



Mahakaleswara Jyothirlingam;

Mahakaleswara Jyothirlingam is the third Jyothirlingam among the Dwadasa Jyothirlingams. The splendid Mahakaleswar temple at Ujjain, in the Malwa area of Madhya Pradesh, is a significant pilgrimage place for Hindus. This outstanding temple is regarded as one of the top 10 Tantra temples of India, and has the only Bhasm- Aarti (Ash ritual) of its own kind in the entire world. The temple is situated on the side of the Rudra Sagar Lake. The Lingam at Mahakal is believed to be Swayambhu, the only one of the 12 Jyotirlingams to be so. It is also the only one facing south which is a unique feature and because of this feature Lord Mahakaleswara is also known as Dakshinamurthi. The temple has a Sri Yantra perched upside down at the ceiling of the Garhagriha. It is another place where Shakti Peeth and Jyotirlingam are together.

A unique ritual at this temple is Bhasma Arti. Every day the first Puja is performed between 4:00am and 6:00am and this is known as Bhasma Arti. The Puja is performed with ashes brought from a freshly cremated human body from a cremation ground. The ashes were brought to the temple with Pundits reciting prayers to Lord Shiva to the beating of drums, cymbals and bells. Puja is performed to Lord Shiva smearing hot ashes on the Lingam and the ashes are offered as Prasada to devotees. The Prasada is considered very sacred and it is believed that those who receive the Prasada get Moksha after the present life.

The temple observes two major festivals. One is on the last Monday of the holy month of Shravan and the other is Mahashivaratri. On the day of Mahashivaratri a fair is held and Lord Shiva's worship goes all through the night.

Ujjain or Ujjayni has been a sacred city for Hindus from ancient times and in those days it was also known as Avanti or Avantikapura. The glory of the Kingdom of Avanti is well described in Skanda Purana, Siva Purana and Mahabharata epic. The city of Avanti is on the eastern bank of the Kshipra River. Kumbha Mela a religious festival is held here once in twelve years. Thousands and thousands of pilgrims take bath in the river and pray Lord Siva during Kumbha Mela period. Ujjain was also the place where Lord Krishna, Balarama and Sudama got their education from Maharishi Sandipini.

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श्री महाकालेश्वर के १०८ नाम (108 Names of Mahakaleshwar)



