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## **Shri Shiva Chalisa Lyrics**

**and Hindu Festivals Calendar 2012**

**In Hindi with Transliteration and English**

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Shiva Chalisa is a prayer for Lord Shiva - one of the Gods of Hindu trinity, the other two being Brahma and Vishnu. Shiva Chalisa praises the Lord and asks for his help in removing hardships and obstacles in devotee's life. It is said that devotees seeking blessings of Lord Shiva must recite Shiva Chalisa with devotion and sincerity. It is suggested that devotees should focus their mind on Lord Shiva or his image and then recite Shiva Chalisa. Here, Lord Shiva Chalisa is presented along with English Translation for better understanding.

# Hindi Text of Shri Shiva Chalisa Lyrics

श्री शिव चालीसा

दोहा

श्री गणेश गिरिजा सुवन, मंगल मूल सुजान ।  
कहत अयोध्यादास तुम, देहु अभय वरदान ॥

जय गिरिजा पति दीन दयाला । सदा करत सन्तन प्रतिपाला ॥  
भाल चन्द्रमा सोहत नीके । कानन कुण्डल नागफनी के ॥

अंग गौर शिर गंग बहाये । मुण्डमाल तन छार लगाये ॥  
वस्त्र खाल बाघम्बर सोहे । छवि को देख नाग मुनि मोहे ॥

मैना मातु की हवै दुलारी । बाम अंग सोहत छवि न्यारी ॥  
कर त्रिशूल सोहत छवि भारी । करत सदा शत्रुन क्षयकारी ॥

नन्दि गणेश सोहै तहँ कैसे । सागर मध्य कमल हैं जैसे ॥  
कार्तिक श्याम और गणराऊ । या छवि को कहि जात न काऊ ॥

देवन जबहीं जाय पुकारा । तब ही दुख प्रभु आप निवारा ॥  
किया उपद्रव तारक भारी । देवन सब मिलि तुमहिं जुहारी ॥

तुरत षडानन आप पठायउ । लवनिमेष महँ मारि गिरायउ ॥  
आप जलंधर असुर संहारा । सुयश तुम्हार विदित संसारा ॥

त्रिपुरासुर सन युद्ध मचाई । सबहिं कृपा कर लीन बचाई ॥  
किया तपहिं भागीरथ भारी । पुरब प्रतिजा तासु पुरारी ॥

दानिन महं तुम सम कोउ नाहीं । सेवक स्तुति करत सदाहीं ॥  
वेद नाम महिमा तव गाई । अकथ अनादि भेद नहिं पाई ॥

प्रगट उदधि मंथन में ज्वाला । जरे सुरासुर भये विहाला ॥  
कीन्ह दया तहँ करी सहाई । नीलकण्ठ तब नाम कहाई ॥

पूजन रामचंद्र जब कीन्हा । जीत के लंक विभीषण दीन्हा ॥  
सहस कमल में हो रहे धारी । कीन्ह परीक्षा तबहिं पुरारी ॥

एक कमल प्रभु राखेउ जोई । कमल नयन पूजन चहं सोई ॥  
कठिन भक्ति देखी प्रभु शंकर । भये प्रसन्न दिए इच्छित वर ॥

जय जय जय अनंत अविनाशी । करत कृपा सब के घटवासी ॥  
दुष्ट सकल नित मोहि सतावै । भ्रमत रहे मोहि चैन न आवै ॥

त्राहि त्राहि में नाथ पुकारो । यहि अवसर मोहि आन उबारो ॥  
लै त्रिशूल शत्रुन को मारो । संकट से मोहि आन उबारो ॥

मातु पिता भ्राता सब कोई । संकट में पूछत नहिं कोई ॥  
स्वामी एक है आस तुम्हारी । आय हरहु अब संकट भारी ॥

धन निर्धन को देत सदाहीं । जो कोई जांचे वो फल पाहीं ॥  
अस्तुति केहि विधि करौं तुम्हारी । क्षमहु नाथ अब चूक हमारी ॥

