॥ श्री गणेशाय नमः ॥

महिषासुरमर्दिनी स्तोत्रम् (अयि गिरिनन्दिनि)

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श्लोक / VERSE 1

अयि गिरिनन्दिनि नन्दितमेदिनि विश्वविनोदिनि नन्दसुते
गिरिवरविन्ध्यशिरोऽधिनिवासिनि विष्णुविलासिनि जिष्णुनुते।
भगवति हे शितिकण्ठकुटुम्बिनि भूरिकुटुम्बिनि भूरिकृते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥१॥

ayi giri-nandini nandita-medini viśva-vinodini nanda-sute
giri-vara-vindhya-śiro'dhi-nivāsini viṣṇu-vilāsini jiṣṇu-nute |
bhagavati he śiti-kaṇṭha-kuṭumbini bhūri-kuṭumbini bhūri-kṛte
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 1 ||

> O Daughter of the Mountain, who gladdens the entire earth, who delights the universe, O Daughter of Nanda! O Goddess residing upon the lofty peaks of the Vindhya mountains, who rejoices with Lord Vishnu, praised by Indra! O Divine Mother, Consort of the blue-throated Shiva, who embraces the cosmic universe as Her vast family and performs countless benevolent deeds! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of the demon Mahishasura, who possesses beautiful braided locks, O Daughter of the Mountain!

श्लोक / VERSE 2

सुरवरवर्षिणि दुर्धरधर्षिणि दुर्मुखमर्षिणि हर्षरते
त्रिभुवनपोषिणि शङ्करतोषिणि किल्बिषमोषिणि घोषरते।
दनुजनिरोषिणि दितिसुतरोषिणि दुर्मदशोषिणि सिन्धुसुते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥२॥

sura-vara-varṣiṇi durdhara-dharṣiṇi durmukha-marṣiṇi harṣa-rate
tri-bhuvana-poṣiṇi śaṅkara-toṣiṇi kilbiṣa-moṣiṇi ghoṣa-rate |
danuja-niroṣiṇi diti-suta-roṣiṇi durmada-śoṣiṇi sindhu-sute
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 2 ||

> O Showerer of divine boons upon the gods, who overcomes the unyielding, who tolerates the foul-mouthed while residing in eternal bliss! O Sustainer of the three realms, who pleases Lord Shankara, who cleanses all sins and delights in triumphant songs! O Subduer of the arrogant demons, wrathful to the sons of Diti, drying up haughty pride, O Daughter of the Ocean! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 3

अयि जगदम्ब मदम्ब कदम्बवनप्रियवासिनि हासरते
शिखरि[illegible]नि तुङ्गहिमालयशृङ्गनिजालनिवासिनि मध्यगते।
मधुमधुरे मधुकैटभभञ्जिनि कैटभभञ्जिनि रासरते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥३॥

ayi jagad-amba mad-amba kadamba-vana-priya-vāsini hāsa-rate
śikhari-śirāmaṇi tuṅga-himālaya-śṛṅga-nijālaya-vāsini madhya-gate |
madhu-madhure madhu-kaiṭabha-bhañjini kaiṭabha-bhañjini rāsa-rate
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 3 ||

> O Mother of the Universe, my beloved Mother, who loves dwelling in the serene Kadamba groves, radiant with a gentle smile! O Crest-jewel of the mountain summits, dwelling in Your palace atop the towering peaks of the Himalayas, seated in the center of the universe! Sweet as honey, destroyer of the demons Madhu and Kaitabha, reveling in the cosmic dance of joy! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 4

अयि शतखण्डविखण्डितरुण्डवितुण्डितशुण्डगजाधिपते
रिपुगजगण्डविदारणचण्डपराक्रमशौण्डमृगाधिपते।
निजभुजदण्डनिपातितखण्डविपातितमुण्डभटाधिपते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥४॥

ayi śata-khaṇḍa-vikhaṇḍita-ruṇḍa-vituṇḍita-śuṇḍa-gajādhipate
ripu-gaja-gaṇḍa-vidāraṇa-caṇḍa-parākrama-śauṇḍa-mṛgādhipate |
nija-bhuja-daṇḍa-nipātita-khaṇḍa-vipātita-muṇḍa-bhaṭādhipate
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 4 ||

