

AHASHVA: WHERE EVERYTHING ENDS FOR A NEW START

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Abstract :

Shiva is something where everything ends not to end but to a new start. Shiva means nothing (zero) but also everything (Infinite). He is considered as zero because he is completely in a systematic as well as ideal state. Shiva is shine also as dark, Shiva is coolest, Shiva is hottest, Shiva is horrible as well as handsome. If something is beautiful is considered to be shiva. If someone is living he is Shiva and If someone is dead, he is in Shiva. Shiva has been a very mysterious, gullible and charismatic god in Hindu religion; he is considered the destroyer of evil and very well known for his soft hearted nature. Amish in his novel 'Immortals of Meluha' presented him as a common human being who encounters very strange happening in his life and he suddenly becomes the centre of attraction. The present paper tries to explore his qualities like foresightedness, loyalty, team spirit and empathy which ultimately make him an extraordinary leader who sets an example before everyone. It throws light on his journey from an ordinary tribal leader to the Neelkanth who faces lots of personal and worldly problems, overcomes them and finally destroys them.

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Introduction:

According to Shiva Purana, Shiva or Maheshwar is the creator of Maya. That is, the Supreme Lord Shiva is beyond everything. He is immaculate, omniscient, above the three modes of nature and the ultimate Supreme Brahman. He is unborn and he is the origin of all. He is worthy of all the praise and is the guardian of his subjects, the god of the gods and worshipped by the entire world. According to Shiva Purana, Shiva is the sustainer and destroyer of the universe, he is the saguna-nirguna and the nirvikar Parabrahman Paramatma in the form of true and divine nature.

According to Shiv Puran, Shiva himself tells **Lord Vishnu**, "O Vishnu, I am the source of creation, protection and destruction of the universe. I am the cosmic work divided into Trimurti and I am present in three forms and hold together Brahma and Vishnu." According to Shiv Purana, Shiva is anywhere and everywhere, so there is no point in asking who is Shiva? Or what is Shiva? All this is just the result of limited thinking of our narrow thoughts. Shiva has just taken a form to be accessible to humans. Indeed, Shiva is omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent.

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That was the first act of Zen. Nothing in this world is left out of Shiva's life. He is so complex and so complete. And he did not have a teaching, he only had methods, and these methods are one hundred percent scientific in nature. He gave 112 ways in which a human



being can attain because there are **114 chakras** in the human system, but two of them are outside the physical body, so he said, “That realm is only for those who are beyond. For human beings, there are only 112 ways.” And he showed clear methods as to how you can exploit these 112 dimensions of how this life is made. Through each one of them, you can realize.

What Shiva was talking is the mechanics of life, no philosophy, no teaching, no social relevance – simply science. From this science, individual masters make technology. He gave the science of it. Behind the technologies that you are enjoying today, either in the form of a smartphone or a computer or some other gadget, there is a science. That science is not relevant to you. You are only using the technology. But if someone had not grasped the science, you would not have the technology.

So what Shiva said is simply pure science. He left it to the Saptarishis to make the technology as it would suit the people who would sit in front of them on that day. Technology can be made up. Depending upon what we need, we produce a particular gadget, but the fundamental science is the same. Gadgets that are relevant today may be irrelevant tomorrow. So many gadgets that we once thought were very valuable are no more valuable because new gadgets have come – but the science is the same.

So with the Adiyogi, we are looking at the fundamental science. At a time like this, when for various reasons, humanity is in the kind of state that it is in, it is important that the essential science is strengthened.

The Meaning Of Jyotirlinga :

1. The all-pervading Brahmatmalinga or all-pervading light.
2. In the Taittiriya Upanishad, the twelve Principles of Brahma, Maya, the jiva, the mind, intellect, subconscious mind, ego and the Panchamahabhutas have been referred to as the twelve Jyotirlingas.
3. The twelve sections of the Shivalinga.
4. In the Yadnyavedi (Pit where the ritual of sacrificial fires is performed), the shalunka represents the pit of the fire and the linga the flame of the fire.
5. A representation of the twelve Adityas (Species of Deities who are designated into groups).
6. The sites of eruption of fire from the dormant volcanoes. Since Yama, the master of southern direction is a subordinate of Shankar, south becomes the direction of Shankar. The Jyotirlingas are south-oriented, meaning, the opening of their shalunkas face southwards. Most temples do not face the southern direction. When the opening of the shalunka faces the south, its pinda possesses more spiritual energy; while the pinda with the opening of the shalunka facing north possesses lesser energy.