शंकर हो संकट के नाशन । मंगल कारण विघ्न विनाशन ॥  
योगी यति मुनि ध्यान लगावैं । नारद शारद शीश नवावैं ॥

नमो नमो जय नमो शिवाय । सुर ब्रह्मादिक पार न पाय ॥  
जो यह पाठ करे मन लाई । ता पार होत है शम्भु सहाई ॥

ऋनिया जो कोई हो अधिकारी । पाठ करे सो पावन हारी ॥  
पुत्र हीन कर इच्छा कोई । निश्चय शिव प्रसाद तेहि होई ॥

पण्डित त्रयोदशी को लावे । ध्यान पूर्वक होम करावे ॥  
त्रयोदशी ब्रत करे हमेशा । तन नहीं ताके रहे कलेशा ॥

धूप दीप नैवेद्य चढ़ावे । शंकर सम्मुख पाठ सुनावे ॥  
जन्म जन्म के पाप नसावे । अन्तवास शिवपुर में पावे ॥

कहे अयोध्या आस तुम्हारी । जानि सकल दुःख हरहु हमारी ॥

॥ दोहा ॥

नित्त नेम कर प्रातः ही, पाठ करौं चालीसा ।  
तुम मेरी मनोकामना, पूर्ण करो जगदीश ॥  
मगसर छठि हेमन्त ऋतु, संवत चौसठ जान ।  
अस्तुति चालीसा शिवहि, पूर्ण कीन कल्याण ॥  
॥ इति शिव चालीसा ॥



## Shri Shiva Chalisa with English Translation

Jai Ganesh Girija Suvan  
Mangal Mul Sujan  
Kahat Ayodhya Das Tum Dev Abhaya  
Varadan

Glory to Lord Ganesh, the Divine Son of Goddess Girija, the cause of all auspiciousness and intelligence. Ayodha Dass (the composer of these verses) humbly requests that every one be blessed with the boon of being fearless.

Jai Girija Pati Dinadayala  
Sada Karat Santan Pratipala  
Bhala Chandrama Sohat Nike Kanan  
Kundal Nagaphani Ke

O Glorious Lord, consort of Parvati You are most merciful . You always bless the poor and pious devotees. Your beautiful form is adorned with the moon on Your forehead and on your ears are earrings of snakes' hood.

Anga Gaur Shira Ganga Bahaye  
Mundamala Tan Chhara Lagaye  
Vastra Khala Baghambar Sohain Chhavi  
Ko Dekha Naga Muni Mohain

The holy Ganges flows from your matted hair. The saints and sages are attracted by Your splendid appearance. Around Your neck is a garland of skulls. White ash beautifies Your Divine form and clothing of lion's skin adorns Your body.

Maina Matu Ki Havai Dulari  
Vama Anga Sohat Chhavi Nyari  
Kara Trishul Sohat Chhavi Bhari Karat  
Sada Shatrun Chhayakari

O Lord, the beloved daughter of Maina on Your left adds to Your splendid appearance. O Wearer of the lion's skin, the trishul in Your hand destroys all enemies.

Nandi Ganesh Sohain Tahan Kaise  
Sagar Madhya Kamal Hain Jaise  
Kartik Shyam Aur Ganara-U Ya Chhavi  
Ko Kahi Jata Na Ka-U

Nandi and Shri Ganesh along with Lord Shiva appear as beautiful as two lotuses in the middle of an ocean. Poets and philosophers cannot describe the wonderful appearance of Lord Kartikeya and the dark complexioned Ganas (attendants).

