees.**



After emerging from the water, the Pracetas saw that all the trees had grown very tall. Seeing this, the Pracetas became very angry and emitted fire from their mouth to make the surface treeless.



Seeing all the trees being turned to ashes, Lord Brahma came to pacify the Pracetas.

**The remaining trees, being very afraid of the Pracetas, immediately delivered their daughter to the Pracetas.**



**The Pracetas accepted her as their wife and lived at home for thousands of years and developed perfect knowledge. At last they left home, putting their wife in charge of a perfect son.**



**Narada Muni instructed the Pracetas and thus they became attached to the Supreme Lord. Meditating on the Lord's lotus feet, they advanced to the ultimate destination.**