

श्रीशङ्कराचार्यविरचितशिवपञ्चाक्षरनक्षत्रमालास्तोत्रम्

SHIVAPANCAAKSHARANAKSHATRAMAALAA STOTRAM

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## INTRODUCTION

### SHIVA TATTVAM

Shiva is a term derived from the word 'Shivam'.

'Shivam' is the most auspicious state that can be ever reached by any conscious entity.

Shiva is called Shiva because he is the most auspicious state that ever can be.

Yes, he is a state of extreme dispassion and knowledge.

He is not a lower form of Deva also.

That is why he is considered as the Ishvara, the best of all Lords.

In that *state of Shivam*, any perception appears for him, as already destroyed.

That is why he is called the 'Destroyer'.

He cannot even maintain a form as such; so the power of Chit, 'Shakti' manifests as his spouse. She as *Daakshaayini* conceives his form continuously to make Shiva appear with a form.

But for her manifestation as his spouse, Shiva will always remain unseen by all.

Even with a form, Shiva the *essence of dispassion* perceives the entire world as a heap of burnt ashes only; so his form also oozes out hot ashes continuously.

Shakti creates the coolest surroundings for him so that he stays with a form; and so his abode is the coldest Kailaasa Mountain, which is a formidable place for one and all and cannot be ascended without his grace.

(Kailaasa is not the Everest Mountain of the Earth planet.)

Shakti's embrace also keeps him attached to the form.

Shiva is also a form of lustre which fills all that is perceived at anytime anywhere.

That is why he is worshipped as a *Linga* also

*Linga* is just a symbol of Brahman which exists as the essence of all.

Even the form of lustre – the *Linga* - appears as lustre, because of the power of Shakti, which solidifies his formless form into that of the lustre.

Without his spouse, 'Shivam state' cannot exist as a Shiva at all.

That is why Shiva is worshipped as the combined form of Shakti and Shiva, the *ArdhaNaareeshvara* form.

When contemplating on Higher Beings like Shiva and Vishnu, one should not imagine them as having male or female forms made of flesh.

They are not '*MaamsaVikaaras*' (flesh-modifications) like humans.

They do not mate like mortals to reproduce only.

All the Gods like Shiva, Vishnu, Kumaara, are always in the Knowledge of their true nature of Brahman. Their bodies are not made of flesh and blood.

Their forms are made of Knowledge-shine only.

These Gods do not lead a family life like humans.

They are the direct manifestations of the Chit-state.

They are the perfect shine of Brahman-state.

Shiva is the most perfect of them all.

One who contemplates on him develops dispassion naturally and attains the highest type of Knowledge.

NakshatraMaalaa is a composition of AadiShankaraachaarya.  
It contains hymns of Shiva which describe his greatness.  
The verses are twenty seven in number, like the twenty seven stars shining in the sky.  
Each verse contains four lines.  
Each line ends with the *Panchaaksharee Mantra* Na Ma Shi Vaa Ya.  
If one recites the full composition, he would have recited the Mantra, 108 times.

Thus it becomes a garland of stars with the imprint of *Panchaaksharee Mantra* in each.  
Since Shiva has already a moon decorating his crest, it is appropriate that he is offered a  
garland of stars by the devotee.  
Any devotee, who recites these verses with devotion, contemplating also on the meaning  
of the words in this hymn, will surely be an object of grace for the Great God; and will  
attain liberation in this very birth itself.

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## SHIVA PANCAAKSHARA NAKSHATRA MAALAA STOTRAM

[GARLAND OF STARS THAT SHINE WITH  
THE FIVE POINTS OF  
'FIVE-LETTER' MANTRA]

(1)

श्रीमदात्मने गुणैकसिन्धवे नमः शिवाय  
धामलेशधूतकोकबन्धवे नमः शिवाय  
नामशोषितानमत्भवान्धवे नमः शिवाय  
पामरेतरप्रधानबन्धवे नमः शिवाय ॥१॥

Shreemadaatmane GunaiKaSindhava NamH Shivaaya  
DhaamaLeshadhootaKokaBandhave NamH Shivaaya  
NaamaShoshitaanamadBhaavaandhave NamH Shivaaya  
PaamaretaraPradhaanaBandhave NamH Shivaaya

*Salutation to Shiva  
who is the auspicious inner essence of all  
and who is the ocean of all auspicious qualities.*

*Salutation to Shiva  
whose least shine gets rid of the sun, the friend of the ruddy goose.*

*Salutation to Shiva  
who by his very name destroys the suffering of the people  
who completely surrender to him.*

*Salutation to Shiva  
who is the prominent friend of all the other ordinary people also.*

(Who is this Shiva?)