> O Mother who shattered the trunks and severed into hundreds of pieces the bodies of the formidable battle-elephants! Whose lion-mount possesses ferocious valor, tearing open the temples of enemy war-elephants! Who with Her own staff-like arms struck down the heads of demonic warrior generals! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 5

अयि रणदुर्मदशत्रुवधोदितदुर्धरनिर्जरशक्तिभृते
चतुरविचारधुरीणमहाशिवदूतकृतप्रमथाधिपते।
दुरितदुरीहदुराशयदुर्मतिदानवदूतकृतान्तगते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥५॥

ayi raṇa-durmada-śatru-vadhodita-durdhara-nirjara-śakti-bhṛte
catura-vicāra-dhurīṇa-mahā-śiva-dūta-kṛta-pramathādhipate |
durita-durīha-durāśaya-durmati-dānava-dūta-kṛtānta-gate
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 5 ||

> O Divine One who wields the unyielding power of all the immortals, risen for the destruction of the battle-maddened enemies! Who made Lord Shiva Himself, the master of profound wisdom and lord of Pramathas, Her messenger! Who brought about the demise of the messenger of the evil-minded demons! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 6

अयि शरणागतवैरिवधूवरवीरवराभयदायकरे
त्रिभुवनमस्तकशूलविरोधिकिरोधिकृताकुलदूतपदे।
धमिधमिधिक्कृतदुन्दुभिनादमहर्मुखरान्तरनादरते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥६॥

ayi śaraṇāgata-vairi-vadhū-vara-vīra-varābhaya-dāya-kare
tri-bhuvana-mastaka-śūla-virodhi-kirodhi-kṛtākula-dūta-pade |
dhami-dhami-dhik-kṛta-dundubhi-nādam-ahar-mukharāntara-nāda-rate
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 6 ||

> O Mother whose hands grant fearlessness and boons even to the wives and valiant heroes of enemies who seek Your shelter! Whose trident, pressed against the head of the three realms, confounded the insolent emissaries of evil! Who rejoices in the resplendent, echoing sound of war drums resonating with the cadence 'Dhami-Dhami'! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 7

अयि निजहुङ्कृतिमात्रनिराकृतधूम्रविलोचनधूम्रशते
समरविशोषितशोणितबीजसमुद्भवशोणितबीजलते।
शिवशिवशुम्भनिशुम्भमहाहवतर्पितभूतपिशाचरते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥७॥

ayi nija-huṅkṛti-mātra-nirākṛta-dhūmra-vilocana-dhūmra-śate
samara-viśoṣita-śoṇita-bīja-samudbhava-śoṇita-bīja-late |
śiva-śiva-śumbha-niśumbha-mahāhava-tarpita-bhūta-piśāca-rate
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 7 ||

> O Goddess who reduced the demon Dhumralochana to a hundred ashes with a single sacred sound 'Hum'! Who in battle dried up the creeping vine of blood-drops generating millions of clones of Raktabija! Who satisfied the spirits and celestial attendants in the great battle against Shumbha and Nishumbha! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 8

धनुरनुषङ्गरणक्षणसङ्गपरिस्फुरदङ्गनटत्कटके
कनकपिशङ्गपृषत्कनिषङ्गवसद्भटशृङ्गहतावटुके।
कृतचतुरङ्गबलक्षितिरङ्गघटद्बहुरङ्गरटत्कटके
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥८॥

dhanur-anuṣaṅga-raṇa-kṣaṇa-saṅga-parisphurad-aṅga-naṭat-kaṭake
kanaka-piśaṅga-pṛṣatka-niṣaṅga-vasad-bhaṭa-śṛṅga-hatā-vaṭuke |
kṛta-caturaṅga-bala-kṣiti-raṅga-ghaṭad-bahu-raṅga-raṭat-kaṭake
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 8 ||

