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॥ श्रीगणेशाय नमः ॥

जटाटवीगलज्जलप्रवाहपावितस्थले

matted hair-thick as forest-water-flow-consecrated-area

गलेऽवलम्ब्य लम्बितां भुजङ्गतुङ्गमालिकाम् ।

in the throat-stuck-hanging-snake-lofty-garland

डमड्डमड्डमड्डमन्निनादवड्डमर्वयं

damat-damat-damat-damat-having sound-drum-this

चकार चण्डताण्डवं तनोतु नः शिवः शिवम् ॥ १ ॥

did-fierce-Tandava-may he shower-on us-Shiva-auspiciousness

With his neck, consecrated by the flow of water flowing from the thick forest-like locks of hair, and on the neck, where the lofty snake is hanging garland, and the Damaru drum making the sound of Damat Damat Damat Damat, Lord Shiva did the auspicious dance of Tandava and may He shower prosperity on us all.

जटाकटाहसम्भ्रमभ्रमन्निलिम्पनिर्झरी-

matted hair-a well-agitation-moving-celestial river

विलोलवीचिवल्लरीविराजमानमूर्द्धनि ।

agitating-waves-rows-glorified-head

धगद्धगद्धगज्वलल्ललाटपट्टपावके

Dhagat dhagat dhagat-flaming-forehead-flat area-fire

किशोरचन्द्रशेखरे रतिः प्रतिक्षणं मम ॥ २ ॥

baby-moon-crest jewel-love-every moment-for me

I have a very deep interest in Lord Shiva, whose head is glorified by

the rows of moving waves of the celestial river Ganga, agitating in the deep well of his hair-locks, and who has the brilliant fire flaming on the surface of his forehead, and who has the crescent moon as a jewel on his head.

धराधरेन्द्रनदिनीविलासबन्धुबन्धुर-

King of mountains-daughter-sportive-kith-beautiful-

स्फुरद्दिगन्तसन्ततिप्रमोदमानमानसे ।

glorious-horizon-all living beings-rejoicing-mind

कृपाकटाक्षघोरणीनिरुद्धुर्धरापदि

compassion-look-continuous flow-obstructed-hardships

क्वचिद्दिगम्बरे(क्वचिच्चिदम्बरे) मनो विनोदमेतु वस्तुनि ॥ ३ ॥

some time-in the omnipresent-mind-pleasure-may seek-in a thing

May my mind seek happiness in the Lord Shiva, in whose mind all the living beings of the glorious universe exist, who is the sportive companion of Parvati (daughter of the mountain king), who controls invincible hardships with the flow of his compassionate look, who is all-persuasive (the directions are his clothes).

लताभुजङ्गपिङ्गलस्फुरत्फणामणिप्रभा- var जटाभुजङ्ग

creeping-snake-reddish brown-shining-hood-gem-luster-

कदम्बकुङ्कुमद्रवप्रलिसदिग्वधूमुखे ।

variegated-red dye-melting-applied-directions-beloved-face

मदान्धसिन्धुरस्फुरत्त्वगुत्तरीयमेदुरे (सिन्धुरासुरत्व)

intoxicated-elephant-glittering-skin-upper garment-covered

मनो विनोदमद्भुतं बिभर्तु भूतभर्तारि ॥ ४ ॥

mind-pleasure-wonderful-may it seek-in him who supports all life

May I seek wonderful pleasure in Lord Shiva, who is supporter of all life, who with his creeping snake with reddish brown hood and with the luster of his gem on it spreading out variegated colors on the beautiful faces of the maidens of directions, who is covered with a glittering upper garment made of the skin of a huge intoxicated

elephant.

सहस्रलोचनप्रभृत्यशेषलेखशेखर-

Indra/Vishnu-and others-all-lined up-heads-

प्रसूनधूलिघोरणीविधूसराङ्घ्रिपीठभूः ।

flower-dust-force-grayed-feet-seat

भुजङ्गराजमालया निबद्धजाटजूटकः

snake-red-garland (with) tied-locked hair

श्रियै चिराय जायतां चकोरबन्धुशेखरः ॥ ५ ॥

for the prosperity-for a long time-may he be-Cakora bird-relative-on head

May Lord Shiva give us prosperity, who has the moon (relative of the Cakora bird) as his head-jewel, whose hair is tied by the red snake-garland, whose foot-stool is grayed by the flow of dust from the flowers from the rows of heads of all the Gods, Indra/Vishnu and others.

