

# Shiv Tandav Stotram



जटाटवीगलज्जलप्रवाहपावितस्थले  
गलेऽवलम्ब्य लम्बितां भुजङ्गतुङ्गमालिकाम् ।  
डमड्मड्मड्मड्मन्ननादवड्मर्वयं  
चकार चण्डताण्डवं तनोतु नः शिवः शिवम् ॥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.

जटाकटाहसम्भ्रमभ्रमन्निलिम्पनिर्झरी\_  
विलोलवीचिवल्लरीविराजमानमूर्धनि ।  
धगद्धगद्धगज्जलललाटपट्टपावके  
किशोरचन्द्रशेखरे रतिः प्रतिक्षणं मम ॥२॥

Jatakatahasambhrama bhramanilimpanirjhari  
Vilolavichivalara ivirajamanamurdhani  
Dhagadhagadhagajjva 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  
स्फुरद्दिगन्तसन्ततिप्रमोदमानमानसे ।  
कृपाकटाक्षधोरणीनिरुद्धदुर्धरापदि  
क्वचिद्दिगम्बरे मनो विनोदमेतु वस्तुनि ॥३॥

Dharadharendrana ndinivilasabandhubandhura  
Sphuradigantasantati pramodamanamanase  
Krupakatakshadhorani nirudhadurdharapadi  
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.

जटाभुजङ्गपिङ्गलस्फुरत्फणामणिप्रभा  
कदम्बकुङ्कुमद्रवप्रलिप्तदिग्वधूमुखे ।  
मदान्धसिन्धुरस्फुरत्त्वगुत्तरीयमेदुरे  
मनो विनोदमद्भुतं बिभर्तु भूतभर्तरि ॥४॥

Jatabhujangapingala sphuratphanamaniprabha  
Kadambakunkumadrava praliptadigvadhukumukhe  
Madandhasindhurasphura tvagutariyamedure  
Mano vinodamadbhutam bibhartu 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.

सहस्रलोचनप्रभृत्यशेषलेखशेखर  
प्रसूनधूलिधोरणी विधूसराङ्घ्रिपीठभूः ।  
भुजङ्गराजमालया निबद्धजाटजूटक  
श्रियै चिराय जायतां चकोरबन्धुशेखरः ॥५॥

Sahasralochanaprabhritya sheshalekhashekhara  
Prasunadhulidhorani vidhusaranghripithabhuh  
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.

ललाटचत्वरज्वलद्धनञ्जयस्फुलिङ्गभा  
निपीतपञ्चसायकं नमन्निलिम्पनायकम् ।  
सुधामयूखलेखया विराजमानशेखरं  
महाकपालिसम्पदेशिरोजटालमस्तु नः ॥६॥

Lalatachatvarajvala dhanajnjayasphulingabha  
Nipitapajnachasayakam namannilimpanayakam  
Sudhamayukhalekhaya virajamanashekharam  
Mahakapalisampade shirojatalamastunah .. 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.

करालभालपट्टिकाधगद्धगद्धगज्ज्वलद्  
धनञ्जयाहुतीकृतप्रचण्डपञ्चसायके ।  
धराधरेन्द्रनन्दिनीकुचाग्रचित्रपत्रक  
प्रकल्पनैकशिल्पिनि त्रिलोचने रतिर्मम ॥७॥

Karalabhalapattika dhagaddhagaddhagajjala  
Dghanajnaya 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

नवीनमेघमण्डली निरुद्धदुर्धरस्फुरत्  
कुहूनिशीथिनीतमः प्रबन्धबद्धकन्धरः ।  
निलिम्पनिर्झरीधरस्तनोतु कृत्तिसिन्धुरः  
कलानिधानबन्धुरः श्रियं जगद्धुरंधरः ॥८॥

Navinameghamandali niruddhadurdharasphurat  
Kuhunishithinitamah prabandhabaddhakandharah  
Nilimpanirjharidharastanotu kruttisindhurah  
Kalanidhanabandhurah 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.

