Shiv Tandav Stotram

जटाटवीगलज्जलप्रवाहपावितस्थले
गलेवलम्ब्यलम्बितांभुजागतुहुगमालिकाम्।
दमदुदमदुदमदुदमनिनादवड़मर्व्यं
चकारचण्डताण्डवंतनोतुनःशिवःशिवम्॥१॥

Jatatavigalajjala pravahapavitasthale
Galeavalambya lambitam bhujangatungamalikam
Damad damad damaddama ninadavadamarvayam
Chakara chandtandavam tanotu nah shivah shivam .. 1

Meaning:

From the forest of his matted lock, water flows and wets his neck,
On which hangs the greatest of snake like a garland,
And his drum incessantly plays damat, damat, damat, damat,
And Shiva is engaged in the very vigorous manly dance,
To bless and shower, prosperity on all of us.

जातकाताहसम्भवमथमन्त्रितिमपतिरङ्गीः
विलोलवीचिवल्लरीविराजमानमूर्धनि।
धगदधगद्धजलललाटपटटपवके
किशोरचन्द्रशेखरेरतिःप्रतिक्षणंमम॥२॥

Jatakatahasambhrama bhramanilimpanirjhari
Vilolavichivalara ivirajamanamurdhani
Dhagadhagadhagajva lalalatapattapavake
Kishorachandrashekhare ratih pratikshanam mama .. 2

Meaning:

The celestial river agitatedly moving through his matted hair,
Which makes his head shine with those soft waves,
And his forehead shining like a brilliant fire-daga daga,
And the crescent of moon which is an ornament to his head,  
Makes my mind love him each and every second.

धराधरेन्द्रनन्दिनीविलासबन्धुबन्धुर  
स्फुरददिगन्तसन्ततिप्रमोदमानमानसे ।  
कृपाकटकाक्रोणीनिरुद्धधुर्धरापदि  
क्वचिदिदिगम्बरे मनो विनोदमेतु वस्तुनि ॥३॥

Dharadharendrananandinivilasabandhubandhura  
Sphuradigantasantati pramodamanamanase  
Krupakatakshadorani nirudhadurdharaapadi  
Kvachidigambare manovinodametuvastuni .. 3

Meaning:

The consort of the ever sportive daughter of the mountain,  
Whose mind rejoices at her side long glances,  
With the stream of merciful look which removes hardships,  
Makes my mind take pleasure in him who wears the directions as apparel.

जताभुजंगपिण्डगलस्फुरत्कणाणिप्रभा  
कदम्बकुक्कुमद्रवप्रलिप्तमदिगवधूपखे ।  
मदानथसित्युर्फुरत्वगुतायिनेदुरे  
मनो विनोददध्भूत बिभातु भूतभारतिरि ॥४॥

Jatabhujangapingala sphuratghansamaniprabha  
Kadambakunkumadrava praliptadigvadhumukhe  
Madandhasinduraspahura vtagutariyamedure  
Mano vinodamadbhutu bhahartu bhutabhartari .. 4

Meaning:

He, with the shining lustrous gem on the hood  
Of the serpent entwining his matted locks,  
He, who is with his bride whose face is decorated  
By the melting of red saffron Kumkum,  
And He who wears on his shoulder the hide  
Of the elephant which was blind with ferociousness,  
Makes my mind happy and contented,
In him who is the leader of Bhoothas*.
* can be taken to mean as souls or mythical beings guarding Kailasa.

Sahasralochanaprabhritya sheshalekhashekhara
Prasunadhulidhorani vidhusaranghipithabhuh
Bhujangarajamalaya nibaddhajatajutaka
Shriyai chiraya jayatam chakorabandhushekharah .. 5

Meaning:
May he whose foot stool is decorated
By the ever flowing flower dust.
Falling the bent head of Indra and other Gods,
And may He, whose matted locks are tied by the king of serpents,
And may he, whose head is decorated
By the crescent moon who a friend of Chakora*
Shower prosperity for ever on me.
* A mythical bird which lives by drinking moon light.

Lalatachatvarajvaladhanajayasphulingabha
Nipitapajnchasayakam namannilimpanayakam
Sudhamayukhalekhaya virajamanashersherr
Mahakapalisampadehirjatatalamastu n: ||6||

Meaning:
May he with the raging fire
In his forehead, who burnt the God of love,
May He who is forever being saluted by king of devas,
And may he who has collected
The cool ambrosia like crescent moon on his head,
And may he who wears the collection of skulls,
Bless us to create wealth for us.