ललाटचत्वरज्वलद्धनञ्जयस्फुलिङ्गभा-

forehead-flat area-flaming-fire-sparks-luster

निपीतपञ्चसायकं नमन्निलिम्पनायकम् । (स्फुलिङ्गया निपीतप)

devoured-God of Love-bowing-Gods-leader

सुधामयूखलेखया विराजमानशेखरं

cool-rayed-crescent-beautiful-head

महाकपालि सम्पदे शिरो जटालमस्तु नः ॥ ६ ॥

(महः कपालि सम्पदे सरिजटालमस्तु नः ॥)

for the Siddhi-prosperity-head-locked hair-may it be-to us

May we get the wealth of Siddhis from Shiva's locks of hair, which devoured the God of Love with the sparks of the fire flaming in His forehead, who is bowed by all the celestial leaders, who is beautiful with a crescent moon

करालभालपट्टिकाधगद्धगद्धगज्ज्वल-

dreadful-forehead-flat area-dhagat-dhagat-flaming

द्धनञ्जयाहुतीकृतप्रचण्डपञ्चसायके ।

fire-offered-powerful-God of Love

धराधरेन्द्रनन्दिनीकुचाग्रचित्रपत्रक-

king of mountains-daughter-breast-tip-colorful-decorative lines

प्रकल्पनैकशिल्पिनि त्रिलोचने रतिर्मम ॥ ७ ॥

drawing-sole-artist - in the three-eyed -deep interest-mine

My interest is in Lord Shiva, who has three eyes, who has offered the powerful God of Love into the fire, flaming Dhagad Dhagad on the flat surface of his forehead who is the sole expert artist of drawing decorative lines on the tips of breasts of Parvati, the daughter of the mountain king.

नवीनमेघमण्डलीनिरुद्धदुर्धरस्फुरत्-

new-cloud-circle - obstructed-harsh-striking-

कुहूनिशीथिनीतमःप्रबन्धबद्धकन्धरः । (प्रबद्धबद्ध)

new moon-midnight-darkness-tightly-tied-neck

निलिम्पनिर्झरीधरस्तनोतु कृत्तिसिन्धुरः

celestial-river-wearing-may he bless-skin-red

कलानिधानबन्धुरः श्रियं जगद्भुरंधरः ॥ ८ ॥

moon-lovely-prosperity-universe-bearer of the burden

May Lord Shiva give us prosperity, who bears the burden of this universe, who is lovely with the moon, who is red wearing the skin, who has the celestial river Ganga, whose neck is dark as midnight of new moon night covered by many layers of clouds.

प्रफुल्लनीलपङ्कजप्रपञ्चकालिमप्रभा-

well-opened-blue-lotus-universe-darkness-luster

ऽवलम्बिकण्ठकन्दलीरुचिप्रबद्धकन्धरम् ।

hanging-inside-temple-luster-tied-neck

स्मरच्छिदं पुरच्छिदं भवच्छिदं मखच्छिदं

Manmatha-killer-city-destroyer-mundane life -destroyer-sacrifice destroyer

गजच्छिदांधकच्छिदं तमन्तकच्छिदं भजे ॥ ९ ॥

elephant-killer-demon-killer-him-destroyer of Lord Yama-I worship

I pray to Lord Shiva, whose neck is tied with the luster of the temples hanging on the neck with the glory of the fully-bloomed blue lotuses which looked like the blackness (sins) of the universe, who is the killer of Manmatha, who destroyed Tripuras, who destroyed the bonds of worldly life, who destroyed the sacrifice, who destroyed the demon Andhaka, the destroyer of the elephants, and who controlled the God of death, Yama.