He is the auspicious Aatman (*Shreemadaatman*)

What is Aatman?

AAT+Man – that which understands

Shiva is the very understanding principle which is in any conscious entity.

This Shiva is the ocean of all good qualities. (*GunaiKaSindhu*)

Ocean is the storehouse of all precious gems.  
All the good qualities that you see in anyone belong to the inner essence Shiva only.

Sun gives light to all the planets that go round him; and reveals the objects.  
Sun is called KokaBandhu because he is the friend of the Ruddy goose: these birds mate only at day-time.  
Shiva is the Brahman who reveals all the objects in all the worlds that are anywhere and everywhere.  
This sunshine is just a material light; Shiva's light reveals even that sunlight as your understanding.

Shiva protects not only those who are devoted to him, but also those others who belong to the world.)

(2)

कालभीतविप्रबालपाल ते नमः शिवाय  
शूलभिन्नदुष्टदक्षफाल ते नमः शिवाय  
मूलकारणाय कालकाल ते नमः शिवाय  
पालयाधुनादयालवाल ते नमः शिवाय ॥२॥

KaalaBheetaVipraBaalaPaala Te NamH Shivaaya  
ShoolaBhinnaDushtaDakshaPaala Te NamH Shivaaya  
MoolaKaaranaaya KaalaKaala Te NamH Shivaaya  
Paalayaadhunaa Dayaalavaala Te NamH Shivaaya

*You protected the life of  
the Brahmin boy (Maarkandeya) who was frightened by Yama.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*With your spear you pierced the forehead of  
the arrogant Daksha Prajaapati.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You are the main source from which everything emerged.  
You are the destroyer of Kaala himself (who is the destroyer of all beings).  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*Protect me now Hey compassionate one!  
Your compassion is  
like the water-basin which nourishes the roots of the tree.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(3)

इष्टवस्तुमुख्यदानहेतवे नमः शिवाय  
दुष्टदैत्यवंशधूमकेतवे नमः शिवाय  
सृष्टिरक्षणाय धर्मसेतवे नमः शिवाय  
अष्टमूर्तये वृषेन्द्रकेतवे नमः शिवाय ॥३॥

IshtaVastuMukhyaDaanaHetave NamH Shivaaya  
DushtaDaityaVamshaDhoomaKetave NamH Shivaaya  
Srshtiraksanaaya DharmaSetave NamH Shivaaya  
AshtaMoortaye VrshendraKetave NamH Shivaaya

*Salutation to Shiva  
who causes the desired object to be obtained essentially.*

*Salutation to Shiva  
who is the deadly comet predicting death to  
all the families of the wicked Daityas.*

*Salutation to Shiva  
who is the protector of the Creation;  
and acts as the bridge of Righteousness (to cross over this Samsaara).*

*Salutation to Shiva  
who is the eight-fold form; and is with the 'King of bulls' as his banner.*

(Eight forms of Shiva according to Vedas:

*Bhava - Existence, Creation/ Sarva – the essence of all/ Rudra – the Roarer (frightening one)/ Pashupati - Lord of all creatures/ Ugra - The Ferocious/ Mahaan or Mahat – Great/ Bheema –Tremendous/ Ishaana – the invisible power that rule the universe)*

(4)

आपदद्रिभेदटङ्कहस्त ते नमः शिवाय  
 पापहारिदिव्यसिन्धुमस्त ते नमः शिवाय  
 पापदारिणे लसन्नमस्त ते नमः शिवाय  
 शापदोषखण्डनप्रशस्त ते नमः शिवाय ॥४॥

AapadadriBhedaTankaHasta Te NamH Shivaaya  
 PaapaHaariDivyaSindhuMasta Te NamH Shivaaya  
 PaapaDaarine Lasannamasta Te NamH Shivaaya  
 ShaapaDoshaKhandanaPrashasta Te NamH Shivaaya

*You hold the chisel which shatters to pieces, the mountain of difficulties.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*The divine River Gangaa which removes the sins adores your head.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You destroy the sins.  
 You shine with the salutations of all.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You are the most excellent of all in breaking the spell of curses.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(5)