> O Goddess whose golden bracelets flash and dance as Her limbs move dynamically in battle with Her bow strung! Whose golden quivers discharge sharp arrows that fell the foremost enemy warriors! Who transformed the battlefield into a theater of victory, crushing the fourfold armies of demons! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 9

जय जय जप्यजये जयशब्दपरस्तुतितत्परविश्वनुते
झणझणझिञ्झिमिझिङ्कृतनूपुरशिञ्जितमोहितभूतपते।
नटितनटार्धनटीकृतनायकनाटितनाट्यरसानुरते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥९॥

jaya jaya japya-jaye jaya-śabda-para-stuti-tatpara-viśva-nute
jhaṇa-jhaṇa-jhiñjhimi-jhiṅkṛta-nūpura-śiñjita-mohita-bhūta-pate |
naṭita-naṭārdha-naṭī-kṛta-nāyaka-nāṭita-nāṭya-rasānurate
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 9 ||

> O Goddess who is praised with shouts of 'Jaya! Jaya!' by the entire universe offering prayers of victory! Whose tinkling anklets sounding 'Jhana-Jhana-Jhinjhimi' entrance Lord Shiva, the master of spirits! Who revels in the divine dance where Shiva and Shakti unite as Ardhanarishvara! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 10

अयि सुमनःसुमनःसुमनःसुमनःसुमनोहरकान्तियुते
श्रितरजनीरजनीरजनीरजनीरजनीकरवक्त्रवृते।
सुनयनविभ्रमरभ्रमरभ्रमरभ्रमरभ्रमराधिपते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥१०॥

ayi sumanaḥ-sumanaḥ-sumanaḥ-sumanaḥ-sumanohara-kānti-yute
śrita-rajanī-rajanī-rajanī-rajanī-rajanīkara-vaktra-vṛte |
sunayana-vibhramara-bhramara-bhramara-bhramara-bhramarādhipate
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 10 ||

> O Goddess endowed with captivating charm, pleasing to the pure minds of noble gods and seekers! Whose divine face outshines the radiant moon illuminating the starry night! Whose exquisite eyes flutter like bees hovering over fresh lotuses! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 11

सहितमहाहवमल्लमतल्लिकमल्लितरल्लकसल्लरते
विरचितवल्लिकपल्लिकमल्लिकझिल्लिकभिल्लिकवर्गवृते।
शितकृतफुल्लसमुल्लसितारुणतल्लजपल्लवसल्लिते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥११॥

sahita-mahāhava-malla-matallika-mallita-rallaka-salla-rate
viracita-vallika-pallika-mallika-jhillika-bhillika-varga-vṛte |
śita-kṛta-phulla-samullasitāruṇa-tallaja-pallava-sallalite
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 11 ||

> O Mother who rejoices in the heroic combat against mighty champion fighters! Who is surrounded by the tribal forest damsels, creepers, and wild jasmine blooms! Whose tender, auspicious hands and feet resemble freshly blossomed crimson lotus shoots! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 12

अविरलगण्डगलत्तन्मेदुरमत्तमतङ्गजराजपते
त्रिभुवनभूषणभूतकलानिधिरूपपयोनिधिराजसुते।
अयि सुदतीजनलालसमानसमोहनमन्मथराजसुते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥१२॥

avirala-gaṇḍa-galat-tan-medura-matta-mataṅgaja-rāja-pate
tri-bhuvana-bhūṣaṇa-bhūta-kalānidhi-rūpa-payonidhi-rāja-sute |
ayi sudatī-jana-lālasa-mānasa-mohana-manmatha-rāja-sute
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 12 ||