ॐ महाकालाय नमः	Om Mahakalaya Namaha	ॐ तन्तेश्वराय नमः	Om Tanteshwaraya Namaha
ॐ कालकलाय नमः	Om Kalkalaya Namaha	ॐ मन्तेश्वराय नमः	Om Mantreshwaraya Namaha
ॐ ज्योतिर्लिंगाय नमः	Om Jyotirlingaya Namaha	ॐ यन्तेश्वराय नमः	Om Yantreshwaraya Namaha
ॐ तेजपुंजाय नमः	Om Tejpunjaya Namaha	ॐ योगेश्वराय नमः	Om Yogeshwaraya Namaha
ॐ आशुतोषाय नमः	Om Ashutoshaya Namaha	ॐ सिद्धेश्वराय नमः	Om Siddheshwaraya Namaha
ॐ आदिनाथाय नमः	Om Adinathaya Namaha	ॐ क्षितिर्पुत्राय नमः	Om Kshitirupaya Namaha
ॐ महाभूताय नमः	Om Mahabhutaya Namaha	ॐ जलरुपाय नमः	Om Jalarupaya Namaha
ॐ भूतनाथाय नमः	Om Bhutnathaya Namaha	ॐ अग्निरुपाय नमः	Om Agnirupaya Namaha
ॐ पञ्चवक्राय नमः	Om Panchvaktraya Namaha	ॐ वायुरुपाय नमः	Om Vayurupaya Namaha
ॐ त्रिनेत्राय नमः	Om Trinetraya Namaha	ॐ नभोरुपाय नमः	Om Nabhorupaya Namaha
ॐ त्रिशूलधराय नमः	Om Trishuldharaya Namaha	ॐ यजमानरुपाय नमः	Om Yajmanrupaya Namaha
ॐ तपत्रय हराय नमः	Om Tapatraya Haraya Namaha	ॐ सोमरुपाय नमः	Om Somrupaya Namaha
ॐ गंगाधराय नमः	Om Gangadharaya Namaha	ॐ सूर्यरुपाय नमः	Om Suryarupaya Namaha
ॐ भुजंगप्रियाय नमः	Om Bhujangpriyaya Namaha	ॐ विरुपाय नमः	Om Virupaya Namaha
ॐ जटाधराय नमः	Om Jatadharaya Namaha	ॐ विश्वरुपाय नमः	Om Vishwarupaya Namaha
ॐ नन्दिश्वराय नमः	Om Nandishwaraya Namaha	ॐ विप्ररुपाय नमः	Om Viprarupaya Namaha
ॐ दन्दिश्वराय नमः	Om Dandishcharaya Namaha	ॐ ब्रह्मरुपाय नमः	Om Brahmarupaya Namaha
ॐ चण्डीश्वराय नमः	Om Chandishwaraya Namaha	ॐ अक्षरुपाय नमः	Om Atmarupaya Namaha
ॐ चन्द्रशेखराय नमः	Om Chandrashekaraya Namaha	ॐ शक्तिरुपाय नमः	Om Shaktirupaya Namaha
ॐ हराय नमः	Om Haraya Namaha	ॐ विष्णुप्रियाय नमः	Om Vishnupriyaya Namaha
ॐ अघोराय नमः	Om Aghoraya Namaha	ॐ रामप्रियाय नमः	Om Rampriyaya Namaha
ॐ घोर घोराय नमः	Om Ghor Ghoraya Namaha	ॐ कृष्णप्रियाय नमः	Om Krishnapriyaya Namaha
ॐ अमृताय नमः	Om Amritaya Namaha	ॐ भक्तप्रियाय नमः	Om Bhaktapriyaya Namaha
ॐ तटपुरुषाय नमः	Om Tatpurushaya Namaha	ॐ भस्मधाराय नमः	Om Bhasmadharaya Namaha
ॐ महादेवाय नमः	Om Mahadevaya Namaha	ॐ बिम्बाधाराय नमः	Om Bibadharaya Namaha
ॐ सद्योजाताय नमः	Om Sadyojataya Namaha	ॐ विषाधाराय नमः	Om Vishdharaya Namaha
ॐ वामदेवाय नमः	Om Vamdevaya Namaha	ॐ प्रलयंकराय नमः	Om Prilayankaraya Namaha
ॐ कल्विकामाय नमः	Om Kalvikamaya Namaha	ॐ तांडवप्रियाय नमः	Om Tandavpriyaya Namaha
ॐ बलविक्रमाय नमः	Om Balvikamaya Namaha	ॐ नटेश्वराय नमः	Om Nateshwaraya Namaha
ॐ बलाय नमः	Om Balaya Namaha	ॐ वृषभध्वजाय नमः	Om Vrishabhdhwajaya Namaha
ॐ बलप्रमथनाय नमः	Om Balpramathnaya Namaha	ॐ डमरुधराय नमः	Om Damrudharaya Namaha
ॐ सर्वभूतदामनाय नमः	Om Sarvabhutdamanaya Namaha	ॐ महाभैरवाय नमः	Om Mahabhairavaya Namaha
ॐ शंभवे नमः	Om Shambhave Namaha	ॐ श्मशानेश्वराय नमः	Om Shamshaneshwaraya Namaha
ॐ शिवाय नमः	Om Shivaya Namaha	ॐ कपालेश्वराय नमः	Om Kapalishwaraya Namaha
ॐ शंकराय नमः	Om Shankaraya Namaha	ॐ रून्धराय नमः	Om Rundadharaya Namaha
ॐ शिवतराय नमः	Om Shivtaraya Namaha	ॐ मुंडधराय नमः	Om Mundadharaya Namaha
ॐ मयोभवनाय नमः	Om Mayobhavaya Namaha	ॐ त्रिपुण्ड्रधराय नमः	Om Tripunddharaya Namaha
ॐ महेश्वराय नमः	Om Maheshwaraya Namaha	ॐ चंड मुंडाय नमः	Om Chandtundaya Namaha
ॐ महामंगलाय नमः	Om Mahamangalaya Namaha	ॐ पिनाक हस्ताय नमः	Om Pinakhastaya Namaha
ॐ नीलकंठाय नमः	Om Neelkanthaya Namaha	ॐ यतिनाथाय नमः	Om Yatinathaya Namaha
ॐ निराकाराय नमः	Om Nirakaraya Namaha	ॐ त्रिलोकेश्वराय नमः	Om Trilokeshwaraya Namaha
ॐ दिगम्बराय नमः	Om Digambaraya Namaha	ॐ अर्धनारेश्वराय नमः	Om Ardhnarishwaraya Namaha
ॐ दुश्मन् दहनाय नमः	Om Dushmanam Dahnaya Namaha	ॐ अवधुतेश्वराय नमः	Om Avadhuteshwaraya Namaha
ॐ दक्षिण मुखाय नमः	Om Dakshine Mukaya Namaha	ॐ उमानाथाय नमः	Om Umanathaya Namaha
ॐ परमेश्वराय नमः	Om Parmeshwaraya Namaha	ॐ मुक्तिदाय नमः	Om Muktidaraya Namaha
ॐ जगत्गुरवे नमः	Om Jagatgurave Namaha	ॐ मृत्युंजयाय नमः	Om Mrityunjayaya Namaha
ॐ विद्यावर्दाय नमः	Om Vidyavardaya Namaha	ॐ भवाय नमः	Om Bhavaya Namaha
ॐ शशवत्याय नमः	Om Shashvataya Namaha	ॐ शर्वाय नमः	Om Sharvaya Namaha
ॐ कृतिवासयाय नमः	Om Krativasaya Namaha	ॐ रुद्राय नमः	Om Rudraya Namaha
ॐ कामदहनाय नमः	Om Kamdahnaya Namaha	ॐ पशुपताय नमः	Om Pashupataye Namaha
ॐ शब्दरुपाय नमः	Om Shabdrupaya Namaha	ॐ उग्राय नमः	Om Ugraya Namaha
ॐ प्रणवरुपाय नमः	Om Pranavarupaya Namaha	ॐ महते नमः	Om Mahate Namaha
ॐ महानदाय नमः	Om Mahadanaya Namaha	ॐ भीमाय नमः	Om Bhimaya Namaha
ॐ अवन्तिनाथाय नमः	Om Avantinathaya Namaha	ॐ ईशानाय नमः	Om Ishanaya Namaha