

Shiva Kavacham
(Armour of Shiva)

By
Sage Rishabha

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(Rishbha (deva) was born as a king in the family of Swayambhuva manu. He married Meru devi and had one hundred children,. When they grew up, he entrusted the kingdom to his eldest son and retired to the forest. He became a great sage and a great devotee of Lord Shiva. He met in the forest a prince called Bhadraayu, who was driven out from his kingdom along with his mother by his enemies. Rishabha deva taught him the Shivakavacha, using which Bhadarayu regained his king dom. This story forms a part of Skanda purana This Kavacham (armour) addressed to Lord Shiva is unique and very important.)

Asya Shiva Kavacha stotr maha manthrasya
Brahma rishi, Anushtup Chanda, Sri Sada shiva rudro devatha, Hreem Shakthi , Ram
keelakam , Sreem, hreem, Kleem Bheejam
Sri Sada shiva preethyarthe Shiva kavacha stotra Jape Viniyoga.

For the great chant of Shiva's armour,
The sage is Brahma, the meter is Anushtup, The god addressed is Sada Shiva Rudra , the
strength is "hreem", the nail is "ram",and the root is "Sreem, hreem , kleem."
The Shiva Kavacha is being chanted to please Lord Sada Shiva.

(Another version:-

Asya sree Shiva Kavacha stotra maha manthrasya
Rishabha Yogeeswara rishi,
Anushtup Chanda, Sri Samba sada shivo devatha, Om Bheejam Nama Shakthi ,
Shivayethi keelakam Mama Samba sada shiva preethyarthe viniyoga.

For the great chant of Shiva's armour,
The sage is Rishabha muni, meter is anushtup, The god addressed is sAmba Sada Shiva ,
Root is "om", the nail is "shiva" and
This is being chanted to please my God Samba sada shiva.)

Adha nyasa
Om namo bhagawathe jwala jwaala maline

Om hraam sarva shakthi daamne eesanathmane angushtabhyam nama.

Om salutations to the dazzling and shining God, Om Hraam God who gives all powers, Oh soul of God , salutations by the thumb.

Om namo bhagawathe jwala jwaala maline

Om nam rim nithya thruptha dhamne thath purushatmane tharjaneebhyam nama.

Om salutations to the dazzling and shining God, Om Nam Rim who grants perennial satisfaction , Oh soul of Purusgha, salutations by the forefinger

Om namo bhagawathe jwala jwaala maline

Om nam rum anadhi shakthi dhamne aghorathmane madhyamabhyam nama,

Om salutations to the dazzling and shining God, Om Nam Rum, who gives the power of the ancient, the soul of Aghora salutations by the middle finger.

Om namo bhagawathe jwala jwaala maline

Om shim raim swthantra shakthi dhamne vamadevathmane anamikabhyam nama.

Om salutations to the dazzling and shining God, Om Shim raim , one who gives independent power and the soul of Vama deva salutations by the ring finger

Om namo bhagawathe jwala jwaala maline

Om vam roum aluptha shakthi dhamne sadhyojathmane kanishtikabhya nama.

Om salutations to the dazzling and shining God, Om vam roum , he who grants strength of aluptha, the soul of SAdhyojadha, salutations by the little finger.

Om namo bhagawathe jwala jwaala maline

Om yam ra anadhi shakthi dhamne sarvathmane kara thala kara prushtabhya nama.

Om salutations to the dazzling and shining God ,Om tam ra he who he grants primeval power , soul of all salutations by palm and back side of hand.

Yevam Hrudhayadhi.nyasa adha dhyanam

After Telling like this , do meditation.

(Another version

Kara nyasa

Om Sada shivaaya angushtabhyam nama

Nam Gangadharaya tharjaneebhyam nama

Mam mruthyunjayaya madhyamabhyam nama

Shim sollapanaya anamikabhyam nama

Vaam Pinaka panay kanishtikabhyam nama
Yam umapathaye Kara thala kara prushtabhyam nama

Om salutations to Sadashiva by the thumb
Nam Salutations to Gangadhara by the fore finger
Bam salutations to victor over death by the middle finger
Shim salutations to he who holds iron rod by the ring finger
Vaam salutations to he who holds Pinaka by the little finger
Yam salutations to consort of Uma and the palm and back of the palm.