व्योमकेश दिव्यभव्यरूप ते नमः शिवाय  
 हेममेदिनीधरेन्द्रचाप ते नमः शिवाय  
 नाममात्रदग्धसर्वपाप ते नमः शिवाय  
 कामानैकतानहृद्दुराप ते नमः शिवाय ॥५॥

VyomaKesha DivyaBhavyaRoopa Te NamH Shivaaya  
 HemaMedineeDharendraChaapa Te NamH Shivaaya  
 NaamaMaatraDagdhaSarvaPaapa Te NamH Shivaaya  
 KaamanaikataanaHrdduraapa Te NamH Shivaaya

*The expanse of the sky is your hair.  
You are of a divine and magnificent form.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You hold the Golden Meru, the king of all Mountains as the rain-bow.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*All the sins will perish by just the utterance of your name.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*Those who are intent only on fulfilling their worldly desires  
can never reach you.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(Imagine Shiva as the entire universe. The sky-expanse will be the hair. Since Gangaa flows among his locks, there has to be a rainbow. The Golden Meru Mountain, which supports all the worlds, is the rainbow shining in the sky expanse of his hair. After all, the Creations are nothing but illusory colors seen on the rainbow of the Meru Mountain.)

(6)

ब्रह्ममस्तकावलीनिबद्ध ते नमः शिवाय  
जिहमगेन्द्रकुण्डलप्रसिद्ध ते नमः शिवाय  
ब्रह्मणे प्रणीतवेदपद्धते नमः शिवाय  
जिहमकालदेहदत्तपद्धते नमः शिवाय ॥६॥

BrahmaMastakaavaleeNibaddha Te NamH Shivaaya  
JihmagendraKundalaPrasiddha Te NamH Shivaaya  
Brahmane PraneetaVedaPaddahate NamH Shivaaya  
JimhaKaalaDehaDattaPaddate NamH Shivaaya

*You wear the garland of the heads of Brahmas.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You wear the lord of serpents as your ear ornament.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You instructed the system of Vedas to Brahmaa.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You placed the deceitful Kaala's (Yama's) body under your feet.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(7)

कामनाशनाय शुद्धकर्मणे नमः शिवाय  
 सामगानजायमानशर्मणे नमः शिवाय  
 हेमकान्तिचाकचक्यवर्मणे नमः शिवाय  
 सामजासुराङ्गलब्धचर्मणे नमः शिवाय ॥७॥

KaamaNaashanaaya ShuddhaKarmene NamH Shivaaya  
 SaamaGaanaJaayamaanaSharmane NamH Shivaaya  
 HemaKaantiChaakachakyaVarmane NamH Shivaaya  
 SaamajaasuraangaLabdhaCharmane NamH Shivaaya

*You destroyed Kaama. Your actions are always pure.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You feel joyous by listening to Saama songs.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You wear the armour which sheds golden light.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You wear the skin got from the body of Saamajaasura (Gajaasura).  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(8)

जन्ममृत्युघोरदुःखहारिणे नमः शिवाय  
 चिन्मयैकरूपदेहधारिणे नमः शिवाय  
 मन्मनोरथावपूर्तिकारिणे नमः शिवाय  
 सन्मनोगताय कामवैरिणे नमः शिवाय ॥८॥

JanmaMrtyuGhoraDuhkhaHaarine NamH Shivaaya  
 ChimayaikaRoopaDehaDhaarine NamH Shivaaya  
 ManManorathaavaPoortiKaarine NamH Shivaaya  
 Sanmanogataaya KaamaVairine NamH Shivaaya

*You remove the terrible pain of births and deaths.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You have only the form of Pure Consciousness as your form.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You fulfill all my wishes completely.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You reside in the minds of the good ones.  
You are the enemy of Kaama.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(9)

यक्षराजबन्धवे दयालवे नमः शिवाय  
दक्षपाणिशोभिकाञ्चनालवे नमः शिवाय  
पक्षिराजवाहहृच्छयालवे नमः शिवाय  
अक्षिफाल वेदपूततालवे नमः शिवाय ॥९॥

YakshaRaajaBandhave Dayaalave NamH Shivaaya  
DakshaPaaniShobhiKanchanaalave NamH Shivaaya  
PakshiraajaVaahaHricchayaalave NamH Shivaaya  
AkshiPhaala VedaPootaTaalave NamH Shivaaya

