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With his neck, consecrated by the flow of water flowing from the thick forest-like locks of hair, and on the neck, where the lofty snake is hanging garland, and the Damaru drum making the sound of Damat Damat Damat Damat, Lord Shiva did the auspicious dance of Tandava and may He shower prosperity on us all.

I have a very deep interest in Lord Shiva, whose head is glorified by
the rows of moving waves of the celestial river Ganga, agitating in
the deep well of his hair-locks, and who has the brilliant fire flaming
on the surface of his forehead, and who has the crescent moon as a
jewel on his head.

धराधरेन्द्रनंदीविलासवन्दुक्षुरः

King of mountains-daughter-sportive-kith-beautiful-

स्मुरिगतसन्नतिप्रमोदमानसे

glorious-horizon-all living beings-rejoicing-mind

कृपाकांटकाश्वरणीनिर्रुचुर्धरापदि

compassion-look-continuous flow-obstructed-hardships

कचिदिगम्ये(कचिचिदम्बरे) मनो विनोदमेतु वस्तुनि

some time-in the omnipresent-mind-pleasure-may seek-in a thing

May my mind seek happiness in the Lord Shiva, in whose mind all the
living beings of the glorious universe exist, who is the sportive
companion of Parvati (daughter of the mountain king), who controls
invincible hardships with the flow of his compassionate look, who is
all-persuasive (the directions are his clothes).

लताभूजस्मुरिघस्मुरकर्त्त्वामणिप्रभा वर जटाभूजः

creeping-snake-reddish brown-shining-hood-gem-luster-

कदम्बवङ्गुक्षांमदवप्रतिस्विद्रवयुपे

variegated-red dye-melting-applied-directions-beloved-face

मदनयसिन्धुस्मुरकर्त्तव्युर्गुर्मयेंहुरे

intoxicated-elephant-glittering-skin-upper garment-covered

मनो विनोदमहुतं विभर्तु भूतभूतिरि

mind-pleasure-wonderful-may it seek-in him who supports all life

May I seek wonderful pleasure in Lord Shiva, who is supporter
of all life, who with his creeping snake with reddish brown hood and
with the luster of his gem on it spreading out variegated colors on the
beautiful faces of the maidens of directions, who is covered with a
glittering upper garment made of the skin of a huge intoxicated
May Lord Shiva give us prosperity, who has the moon (relative of the Cakora bird) as his head-jewel, whose hair is tied by the red snake-garland, whose foot-stool is grayed by the flow of dust from the flowers from the rows of heads of all the Gods, Indra/Vishnu and others.

for the prosperity-for a long time-may he be-Cakora bird-relative-on head

May we get the wealth of Siddhis from Shiva's locks of hair, which devoured the God of Love with the sparks of the fire flaming in His forehead, who is bowed by all the celestial leaders, who is beautiful with a crescent moon

for the Siddhi-prosperity-head-locked hair-may it be-to us

May we get the wealth of Siddhis from Shiva's locks of hair, which devoured the God of Love with the sparks of the fire flaming in His forehead, who is bowed by all the celestial leaders, who is beautiful with a crescent moon
king of mountains-daughter-breast-tip-colorful-decorative lines
-प्रकट्यनेकाशिल्पिनि त्रिलोचने रतिम्मम || ७||

drawing-sole-artist - in the three-eyed -deep interest-mine

My interest is in Lord Shiva, who has three eyes, who has offered the powerful God of Love into the fire, flaming Dhagad Dhagad on the flat surface of his forehead who is the sole expert artist of drawing decorative lines on the tips of breasts of Parvati, the daughter of the mountain king.

नवीनमेघमण्डली निरुद्दुर्गरस्फुटः
new-cloud-circle - obstructed-harsh-striking-
कु कृ णशीर्षिनीम: प्रवन्धवदःक्ष:पः।
new moon-midnight-darkness-tightly-tied-neck
निरित्रिमणिःरीढःरसनांतू कृ णसिद्धुः
celestial-river-wearing-may he bless-skin-red
कलानिधानवन्धुः प्रियं जगदुराधः || ८||

moon-lovely-prosperity-universe-bearer of the burden

May Lord Shiva give us prosperity, who bears the burden of this universe, who is lovely with the moon, who is red wearing the skin, who has the celestial river Ganga, whose neck is dark as midnight of new moon night covered by many layers of clouds.