Spiritual significance :

We should select an appropriate Jyotirlinga and perform Abhishek on that Jyotirlinga for example, Mahankal is charged with Tama predominant energy, Naganatha is in Harihar form and is Sattva-Tama-predominant and Tryambakeshwar is three components-oriented (also known as Avadhut).



NAMES OF JYOTIRLING	LOCATION	STATE
<u>Shree Somnath Jyotirlinga</u>	Veraval (Somnath)	Gujarat
<u>Mallikarjuna Jyotirlinga</u>	Srisailam	Andhra Pradesh
<u>Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga</u>	Jaisinghpura, Ujjain	Madhya Pradesh
<u>Omkareshwar Jyotirlinga</u>	Khandwa	Madhya Pradesh
<u>Vaidyanath Jyotirlinga</u>	ShivgangaMuhalla, Dardmara	Jharkhand
<u>Bhimashankar Jyotirlinga</u>	Bhimashankar, Pune	Maharashtra
<u>Rameshwaram Jyotirlinga</u>	Rameswaram	Tamil Nadu
<u>Nageshwar Jyotirlinga</u>	Daarukavanam, Devbhumi Dwarika	Gujarat
<u>Vishwanath Jyotirlinga</u>	Lahori Tola, Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh
<u>Trimbakeshwar Jyotirlinga</u>	Shrimant Peshwe Path, Trimbak	Maharashtra
<u>Kedarnath Temple</u>	Kedarnath, Rudraprayag	Uttarakhand
<u>Grishneshwar Jyotirlinga</u>	Aurangabad, Maharashtra	Maharashtra

Sanskrit shloka that list the 12 Jyotirlingas:

सौराष्ट्रेसोमनाथं श्रीशैलेमल्लिकार्जुनम् ।
उज्जयिन्यां महाकालमोङ्कारममलेश्वरम् ॥
परल्यां वैद्यनाथं च डाकिन्यां भीमशङ्करम् ।
सेतुबन्धेतुरामेशं नागेशं दारुकावने ॥
वाराणस्यां तु विश्वेशं त्र्यम्बकं गौतमीतटे ।
हिमालये तु केदारं घुश्मेशं च शिवालये ॥
एतानि ज्योतिर्लिङ्गानि सायं प्रातः पठेन्नरः ।
सप्तजन्मकृतं पापं स्मरणेन विनश्यति ॥

The importance of Jyotirlinga's and the place of samadhi of Saints :

After taking samadhi, the work of Saints is more at the subtle level. Their bodies emit greater quantum of waves of Chaitanya and sattvikta. Just as the samadhi of a Saint is under



the surface of earth, so also are the Jyotirlingas and swayambhuShivalingas. Since these Shivalingas have greater amount of nirgunṭattva when compared with the other Shivalingas, they constantly emit greater quantum of nirgunṭ Chaitanya and sattvikta. This helps in continuously purifying the atmosphere on the earth. Also, since these waves are constantly emitted towards the region of Hell, they are in continuous combat with the negative energies there. Hence, the earth is constantly protected from the attacks of powerful negative energies from the region of Hell.

Somnath, Jyotirlinga:

Decimated and re-assembled sixteen times, It is accepted that even today on a moonless night Chandra comes and plunges in the blessed water of the ocean here and begins to sparkle once again. Somnath is called Somnath Mahadev in light of the fact that legend says Moon appealed to Lord Shiva himself and set up this Jyotirlinga without anyone else and thus gets the name. Soma means Moon. Clearly, the moon was coupled to around 27 daughters of Daksha. Yet, he didn't focus on the entirety of his 27 brides, however dedicated his time just to Rohini.

The father gets irritated and denounces Moon that he will lose all his gloss and shine, and fade away. The moon begins to blur thus he comes down to this spot alongside Rohini and starts appealing to Lord Shiva. Daksha is additionally the father in law of Lord Shiva. Shiva at that point expels his revile, Moon takes a dunk in the river Saraswati and begins to shine. Subsequently, this spot gets the name Prabhas, which means shine or sparkle. The absolute first Somnath sanctuary is supposed to be built by the moon and it was all gold.

Mallikarjuna Jyotirlinga:

It is the specific area where Shiva and Parvati visited their child Kartik, living there out of shame that he failed his parent's test.

The second Jyotirlinga on the list is Mallikarjuna that is established in Andhra Pradesh. According to Skanda Purana, Shiva and Parvati were not able to choose which son of theirs should get mated first. So they decided to plot a competition between both their sons, Ganesha and Kartikeya. The one who would be apt to do this first will get married first. Lord Kartikeya took his peacock and started the voyage but Ganesh chose to go round his parents and stated that they are his world. Shiva and Parvati were very charmed with this so they decided to make Lord Ganesha mated first. And he got married to Riddhi and Siddhi, the daughters of Viswaroopan.