Hrudaya nyasa

Om Sada shivaaya hrudayaya nama
Nam Gangadharaya Shirase swaha
Mam mruthyunjayaya shikayayai vashat
Shim sollapanaye kavachaya hoom
Vaam Pinaka panaye nethra thrayaya voushat
Yam umapathaye asthraya phat
Om ithi Digbandha

Om salutations to the heart of Sadashiva
Nam salutations to the head of he who carries Ganga
Mam salutations to the tuft of he who won over death
Shim salutations to he who holds iron rod and the armour
Vaam salutations to he who holds the Pinaka's eyes
Yamm salutations to the arrow of consort of Uma
Thus you tie yourself up with directions)

Adha Dhyanam

Then meditation

Vajra damshtam trinayanam kala kanda marindhamam,
Sahasrakara mathyugam, vande Shambhum umapathim.

1

I salute Shambu the consort of Parvathi,
Who has diamond like teeth and three eyes,
Who has black neck and kills his enemies,
And who has thousands of fearful hands.

Adhoparam sarva purana guhyam ,
Nissesha papougha haram pavithram,
Jayapradham Sarva vipath pramochanam,
Vakshyami shaivam kavacham hithaya they.

2

For your benefit I would tell you the "armour of Shiva",
Which is very secret among the Puranas,
Which is holy and removes all the sins that are committed,

Which leads to victory and prevents all dangers.

Pancha pooja:-

Five worships:-

Lam Pruthvyathmane Gandham samarpayami
Ham Akasathmane pushpam poojayami
Yam Vayvathmane dhoopam agrahayami
Ram Agneyathmane deepam darasayami
Vam amtuthathmane amrutham maha naivedyam nivedayami
Sam sarvathmane sarvopachara poojam samarpayami

Lam spirit of earth, I offer you sandal paste
Ham spirit of sky , I worship you with flowers
Yam Spirit of wind I salute you with smoke incense
Ram spirit of fire , I show you a lit lamp
Vam spirit of deathlessness , I offer you nectar
Sam spirit of all souls I am offering you comprehensive worship

Rishabha Uvacha:-

Rishabha said:-

Namskrythwa maha devam viswa vyapeenameeswaram,
Vakshye Shiva mayam varma sarva raksha karam nrunaam. 3

After saluting the great God who is spread through out,
I would tell you the “armour of Shiva, which protects all men.

Suchou dese samaaseeno yadavath kalpithasana,
Jithendriyo jitha pranas chinthayeth shivamavyayam. 4

You should sit in a clean place ,
Assume the proper sitting position,
Win over your senses , control your desires,
And meditate on Shiva who is forever stable.

Hruth pundarikaantha sannivishtam,
Swatheja saavyaaptha nabhovakasam,
Atheendriyam sookshmamananthamadhyam,
Dyayeth parananda mayam mahesam. 5

I meditate on the great lord , who is full eternal joy,
Who lives in the lotus of one’s heart,
Whose innate luster spreads all over the sky,
And who is beyond the senses and is micro and also end and beginning less.

Dhyannavadhoothakhila karma bandha,
Schiram chidwananda nimagna chetha,
Shadakshara nyasa samahithathma,
SAivena kuryath kavachena rakshaam.

6

By deep meditation cutting off the ties of Karma,
For a long time and getting drowned in the divine joy,
With chant of the six letter mantra of Lord Shiva,
You have to protect your self with Shiva's armour.

Maam pathu devo akhila devathathma,
Samsara koope pathitham gabheere,
Thannama divyam paramanthra moolam,
Dhunothu may sarvamagham hrudhistham.

7

May I, be saved by The God of all devas,
From this deep chasm called domestic life,
And his sacred divine names ,
Which are the basis of all great mantras,
Destroy all the sins in my heart.

Sarvathra maam rakshathu viswa moorthir,
Jyothir mayananda ghanaschidathma,
Anoraniyanuru shathireka,
Sa iswara pathu bhayad aseshath.

8

Let me be protected everywhere by the Lord of the universe,
Who is full of the light of happiness, who is the divine soul,
Let the God ,who is micro among micros, who is all powerful,
Protect me completely from all sort of fears.