*Yaksha king Kubera is your devotee. You are compassionate.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*The golden water pot shines in your able hand.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You sleep peacefully in the heart of Vishnu who rides the king of birds.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*Your forehead is adorned by the third eye.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*Your palate is sanctified by the Vedas.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(10)

दक्षहस्तनिष्टजातवेदसे नमः शिवाय  
 अक्षरात्मने नमद्विडौजसे नमः शिवाय  
 दीक्षितप्रकाशितात्मतेजसे नमः शिवाय  
 उक्षसराजवाह ते सतां गते नमः शिवाय ॥१०॥

DakshaHastaNishtaJaatavedase NamH Shivaaya  
 Aksharaatmane Namadvidaujase NamH Shivaaya  
 DeekshitaPrakaashitaatmaTejase NamH Shivaaya  
 UkshaRaajaVaaha Te Sataam Gate NamH Shivaaya

*Jaatavedas, who knows all that exist, rests in your able hand.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You are imperishable essence of all.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You are worshipped by Indra (whose vigor is broken)  
 with an attractive form.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You reveal your shine to those who are initiated into your worship.  
 You ride the best of all large animals (bull).  
 You are the shelter for all good people.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(11)

राजताचलेन्द्रसानुवासिने नमः शिवाय  
 राजमाननित्यमन्दहासिने नमः शिवाय  
 राजकोरकावतंसभासिने नमः शिवाय  
 राजराजमित्रताप्रकाशिने नमः शिवाय ॥११॥

RaajataachalendraSaanuVaasine NamH Shivaaya  
 RaajamaanaNityaMandaHaasine NamH Shivaaya  
 RaajaKorakaavatamsaBhaasine NamH Shivaaya  
 RaajaRaajaMitrataaPrakaashine NamH Shivaaya

*You reside at the peak of the Silver Mountain.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You always are adorned by the shine of  
your beautiful smile.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*On your crest rests the shining digit of the moon.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You show friendliness to Kubera.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(12)

दीनमानवालिकामधेनवे नमः शिवाय  
सूनबाणदाहकृत्कृशानवे नमः शिवाय  
स्वानुरागभक्तरत्नसानवे नमः शिवाय  
दानवान्धकारचण्डभानवे नमः शिवाय ॥१२॥

DeenaMaanavaaliKaamaDhenave NamH Shivaaya  
SoonaBaanaDaahaKrtKrshaanave NamH Shivaaya  
SvaanuraagaBhaktaRatnaSaanave NamH Shivaaya  
DaanavaandhakaaraChandaBhaanave NamH Shivaaya

*You are the wish fulfilling KaamaDhenu cow  
for the race of Manu's descendants.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You are the fire which burnt off Manmatha, who holds the flower-bow.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You are the summit of jewel for the devotees who love you.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You are the fierce sun for the darkness named Daanavas (wicked ones).  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(13)

सर्वमङ्गलाकुचाग्रशायिने नमः शिवाय  
 सर्वदेवतागणातिशायिने नमः शिवाय  
 पूर्वदेवनाशसंविधायिने नमः शिवाय  
 सर्वमन्मनोजभङ्गदायिने नमः शिवाय ॥१३॥

SarvaMangalaaKuchaagraShaayine NamH Shivaaya  
 SarvaDevataaGanaatishaayine NamH Shivaaya  
 PoorvaDevaNaashaSamvidhaayine NamH Shivaaya  
 SarvaManmanojaBhangaDaayine NamH Shivaaya

*You rest your head on the tip of the breasts of  
 the all auspicious Devi, and sleep.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You excel all other Gods.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You caused the destruction of the Asuras.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You destroy the Mind-born (Manmatha) in all the hearts.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(14)

स्तोकभक्तितोऽपि भक्तपोषिणे नमः शिवाय  
 माकरन्दसारवर्षिभाषिणे नमः शिवाय  
 एकबिल्वदानतोऽपि तोषिणे नमः शिवाय  
 नैकजन्मपापजालशोषिणे नमः शिवाय ॥१४॥

StokaBhaktitopi BhaktaPoshine NamH Shivaaya  
 MaakarandaSaaraVarshiBhaashine NamH Shivaaya  
 EkaBilvaDaanatopi Toshine NamH Shivaaya  
 NaikaJanmaPaapaJaalaShoshine NamH Shivaaya

*Even if very little devotion is maintained, you protect your devotees.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*When you speak, it is sweet and pleasing like honey.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You get easily pleased even by the offering of one Bilva leaf.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You destroy the web of the sins of many births.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(15)

