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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Parnsabari. Rajshahi district, ca. 11-12th cent.
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Location of mounted goddess
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Detail of mounted goddess
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Dunhuang, Cave 465, East interior wall, ca. 13-14th cent.
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Panjara Mahakala (Tib: Gur gyi mgon-po) and his entourage of four mahakala deities. Lower right: dPal lDan Lha-mo. Saskya tradition, late 14th-15th cent.
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Hariti Shrine, Swayambhu Mahachaitya. Kathmandu Valley, Nepal
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Main Torana
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Cvashkamini Figure
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Tibetan style

dPal Ldan Lha-mo

http://www.glenbow.org/collections/museum/world/asia.cfm
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Buryatia style

dPal Ldan Lha-mo

http://www.thangka.ru/gallery/gr_lhamo_b.htm

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