> O Goddess who moves with the majestic grace of a royal elephant! O Ocean-born Princess (Mahalakshmi) who ornaments the three worlds with nectarous moon-like grace! O Enchantress who captivates even Kamadeva! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 13

कमलदलामलकोमलगान्तिकलाकलितामलभाललते
सकलविलासकलानिलयक्रमकेलिचलत्कलहंसकुले।
अलिकुलसङ्कुलकुवलयमण्डलसस्मितमौक्तिककान्तियुते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥१३॥

kamala-dalāmala-komala-kānti-kalā-kalitāmala-bhāla-late
sakala-vilāsa-kalā-nilaya-krama-keli-calat-kala-haṁsa-kule |
ali-kula-saṅkula-kuvalaya-maṇḍala-sasmita-mauktika-kānti-yute
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 13 ||

> O Mother whose spotless, tender forehead glows with the radiant beauty of a flawless lotus petal! Whose gait possesses the graceful movement of swans dwelling in the abode of all arts! Whose radiant smile shines like pearls glistening amidst dark blue lotuses! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 14

करमुरलीरववीजितकूजितकोकिलमञ्जुमते
मिलितपुलिन्दमनोहरगुञ्जितरञ्जितशैलनिकुञ्जगते।
निजगुणभूतपवित्रकृतभ्रमणोन्नतसद्गुणसङ्गतये
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥१४॥

kara-muralī-rava-vījita-kūjita-kokila-mañju-mate
milita-pulinda-manohara-guñjita-rañjita-śaila-nikuñja-gate |
nija-guṇa-bhūta-pavitra-kṛta-bhramaṇonnata-sad-guṇa-saṅgataye
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 14 ||

> O Goddess whose flute-like melody surpasses the sweet cooing of cuckoos! Who wanders graciously through mountain bowers adorned with the melodious hum of hill tribes! Whose divine virtues sanctify the entire creation! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 15

कटितटपीतदुकूलविचित्रमयूखतिरस्कृतचन्द्ररुचे
प्रणतसुरासुरमौलिमणिस्फुरदंशुलसन्नखचन्द्ररुचे।
जितकनकाचलमौलिमदोर्जितनिर्भरकुञ्जरकुम्भकुचे
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥१५॥

kaṭi-taṭa-pīta-dukūla-vicitra-mayūkha-tiraskṛta-candra-ruce
praṇata-surāsura-mauli-maṇi-sphurad-aṁśu-lasan-nakha-candra-ruce |
jita-kanakācala-mauli-madorjita-nirbhara-kuñjara-kumbha-kuce
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 15 ||

> O Mother whose golden yellow silk garments outshine the luster of the moon! The nails of whose feet shine like radiant crescent moons, illuminated by the gems embedded in the crowns of bowing gods and demons! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 16

विजितसहस्रकरैकसहस्रकरैकसहस्रकरैकनुते
कृतसुरतारकसंगरतारकसङ्गरतारकसूनुनुते।
सुरथसमाधिसमानसमाधिसमाधिसमाधिसुजातरते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥१६॥

vijita-sahasra-karaika-sahasra-karaika-sahasra-karaika-nute
kṛta-sura-tāraka-saṅgara-tāraka-saṅgara-tāraka-sūnu-nute |
suratha-samādhi-samāna-samādhi-samādhi-samādhi-sujāta-rate
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 16 ||

> O Goddess praised by the sun who possesses thousands of rays, yet is outshone by Your radiant luster! Praised by Kartikeya, the leader in the battle to liberate the gods from Tarakasura! Who bestowed supreme enlightenment and boons equally upon King Suratha and the merchant Samadhi! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 17

पदकमलं करुणानिलये वरिवस्यति योऽनुदिनं सुशिवे
अयि कमले कमलानिलये कमलानिलयः स कथं न भवेत्।
तव पदमेव परम्पदमित्यनुशीलयतो मम किं न शिवे
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥१७॥

pada-kamalaṁ karuṇā-nilaye varivasyati yo'nudinaṁ su-śive
ayi kamale kamalā-nilaye kamalā-nilayaḥ sa kathaṁ na bhavet |
tava padam-eva param-padam-ity-anuśīlayato mama kiṁ na śive
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 17 ||

