



Kshetra-patni in the Atharvaveda

The term *Kshetra-patni* meaning “Mistress of the Field” originates in the *Atharvaveda*. In the agricultural hymns of the text, the term refers either to a female guardian deity associated with agriculture or to the wife who participates alongside her cultivator husband in agricultural and fertility rituals.

The concept reflects the important role of women in early agrarian society and highlights the sacred association between agriculture, fertility and household life in Vedic tradition.

APSC Relevance: Vedic literature, ancient Indian society and agrarian traditions.