

शिवपञ्चाक्षरस्तोत्रम्

नागेन्द्रहाराय	त्रिलोचनाय	
भस्माङ्गरागाय	महेश्वराय	
नित्याय	शुद्धाय	दिगम्बराय
तस्मै	न-काराय	नमः शिवाय १
मन्दाकिनीसलिलचन्दनचर्चिताय		
नन्दीश्वरप्रमथनाथमहेश्वराय		
मन्दारपुष्पबहुपुष्पसुपूजिताय		
तस्मै	म-काराय	नमः शिवाय २
शिवाय	गौरीवदनाञ्जवृन्द-	
सूर्याय	दक्षध्वरनाशकाय	
श्रीनीलकण्ठाय	वृषध्वजाय	
तस्मै	शि-काराय	नमः शिवाय ३
वसिष्ठकुम्भोद्भवगौतमार्य-		
मुनीन्द्रदेवार्चितशेखराय		
चन्द्रार्कवैश्वानरलोचनाय		
तस्मै	व-काराय	नमः शिवाय ४
यक्षस्वरूपाय	जटाधराय	
पिनाकहस्ताय	सनातनाय	
दिव्याय	देवाय	दिगम्बराय
तस्मै	य-काराय	नमः शिवाय ५

Śivapañcākṣarastotram

Salutations for the **na**-letter-embodiment Śiva, Who is adorned with a garland of snake, Who has three eyes, Who has ashes rubbed over the body, Who is the ruler of everyone, Who is indestructible, Who is pure and without ornatation, and Who is entirely blissful.[1]

Salutations for the **ma**-letter-embodiment Śiva, Who is covered with water of Mandākinī (Gaṅgā) and sandalwood paste, Who is the ruler of Nandin and other tormentors, Who is offered with mandāra and many other flowers, and Who is entirely blissful.[2]

Salutations for the **śi**-letter-embodiment Śiva, Who is like the Sun for the lotus-like body of Gaurī, Who destroyed the sacrifice of Dakṣa, Who absolved poison (during ocean-churning) in His throat, Who has a bull as His flag, and Who is entirely blissful.[3]

Salutations for the **va**-letter-embodiment Śiva, Who is prayed by Vasiṣṭha, Gautama, Agastya, Udbhava (son of Nahuṣa) and demi-gods alike, Who has the Sun, the Moon and the Fire as His three eyes, and Who is entirely blissful.[4]

Salutations for the **ya**-letter-embodiment Śiva, Who took the form of spiritual apparition (Yakṣa), Who has tresses locked on His head, Who held the mighty bow Pināka, Who is perpetual, Who is divine, Who is in the form of demi-gods, Who is without ornatation, and Who is entirely blissful.[5]

पञ्चाक्षरमिदं पुण्यं
यः पठेच्छिवसन्निधौ ।
शिवलोकमवाप्नोति
शिवेन सह मोदते ॥ ६

Śloka: Those who sing this Five-letter Eulogy of Śiva with utmost devotion, they attain the world of Śiva and remain in bliss.

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