Karalabhalapattika dhagaddhagaddhagajjvala
Ddhananjnaya hutikruta prachandapajnchasayake
Dharadharendranandini kuchagrachitrapatraka
Prakalpanaikashilpini trilochane ratirmama .. 7

Meaning:
May He in whose dreadful forehead, fire burns “Dhahaga”, “Dhaga,”
May He who burnt the one with five arrows* as an offering to fire,
May He who is the only one who can write decorative lines,
On the tip of the breasts of the daughter of the mountain,
And May He with three eyes make mind enjoy in him.
* The God of love

Navinamehamandali niruddhadurharasphurat
Kuhunishthinitamah prabandhabaddhakandharah
Nilimpanirjharidharastanotu kruttisindhurah
Kalanidhanabandharah shriyam jagaddhurandharah .. 8

Meaning:
May He whose black neck is as dark
As several layers of new clouds,
Packed closely on the night of the new moon.
May He who wears the celestial river on his head,
May He who killed the Gajasura with an elephant head,
May He who is very handsome because of the crescent that he wears,
And may he who carries the entire burden of the world,
Bless us with all sorts of wealth.

Prapullanilapan kajaprapajncakalimaprabha
Valambikantakandali ruchiprabaddhakandharam
Smarachchidam purachchhidam bhavachchidam makhachchidam
Gajachchidandhakachchidam tamantakachchidam bhaje .. 9

Meaning:
I salute him, who shines with a black neck
Similar to the well opened blue lotus,
On which all the temples depend for prayer,
And him who destroyed God of love, the three cities,
The worldly problems and yaga destroyers,
And him who destroyed elephant faced Asura and also God of death.,

Akharvagarvasarvamangala kalakadambamajnjari
Rasaprajahamadhuri vijnanamadhuvratam
Smarantakam purantakam bhavantakam makhantakam
Gajantakandhakantakam tamantakantakam bhaje .. 10

Meaning:
I salute him who is like the bee who drinks the sweetened honey,
That flows from the flower bunch of collection of arts of the Goddess,
And him who destroyed God of love, the three cities,
The worldly problems and yaga destroyers,
And him who destroyed elephant faced Asura and also God of death.

Jaya	vadabhravibhrama bhramadbhujangamashvasa
Dviningamakramasphurat karalabhalahavyavat
Dhimid dhimid dhimidhvanan mrudaguntungamangala
Dhvanikramapravartita prachandatandavah shivah .. 11

Meaning:
Victory to the great Shiva, who has the fire burning in his forehead,
Which is increased by the breath of the snake wandering in the sky,
And to Him who dances to the changing tunes and fierce sound,
Of Dhimi, dhimi, dhimi coming out the auspicious drum.

Drushadvichitratalpayor bhujangamauktikasrajor
Garishtharatnaloshthayoh suhrudvipakshapakshayoh
Trushnaravindachakshushoh prajamahimahendrayoh
Samapravrutikahsamam pravartayanmanahkada sadashivam bhaje .. 12

Meaning:
When will I be able to worship that eternal shiva,
With a feeling of equanimity towards snake and a garland,
Towards great gems and dirt or friends and enemies,
Or Towards a blade of grass and lotus like eyes,
Or emperor and ordinary men.
Kada nilimpanirjharinikujnjakotare vasanh
Vimuktadurmatih sada shirah sthramajanjalim vahanh
Vimuktalolalochano lalamabhalalagnakah
Shiveti mantramuchcharan sada sukhi bhavamyaham .. 13

Meaning:
When will I live the life of pleasure, meditating on Shiva,
Sitting near a hollow place near the celestial river Ganga,
Releasing all my bad thoughts and with hands clasped above my head,
After releasing all passion for the pretty women with shifting eyes?

Idam hi nityamevamuktramuktamutam sstvam
Pathansmaranbruvannaro vishuddhimetisantam
Hare gurau subhaktimashu yati nanyatha gatim
Vimohanam hi dehinam sushankarasya chintnam .. 14

Meaning:
This greater than the great prayer if read,
Remembered, or recited daily by man,
Will make him pure, eternal,
And he would get devotion to Shiva leading him to salvation,
For remembering Lord Shiva, is a sure method of removal of detachment.
He who sings this song composed by the ten headed one,
At the end of every worship or,
Reads it after worship of Shiva on the Pradosha day,
Will get by the blessing of lord Shiva, chariots, elephants and horses,
As well as the affectionate sight of god of wealth.

Thus ends the prayer of the dancing Shiva, Composed by Ravana.