Devan Jabahi Jaya Pukara  
Tabahi Dukha Prabhu Apa Nivara  
Kiya Upadrav Tarak Bhari Devan Sab  
Mili Tumahi Juhari

Turata Shadanana Apa Pathayau  
Lava-Ni-Mesh Mahan Mari Girayau  
Apa Jalandhara Asura Sanhara Suyash  
Tumhara Vidit Sansara

Tripurasur Sana Yudha Macha-I  
Sabhi Kripakar Lina Bacha-I  
Kiya Tapahin Bhagiratha Bhari Purva  
Pratigya Tasu Purari

Danin Mahan Tum Sama Kou Nahin  
Sevak Astuti Karat Sadahin  
Veda Nam Mahima Tab Ga-I Akatha  
Anandi Bhed Nahin Pa-I

Pragate Udadhi Mantan Men Jvala  
Jarat Sura-Sur Bhaye Vihala  
Kinha Daya Tahan Kari Sara-I  
Nilakantha Tab Nam Kaha-I

Pujan Ramchandra Jab Kinha  
Jiti Ke Lanka Vibhishan Dinhi  
Sahas Kamal Men Ho Rahe Dhari Kinha  
Pariksha Tabahin Purari

O Lord, whenever the Deities humbly sought Your assistance, You kindly and graciously uprooted all their problems. You blessed the Deities with Your generous help when the demon Tarak outraged them and You destroyed him.

O Lord, You sent Shadanana without delay and thus destroyed the evil ones Lava and Nimesh. You also destroyed the demon Jalandhara. Your renown is known throughout the world.

O Lord, Purari, You saved all Deities and mankind by defeating and destroying the demons Tripurasura. You blessed Your devotee Bhagirath and he was able to accomplish his vow after rigorous penance.

O Gracious One, devotees always sing Your glory. Even the Vedas are unable to describe Your greatness. No one is as generous as You.

Lord, when the ocean was churned and the deadly poison emerged, out of Your deep compassion for all, You drank the poison and saved the world from destruction. Your throat became blue, thus You are known as Nilakantha.

When Lord Rama worshipped You, He became victorious over the king of demons, Ravan. When Lord Rama wished to worship Thee with one thousand lotus flowers, the Divine Mother, to test the devotion of Shri

Ek Kamal Prabhu Rakheu Joi  
Kushal-Nain Pujan Chaha Soi  
Kathin Bhakti Dekhi Prabhu Shankar  
Bhaye Prasanna Diye-Ichchhit Var

Jai Jai Jai Anant Avinashi  
Karat Kripa Sabake Ghat Vasi  
Dushta Sakal Nit Mohin Satavai  
Bhramat Rahe Mohin Chain Na Avai

Trahi-Trahi Main Nath Pukaro  
Yahi Avasar Mohi Ana Ubaro  
Lai Trishul Shatrun Ko Maro  
Sankat Se Mohin Ana Ubaro

Mata Pita Bhrata Sab Hoi  
Sankat Men Puchhat Nahin Koi  
Svami Ek Hai Asha Tumhari  
Ava Harahu Aba Sankat Bhari

Dhan Nirdhan Ko Deta Sadahin  
Jo Koi Janche So Phal Pahin  
Astuti Kehi Vidhi Karai Tumhari  
Kshamahu Nath Aba Chuka Hamari

Shankar Ho Sankat Ke Nishan  
Vighna Vinashan Mangal Karan

Ram, hid all the flowers at Your  
request.

O Lord, You kept on looking at Shri  
Ram, who wished to offer His lotus-  
like eyes to worship Thee. When You  
observed such intense devotion, You  
were delighted and blessed Him. You  
granted His heart's desire.

Glory be unto You O Gracious,  
Infinite, Immortal, All-pervading  
Lord. Evil thoughts torture me and I  
keep on travelling aimlessly in this  
world of mundane existence. No  
relief seems to be coming my way.

O Lord! I beseech Your help and seel  
your divine blessing at this very  
moment. Save and protect me.  
Destroy my enemies with Your  
Trishul. Release me from the torture  
of evil thoughts.

O Lord, when I am in distress, neither  
my parents, brothers, sisters nor loved  
ones can relieve my suffering. I  
depend only on You. You are my  
hope. Eliminate the cause of this  
tremendous torture and bless me with  
Your compassion.