प्रफुळनीघाङ्घ्रकारकाविलम्रमप्रमा-
well-opened-blue-lotus-universe-darkness-luster
-वल्लिम्बिकणणथकुलीरूचिप्रवदवदःक्षः।
hanging-inside-temple-luster-tied-neck
स्मरविच्छिदं पुरविच्छिदं भवविच्छिदं मकविच्छिदं
Manmatha-killer-city-destroyer-mundane life -destroyer-sacrifice destroyer
gजजविच्छिदाधरक्षिदं तमञ्जकविच्छिदं भजे || ९||

elephant-killer-demon-killer-him-destroyer of Lord Yama-I worship

I pray to Lord Shiva, whose neck is tied with the luster of the temples
hanging on the neck with the glory of the fully-bloomed blue lotuses which looked like the blackness (sins) of the universe, who is the killer of Manmatha, who destroyed Tripuras, who destroyed the bonds of worldly life, who destroyed the sacrifice, who destroyed the demon Andhaka, the destroyer of the elephants, and who controlled the God of death, Yama.

I pray to Lord Shiva, who has bees flying all over because of the sweet honey from the beautiful bunch of auspicious Kadamba flowers, who is the killer of Manmatha, who destroyed Tripuras, who destroyed the bonds of worldly life, who destroyed the sacrifice, who destroyed the demon Andhaka, the killer of the elephants, and who controlled the God of death, Yama.

Lord Shiva, whose dance of Tandava is in tune with the series of loud sounds of drum making Dhimid Dhimid sounds, who has the fire
on the great forehead, the fire that is spreading out because of the
breath of the snake wandering in whirling motion in the glorious sky.

When will I worship Lord Sadasiva (eternally auspicious) God, with
equal vision towards the people and an emperor, and a blade of grass
and lotus-like eye, towards both friends and enemies, towards the
valuable gem and some lump of dirt, towards a snake and a garland
and towards varied ways of the world

When will I be happy, living in the hollow place near the celestial
river, Ganga, carrying the folded hands on my head all the time, with
my bad thinking washed away, and uttering the mantra of Lord Shiva
and devoted in the God with glorious forehead with vibrating eyes.

This indeed-daily-thus-said-the best of the best-stotra
Whoever reads, remembers and says this best stotra as it is said here, gets purified for ever, and obtains devotion in the great Guru Shiva. For this devotion, there is no other way. Just the mere thought of Lord Shiva indeed removes the delusion.

In the evening, after sunset, at the end of Puja, whoever utters this stotra dedicated to the worship of Shiva, Lord Shiva blessed him with very stable LakShmi (prosperity) with all the richness of chariots, elephants and horses.

Thus ends the Shiva-Tandava Stotra written by Ravana.
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The stotra is in panchachAmara Chanda, in which there are 16 varna-s per line, each line begins with a laghu and the laghu and guru varna-s alternate. So there are eight LG (laghu-guru) pairs, making up 16 syllables of each line. The last shloka is in Vasanta-tilakA metre.

Some versions of the stotra carry 17-19 verses. For total 17 version, there are two as follows that devotee can add during prayers.

Divine beauty of different parts of Lord Shiva which are enlightened by fragrance of the flowers decorating the twisted hair locks of angels may always bless us with happiness and pleasure.

The Shakti (energy) which is capable of burning all the sins and spreading welfare of all and the pleasant sound produced by angels during enchanting the pious Shiv mantra at the time of Shiv-Parvati Vivah may win over and destroy all the sufferings of the world.

There are two additional verses seen in some version
Salutations to consort of Parvati,
Salutations to lord of Ganga,
Salutations to the one who is kind to worshippers,
Salutations to the one having an eye in the forehead,
Salutations to the one adorned with Moon crescent as a crown,
Salutations to the one who liberates from sorrow
I meditate upon his lotus like feet, Salutations to the dancing Shiva.

and the last (19) in conclusion

The one who recites the praise composed by Ravana, fully associated near Shiva, receives happiness generated by children and grandchildren (and other desirable things) and also attains salvation.

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