प्रफुल्लनीलपङ्कजप्रपञ्चकालिमप्रभा\_  
वलम्बिकण्ठकन्दलीरुचिप्रबद्धकन्धरम् ।  
स्मरच्छिदं पुरच्छिदं भवच्छिदं मखच्छिदं  
गजच्छिदान्धकच्छिदं तमन्तकच्छिदं भजे ॥९॥

Praphullanilapan kajaprapajchakalimaprabha  
Valambikanthakandali ruchiprabaddhakandharam  
Smarachchidam purachchhidam bhavachchidam makhachchidam  
Gajachchidandhakachidam tamamtakachchidam 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.,

अखर्वसर्वमङ्गलाकलाकदम्बमञ्जरी\_  
रसप्रवाहमाधुरीविजृम्भणामधुव्रतम् ।  
स्मरान्तकं पुरान्तकं भवान्तकं मखान्तकं  
गजान्तकान्धकान्तकं तमन्तकान्तकं भजे ॥१०॥

Akharvagarvasarvamangala kalakadambamajnari  
Rasaprahavamadhuri vijrumbhanamadhuvratam  
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.

जयत्वदभ्रविभ्रमभ्रमद्भुजङ्गमश्वसद्  
विनिर्गमत्क्रमस्फुरत्करालभालहव्यवाट् ।  
धिमिद्धिमिद्धिमिध्वनन्मृदङ्गतुङ्गमङ्गल  
ध्वनिक्रमप्रवर्तितप्रचण्डताण्डवः शिवः ॥११॥

Jayatvadabhnavibhrama bhramadbhujangamashvasa  
Dvinirgamatkramasphurat karalabhalahavyavat  
Dhimid dhimid dhimidhvanan mrudangatungamangala  
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.

स्पृषद्विचित्रतल्पयोर्भुजङ्गमौक्तिकस्रजोर्  
गरिष्ठरत्नलोष्ठयोः सुहृद्विपक्षपक्षयोः ।  
तृणारविन्दचक्षुषोः प्रजामहीमहेन्द्रयोः  
समप्रवृत्तिकः कदा सदाशिवं भजाम्यहम् ॥१२॥

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.

कदा निलिम्पनिर्झरीनिकुञ्जकोटरे वसन्  
विमुक्तदुर्मतिः सदा शिरस्थमञ्जलिं वहन् ।  
विमुक्तलोललोचनो ललामभाललग्नकः  
शिवेति मन्त्रमुच्चरन्कदा सुखी भवाम्यहम् ॥१३॥

Kada nilimpanirjharinikujnjakotare vasanh  
Vimuktadurmatih sada shirah sthamajjalim 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?

इदम् हि नित्यमेवमुक्तमुत्तमोत्तमं स्तवं  
पठन्स्मरन्ब्रुवन्नरो विशुद्धिमेतिसंततम् ।  
हरे गुरौ सुभक्तिमाशु याति नान्यथा गतिं  
विमोहनं हि देहिनां सुशङ्करस्य चिन्तनम् ॥१४॥

Idam hi nityamevamuktamuttamottamam stavam  
Pathansmaranbruvannaro vishuddhimetisantatam  
Hare gurau subhaktimashu yati nanyatha gatim  
Vimohanam hi dehinam sushankarasya chintanam .. 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.

पूजावसानसमये दशवक्त्रगीतं यः  
शम्भुपूजनपरं पठति प्रदोषे ।  
तस्य स्थिरां रथगजेन्द्रतुरङ्गयुक्तां  
लक्ष्मीं सदैव सुमुखीं प्रददाति शम्भुः ॥१५॥

Pujavasanasamaye dashavaktragitam  
Yah shambhupujanaparam pathati pradoshhe  
Tasya sthiram rathagajendraturangayuktam  
Lakshminim sadaiva sumukhim pradadati shambhuh .. 15

**Meaning:**

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.

**इति श्रीरावण - कृतम् शिव - ताण्डव स्तोत्रम् सम्पूर्णम्**

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