

Shani Dev Aarti

श्री शनिदेव जी की आरती

"Jai Jai Shri Shani Dev, Bhaktan Hitkari" is a short traditional Hindi aarti to Shani Dev, son of the Sun and Chhaya. A refrain and four stanzas describe his dark form and blue garments, name the offerings dear to him (sesame, oil, urad dal and iron) and seek his shelter. It is sung on Saturdays at the end of Shani puja, usually after the Shani Chalisa.

Refrain

Jai Jai Shri Shanidev Bhaktan Hitkari
Suraj Ke Putra Prabhu Chhaya Mahatari

Glory, glory to Shri Shani Dev, who works for the good of his devotees. Lord, you are the son of the Sun, and Chhaya is your mother.

Stanza 1

Shyam Ank Vakra Drisht Chaturbhuja Dhari
Neelambar Dhar Nath Gaj Ki Asvari ॥1॥

Your body is dark, your gaze is slanting, and you bear four arms. Lord, you wear blue garments and ride an elephant.

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Stanza 2

Kreet Mukut Sheesh Rajit Dipat Hai Lilari
Muktan Ki Mala Gale Shobhit Balihari ॥2॥

A crown adorns your head and your forehead glows. A string of pearls shines at your throat; I offer my whole self to you.

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Stanza 3

Modak Mishthan Paan Chadhat Hain Supari
Loha Til Tel Udad Mahishi Ati Pyari ॥3॥

Modaks, sweets, paan and betel nut are offered to you. Iron, sesame, oil, urad dal and the buffalo are very dear to you.

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Stanza 4

Dev Danuj Rishi Muni Sumirin Nar Nari
Vishwanath Dharat Dhyan Sharan Hain Tumhari ॥4॥

Gods, demons, rishis, munis, men and women all remember you. Vishwanath meditates on you; we have come to your shelter.

Refrain

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Source: Traditional Hindi aarti as given by BhaktiBharat.com (aarti/shri-shani-dev-ji) and Bharat Discovery / Bharatkosh (शनिदेव जी की आरती), cross-checked with the copy printed after the Shani Chalisa on sanskritdocuments.org (doc_z_otherlang_hindi/shani40)

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