

**Suraguru Suravara Pujitha Lingam  
Suravana Pushpa Sadaarchitha Lingam  
Paraatparam Paramatmaka Lingam  
Tat Pranamaami Sadaa Shiva Lingam**

I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga which is the Transcendent Being and the Supreme Self, worshipped by all Suras and their preceptor (Brhaspathi), with innumerable flowers from the celestial gardens.



**Shiva Aarti**



**Aum jai shiv omkārā svāmī jai shiv omkārā  
brahmā vishnu sadāshiv ardhāngī dhārā  
aum jai shiv omkārā**

Aum, victory to Shiva-Omkara, victory to Shiva,  
To Brahmā, Vishnu and Sadashiva, partial holders of one body.  
Aum, victory to Shiva-Omkara.

**ekānan chaturānan pañchānan rāje  
hansānan garudāsan vrishavāhan sāje  
aum jai shiv omkārā**

To the one-faced, the four-faced, the five-faced,  
To the One whose mount is the swan, the eagle, the bull.  
Aum, victory to Shiva-Omkara.

**do bhuj chāru chaturbhuj dash bhuj te sohe  
teeno rūp nirakhtā tribhuvan man mohe  
aum jai shiv omkārā**

To the One with two shoulders, four shoulders, ten shoulders,  
The three worlds take delight in seeing Thine three forms.  
Aum, victory to Shiva-Omkara.

**akshamālā vanmālā rundamālā dhārī  
chandana mrigamad sohe bhāle shashidhārī  
aum jai shiv omkārā**

To the One garlanded in rudraksha beads, in forest flowers, in skulls,  
Anointed with chandan and musk, forehead adorned with the crescent-moon.  
Aum, victory to Shiva-Omkara.

**shvetāambar pītāambar bāghāambar ange  
sanakādik brahmādik bhūtādik sange  
aum jai shiv omkārā**

To the One clad in white robes, in yellow robes, in tiger skins,  
Worshipped by the Devas, the sages and all beings.  
Aum, victory to Shiva-Omkara.

**kar ke bīch kamandal chakra trishul dharatā  
jag karatā jag hartā jag pālan kartā  
aum jai shiv omkārā**

To the One who holds the waterpot, the discus, the trident,  
The Creator, the Sustainer and Dissolver of the world.  
Aum, victory to Shiva-Omkara

**brahmā vishnu sadāshiva jānat avivekā  
pranavākshar ke madhye yeh tīno ekā  
aum jai shiv omkārā**

The non-discriminating know Brahmā, Vishnu and Sadashiva  
Are indeed one within the holy syllable Pranava (Aum).  
Aum, victory to Shiva-Omkara.

**triguna svāmījī kī āratī jo koī jan gāve  
kahat shivānanda svāmī manavānchhit phal pāve  
aum jai shiv omkārā**

Whosoever should sing this hymn of the three-fold Lord,  
Says Swami Shivananda, he shall receive whatever he wishes.  
Aum, victory to Shiva-Omkara.

**AUM NAMA SHIVAYA**



**MAHA SHIVARATRI  
12th February 2010**

**महा शिवरात्री**

**மஹா சிவராத்திரி**



-----Programme-----

- *Explanatory Discourse*
- *Maha Shivratri Puja led by Rohan Shekhar*
- *Recitation of Shri Rudram Chamakam*
- *Aarti*



## Sri Lingashtakam

Mahashivaratri Festival or 'The Night of Shiva' is celebrated with devotion and religious fervor in honor of Lord Shiva, one of the deities of Hindu Trinity. Shivaratri falls on the moonless 14th night of the new moon in the Hindu month of Phalgun, which corresponds to the month of February - March in English Calendar. Celebrating the festival of Shivaratri devotees observe a day and night fast and perform ritual worship of Shiva Lingam to appease the Lord Shiva.

### Legends:

There are various interesting legends related to the festival of Maha Shivaratri. According to one of the most popular legends, Shivaratri marks the wedding day of Lord Shiva and Parvati. Some believe that it was on the auspicious night of Shivaratri that Lord Shiva performed the 'Tandava', the dance of the primal creation, preservation and destruction. Another popular Shivaratri legend stated in Linga Purana states that it was on Shivaratri that Lord Shiva manifested himself in the form of a Linga. Hence the day is considered to be extremely auspicious by Shiva devotees and they celebrate it as Mahashivaratri - the grand night of Shiva.

### Significance:

The festival has been accorded lot of significance in Hindu mythology. It says that a devotee who performs sincere worship of Lord Shiva on the day of Shivaratri is absolved of sins.

The devotee reaches the abode of Lord Shanker and lives there happily. He is also liberated from the cycle of birth and death and attains moksha.

Mahashivaratri Festival is also considered to be an extremely significant festival by women. Married and unmarried women observe fast and perform Shiva Puja to appease Goddess Parvati who is also regarded as 'Gaura' - one who bestows marital bliss and a long and prosperous married life.



**Brahma Muraari Suraarchita Lingam**  
**Nirmala Bhashita Shobhita Lingam**  
**Janmaja Dukha Vinaashaka Lingam**  
**Tat Pranamaami Sadaa Shiva Lingam**

I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga, which is adored by Brahma, Vishnu and other Gods, which is praised by pure and holy speeches and which destroys the cycle of births and deaths.

**Devamuni Pravaraarchita Lingam**  
**Kaamadaham Karunaakara Lingam**  
**Raavana Darpa Vinaashaka Lingam**  
**Tat Pranamaami Sada Shiva Lingam**

I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga, which is the destroyer of desires, which the Devas and the sages worship, which is infinitely compassionate and which subdued the pride of Raavana.

**Sarva Sugandha Sulepitha Lingam**  
**Buddhi Vivardhana Kaarana Lingam**  
**Siddha Suraasura Vanditha Lingam**  
**Tat Pranamaami Sadaa Shiva Lingam**

I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga, which is lavishly smeared with variegated perfumes and scents, which elevates the power of thought and enkindles the light of discrimination, and before which the Siddhas and Suras and Asuras prostrate.

**Kanaka Mahaamani Bhushitha Lingam**  
**Phanipathi Veshtitha Shobhitha Lingam**  
**Daksha Suyajna Vinaashaka Lingam**  
**Tat Pranamaami Sadaa Shiva Lingam**

I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga, the destroyer of Dakshas sacrifice, which is decorated with various ornaments, studded with different gems and rubies and which glows with the garland of the serpent Lord coiled around it.

**Kumkuma Chandana Lepitha Lingam**  
**Pankaja Haara Sushobhitha Lingam**  
**Sanchitha Paapa Vinaashaka Lingam**  
**Tat Pranamaami Sadaa Shiva Lingam**

I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga, which is smeared with saffron and sandal paste, which is decorated with lotus garlands and which wipes out all accumulated sins.

**Devaganaarchitha Sevitha Lingam**  
**Bhaavair Bhakti Bhirevacha Lingam**  
**Dinakara Koti Prabhakara Lingam**  
**Tat Pranamaami Sadaa Shiva Lingam**

I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga which is worshipped by the multitude of Gods with genuine thoughts full of faith and devotion and whose splendor is like that of a million suns.

**Ashta Dalopari Veshtitha Lingam**  
**Sarva Samudbhava Kaarana Lingam**  
**Ashta Daridra Vinaashaka Lingam**  
**Tat Pranamaami Sadaa Shiva Lingam**

I bow before that Sada Shiva Linga, destroyer of all poverty and misery in its eight aspects, which is the cause of all creation and which stands on the eight petalled Lotus.