Yo bhoo swaropena bhibharthi viswam,
Paayath sa bhoomer gireeso ashta moorthi,
Yopaam swaropena nrunaam karothi,
SANjeevanam sovathu maam jalebhya.

9

Let him who in the form of earth looks after the earth,
Look after me from, the fear of land related issues,
Let him who gives life to all beings in the form of water,
Protect me from everything concerning water.

Kalpavasane bhuvanaani dhagdwa ,
Sarvaani yo nruthyathi bhoori leela,
SA kala rudhro vathu maam davagner,
Vathyadhi bheethorakhilascha thapath.

10

Let the death like Kala Rudhra , who dances,
At the end of ages after burning the universe.
With playfulness protect me from problems.
Created by forest fire and cyclone.

Pradheeptha vidhyuth kanakava bhaso,
Vidhya vara bheethi kutara pani,
Chathurmukha sthath purushasthri nethra,
Prachyam sthitham rakshathu mamajasram.

11

Let him who shines like gold and the glittering lightning,
Who holds in his hand symbols of knowledge, boon, protection and sword,
And who has four faces and three eyes,
Be in the east and protect me there.

Katara vedhamkusa pasa soola,
Kapala dakkaksha gunaan dhadhaana,
Chathurmukho neela ruchistrinethra,
Payadghoro disi dakshinasyam.

12

Let Aghora who holds the sword , Vedas , goad , rope, trident,
Skull , drum and Rudraksha in his eight hands,
And who is blue in colour and has four faces,
Protect me from the southern side.

Kundendu sankha sphatikaava bhaso,
Vedaksha mala varada bhayanka,
Triksa chatur vakthra uru prabhava,
SAdhyodhi jatho aavathu maam pratheechyam.

13

Let him who shines white like jasmine , moon . conch and crystal,
Who holds Veda, chain of beads , protection and boon in his hands,
And who shines with three eyes and four necks,
And who is called Adhijatha* protect me from the west.

* Born in the beginning

Varaksha mala abhaya tanga hastha ,
Saroja kinjathka samana varna,
Trilochanas charu chaturmukho,
Maam payad udechyam disa vama deva.

14

Let him who holds chain of beads and axe in his hand,
And shows sign of boons, protection by his other hands,
Who is of the colour of the tendrils of lotus flower,
And who has three eyes and four heads,

And is called Vama deva protect me from north.

Veda abhayeshtangusa pasa tanga ,
Kapala dakkakshaka soola pani.
Sithadhyuthi pancha mukhova,
Thwnmaeesana oordhwam parama prakasa.

15

Let him who is holding Veda goad , rope , axe , Skull, Rudraksha
And hatchet in his hands and showing signs of protection by one hand,
Who is of white colour and who has five faces and is shining,
And is called Eesana murthi protect me from above.

Moordhana mavyanmamam chandra mouli ,
Phalam mamavyadhadha phala nethra,
Nethremamaavyadh bhaga nethra haaree,
Naasam sada rakshathu Viswanadha.

16

Let him who has moon on his head protect my head,
Let him who has eyes on his forehead protect my forehead,
Let the destroyer with Sun as eyes protect my eyes,
And let Lord of the universe protect my nose.

Payachsruhirmay sruthi Geetha keethi,
Kapola mavyaathsa thatham kapali,
Vakthram sada rakshathu pancha vakthra,
Jihvam sada rakshathu veda jihwa.

17

Let my ears be protected by him who is sung about by Vedas,
Let Kapali (God with skull) protect my cheeks,
Let the five necked one protect my neck,
And let the God with Veda as toungue protect my toungue.

Kandam gireesovathu Neela kanda,
Pani dhwayam pathu Pinaka pani,
Dhor mola mavyan mama dharmah batur,
Vaksha sthala Daksha makhandakavyath.

18

Let the Lord of mountain with a blue neck protect my neck,
Let my both hands be protected by he who holds Pinaka bow,
Let the god having Dharma as hands protect my arm pits,
Let my bosom be protected , by him who destroyed the yaga of Daksha,

Mamodharam pathu Gireendra dhanwa,
Madhyam mamaavyanmadanathakari,
Heramba thatho mama pathu nabhim,
Payath kateem doorjateeswaro may.

19

Let my belly be protected by him, who made a bow out of the mountain,
Let my middle part be protected by him, who killed the God of love,
Let the father of Ganesa protect my navel,
And my hips be protected by him, who has difficult plaited hair.

