

Description of Sati's Body Sacrifice in Various Religious Texts

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Abstract: *In the past, the gods Asura and Maharishi Gana went to the summit of the Himalayas to worship Shiva. There, Shankar and Devi, seated on the divine seat, gave darshan to those deities etc. At that time, Lord Sadashiv, who was with the goddess, being immersed in his glory, the father-in-law Daksha, who had come, should be given special respect than the gods. Couldn't even remember this thing. Unaware of the supreme glory of Lord Shiva and Sati and considering Goddess Sati as only daughter, Daksha started hating Sati. Daksha did not invite not only Shiva but also his daughter to the Yajna. Then Goddess Sati started going to her father's house after hearing her father's yajna from Narad ji. Hearing the insult of her husband from the mouth of her father, Goddess Sati felt very sad. Because of this Goddess Sati abandoned her body in the Havan altar.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Description of Sati's body sacrifice in Ramcharitmanas are as follows

सिव अपमानु न जाइ सहि हृदयँ न होइ प्रबोधो

सकल सभहि हठि हटकि तब बोलीं बचन सक्रोधा॥63॥

Meaning - But the insult of Shiva was not tolerated by Sati, then she stubbornly scolded the whole assembly and said angry words.

सुनहु सभासद सकल मुनिदा। कही सुनी जिन्ह संकर निदा॥

सो फलु तुरत लहब सब काहूँ भली भाँति पछिताब पिताहूँ॥1॥

Meaning - O members and all sages! Listen. All those who have heard or condemned Shiva here will get the result immediately and my father Daksha will also regret it.

संत संभु श्रीपति अपबादा। सुनिअ जहाँ तहँ असि मरजादा॥

काटिअ तासु जीभ जो बसाई। श्रवन मूदि न त चलिअ पराई॥2॥

Meaning - Where the condemnation of the saints, Shiva and Lakshmiapati Shri Vishnu is heard, there is such a limit that if one is under his control, then cut off the tongue of him (the slanderer) and otherwise run away from there by closing his ears.

जगदातमा महेसु पुरारी। जगत जनक सब के हितकारी॥

पिता मंदमति निंदत तेही। दच्छ सुक्र संभव यह देही

Meaning - Lord Maheshwar, who killed Tripura Daitya, is the soul of the whole world, he is the father of the world and the doer of all. My retarded father condemns him and this body of mine is born from the semen of Daksha.

तजिहउँ तुरत देह तेहि हेतू। उर धरि चंद्रमौलि बृषकेतू॥

अस कहि जोग अग्नि तनु जारा। भयउ सकल मख हाहाकारा॥४॥

Meaning - Therefore, by holding in my heart Vrishketu Shiva, who holds the moon on the forehead, I will leave this body at once. Saying this, Sati burnt her body in the yoga fire. There was an outcry in the whole yagyashala.

सती मरनु सुनि संभु गन लगे करन मख खीसा।

जग्य बिधंस बिलोकि भृगु रच्छा कीन्हि मुनीसा॥६४॥ ॥

Meaning - When Shiva got all this news, he got angry and sent Veerbhadra. He went there and destroyed the yagya and punished all the deities.

Description of Sati's body sacrifice in Skandpuran is as follow:

Once in Naimisharanya Tirtha, Shaunaka and ascetic monks were performing the rituals of a yajna, which was going to continue for a long time; One day inspired by the hope of seeing all those Mahatmas, Vyas ji's disciple Lomash Muni reached there. Seeing him coming, all the sages got euphoric and everyone got up together and welcomed him, after hospitality, all the sages prayed to Lomash ji to recite the glory of Shiva. Thereupon, Lomash said! In the 18 Puranas, the qualities of the Supreme-Purusha Lord Shiva have been chanted; Even after this no one can describe his qualities. Those who chant these two letters of Shiva will get both heaven and salvation; Lord Shiva is the guardian of the gods and the ruler of all. Because of his generosity, he is called Aadar Dani, he has given everything to others, that is why he is called sharva, he has also consumed poison to protect others, destroys Daksha-Yajna, kills Kaal. stunned and rescued King Shwet from various troubles, no one can describe the glory to that Mahadev ji.

After that those sages asked! How did Lord Shiva devour the poison, what kind of efficient yajna did he admonish?

At the same time Sati, who was situated on the Gandha-Madan Mountain, saw the Chandrama going somewhere along with Rohini. Sati asked her friend Vijay to go quickly to find out where Rohini and Chandrama were going. On being asked by Vijaya, Rohini told that they are going to the yajna of Daksha.

Sati reached her father's Sati was filled with anger on hearing the blasphemous words towards her husband and started thinking! One who criticizes Shiva and listens silently to his condemnation, they both go to hell.

So now I will leave this body and enter the fire. On this Sati entered the fire while chanting the names of her husband Rudra etc. Seeing this, all the ganas who had come with him started shouting, all the sages and sages involved in that yagya got frightened by that incident.

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