

INTRODUCTORY MANTRAS

(Śīvamahimnah Stotram)

Hariḥ Om

Gajānanam bhuta-gaṇādhisevitam
Kapittha-jambū-phalachāru-bhakṣaṇam
Umāsutaṃ śoka-vināśa-kāraṇam
Namāmi Vighneśvara-pāda-paṅkajam

O Elephant-faced (Ganesh), served by ghosts and other attendants, eating sweet wood-apples and blackberries, Uma's son, the destroyer of sorrows, O remover of obstacles, I bow to your lotus feet.

Om Namaḥ¹stvantāya sahasra-mūrtaye
sahasra-pādā¹kṣi-śīroru-bāhave
Sahasra-nāmne puruṣāya śāsvate
Sahasra-koṭī-yuga-dhāriṇe namaḥ

Salutations to the Infinite Lord having a thousand forms, a thousand feet, eyes, heads, thighs and arms; Salutations to the Eternal Being, with a thousand names, who endures through a thousand crores of ages.

Vande devamumā-patiṃ suraguruṃ
Vande jagat-kāraṇam
Vande pannaga-bhūṣaṇam mṛgadharam
Vande paśunām patiṃ

I adore the divine spouse of Uma, the Guru of gods, I adore the Cause of the universe, I adore the One, embellished with snakes, clad in a deerskin, I adore the Lord of bound creatures.

Vande sūrya-śaśaṅka-vahni-nayanam
Vande mukunda-priyam
Vande bhakta-janāśrayaṅcha varadam
Vande śivam śaṅkaram

I adore the one whose eyes are the sun, moon and fire, I adore the One who is dear to Mukund (Vishnu), I adore the One granting refuge to devotees, the Giver of boons, I adore Shiva, Shankara (the Beneficient).

Śāntam padmāsana-stham
Śaśi-dhara-mukutaṃ pañcha-vaktraṃ trinetraṃ
Śūlam vajraṃ cha khaḍgaṃ
Paraśum-abhayadam dakṣiṇāṅge vahantam

To the Calm One seated in the lotus posture, With the moon as His crown, with five faces and three eyes, Bearing in his five right hands a trident, a thunder-bolt, a sword, An axe, and the gesture granting fearlessness.

Nāgam pāśam cha ghaṇṭām
Ḍamaruka-sahitam sāṅkuśam vāma-bhāge
Nānā¹laṅkāra-dīptaṃ
Sphaṭika-maṇi-nibham pārvatīśam namāmi

In his five left hands a snake, a noose, a bell, a tabor and a goad, Adorned with various ornaments, pure and luminous like quartz, To Parvati's Lord, I bow.

*Baba chants one additional verse, which will be transliterated and added here.