Oorudwayam padu kubheramithra,
Janu dhwayam may Jagadheeswaravyath,
Janga yugam pungava kethuravyath,
Padou mamavyath sura vandhya pada. 20

Let the friend of Kubhera* protect both my thighs,
Let both my knees be protected by Lord of universe,
Let my both calves be protected by he who rides a bull,
Let my feet be protected by he, whose feet is worshipped by devas.

*Lord of wealth

Maheswara pathu dhinadhi yame,
Maam madya yame aavathu vama deva,
Trilochana pathu thritheeya yame,
Vrusha dwaja padu dinandya yame. 21

Let the great God protect me during the first quarter of the day,
Let Vama deva protect me during the second quarter of the day,
Let the three eyed one protect me during the third quarter of the day,
And let he who rides a bull protect me during the last quarter of the day

Paayan nisadhou sasi shekharo maam,
Gangadharo rakshathu maam niseedhe.
Gowripathi pathu nisavasane,
Mruthyunjaya rakshathu sarva kalam. 22

Let him, who wears the moon protect me during first part of night,
Let him, who carries Ganga protect me during the middle of the night,
Let the consort of Gowri protect me during last part of night,
Let the God who won over God of death protect me at all times.

Anthasthitham rakshathu Sankaro maam,
Sthsanu sadaa pathu bahi sthitham maam,
Thadanthare [athu pathi passonaam,
Sada shivo rakshathu sarva kalam. 23

Let me protected when I am inside, by Shankara,
Let Sthanu (stable one) protect me when I am outside,
Let the lord of all beings protect me when I am in between,
And Sada Shiva protect me all ways and at all times.

Thishtanthamavyath bhuvanaika nadha,
Payad vrujantham pramadhati nadha,
Vedantha vedhyovathu maam nishannam,
Mamavyaya pathu Shiva sayaanaam. 24

Let the lord of all the worlds protect me when I am standing,
Let the lord of Pramadhas protect me when I am walking,
Let the Lord studied by Vedantha protect me when I am sitting,
And let Lord Shiva protect me when I am lying down.

Margeshu maam rakshathu neelakanda,
Shailadhi durgeshu purathrayari,
Aranya vasadhi maha pravase,
Payad mruga vyadha udhara shakthi. 25

Let the blue necked one protect me when I am on my way,
Let the destroyer of three towns protect me when I am in mountain or forts,
Let him, who lives in the forest protect me during journey
Let the hunter of deers who is extremely strong protect my strength of digestion.

Kalpantha katopa patu prakopa,
Sphutattahasochali thanda kosa.
Ghorari senarava dur nivara,
Maha bhayad rakshathu Veera bhadhra. 26

Let me be protected from the great fear,
Due to the attack of the army of enemies,
By Veerabhadra who burns , like the fire of deluge,
And who due to his anger turns the universe up and down.

Pathyaswa mathanga ghatavaroopa,
SAhasra lakshayutha koti bheeshanam,
Akshouhineenaam satha matha thayinam,
Chindhyan mrudo ghora kutaradharaya. 27

Let Mruda break with the terrible white axe,
The innumerable army of the enemies,
Which consists of several formations,
Of soldiers and horses, elephant and chariot borne troops.

Nihanthu dasyun pralayanalarchir,
Jwalath trisoolam tripuranthakasya,
Saardhoola simaraksha vrukaadi himsraan,
Santhraasaya thweesa dhanu pinaka. 28

Let the trident of the God who destroyed the three cities,
Which burns like the fire of the deluge destroy my enemies.
Let the Pinaka bow of Lord Shiva drive away.
Tiger, lion , bear , wolf and other wild animals.

Duswapna du shakuna durgathi dourmanasya,
Durbiksha durvyasana dussaha dooryamsi,
Uthpatha thapa visha bheethi ma sadgraharathi,
Vyadheemscha nasayathu may Jagatham adheesa.

29

Let the Lord of the different worlds protect me from,
Bad dreams , bad omens , bad fate , bad conduct,
Famines, bad grief , unbearable bad fame,
And fear from comet , poison , effects of planets and diseases.

