

MAHASHIVRATRI

Shivratri means “shivo bhutva shivam yajet”; means to devote to lord Shiva- become a Shiva yourself. One cannot achieve shivatva without becoming a Shiva himself. This auspicious vrat encourage a person to become Shiva which is very difficult to attain without hard work and sadhana.

This vrat had changed a hunter’s heart in an epic. Shiv upasana is very difficult task for a common man. One should try to devote and worship lord Shiva by drinking poison (metaphor) and remove impurities from the society around us. Metaphorically, it is said that Devas drink amrut derived from the churning of the ocean (samudra manthan) and the one who drinks poison is called mahadeva... That is how lord shivji is called mahadeva. Lord Mahadeva is worshipped Monday by abhishek.

In our society- big hearted people are they who digest poison which is his greatness in contributing to cleanse the pollution spreaded in the society with sins and hatred. Thus lord Shiva is called neel-kanth. The famous poet pushpadant has also narrated in his poem “shiv mahima”- the greatness of lord Shiva. Lord Vishnu also worshipped lord Shiva who is the generator of the whole universe and donated his own eye for the worship of lord Shiva. Lord Shiva is also called as lord of love and knowledge “Having possessed everything but not to enjoy anything thing”, this great philosophy goes to lord Shiva. He is also called as digamber. He possesses the whole universe but is not interested in enjoying anything. He lives in a cave in mountain, interested in bhogvilas (materialistic pleasures).

Let us worship lord Shiva on this great mahashivratri with our heart and soul.

Hari Ohm Namah Shiva
Shubham bhavatu
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