O Lord, You bless the down-trodden  
with prosperity and grant wisdom to  
the ignorant. Lord, due to my limited  
knowledge, I omitted to worship  
Thee. Please forgive me and shower  
Your grace upon me.

O Lord Sankar, You are the destroyer  
of all miseries. You remove the cause



Yogi Yati Muni Dhyam Lagavan  
Sharad Narad Shisha Navavain

of all obstacles and grant Your devotees eternal bliss. The saints and sages meditate upon Thy most beautiful form. Even celestial beings like Sharad and Narad bow in reverence to You.

Namo Namoh Jai Namah Shivaya  
Sura Brahmadi Par Na Paya  
Jo Yah Patha Karai Man Lai  
Tapar Hota Hai Shambhu Saha-I

O Lord, prostrations to You. Even Brahma is unable to describe Thy greatness. Whosoever recites these verses with faith and devotion receives Your infinite blessings.

Riniyan Jo Koi Ho Adhikari  
Patha Karai So Pavan Hari  
Putra-hin Ichchha Kar Koi  
Nischaya Shiva Prasad Tehin Hoi

Devotees who chant these verses with intense love become prosperous by the grace of Lord Shiva. Even the childless wishing to have children, have their desires fulfilled after partaking of Shiva-prasad with faith and devotion.

Pandit Trayodashi Ko Lavai  
Dhyam-Purvah Homa Karavai  
Trayodashi Vrat Kare Hamesha  
Tan Nahin Take Rahe Kalesha

On Trayodashi (13th day of the dark and bright fortnights) one should invite a pandit and devoutly make offerings to Lord Shiva. Those who fast and pray to Lord Shiva on Trayodashi are always healthy and prosperous.

Dhupa Dipa Naivedya Charhavai  
Anta Vasa Shivapur Men Pavai  
Kahai Ayodhya Asha Tumhari  
Jani Sakal Dukha Harahu Hamari

Whosoever offers incense, prasad and performs arti to Lord Shiva, with love and devotion, enjoys material happiness and spiritual bliss in this world and hereafter ascends to the abode of Lord Shiva. The poet prays that Lord Shiva removed the suffering of all and grants them eternal bliss.

Nitya Nema kari Pratahi  
Patha karau Chalis

O Universal Lord, every morning as a rule I recite this Chalisa with

Tum Meri Man Kamana  
Purna Karahu Jagadish

devotion. Please bless me so that I  
may be able to accomplish my  
material and spiritual desires.

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**Nit Nem Kar Praatha Hee ,Paath Karo Chaalis I  
Tum Meri Manokaamna, Puran Karo Jagdeesh II**

**Magsar Chhati Hemant Ritu, Sanvat Chausadh Jaan I  
Astuti Chaalisa Shivhi, Puran Keen Kalyaan II**



Meditate, meditate and meditate! Give more attention to your meditation. Spent more time in meditation. Meditate soulfully, prayerfully and devotedly.

# List of Hindu Festivals - 2012

A Date-wise list of **Hindu** holidays, fasts, feasts, **festivals** and religious occasions for **2012**

Lohri	Friday	13-01-2012
Makar Sankranti	Saturday	14-01-2012
Mauni Amavasya	Monday	23-01-2012
Basant Panchami	Saturday	28-01-2012
Mahashivratri	Monday	20-02-2012
Holi	Thursday	08-03-2012
Ram Navmi	Sunday	01-04-2012
Hanuman Jayanti	Friday	06-04-2012
Bikrami Samvat (Hindu New Year)	Thursday	12-04-2012
Baisakhi	Saturday	14-04-2012
Akshaya Tritiya/ Akha Teej	Tuesday	24-04-2012
Ganga Dussehra	Wednesday	30-05-2012
Rath Yatra	Thursday	21-06-2012
Guru Poornima	Tuesday	03-07-2012
Naag Panchami	Tuesday	24-07-2012
Rakh / Raksha Bandhan	Thursday	02-08-2012
Sri Krishna Janmashtami	Thursday	09-08-2012
Onam	Wednesday	29-08-2012
Ganesh Chaturathi	Wednesday	19-09-2012
Navratras begins	Tuesday	16-10-2012
Durga Puja Begins	Saturday	20-10-2012
Dussehra	Wednesday	24-10-2012
Karva Chauth	Friday	01-11-2012
Dhan Teras	Sunday	11-11-2012
Diwali	Tuesday	13-11-2012
Govardhan Puja	Wednesday	14-11-2012
Bhai Duj	Thursday	12-11-2012
Chhath Puja Begins (Nahai Khai)	Saturday	17-11-2012
Chhath Puja Ends (Suryodaya)	Tuesday	20-11-2012