Om namo bhagwatho , sad shivaya , sakala thathwathmakaya, sarva manthra
swaroopaya, sarva Thathwa vidhooraya , brahma rudravatharine , neelakandaya , Parvathi
manohara priyaya , soma suryagni lochanaya,

Om salutations to him who is God, eternal shiva, personification of all principles,
personification of all holy chants , one who is far away from philosophy, one who takes
the form of Brahma and Rudra, One who has blue neck, One who is dear to pretty
Parvathi, One who has fire Sun and Moon as eyes,

Bhasmodhoolitha vigrahaya, maha mani makuta dharanaya, Manikhya bhooshanaya,
Srushti sthithi pralaya kala rouudhravatharaya, Daksha dwara dwamsakaya, Maha kala
bhedanaya, moola dharaika nilayaya, Thathwatheethaya,

One who applies ash all over, one who wears the great gem studded crown, One who
wears Manikhya(ruby) as ornament, He who takes the angry form and does creation
upkeep and destruction at deluge, he who destroyed the fire sacrifice of Daksha, He who
broke the great God of death , He who stays in Mooladhara chakra , He who is above
principles,

Gangadharaya , sarva devadhidevaya, shadasrayaya, vedantha saaraya , trivarga
sadhanaya, Anantha koti brahmanda nayakaya, Anantha Vasuki Thaksha, karkodaka
Sankha kulika, padma Maha padmayeshta maha naga kula bhooshanaya,

He who carries the Ganga, He who is God to all devas, He who is the basis of the six
adhara Chakras, He who leads to three types of fulfillment, He who is the chief of the
endless billions of universes, He who wears ornaments of the eight great serpents viz
Anantha, Vasuki, Thaksha, Karkodaka, SANKha , Kulika , Padma and Mahapadma,

Pranava swaroopaya, chidakasaya, Aakasa dik swaroopaya, Graha nakshatra maline,
Sakalaya, Kalanka rahithaya, Sakala lokaika karthre, Sakala lokaika bharthre, Sakala

lokaika samharthre, SAkala lokaika gurave, Sakala lokaika Sakshine, Sakala nigama guhyaya,

He who is the form of “Om”, He who is the divine ether, He who is personification of sky and directions, He who wears stars and planets as Garlands, He who is everything, He who does not have any dark spot, He who creates all the world, He who manages all the worlds, He who destroys all the worlds, He who is the teacher of all the world, He who is a witness of all the world, He who is hiding in all reasoning,

Sakala Vedantha paaragaya, Sakala lokaika vara pradhaya, Sakala lokaika sankaraya, Sasanku shekaraya, Sasvatha nija vasaya, Nirabhasaya, niramayaaya, nirmalaya , nirlobhaya, nirmadhaya, nischinthaya, Nirahankaraya, Nirangusaya, Nishkalankaya,

He who is expert in all Vedas, He who gives boons to all the world, He who gives all good things to every one, He who has collected the moon, He who is perennially in existence, He who shines always. He who is pervaded in everything, He who is clean, He who is generous, He who does not have exuberance, He who does not have pride, He who cannot be stopped, He who does not have anything bad,

Nirgunaya, Nishkaamaya, Nirupaplavaya, Niravadhyaya, Nirantharaya, Nishkaranaya, Nirathangaya, Nishprapanchaya, Nissangaya, Nirdwandwaya, Niradharaya, Neeraagaya, Nishkrodhaya, Nirmoolaya, Nishpapaya, Nirbhayaya, Nivikalpaya, Nirbhedhaya, Nishkriyaya, Nisthoolaya, Nissamsayaya, Niranjanaya, Nirupamavibhavaya,

He who does not have any properties, He who does not have any desires, He who is separate from all dangers, He who is permanent, He who does not have any cause, He who does not have any worry, He who is different from the world, He who is not in any group, He who is not plural, He who does not have any basis, He does not have likes, He who is not angry, He who does not have any roots, He who is above all sins, He who is not afraid, He who is not bound by time, He who does not differentiate, He who is action less, He who is above all , He who does not have any doubts, He who is without stains, He who has matchless assets,

Nithya shudha budhi paripoorna sachidaanadadwayaya, Parama santha swaroopaya, Thejo roopaya, Thejomayaya,

He who is perennially clean, completely wise , complete , divinely joyous and without second, He who is extremely peaceful, He who has a shining form, He who is full of light,

