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Today is Vaikuntha Chaturdashi. A day dedicated to both Lord Shiva & Maha Vishnu. The significance of this day and the vratha to be observed is described in a very detailed manner in the Kartikamasa mahatmya of the Vaishnava khanda in the Skanda puranam. (1)



On this very day during the Sathya yuga Lord Maha Vishnu went to Kashi to have a darshana of Mahadeva. Before proceeding for the darshana he took a bath at the Manikarnika ghat & in the process took a 1000 golden Lotus with him to

Vishnu took a 1000 lotuses to perform the Sahasranama for Shiva (1 lotus for 1 name). In order to test Vishnu's devotion, Shiva secretly takes away 1 lotus before the worship. Nearing the end of the Sahasranama, Vishnu realizes he is short by 1 lotus (3)

वैश्वेशीं ततः पद्मैरपूजयत् ॥ ४ ॥ सहस्रसंख्यां कृत्वादावेकनाम्ना ततः परम् ॥ आरब्धं पूजनं तेन शिवस्तद्धित्तमेक्षत ॥ ५ ॥ एकं पद्मं पद्ममध्यान्निलीयाऽऽत्तं हरेण तु ॥ ततः पूजितवान्विष्णुरेकोनं कमलं त्वभूत् ॥ ६ ॥ इतस्ततस्तेन हष्टं पद्मं तिष्ठति न कचित् ॥ कमलेषु अमो जातोऽथवा नामसु मे अमः ॥ ७ ॥ क्षणं विचार्यं स हरिने मे नामअमोऽभवत् ॥ पद्मे चैव अमो जातो विचार्येवं पुनःपुनः ॥ ८ ॥ सहस्रपद्मसंकल्पः पूजार्थं तु कृतो मया ॥ अर्च्यः कथं महादेव एकोनकमलेमया ॥ ९ ॥ यद्यानेतुं गमिष्यामि भंगः स्यादासनस्य तु ॥ अतः परं कि विधेयं चिन्तोद्विमो हरिस्तदा ॥ १० ॥ एकः प्रकार उत्पन्नो हृद्येऽस्य सुनीश्वराः ॥ पुण्डरीकाक्ष इत्येवं मां वदंति सुनीश्वराः ॥ १० ॥ नेत्रं मे पद्मसहशं पद्मार्थं त्वर्पयाम्यहम् ॥ इति निश्चित्य मनसा दत्त्वा तर्जनिकां स तु ॥ १२ ॥ नेत्रमध्यानुदु

Vishnu wondered if the shortfall in the lotuses was due to a error in counting of the lotuses or error in reciting of the 1000 names.

He concluded there has been no mistake in reciting the 1000 names. The mistake must've been the in counting the lotuses. (4)

Vishnu had resolved at the outset for a worship with a 1000 lotuses.

"How shall Mahadeva be worshiped when lotuses are short by one. If I go to fetch one, I will have to break the rule of continuous sitting. Now what should be done?"

Vishnu was worried with this thought (5)

Vishnu praised as Pundarikaksha by the Rishis i.e. the Lotus eyed one. In a stunning display of devotion, Shri Maha Vishnu proceeds to dislodge his own lotus shaped eye with his index finger & offers it to Shiva in place of the missing lotus. (6)

तु ॥ अतः परं किं विषेयं चिन्तोद्रियो हरिस्तदा ॥ १० ॥ एकः प्रकार उत्पन्नो हृद्येऽस्य मुनीश्वराः ॥ पुण्डरीकाञ्च इत्येवं मां वदिति मुनीश्वराः ॥ ११ ॥ नेत्रं मे पद्मसदृशं पद्मार्थे त्वर्पयाम्यहम् ॥ इति निश्चित्य मनसा दत्त्वा तर्जनिकां स तु ॥ १२ ॥ नेत्रमध्यानु त्यात्य महादेवस्तु पूजितः ॥ ततो महेश्वरस्तुष्टो वाक्यमेतदुवाच ह ॥ १३ ॥ ॥ महादेव उवाच ॥ ॥ त्वत्समो नास्ति मद्भक्तस्त्रेलोक्ये सचराचरे ॥ राज्यं दत्तं त्रिलोक्यास्ते भव त्वं लोकपालकः ॥ १४ ॥ अन्यं वर्य भद्गं ते वरं यन्मनसेप्सितम् ॥ अवश्यमेव दास्यामि नात्र कार्यो विचारणा ॥ १५ ॥ मद्रिकं तु समालंब्य ये द्विषंति जनार्दनम् ॥ ते महेष्या नरा विष्णो व्रजेयुर्नरकं ध्रवम् ॥ १६ ॥

Mahadeva moved by Maha Vishnu's gesture says there is no one in the 3 worlds that is as devoted to him as Vishnu is & declares him as the protector of the 3 worlds.