> O Abode of Compassion, O Auspicious Mother! He who serves Your lotus feet day after day—O Kamala (Goddess of Fortune) seated on a lotus—how could he not become the abode of fortune and wealth? And for me, who constantly contemplates Your feet as the Supreme Abode, how can auspiciousness not be granted? Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 18

कनकपिशङ्गमहिं महितं महितं महितं महितं महिते
अयि सुमनःसुमनःसुमनःसुमनःसुमनःसुमनोहरिते।
कमलवनेऽमलकान्तिकले कलितामलकान्तिपरिकलिते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥१८॥

kanaka-piśaṅga-mahiṁ mahitaṁ mahitaṁ mahitaṁ mahitaṁ mahite
ayi sumanaḥ-sumanaḥ-sumanaḥ-sumanaḥ-sumanaḥ-sumanoharite |
kamala-vane'mala-kānti-kale kalitāmala-kānti-parikalite
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 18 ||

> O Revered Goddess, who illuminates the earth with glowing golden splendor! Who brings boundless delight to pure minds! Who dwells in lotus groves radiant with unblemished divine grace! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 19

कमलदलामलकोमलगान्तिकलाकलितामलभाललते
कलिकलुषं परिहृत्य नितान्तकलङ्करहितं कुरुते।
सुविमलचेतसि मञ्जुलनासिककान्तिकले ललितामृदुले
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥१९॥

kamala-dalāmala-komala-kānti-kalā-kalitāmala-bhāla-late
kali-kaluṣaṁ parihṛtya nitānta-kalaṅka-rahitaṁ kurute |
su-vimala-cetasi mañjula-nāsika-kānti-kale lalitā-mṛdule
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 19 ||

> O Mother who cleanses all the defilements of the Kali age from the minds of devotees, rendering them completely pure and spotless! Whose tender beauty shines in a pure heart! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 20

अयि मयि दीनदयालुतया कृपयैव त्वया भवितव्यमुमे
अयि जगतो जननी कृपयासि यथासि तथानुमितासि रमे।
यदचितमत्र भवत्युररीकुरुतादुरुतापमपाकुरुते
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥२०॥

ayi mayi dīna-dayālutayā kṛpayaiva tvayā bhavitavyam-ume
ayi jagato jananī kṛpayāsi yathāsi tathānumitāsi rame |
yad-ucitam-atra bhavaty-urarī-kurutād-uru-tāpam-apākurute
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 20 ||

> O Uma! Being ever-compassionate to the humble, please shower Your grace upon me! O Mother of the universe, You are the embodiment of supreme compassion! Please accept whatever worship I offer, and dispel all my deep-seated afflictions! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!

श्लोक / VERSE 21

जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते
प्रणमत्सुरासुरमौलिमणिप्रभया परिदीपितपादयुगे।
जय जय हे जगदम्ब शिवे शिवशम्भुकुटुम्बिनि पालय माम्
जय जय हे महिषासुरमर्दिनि रम्यकपर्दिनि शैलसुते॥२१॥

jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute
praṇamat-surāsura-mauli-maṇi-prabhayā paridīpita-pāda-yuge |
jaya jaya he jagad-amba śive śiva-śambhu-kuṭumbini pālaya mām
jaya jaya he mahiṣāsura-mardini ramya-kapardini śaila-sute || 21 ||

> Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura, with exquisitely braided locks, O Daughter of the Mountain! Whose lotus feet are illuminated by the radiant crown jewels of bowing gods and demons! Victory to You, O Mother of the Universe, O Auspicious Consort of Shiva! Please protect me always! Victory, all victory to You, O Slayer of Mahishasura!