सर्वजीवरक्षणैकशीलिने नमः शिवाय  
पार्वतीप्रियाय भक्तपालिने नमः शिवाय  
दुर्विदग्धदैत्यसैन्यदारिणे नमः शिवाय  
शर्वशीशधारिणे कपालिने नमः शिवाय ॥१५॥

SarvaJeevaRaksanaikaSheeline NamH Shivaaya  
PaarvateePriyaaya BhaktaPaaline NamH Shivaaya  
DurvidaghaDaityaSainyaDaarine NamH Shivaaya  
SharvaSheeshaDhaarine Kapaaline NamH Shivaaya

*Your disposition is to protect all the beings.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You are very much loved by Paarvati.  
You protect all your devotees.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You destroy the army of the Daityas who are intent on doing wrong things.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You wear the moon on the crest.  
You hold the Kapaala (skull-bowl).  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(16)

पाहि मामुमामनोज्ज्देह नमः शिवाय  
 देहि मे वरं सिताद्रिगेह नमः शिवाय  
 मोहितार्षिकामिनीसमूह नमः शिवाय  
 स्वेहितप्रसन्न कामदोह नमः शिवाय॥१६॥

Paahi MaamumaaManojnaDeha Te NamH Shivaaya  
 Dehi Me Varam SitaadriGeha Te NamH Shivaaya  
 MohitaarshiKaamineeSamooaha Te NamH Shivaaya  
 SvehitaPrasanna KaamaDoha Te NamH Shivaaya

*Your form is very attractive to Umaa.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*Your abode is the White Mountain. Give me the desired boon.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You deluded the group of Rishis' wives.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You get pleased with your devotees and fulfill their wishes.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(17)

मङ्गलप्रदाय गोतुरङ्ग नमः शिवाय  
 गङ्गया तरङ्गितोत्तमाङ्ग नमः शिवाय  
 सङ्गरप्रवृत्तवैरिभङ्ग नमः शिवाय  
 अङ्गजारये करेकुरङ्ग नमः शिवाय॥१७॥

MangalaPradaaya GoTuranga Te NamH Shivaaya  
 Gangayaa Tarangitottamaanga Te NamH Shivaaya  
 SangaraPravrtaVairiBhanga Te NamH Shivaaya  
 Angjaarayee KareKuranga Te NamH Shivaaya

*You bestow auspiciousness on all.  
You ride the fast moving bull.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*Your head is covered with the waves of Gangaa.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You break the arrogance of the enemies  
who are engaged in battle.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You are the enemy of Manmatha. You hold the deer (mind) in your hand.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

(18)

ईहितक्षणप्रदानहेतवे नमः शिवाय  
आहिताग्निपालकोक्षकेतवे नमः शिवाय  
देहकान्तिधूतरौप्यधातवे नमः शिवाय  
गेहदुःखपुञ्जधूमकेतवे नमः शिवाय॥१८॥

EehitaKshanaPradaanaHetvae NamH Shivaaya  
AahitaagniPaalakokshaKetave NamH Shivaaya  
DehaKaantiDhoootaRaupyaDhaatave NamH Shivaaya  
GehaDuhkhaPunjaDhoomaKetave NamH Shivaaya

*You cause any wish to be fulfilled instantly.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You protect those who perform the sacrificial rites.  
You have the banner of the bull.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*The luster of your body excels the shine of the silver metal also.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You are the destruction-predicting comet  
for the heap of sufferings in any house.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

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त्र्यक्ष दीनसत्कृपाकटाक्ष ते नमः शिवाय  
 दक्षसप्ततन्तुनाशदक्ष ते नमः शिवाय  
 ऋक्षराजभानुपावकाक्ष ते नमः शिवाय  
 रक्ष मां प्रपन्नमात्ररक्ष ते नमः शिवाय॥१९॥

Tryaksha DeenaSatKripaaKataaksha Te NamH Shivaaya  
 DakshaSaptaTantuNaashaDaksha Te NamH Shivaaya  
 RkshaRaajaBhaanuPaavakaaksha Te NamH Shivaaya  
 Raksha Maam PrapannamaatraRaksha Te NamH Shivaaya

*O Three-eyed one!*

*You pass your glance with compassion at the suffering beings  
 for their well-being.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You showed your greatness by destroying the Sacrifice of Daksha.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*The Lord of the stars (Moon), the Sun, and the fire are your three eyes.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You protect anyone if they even merely seek shelter in you.  
 Protect me!  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