Mahakaleshwar Jyotirlinga:

The third Jyotirlinga is the exceptionally mainstream Mahakaleshwar in Ujjain. It is an exceptionally sacrosanct spot and is located on the bank of Rudra Sagar.

This piece of the nation was once managed by a ruler named Chandrasena, who was a big devotee of Lord Shiva. The people would likewise consistently worshiped the Lord. One day the realm was invaded by lord Ripudamana who had an evil spirit with him named Dushan. This evil presence got an extraordinary capacity it could get invisible.



The Kingdom was destroyed and all the individuals prayed to Lord Shiva. Lord Shiva appeared up and ensured the city. The individuals of Ujjain mentioned him to remain there itself and secure them. Shiva couldn't state NO and chose to remain in Ujjain to take care of his devotees. It is accepted that Lord Shiva still lives in Mahakaleshwar.

Omkareshwar Jyotirlinga:

There are many stories that spin around this shrine. Faiths say Lord Shiva had emerged here to conquer the danavas on the request of the gods.

Some state he had shown up here on solicitation of mount Vindya and favored him that he would turn into a strong mountain except if he quits influencing Lord Shiva's devotees. Some state that ruler Manadhata used to worship Lord Shiva here. Lord Shiva was so satisfied with him that he chose to dwell here.

Kedarnath Jyotirlinga:

It is accepted to be established by the Pandavas, at the specific area where they saw Lord Shiva and were blessed by him and free of their transgressions.

Pandavas needed to dispose of their sins with the goal that they could go to Swarg (heaven). Notwithstanding, they were informed that they could do so just on the off chance that they could see Lord Shiva and be blessed by him. So they began their hunt. After a long pursuit, they at long last saw Lord Shiva at this spot where the Jyotirlinga is built today.

The Lord said that he will remain in this spot as a three-sided molded Jyotirlinga. This is one of the most well-known Jyotirlingas in India and is additionally a sacred spot. Consistently a colossal number of devotees visit this Kedarnath Temple every year.

Bhemashankar Jyotirlinga:

Here experienced an Asura named Bhima. At the point when he grew a little old, he was told by his mother, karkati that Kumbhakaran the sibling of King Ravana was his father. His mother additionally disclosed to him that his father was slaughtered by Lord Vishnu in one of his incarnations (Lord Rama). Bhima concluded he would take revenge for the demise of his father.

He began to implore Lord Brahma and was allowed gigantic powers from him. After getting powers from lord Bahama, he began devastation. There was carnage everywhere. He would torment holy people and even murder children. He once took Kamarupeshwar a major Shiva devotee as a hostage. The Lord got exceptionally displeased with this. The displeasure even expanded when Bhima advised Kamarupeshwar to love him and not Lord Shiva. Kamarupeshwar denied this, and thus Bhima raised his sword to kill him.

This is when Lord Shiva appeared to rescue Kamarupeshwar and murdered Bhima. All the divine Gods requested Lord Shiva to remain in their thus agreeing to them, Shiva showed himself as the Bhemashankar Jyotirlinga.

Vishwanath Jyotirlinga:

Followers state this city can never be pulverized. It is where Brahma, Vishnu, and Mahesh, trinity live simultaneously. Anybody can achieve Moksha here. There is no



transgression or sin on earth that can't be washed here. It also has a fascinating story. The interpretation implies the "Ruler of the universe". The city is the most established on the planet and has a 3,000 five multi-year old history. It is said that this city can never be demolished.

Trimbakeshwar Jyotirlinga:

The legends state that Gautam rishi used to live here with his better half Ahilya. Lord Shiva blesses Gautam Rishi with a pit from where he could get any measure of grain and food. The other Rishi got envious of Gautam Rishi. He decided to send animals there and murder him. Gautam Rishi got extremely annoyed with this and he appealed to Lord Shiva that he needs the Ganges to stream in this segment of the country so his transgressions are washed off. Lord Shiva allowed his desire. The Lord chose to remain here by the name of Trimbakeshwar. It is said that it can satisfy all wants.

Vaidyanath Jyotirlinga:

Devotees convey 'Kanwar's' on their shoulders and complete their trip here. Ravana the ruler of Lanka was an immense devotee of ruler Shiva. He once felt that in the event that Shiva doesn't dwell in Lanka, at that point Lanka can be annihilated. He needed to make Lanka immune. Ruler Shiva consented to his appeals and gave him a lingam. He cautioned him that in the event that he puts the lingam in any piece of earth before he came to Lanka it will get fixed to that land and nobody will have the option to expel it.