Jaya jaya Rudhra, Maha roudhra, bhadravathara, maha bhairava, Kala Bhairava, Kalpanthaka Bhairava, Kapala maladhara, Gadwanga, Gadga charma pasa angusa Damaru soola Chapa Bana Gadha Shakthi Bindi pala thomara musala mudgara, Pasa parigha Bhoosundi SATHagni Chakradhyaudha , Bheeshanakra Sahasra Mukha Damshttra karala vadana,

Victory ,victory to Rudra, He who is very angry, He who protects, great Bhairava , The Bhairava at the time of deluge, He who wears garland of skulls, He who is armed with sword, He who is very fearsome armed with sword, Shield, rope, goad , drum , trident, arrow, mace, Shakthi , catapult, iron mace , iron pestle , stick of thorns, rope, iron beam, spear, and fire wheel, He who is extremely fearsome , he who has thousand faces, He who is fearsome face due to protruding teeth,

Vikatattahasa visamharitha brahmanda mandala, nagendra kundala , nagendra hara, nagendra valaya, nagendra charma dhara, Mruthyunjaya, Tryambaka, Tripuranthaka, Viswaropa, Viroopaksha, Visweswara, Vrushabha vahana, Visha vibhooshana, Viswathomukha,

He who due to his fearsome roar breaks the universe , He who wears the king of snakes as ear stud, He who wears the snake king as garland, He who wears snake king as armlet, he who wears the skin of the snake king, He who has defeated the God of death, He who has three eyes, He who destroyed the three cities, He who has a form as big as universe, He who has fearsome slanted eyes, He who is the Lord of the universe, He who rides on the bull, He who wears poison as an ornament, he who has universe as face,

Sarvatho raksha raksha maam,
Jwala jwala maha mrutyu bhayam nasaya nasaya,
Chora bhayamuthsadaya muthsadaya,
Visha sarpa bhayam samaya samaya,
Choran marya maraya,
Shathroon uchadaya uchadaya,
Trisoolena vidharaya vidharaya,
Kutarena bhindi bhindi,
Gadgena chindi chindi,
Gadwangena vipodhaya vipodhaya,
Musalena nishpekshaya nishpekshaya,
Banai santhadaya santhadaya,
Rakshamsi bheeshaya bheeshaya,
Bhoothani vidhravaya vidhravaya,
Kosmanda Vetala mareecha brahma rakshasa ganana santhrasaya santhrasaya,
Mam abhayam kuru kuru,
Vithrasthan mam aaswasaya aaswasaya,
Naraka maha bhayan Maam udharoudhara,
SANjeevaya sanjeevaya,
Kshuthrubhyam mamapyaya yapyaya,
Dukhathuram Maam Aananadanandaya,
Shiva kavache namaschadhaya yachadhaya,
Mruthyunjaya Trimbakka SAdashiva namasthe namasthe

Save , save me everywhere,
Shine , shine , destroy , destroy, the great fear of death,
Remove , remove the fear of theft and robbery,

Put out, put out , the fear for snakes with poison,
Kill, kill thieves,,
Drive away, drive away my enemies,
Split, split with trident,
Kill , kill with white axe,
Cut , cut with the sword,
Hit , hit with the skull stick,
Powder, powder with the steel pestle,
Strike, strike with arrows,
Scare , scare Rakshasas,
Drive away drive devils,
Scare away scare away Koosmandas, Vetelas Mareechas and Brahma Rakshas (evil spirits)
Give me, give me protection,
Console , console , who am afraid,
Lift me up, lift me up from fear of hell, Keep me alive , keep me alive,
Save me, save me from effects of hunger and thirst,
Make me who is sad happy,
Cover and protect me with armour of Shiva,
Hey victor over death, Thee eyed one , ever peaceful one , my salutations to you.

Poorva vath Hrudhayadhi nyasa, pancha pooja bhoorbuwaswarom ithi Dig vimoka

After wards after performing nyasa starting from the heart and performing the worship of five deities , you are getting free by chanting boo, bhuvā , suva ...etc.