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न्यङ्कुपाणये शिवंकराय नमः शिवाय  
 संकटाब्धितीर्णकिंकराय नमः शिवाय  
 कङ्कभीषिताभयंकराय नमः शिवाय  
 पङ्कजाननाय शंकराय नमः शिवाय॥२०॥

NyankuPaanaye Shivankaraaya Te NamH Shivaaya  
 SankataabdhiTeernaKimkaraaya Te NamH Shivaaya  
 KankaBheeshitaanbhayamkaraaya Te NamH Shivaaya  
 Pankajaananaaya Shankaraaya Te NamH Shivaaya

*You hold the deer in your hand.  
You always bestow well-being to all.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You are the vehicle which takes one across the ocean of difficulties.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You remove the fear of those who are frightened by the delusion.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*Your face is beautiful like a lotus.  
You bestow auspiciousness to all.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

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कर्मपाशनाश नीलकण्ठ नमः शिवाय  
शर्मदाय नर्यभस्मकण्ठ नमः शिवाय  
निर्ममर्षिसेवितोपकण्ठ नमः शिवाय  
कुर्महे नतीर्नमद्विकुण्ठ नमः शिवाय॥२१॥

KarmaPaashaNaasha NeelaKantha Te NamH Shivaaya  
Sharmadaaya NaryaBhasmaKantha Te NamH Shivaaya  
NirmamarshiSevitopakanta Te NamH Shivaaya  
Kurmahe NateerNamadVikunta Te NamH Shivaaya

*You destroy the binding rope of Karma (and its results).  
Your neck is blue in hue.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You bestow peace.  
You smear the ashes of dead men on your neck.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You are always served by the Sages, who have no idea of possessions,  
and stay in your proximity.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*We will also offer salutations to you.  
You get saluted by Vishnu!  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

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विष्टपाधिपाय नम्रविष्णवे नमः शिवाय  
 शिष्टविप्रहृद्गुहाचरिष्णवे नमः शिवाय  
 इष्टवस्तुनित्यतुष्टजिष्णवे नमः शिवाय  
 कष्टनाशाय लोकजिष्णवे नमः शिवाय॥२२॥

Vishtapaadhipaaya NamraVishnave NamH Shivaaya  
 ShishtaVipraHrdGuhaacharishnave NamH Shivaaya  
 IshtaVastuNityaTushtaJishnave NamH Shivaaya  
 KashtaNaashanaaya LokaJishnave NamH Shivaaya

*You are the Lord of the entire world.  
 You stand humbly in front of Vishnu.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You wander in the caves of the hearts of disciplined Brahmins.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*Indra is happy since he gets his desires fulfilled by you.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You remove all difficulties.  
 You have won the world.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

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अप्रमेयदिव्यसुप्रभात नमः शिवाय  
 सत्प्रपन्नरक्षणणस्वभाव नमः शिवाय  
 स्वप्रकाश निस्तुलानुभाव नमः शिवाय  
 विप्रडिम्भदर्शितार्द्रभाव नमः शिवाय॥२३॥

ApprameyaDivyaSuprabhaava Te NamH Shivaaya  
 SatPrapannaRakshanaSvabhaava Te NamH Shivaaya  
 Svaprakaasha Nistulaanubhaava Te NamH Shivaaya  
 VipraDimbhaDarshitaardraBhaava Te NamH Shivaaya

*Your great divine prowess is immeasurable.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*Your nature is to protect those who have sought you truly.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You are self-shining.  
Your experience is incomparable.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You were kind to the Brahmin child.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

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सेवकाय मे मृड प्रसीद नमः शिवाय  
भावलभ्यतावकप्रसाद नमः शिवाय  
पावकाक्ष देवपूज्यपाद नमः शिवाय  
तावकाङ्घ्रिभक्तदत्तमोद नमः शिवाय ॥२४॥

Sevakaaya Me Mrda Praseeda Te NamH Shivaaya  
BhaavaLabhya TaavakaPrasaada Te NamH Shivaaya  
Paavakaaksha DevaPoojyaPaada Te NamH Shivaaya  
TaavakaanghriBhaktaDattaModa Te NamH Shivaaya

*Hey Mrdha (Soft-hearted one)!  
Be kind to me, your servant.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*Your grace will be obtained only through single minded devotion.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*Your third eye is the fire.  
Your feet are worshiped by all Devas.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You bestow bliss to those who are devoted to your feet.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