अखर्व(अगर्व)सर्वमङ्गलाकलाकदम्बमञ्जरी-  
great-all-auspicious-art-variegated-bunch-  
रसप्रवाहमाधुरीविजृम्भणामधुव्रतम् ।

enjoyment-flow-sweetness-flaring up-bees

स्मरान्तकं पुरान्तकं भवान्तकं मखान्तकं

Manmatha-destroyer-city-destroyer-worldly bond-destroyer -sacrifice-destroyer  
गजान्तकान्धकान्तकं तमन्तकान्तकं भजे ॥ १० ॥

elephant-killer-Andhaka-demon-killer-him-Yama-controller-I worship

I pray to Lord Shiva, who has bees flying all over because of the sweet honey from the beautiful bunch of auspicious Kadamba flowers, who is the killer of Manmatha, who destroyed Tripuras, who destroyed the bonds of worldly life, who destroyed the sacrifice, who destroyed the demon Andhaka, the killer of the elephants, and who controlled the God of death, Yama.

जयत्वदभ्रविभ्रमभ्रमद्भुजङ्गमश्वस- (जयत्यद)

victorious-foot-sky-whirling-roaming-snake-breath-

द्विनिर्गमत्कमस्फुरत्करालभालहव्यवाट् ।

coming out-shaking-evident-dreadful-forehead-fire

धिमिद्धिमिद्धिमिद्धनन्मृदङ्गतुङ्गमङ्गल (धिमिं धिमिं धिमिं ध्वनन)

Dhimid-dhimid-dhimid-sounding-drum-high-auspicious-

ध्वनिक्रमप्रवर्तितप्रचण्डताण्डवः शिवः ॥ ११ ॥

sound-series-caused-fierce-Tandava dance-Shiva

Lord Shiva, whose dance of Tandava is in tune with the series of loud

sounds of drum making Dhimid Dhimid sounds, who has the fire  
on the great forehead, the fire that is spreading out because of the  
breath of the snake wandering in whirling motion in the glorious sky.

स्पृषद्विचित्रतल्पयोर्भुजङ्गमौक्तिकस्रजोर्-

touching-varied-ways-snake-embodied-garland

गरिष्ठरत्नलोष्ठयोः सुहृद्विपक्षपक्षयोः ।

most precious-gems-brilliance-friends-enemies-two wings

तृणारविन्दचक्षुषोः प्रजामहीमहेन्द्रयोः

grass-lotus-eyes people and the great emperor

समप्रवृत्तिकः कदा सदाशिवं भजाम्यहम् ॥ १२ ॥

(समं प्रवर्तयन्मनः कदा सदाशिवं भजे ॥)

equal-behaviour-always-Lord Shiva-worship-I

When will I worship Lord Sadasiva (eternally auspicious) God, with  
equal vision towards the people and an emperor, and a blade of grass  
and lotus-like eye, towards both friends and enemies, towards the  
valuable gem and some lump of dirt, towards a snake and a garland  
and towards varied ways of the world

कदा निलिम्पनिर्झरीनिकुञ्जकोटरे वसन्

when-celestial river-bush-hollow place(in)-living

विमुक्तदुर्मतिः सदा शिरःस्थमञ्जलिं वहन् ।

released-bad mind-always-on the head-folded hands-

विलोललोललोचनो ललामभाललग्नकः

(विमुक्तलोललोचनाललामभाललग्नकं)

agitation-shaking-eyes-the best-forehead-interested

शिवेति मंत्रमुच्चरन् कदा सुखी भवाम्यहम् ॥ १३ ॥

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Shiva -mantra-uttering-when-happy-will-be-I

When will I be happy, living in the hollow place near the celestial  
river, Ganga, carrying the folded hands on my head all the time, with  
my bad thinking washed away, and uttering the mantra of Lord Shiva  
and devoted in the God with glorious forehead with vibrating eyes.

इमं हि नित्यमेवमुक्तमुत्तमोत्तमं स्तवं

This-indeed-daily-thus-said-the best of the best-stotra

पठन्स्मरन्ब्रुवन्नरो विशुद्धिमेतिसंततम् ।

reading-remembering-saying-a person-sanctity-gets-always

हरे गुरौ सुभक्तिमाशु याति नाऽन्यथा गतिं

in Shiva-in Guru-deep devotion-quickly-gets-no-other-way

विमोहनं हि देहिनां सुशङ्करस्य चिंतनम् ॥ १४ ॥

removal of delusion-indeed-for the people-blessed Shiva's thought

Whoever reads, remembers and says this best stotra as it is said here,

gets purified for ever, and obtains devotion in the great Guru Shiva.