Phala Sruthi:-

Benefit of reading:-

Rishaba Uvacha:-

Rishabha said:-

**Ithyedath kavacham shaivam varadam vyahrutham mayaa,
Sarva bhadha prasamanam , rahayam sarva dehinaam. 30**

This protective armour of Lord Shiva as spoken by me ,
Removes all ills and bad things, and is secret for all beings.

**Yasaada dharayen marthya saivam kavachamuthamam,
Na thasya jaayathe kwapi bhayam shambhoranugrahath. 31**

That man who wears this greatly divine armour of Shiva,
Due to the blessing of Lord Shiva will never have any fear.

**Ksheenayu praptha mruthyurva Maha roga gahathopivaa,
Sadya sukhamavapnothi , deergatuscha vindathi. 32**

People whose life is about to be over,
Or the one nearing death,
Or the one who is afflicted by leprosy,
Would get rid of those problems,
And would be blessed with long life.

Sarva daridrya samanam soumagalya vardhanam,
Yo dathe kavacham saivam sa devairapi poojyathe.

33

If any one wears this armour,
Which removes all poverty,
And increases good luck,
He would be worshipped even by devas.

Maha pathaka sangathair muchyathe chopa pathakair,
Dehanthe mukthi maapnothi shiva varmanu bhavatha.

34

He with the greatness of the armour of Shiva,
Would be saved from great as well as minor sins,
And at death would be blessed with salvation.

Thwamapi sradhaya vathsa , shaivam kvachamuthamam,
Dharayaswa maya datham sadhya sreyoavyavapsyasi.

35

Oh young man, you also wear this armour given by me,
And by wearing it you would see good things coming to you.

Sootha Uvacha:-
Sootha said:-

Ithyukthwa Rishabho yogi thasmai Parthiva soonave,
Dadhau Sankham Maharaavam Gadganchari nishoodhanam.

36

Punascha basma sammanthrya thadangam parithosprusath,
Gajaanaam Shad sahasraya dwigunasya balam dadhau.

37

Telling thus the sage Rishabha gave the son of the king,
A conch which makes loud noise and a sword which cuts well.

Then he applied the ash made divine by the chant all over him,
And gave him further the strength of 12000 elephants.

Basma prabhvad sampraptha balaiswaryadruthi smruthi,
Sa raja puthra shushubhe saradarka iva sriya.

38

Due to the effect of the ash applied on his body,
The prince got strength, wealth , courage and memory,
And shined like the Sun of the autumn.

Thamaha pranjalim bhooya sa yogi nrupanandanam,
Yesh gadgo maya dathasthapo manthranubhavitha, 39

Then the sage told the prince saluting him,
This sword given by me has the strength ,
Of the holy chants as well meditative power.

Shitha dharamimam Gadgam yasmai darsaye sphutam,
Sa sadhyomriyathe shathru saaksad mruthyurapi swayam. 40

If you show and shake this very sharp sword.
The enemy who sees it would die immediately.

Asya shankhasya nirhradham ye srunwanthi thavahithaa,
They moorchithaa pathishyanthi nyastha shasthra vichethana. 41

Those enemies who happen to hear the sound of this conch,
Would faint immediately and would fall down leaving all arms.

Gadga shankhavimou divyou para sainya vinasinou,
AATHma sainyasya pakshaanam sourya thejo vivardhanou. 42

This sword and conch which are divine destroy enemy's army,
And bless one's own army with bravery and great power.

Yethayoscha prabhavena shaivena kavachena cha,
Dwishat sahasra nagaanaam balena mahathapi cha. 43

These along with the power of the armour of Shiva,
Has greater strength than 12000 elephants.

Basma dharana samarthyath shathru sainyam vijayishyasi,
Prapya simhasanam pithryam gopthasi prithveemimaam. 44

Due to these and by the strength given by the sacred ash,
You would regain the throne of your father and rule over earth.

Ithi bhadrayusham samyag anusasya samathrukam,
Thaabhyaam sampoojithaa sodha yogi swaira f=gather yayou. 45

Thus encouraging the prince called Bharayus,
Who was hearing these along with his mother,

The sage called Rishabha departed the way he wanted.

**Ithi Sri Sanda purane Bramothara Kande, Shiva kavacha prabhava varnanam nama
dwadasodhyayam samaptham**

Thus ends the armour of Shiva which occurs in the twelfth Brahmothara chapter of Skanda purana which deals with the power of the armour of Shiva.