Ravana began his journey back from Kailash. In transit it was night and he needed to do his night prayer. In any case, he was unable to do it with the Jyotirlinga in his grasp.

He saw a shepherd kid and asked him to hold the Jyotirlinga and furthermore cautioned him not to put it down. The kid concurred yet cautioned him that if there is a delay from him he will put it down and go. Ravana said he will be back soon. The shepherd kid was actually lord Ganesh and he was there at the request of God. When there was a delay from Ravana, Ganesha kept the Jyotirlinga on the ground and he left.

When Ravana saw this he turned out to be extremely disturbed however notwithstanding making a decent attempt, he was unable to pull it from the ground. From that point forward it is present in there Vaidyanath Jyotirlinga is one of the most famous Jyotirlingas.

Nageshwar Jyotirlinga:

It is said that there was a Shiva devotee named Supriya who lived around here. She was once attacked and spellbound by an evil spirit named Daruka. At the point when she began to call Lord Shiva, He showed up and executed Daruka. After this occurrence, He lived here as Nageshwar Jyotirlinga.

Rameswaram Jyotirlinga:

Rameswaram Jyotirlinga is the eleventh jyotirlinga among the twelve jyotirlingas of Lord Shiva located in Tamil Nadu. It is one of the Char Dham. There are two lingas here. One was brought by Hanuman from Kailash and the other by Sita. The Vishwa Linga is



prayed first as it was brought by Hanuman. The one brought by Sita is venerated second. The equivalent is done even today. This is actually where Lord Rama worshiped Lord Shiva after he conquered Ravana.

The Rameswaram Jyotirlinga knew for its special design and architecture. The structure has the biggest passing when contrasted with some other sanctuaries in India. Rameswaram Jyotirlinga viewed as one of the biggest sanctified spots by the Hindus. Many visit Rameswaram Temple each year.

Ghrishneshwar Jyotirlinga:

The Ghrishneshwar Jyotirlinga is one of the Jyotirlingas referenced in the Shiva Puranas. The Twelfth Jyotirlinga is the Grishneshwar or GHUSHMESHWAR Jyotirlinga in Maharashtra.

The jyotirlinga was believed found near the Ajanta and Ellora caves Aurangabad. Numerous years prior a lady named Kusuma used to live here. She would worship Lord Shiva. She used to immerse the shiva Linga in a tank and afterward worshipped it. The locals would regard her a lot and go to her for guidance. Her better half's other spouses were extremely envious of her so they killed her child.

Even after her child's passing too she proceeded with her customs. One day, while she submerged the Shivalinga in the tank. Lord Shiva appeared up alongside her child. By look at the scene, the locals were astounded. From that point forward it is said that Lord Shiva lives here.

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Conclusion:

At the end of this paper Shiva is left with a question, "Who is he? But answer still no one knows but shiva says,"

जीव हूँ मैं
मैं ही ब्रह्म हूँ
सम्पूर्ण जगत हूँ
निरंजन हूँ
विकरालकाल हूँ
मैं एक लघुपल हूँ
मैं ही अमर हूँ



प्रत्येक मृत्यु मैं मैं ही मरता भी मैं हूँ
महापर्वत मैं हूँ
सूक्ष्मत्रीण भी मैं ही हूँ
पृथ्वी मैं हूँ
आकाश भी मैं ही हूँ
वन्दन मैं हूँ मुक्ति मैं हूँ
काल क्रोध विष और अमृत भी मैं ही हूँ
ज्ञान भी हूँ अज्ञान भी
प्रकाश हूँ अन्धकार भी दुविधा मैं हूँ
निर्णय भी मैं हूँ शान्ति मैं और
समस्त अशांति भी मैं हूँ
मैं ही ब्रह्मा मैं ही नारायण मैं महादेव हूँ.....!!

I am living
I am the Brahman
i am the whole world
am Niranjan
I am in dire straits
i am a short moment
i am immortal
every death i die i die too
i am the great mountain
I am also the subtle body
i am the earth
i am the sky
Salutation I am liberation
I am the poison and nectar of death
knowledge is also ignorance
I am the light, I am also the darkness
I am the decision too, I am the peace and
all the chaos is me
I am Brahma, I am Narayan, I am Mahadev.....!!

मुझे ढूँढो मत केवल पहचानो तुम ही मैं हूँ मैं ही तुम
हर आरम्भका मैं हीन्त हूँ और हरान्त सदैव मेरा ही आरम्भ होगा.....!!

Don't search for me, just recognize, you are me, I am you
I am the end of every beginning and every end will always be my beginning.

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