

|| OM namo bhagavate vasudevaya OM ||

1 The son of Pavana, who desired to cross the ocean, prayed to Lord Rama, who has Aishwarya and other five auspicious attributes which are eternal and omnipresent in Him, who is the Lord of all and who is the big ocean of strength and energy; He then climbed that excellent mountain and jumped from there.

2 The ocean, which got pulled by the power of Hanuman, got troubled; It started to follow him along with its creatures; The trees in the mountain got sucked by his speed and followed him; The 'Mainaka' mountain which was earlier thrown into the ocean by Vayu came up for him.

3 That mountain was the brother-in-law of Shiva; It was made of gold; Earlier when the wings of mountains were being clipped (by Indra), it had saved himself (through Vayu); The mountain which had many peaks pierced the ocean and came up to provide rest to Hanuman.

4 Hanuman, who is never tired, did not wish to rest on it; Where is tiredness for one who has infinite strength and courage? He went ahead after pressing that excellent mountain with his leg and then saw a Naga lady who had been sent by devatas after giving her boons.

5 The devatas, who desired to know the strength of Hanuman, had given her a boon thus - "Let whatever you desire fall into your mouth"; Hanuman, who entered her mouth, came out of it immediately and made the devatas happy while still making their boon come true.

6 Seeing Hanuman's affection for them and his excellent strength, the devatas appreciated him greatly by showering flowers on him; Being respected by them in this way, he continued his journey and saw a planetary body by name Simhika.

7 Brahma had granted her limitless strength in order to restrict people and protect Lanka; She attracted the shadow of Hanuman; He entered her body and immediately tore her into pieces.

8 Showing that his strength is without limits, he killed her though she was protected by Brahma's boon; He then jumped on to the 'Lamba' mountain which was surrounding Lanka like a cover and had a lot of peaks; He then took a very small form.

9 Hanuman took the size of a cat and wished to enter the city during the night; He then saw the abhimani devata of Lanka who had taken her real form; She stopped him; He quickly smashed her with his fist and won the battle with her; He then entered Lanka after taking her consent.

10 Hanuman, who started searching both inside and outside of Lanka, saw the form of Sita seated in the Ashoka vana under a Shimshupa tree.

11 Knowing fully well the intent of Lord Rama in mocking the world of humans, Hanuman also did things in accordance with the Lord's intent.

12 He spoke things in accordance with that; He gave a ring to that form of Sita which was also behaving in accordance with that intent of the Lord.

13 The ornaments of Sita also had taken two forms and were present on the form of Sita as well; After that, Sita also gave him a chudamani to be handed over to Lord Rama.

14 The groups of Rakshasas were not able to see all that; But, devatas and Rishis who were in the sky were able to see all this.

15 This form of following (by Hanuman and Sita) was being enacted in order to entertain them and also cheat Kali and other Daityas who were watching all this.

16 The son of Pavana did all this without any fear; He, who is the best amongst intelligent ones, then decided that the greatness of the Lord has to be brought to the fore.

17 After that, the hero Hanuman destroyed the entire vana except that one (Shimshupa) tree; Desiring to cause more of the evils' destruction, he climbed up the entrance arch shouting increasingly loudly.

18 After that, the ten headed Ravana heard that extra ordinary activity of the excellent monkey Hanuman; He sent across a lot of his servants saying to them - "Bring that monkey to me".

19 Those servants, who had become invincible due to the boon of Hara, surrounded that son of Vayu, who was the best amongst devatas and who was also extremely powerful.

20 Eighty crore army-leaders; Eighty thousand commanders and many numerous weapon collections; The army which had all these surrounded that excellent monkey Hanuman.

21 All of them pounced upon Hanuman; And they hit him with their weapons; Hanuman smashed all of them with just his fists.

22 And then Hanuman killed seven of Ravana's ministers' sons whom he sent for battle; They were all mountain like creatures; And they were all protected with the boons of Brahma and Rudra.

23 Similarly, he killed all those Rakshasas who were the leaders of that army and were over-confident with Rudra's boons; He destroyed one third of the army of those Rakshasas.