Shiva also declares that those who worship him but not Maha Vishnu will certainly fall into Naraka (7)

Vishnu asks:

"O Maheshvara, the duty of protecting the three worlds has been assigned to me. Daityas are very haughty. They have enormous strength. How can they be killed by me?"

(8)

पूजामाहात्म्यमाहपायं—"सरारुहाण तुल्सा कतका मुनिपुष्पकम् ॥ नाल्या दमनक पर प्रनापक करानपा ॥ क्यान्तु । माल्यीमाल्या येन कार्तिके पुष्पमंड सहस्रं मुप्रीतो जायते नात्र संशयः ॥ विहाय सर्वपुष्पाण मुनिपुष्पण केशवम् ॥ कार्तिके योऽर्चयेद्रक्त्या वाजिमेषकलं लमेत् ॥ माल्यीमाल्या येन कार्तिके पुष्पमंड ॥ ॥ विष्णुरुवाच ॥ ॥ त्रेलोक्यरक्षाकरणं ममादिष्टं महेश्वर ॥ दुर्मदाश्च महासत्त्वा दैत्या मार्याः कथं मया ॥ १९७॥ ॥ शिव उवाच ॥ ॥ पतत्सुद् शिनं चकं महादैत्यानां भगवन्कदनं कुरु ॥ एवं चकं हरेर्द्रवा ततो वचनमन्नवीत् ॥ १८॥ शिव उवाच ॥ ॥ वर्षे च हेमलंबाल्ये मासे श्रीमित कार्तिके ॥ ग्रुक्कपक्षे चतुर्देश्यामरुणाभ्युद्यं प्रति ॥ २०॥ महादेवतिथौ ब्राह्मे महत्रेतं मणिकर्णिके ॥ स्नात्वा वैश्वेश्वरं लिंगं वैकुण्ठादेत्य पूजितम् ॥ २०॥ सहस्रक्रमलैस्तरमाद्रविष्यति मम प्रिया ॥ विख्याता

To which Shiva answers:

"This discus Sudar∎ana is capable of cutting down the great Daityas. It is given to you by me. O Lord Vi∎∎u, accept this. Work a havoc among Daityas with this, O Lord."

Shiva then hands the Sudarshana Chakra to Shri Maha Vishnu (9)

Since then Lord Shiva came to be known as Chakradanamurthi. It is one among the 25 manifestations of Lord Shiva known as Panchavimshatalilamurti. This event is depicted in stone at the Srikanteshwara swamy temple at Nanjangudu. (10)

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12) Chakaradanamurthi, also known as Vishnu Anugrahamurthi shows Lord Shiva wielding the Chakra in his right front arm & Vishnu worshipping him. <u>pic.twitter.com/XSVYIjoU4x</u>

— Ugra (@_ugra_) <u>September 4, 2019</u>

Now regarding the details of the Vratha.

Lord Shiva says:

"In the year named Hemalamba, on the 14th day in the bright half of the glorious month of Karttika at the time of dawn, on the Tithi pertaining to Mahadeva (i.e. the 14th one) in the Brahma Muhurta.. (11)

.. you (Vishnu) took your bath in Manikarnika after coming here from Vaikuntha. Then the Linga of Vishveshvara was worshipped with a thousand lotuses. Hence it will become a favourite of mine. It shall be famous in all the worlds as Vaikuntha Chaturdashi" (12)

Shiva says:

Vishnu worship should be performed by persons of all castes. They shall observe fast during the day & perform Vishnu's worship in the evening. Afterwards Shiva's worship is to be performed. Otherwise Shiva's worship shall be futile. (13)

ततो वचनमत्रवीत् ॥ १९ ॥ ॥ शव उवाच ॥ ॥ वप च हमलवास्य मास श्रामात कातिक ॥ ग्रुक्तपत्र पपुनरपानस्यान्युप्य नात ॥ १० ॥ महादेवितथौ त्राह्म महादेवितथौ ॥ प्राह्म प्