## The Purpose of Festivals

Festivals are generally times for celebration and remembrance. Other purposes are:

- To create a special atmosphere, diverting the mind from worldly concerns and joyfully focusing on spiritual matters.
- To invoke the soul's natural qualities by creating an environment replete with auspiciousness and the abundant gifts of nature.
- To give people spiritual impetus and inspiration, which helps them perform their daily duties.
- To dovetail the natural tendency for celebration with spiritual goals.
- To forge a healthy sense of belonging by peacefully bringing together individuals, families and communities.

## Practices during Festivals

- Fasting and feasting
- Distribution of food (especially *prasad*)
- Giving in charity (to temples, saints, the poor, etc)
- Visiting the temple
- Visiting relatives
- Glorification of God (*kirtan*, *bhajan*, story recitals, dance, drama)
- Manufacture and worship of temporary deities
- Taking temple deities in procession
- Wearing new clothes
- Decorating houses, streets and temples with fruits, flowers, leaves and banana leaves

## Types of Festivals

There are three main types of festivals:

1. Celebrating a significant event in the life of a deity e.g. Janmashtami is Krishna's birthday.
2. Celebrating a significant event in the life of a holy person e.g. the birthday of a particular guru.
3. Seasonal festivities or customs, e.g. spring festivals like Holi.

Festivals in the first category have become more universal and widely celebrated; the most important ones are Indian public holidays. Festivals in the third category are often exclusively regional, or regional variations of broader festivals e.g. Pongal in Tamil Nadu, which marks Makara Sankranti. Others, such as Holi, are celebrated internationally. Special days within the second category are often relevant only to a particular group (*sampradaya*) for whom the particular saint has significant relevance.