24 After getting to hear that the monkey's strength is incomparable, the king of the Rakshasas deployed his son Aksha Kumara who was equal to him in strength.

25 He showered special arrows strengthened with great astras on that son of Vayu who is considered as the witness for the entire Universe; But he could not even shake Hanuman with those.

26 Looking at Aksha Kumara, the son of Mandodari and the one equal to Ravana in strength, Hanuman thought - "Isn't he one third the entire strength of Ravana?"

27 "I have to leave Ravana to Lord Raghava; And if I kill Indrajit, others will not get to know his strength"

28 "Therefore, I will kill this one who is equal to both of them" - thinking thus, Hanuman quickly got hold of his legs and jumped up.

29 The son of Vayu, Hanuman, got hold of the son of Ravana and spun him like a disc repeatedly and smashed him to the ground instantly.

30 After getting to know that his son was killed after being smashed to the ground, Ravana, who was filled with grief sent across his elder son Indrajit.

31 Then, Indrajit invoked powerful astras on to his excellent arrows and hit them at Hanuman; But he could not manage to even shake him.

32 After that, Indrajit released the powerful astra of Brahma which cannot be tolerated by anyone; Hanuman, who was hit by that weapon, got into a thought without getting disturbed even a little.

33 "Many boons of Brahma have been broken by me; I also hold him very reverentially; Therefore, I shall now respect this (weapon)"

34 "What can these cheering groups of Rakshasas do? Also, by doing this, I will get to see Ravana whom I have to meet anyway"

35 Thinking of all this, the best amongst monkeys Hanuman stood there as if arrested; Then, the Rakshasas bound him with other chains; The brahmastra of Indrajit left from there.

36 Then, they took Hanuman to the lord of the nocturnals Ravana; Ravana questioned him thus.

37 "O monkey! Where have you come from? Whose messenger are you? Why did you do this?" - On being questioned thus, Hanuman prayed to Lord Rama with devotion and said.

38 "Know me as the messenger of Lord Rama whose bravery is limitless and who is the best amongst Raghus; I am the son of Vayu; Know me as being fully capable of destroying your family".

39 "If you do not immediately hand over the dear one of Lord Rama to the best amongst Raghu, you will get soon get destroyed along with your sons, friends and relatives".

40 "Even Brahma, Rudra and other excellent devatas are not capable of facing the arrows of Lord Rama; How then are you, with such meagre strength, capable of facing him?"

41 "If he gets angry, who in this world, including devatas, danavas and sarpas are capable of facing him? His greatness is beyond measure".

42 When Hanuman spoke thus, Ravana wanted to kill Hanuman but Vibhishana stopped

him; Then, Ravana put his Rakshasas on to the work of burning Hanuman's tail.

43 Then, they covered the tail of Hanuman with mounds of clothes and set fire to it; But Agni, who is the friend of Vayu, did not burn Hanuman's tail.

44 Hanuman is one without any sorrow; He is excellent by strength; Still, he tolerated all the work of the Rakshasas only with the intention of burning Lanka.

45 Hanuman burnt the entire city with the fire on his tail; Though that city was built by Vishwakarma, it got burned by his radiance.

46 That city was made out of gold and precious gems; Hanuman, having burnt down that city along with many great Rakshasas, was very satisfied and let go a big roar.

47 Hanuman, who trivialized Ravana along with his son, burnt down the city as they kept watching and left the place.

48 Hanuman crossed the ocean again and got worshipped by his people; Having enjoyed the honey in Madhuvana, he joined his Lord Sri Rama.

49 The son of Pavana, Hanuman, who, along with all other monkey-heroes, reached Lord Rama, who is the Lord of all devatas and is with infinite attributes and dear to the heart, offered the Chudamani given by the form of Sita to His feet and bowed down to Him with devotion with his entire body.

50 Lord Rama, who was completely satisfied, having realized that there is nothing better to offer to the extremely devoted son of Vayu, Hanuman, gave Himself and hugged him very tightly.

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|| Sri Krishnaarpanamastu ||