

Shiva shakshara stotram–II
(The prayer to the six lettered chant of Shiva)

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(This is the second version of the same stotra given elsewhere and deals with the six lettered prayer addressed to Lord Shiva namely-“Om Namashivaya”)

Omkara samgnatha samastha veda,
Purana punyagama poojithaya,
ongara roopa Priya darshanaya,
Omkara roopaya nama shivaya. 1

I salute Lord Shiva who is of the form of “Om”,
Who is worshipped by the letter Om in all Vedas,
Puranas and all the other holy agamas,
And who is seen by his devotees as “Om”.

Nana jaraa vyadhi vinasanaya,
Nadhaya lokaya jagat hithaya,
Nana kalanjana nidarsanaya,
Thasmai nakaraya nama shivaya. 2

I salute Lord Shiva who is of the form of “Na”,
Who destroys different diseases of old age,
Who is lord of people , who does good to the world,
And who proves different aspects of arts.

Mathsarya doshanthaka sambhavaya,
Mathu pithu dukha nivaranaaya,
Maheswari sookshma varaya nithyam,
Thasmai makaraya namashivaya. 3

I salute Lord Shiva who is of the form of “ma”,
Who puts an end to evils arising out of competition,
Who solves the sorrow of mother and father,
Who is the micro groom of the great goddess.

Seela vratha Jnana druda vruthaya,
Sheela suvarnaya samuthsukaya,
Seegraya nithyam sura sevithaya,
Thasmai shikaraya namashivaya. 4

I salute Lord Shiva who is of the form of “si”,
Who is firm in good conduct, penances and wisdom,

Who is of golden character and gives good encouragement,
Who is fast and served by devas daily.

Vamardha vidhyuth prathima prabhaya,
Vacha mana karma vimochanaya,
Vageeswari sookshma varaya nithyam,
Thasmai vakaraya namashivaya. 5

I salute Lord Shiva who is of the form of “va”,
Whose left half is the electrifying pretty splendour,
Who gives freedom from words, mind and action,
And who is daily worshipped by Goddess Saraswathi.

Yaksho ragendradhi sura vruthaya,
Yakshangana janma vilochanaya,
Yaksheshu lokeshu jagath hithaya,
Thasmai yakaraya namashivaya. 6

I salute Lord Shiva who is of the form of “ya”,
Who s worshipped by yakshas and devas,
Who gave salvation to the yaksha lady,
Who takes care of the yaksha people and all people of earth.

Uthphulla neeloth pala lochanayai,
Krusanu chandraka vilochanaya,
Nireeswarayai nikhileswaraya,
Namashivayai cha namashivaya. 7

She with a eye like a fully opened lotus,
He with eyes of moon, sun and fire,
She who does not have any God above her,
He who is the God for all the universe
Salutations to her who is the consort of Shiva,
Salutations to the God Shiva.