For this devotion, there is no other way. Just the mere thought of

Lord Shiva indeed removes the delusion.

पूजावसानसमये दशवक्रगीतं

worship-end-time-Ravana-sung

यः शम्भुपूजनपरं पठति प्रदोषे ।

who-Shiva-worship-dedicated-reads-early in the evening, after sunset

तस्य स्थिरां रथगजेन्द्रतुरङ्गयुक्तां

to him-stable-chariot-elephant-horse-having

लक्ष्मीं सदैव सुमुखीं प्रददाति शम्भुः ॥ १५ ॥

(लक्ष्मीं प्रसादसमये प्रददाति शम्भुः ॥)

LakShmi-always-definitely-favourable-gives-Shiva

In the evening, after sunset, at the end of Puja, whoever utters this

stotra dedicated to the worship of Shiva, Lord Shiva blessed him with very

stable LakShmi (prosperity) with all the richness of chariots, elephants

and horses.

इति श्रीरावण-कृतम्

thus sri-Ravana-done

शिव-ताण्डव-स्तोत्रम्

Shiva-tandava-stotra

सम्पूर्णम्

ends.

Thus ends the Shiva-Tandava Stotra written by Ravana.

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The stotra is in panchachAmara Chanda, in which there are 16 varna-s per line, each line begins with a laghu and the laghu and guru varna-s alternate. So there are eight LG (laghu-guru) pairs, making up 16 syllables of each line. The last shloka is in Vasanta-tilakA metre.

Some versions of the stotra carry 17-19 verses. For total 17 version, there are two as follows that devotee can add during prayers.

निलिम्पनाथनागरीकदम्बमौलमल्लिका-

निगुम्फनिर्भरक्षरन्मधूष्णिकामनोहरः ।

तनोतु नो मनोमुदं विनोदिनीमहर्निशं

परश्रियः परं पदं तदङ्गजत्विषां चयः ॥ १४ ॥

Divine beauty of different parts of Lord Shiva which are enlightened by fragrance of the flowers decorating the twisted hair locks of angels may always bless us with happiness and pleasure.

प्रचण्डवाडवानलप्रभाशुभप्रचारणी

महाष्टसिद्धिकामिनीजनाऽवहूतजल्पना ।

विमुक्तवामलोचनाविवाहकालिकध्वनिः

शिवेति मन्त्रभूषणा जगज्जयाय जायताम् ॥ १५ ॥

The Shakti (energy) which is capable of burning all the sins and spreading welfare of all and the pleasant sound produced by angels during enchanting the pious Shiv mantra at the time of Shiv-Parvati Vivah may win over and destroy all the sufferings of the world.

There are two additional verses seen in some version

नमामि पार्वतीपतिं नमामि जाह्नवीपतिं

नमामि भक्तवत्सलं नमामि भाललोचनम् ।

नमामि चन्द्रशेखरं नमामि दुःखमोचनं

तदीयपादपङ्कजं स्मराम्यहं नटेश्वरम् ॥ १६ ॥

Salutations to consort of Parvati,

Salutations to lord of Ganga,

Salutations to the one who is kind to worshippers,

Salutations to the one having an eye in the forehead,

Salutations to the one adorned with Moon crescent as a crown,

Salutations to the one who liberates from sorrow

I meditate upon his lotus like feet, Salutations to the dancing Shiva.

and the last (19) in conclusion

रावणेन कृतं स्तोत्रं यः पठेच्छिवसन्निधौ ।

पुत्रपौत्रादिकं सौख्यं लभते मोक्षमेव च ॥

इति दशकन्धरविरचितं शिवताण्डवस्तोत्रं समाप्तम् ।

The one who recites the praise composed by Ravana, fully associated near Shiva, receives happiness generated by children and grandchildren (and other desirable things) and also attains salvation.

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