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भुक्तिमुक्तिदिव्यभोगदायिने नमः शिवाय  
 शक्तिकल्पितप्रपञ्चभागिने नमः शिवाय  
 भक्तसंकटापहारयोगिने नमः शिवाय  
 युक्तसन्मनःसरोजयोगिने नमः शिवाय ॥२५॥

BhuktiMuktiDivyaBhogadaayine NamH Shivaaya  
 ShaktiKalpitaPrapanchaBhaagine NamH Shivaaya  
 BhaktaSamkataapahaaraYogine NamH Shivaaya  
 YuktaSanmanah SarojaYogine NamH Shivaaya

*You bestow necessities of the life, liberation and also divine enjoyments.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You take care of the world made of five elements created by Shakti.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You are the Yogi, who removes the difficulties of the devotees.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You reside in the pure heart-lotus of Yogis.  
 Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

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अन्तकान्तकाय पापहारिणे नमः शिवाय  
 शान्तमायदन्तिचर्मधारिणे नमः शिवाय  
 संतताश्रितव्यथाविदारिणे नमः शिवाय  
 जन्तुजातनित्यसौख्यकारिणे नमः शिवाय ॥२६॥

Antakaantakaaya PaapaHaarine NamH Shivaaya  
 ShaantaMaayaDantiCharmaDhaarine NamH Shivaaya  
 SamtataashritaVyathaaVidaarine NamH Shivaaya  
 JantuJaataNityaSaukhyaKaarine NamH Shivaaya

*You are the destroyer of Antaka Asura.  
You remove all sins.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You subdued the Maayaa (magical prowess)  
and wore the skin of the elephant (Asura).  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You shatter away the worry of those who have taken shelter in you.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

*You cause happiness always to those who are born as mortal creatures.  
Salutation to you Hey Shiva!*

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शूलिने नमो नमः कपालिने नमः शिवाय  
पालिने विरिञ्चितुण्डमालिने नमः शिवाय  
लीलिने विशेषरुण्डमालिने नमः शिवाय  
शीलिने नमः प्रपुण्यशालिने नमः शिवाय॥२७॥

Shooline Namō Namah kapaaline NamH Shivaaya  
Paaline virichiTundaMaaline NamH Shivaaya  
Leeline VishesharundaMaaline NamH Shivaaya  
Sheeline Namah Prapunyashaaline NamH Shivaaya

*Salutation Salutation to him who holds the spear!  
Salutation to Shiva who holds the skull-bowl!*

*Salutation to Shiva who protects all;  
and wears the garland made of Brahma's bellies!*

*Salutation to Shiva who sports around;  
and wears the garland of heads!*

*Salutation to him who has proper conduct!  
Salutation to Shiva who is all meritorious!*

**[NAKSHATRA-MAALAA IS COMPLETE]**

शिवपञ्चाक्षरमुद्रां चतुष्पदोल्लासपद्यमणिघटिताम्  
नक्षत्रमालिकामिह दधदुपकण्ठं नरो भवेत्सोमः ॥

ShivaPancaaksharaMudraam  
ChatuspadollaasaPadyaManiGhatitaam  
NakshatraMaalikaamiha  
Dadhadupakantam Naro BhavetSomah

*That man who always wears here on his throat,  
this garland of stars made out of the precious gems of poems  
which shine with four lines with the imprint of  
Shiva Panchaakshara Mantra,  
will become the Soma (Moon with nectar)!  
(will always be in the proximity of Shiva, like the Soma on his crest)*

इति श्रीमत्परमहंसपरिव्राजकाचार्यस्य  
श्रीगोविन्दभगवत्पूज्यपादशिष्यस्य  
श्रीमच्छंकरभगवतः कृतौ  
शिवपञ्चाक्षरनक्षत्रमालास्तोत्रं संपूर्णम् ॥

Iti ShreematParamaHamsaParivraajakaachaaryasya  
Shree GovindaBhagavatPoojyaPaadaShishyasya  
ShreemacchankaraBhagavatah Krtau  
ShivaPanchaaksharaNakshatraMaalaaStotram Sampoomam

Thus,  
**ShivaPanchaaksharaNakshatraMaalaaStotram**  
composed by  
**Sreemad ShankaraBhagavatPaada,**  
Shri ParamaHamsaParivraajakaAchaarya  
disciple of Shri GovindaBhagavatpaada

is

**॥complete॥**