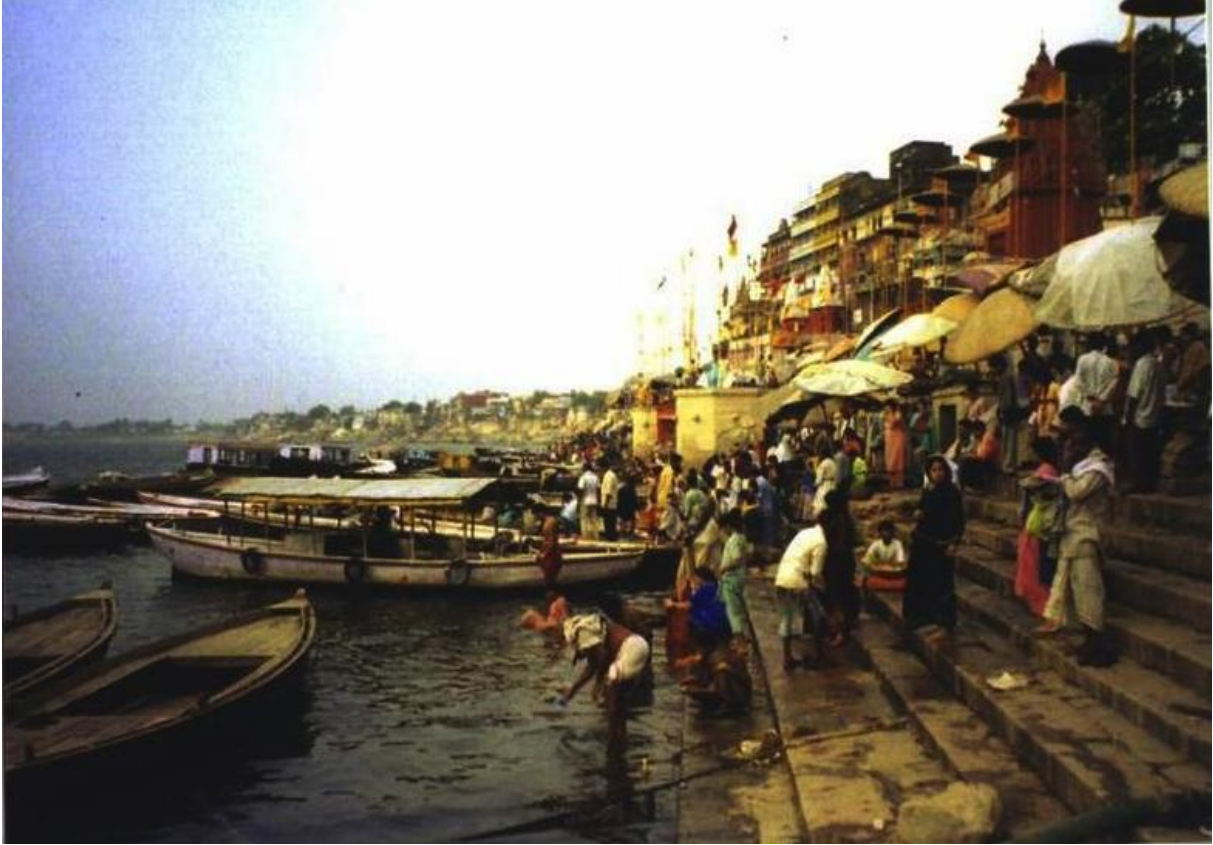
## Twelve Important Festivals

The following is a list of twelve main festivals along with their corresponding deities and any related stories.

Festival	Month	Deity	Related Stories
Sarasvati Puja	January	Sarasvati	Saraswati curses Brahma
Maha Shiva Ratri	Feb/March	Shiva	Stories of Shiva
Holi	March	Vishnu (Narasimha)	Prahlad and Narasimha (and Holika)
Rama Navami	Mar/April	Rama	Ramayana, especially Rama's birth
Hanuman Jayanti	April	Hanuman	Ramayana, especially later episodes
RathaYatra	June/July	Jagannatha	The proud merchant
Raksha Bandhana	August	-	Indra wears a rakhi
Janmashtami	Aug/Sept	Krishna	Krishna's birth and childhood
Ganesh Chaturthi	Aug/Sept	Ganesh	How Ganesh received his head
Navaratri/Durga Puja	Sept/Oct	Shakti, Parvati	Durga kills Mahisha, and others
Dussehra	October	Rama	Ramayana
Diwali*	Oct/Nov	Lakshmi/Rama	Stories of Lakshmi/Ramayana

\* Diwali usually spans five days and for many Hindus is the New Year. It includes a number of festivals, which some consider special days in their own right. These include (1) Govardhana Puja (worship of the sacred hill lifted by Krishna), (2) Annakuta (the offering of grains), (3) Go-puja (worship of the cow), and (4) Bratra-Dvitiya (sister's day).

"*Utsava* means 'pleasure.' Whenever some function takes place to express happiness, it is called *utsava*. *Utsava*, the expression of complete happiness, is always present in the Vaikunthalokas, the abode of the Lord."



Hope is nothing but concealed power.  
Today's hope turns into tomorrow's actuality.  
Today's dream is bound to be fulfilled in tomorrow's reality.

आशा है कि कुछ भी नहीं है, लेकिन छुपा शक्ति है.  
आज आशा है कि कल की वास्तविकता में बदल जाता है.  
आज का सपना कल की वास्तविकता में पूरा होना स्वाभाविक है.

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