For the purpose of the worship of Vishnu, the Chaturdashi extending to the night should be taken. The devotee shall worship Shiva at the time of dawn. (14)

सर्वलोकेषु वैकुण्ठाख्या चतुर्दशी ॥२२॥ अन्यं वरं प्रयच्छामि शृणु विष्णो वचो मम ॥ पूर्वरानेषु ते पूजा कर्तव्या सर्वजातिभिः ॥२३॥ उप सर्वलोकेषु वैकुण्ठाख्या चतुर्दशी ॥२३॥ उप वासं दिवा कुर्यात्सायंकाले तवार्चनम् ॥ पश्चान्ममार्चनं कार्यमन्यथा निष्फलं भवेत् ॥ २४ ॥ माह्या तु हरिपूजायां रात्रिव्याप्ता चतुर्दशी ॥ अक्णोदयवेलायां शिवपूजां समाचरेत् ॥ २५ ॥ सहस्रकमलैर्विष्णुरादौ यैः पूजितो नरैः॥ पश्चाच्छिवः पूजितश्चेजीवन्सुकास्त एव हि ॥ २६ ॥ अक्णोदयवेलायां शिवपूजां समाचरेत् ॥ २५ ॥ सहस्रकमलैर्विष्णुरादौ यैः पूजितो नरैः॥ पश्चाच्छिवः पूजितश्चेजीवनसुकास्त एव हि ॥ २६ ॥ सायं स्नात्वा पंचनदे विदुमाधवमर्चयेत् ॥ स्नात्वा यो विष्णुकांच्यां वाऽनंतसेनं समर्चयेत् ॥ २७ ॥ रुद्दकांच्यां ततः स्नात्वा प्रपोषुत्रयां वेणीमाधव वेत् ॥ आदौ स्नात्वा विद्वतीर्थं यजेन्नारायणं ततः ॥ २८ ॥ रेतोदके ततः स्नात्वा केदारेशं समर्चयेत् ॥ आदौ स्नात्वा सूर्यपुत्रयां वेणीमाधव

Devotees who worship Vishnu at the outset with a thousand lotuses and then Shiva afterwards are indeed living liberated souls. (15)

२॥ अन्यं वरं प्रयच्छामि शृणु विष्णो वचो मम ॥ पूर्वराचेषु ते पूजा कर्तव्या सर्वजातिभिः ॥२३। ॥ पश्चान्ममार्चनं कार्यमन्यथा निष्फलं भवेत् ॥ २४ ॥ प्राह्मा तु हरिपूजायां रात्रिव्याप्ता चतुर्दशं ॥ २५ ॥ सहस्रकमलेर्विष्णुरादे। यैः पूजितो नरैः॥ पश्चाच्छिवः पूजितश्चेजीवन्मुकास्त एव हि ॥ । ॥ स्नात्वा यो विष्णुकांच्यां वाऽनंतसेनं समर्चयेत् ॥ २७ ॥ रुद्रकांच्यां ततः स्नात्वा प्रणवेशं । । । । रतोदके ततः स्नात्वा केदारेशं समर्चयेत् ॥ आदौ स्नात्वा सूर्यपुत्र्यां वेणीय

Lord Shiva gives more details regarding the Vratha.

"After taking the bath in the evening in Pancanada (Panchaganga ghat), the devotee should worship Bindumadhava (original temple destroyed by barbarian aurangzeb). (16)

... he who takes his bath in Vishnukanchi shall worship Anantasena. Thereafter he shall take his bath in Rudrakanchi and worship Pranavesha. (17)

First the devotee should take bath in Vaniteertha & then worship Narayana. Thereafter he should take bath in Retodaka & worship Kedaresha.

At the outset the devotee should take bath in Yamuna & worship Venimadhava. Then he should take bath in Ganga & worship Sangamesha (18)

This is the significance of Vaikunta Chaturdashi. This is followed by Kartika purnima tomorrow. Its is on Kartika purnima that Lord Shiva assumes the form of Tripurantakamurthi & slays evil asuras Tarakaksha, Vidyunmali & Kamalaksha (collectively known as Tripurasura) (19)

Today is the perfect occasion to chant the Vishnu Sahasranama followed by Shiva Sahasranama. The benefits to be had by performing them today increase by several manifolds.

This is said by Lord Shiva himself.

Vaikunta Chaturdasi good wishes to all of you once again (20)

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