

Bravery of Hanumān in a glimpse

Abstract

Hanumān is one of the most worshipped god in India .He is called as sankat mochan (remover of all crisis) . Hanumān is not only a powerful monkey who destroyed lanka but also he is a poet,a grammarian and a good scholar .He is an ideal devotee of Lord srī Rāma and a junior servant of Śrī Hari. It is believed that Hanumān is always present everytime When Rāmāyaṇa is narrated . He abandoned the natural sex and violence and dedicated his life for service of Srī Rāma Hanumān's inner strength emancipated him to cross the sealanka and discovered sitā.

Hanumān's bravery is always praisable and everybody should be appreciated his braveness vālmīki described his bravery works in his holy book Rāmāyaṇa and specially his sundarakānda is filled with that attitudes . Gosvāmi Tulsidas was also described his braveness in his renowned book Rāmacaritmānas very beautifully .Hanumānji killed some soldiers and pressed some soldiers.some soldiers said to Rāvana o prabhu,monkey is very powerful.The heart touching description is like this :-

***Kachu māresi kachu mardēsi kachu mlīaesi dhari dhūri /
Kachu puni jāi pukārē prabhu markata bala bhūri //***

Hanumān possessed limitless powers but he had never misused it . He is the hero of Rāmāyaṇa and he is the best spy ,Prosecutor and also an expert strategist .He saves virtuous persons and punishes wicked , There are no bravery person in this creation like Hanumān .He is unique at all.

Keywords : vālmikī Rāmāyaṇa , Rāmacaritmānas , Gosvāmī Tulasidās , Adhyātma Rāmāyaṇa

Introduction

Hanumān is also known as Anjaneya means the son of Anjanā .His father's name is kesari so he is called as kesari nandana .He is also called as pavanputra (the son of the wind) mahāvīr ,Bajarangi and Bajrangbali . Hanumān is not an ordinary monkey . He is the god of wind and son of vāyu .He could fly anywhere he wants.

Hanumān is one of the most worshipped god in india and he is called as sankat mochan(remover of all problems) . The word like monkey is the greatest epic vālmīki Rāmāyaṇa 'Vānara', the word 'vana' means forest and 'nara' means man.

Once viṣṇu had taken the form of mohini , So beautiful was mohini that even lord shiva , the ascetic was captivated by her . so he was unable to control his sense and shed semen that was collected by vāyu(the wind god) . He discharged it into the ear of Anjani who is the wife of kesari , a monkey . As a result Anjani became pregnant and gave birth to Hanumān .

As a child Hanumān flew towards sun and mistaking it as a tasty fruit . He tossed with the stars and planets thinking as toys at that time indra the god of the sky attacked him with a thunderbolt .

Hanumān wished the sun god to take as his teacher but the lord surya denied and said how can i teach you due to lack of time and he was busy a day and taken rest at night . But in answer Hanumān replied that you can teach me when you travel across the sky . Hanumān enlarge his body size and became able

to receive the teachings of sun god. Hanumān is not only a powerful monkey who destroyed lanka but also he is a poet, a grammarian and also scholar. He is an ideal devotee of Śrī Rāma who is always sitting near Śrī Rāma's feet as a servant. It is believed that Hanumān is always present every time when Rāmāyaṇa is narrated. An empty seat is arranged during the narration of Śrī Rāmāyaṇa in his honour even now a days.

Hanumān possessed a selfless personality. He abandoned the natural sex and violence and dedicated his life for service of Śrī Rāma who is the lord of entire universe. Hanumān's inner strength emancipated him to cross the sea of lanka and discover Janakānandīnī Sītā and got success.

In Valmīki Rāmāyaṇa Sundarākānda is filled with the bravery attitudes of Hanumān and Gosvāmi Tulsidas has described his braveness in his Rāmācaritmānas and also that same courageousness attitudes of Hanumān depicted in other sāstras vividly. But I have briefly described here some bravery works of Hanumān from Rāmāyaṇa of Valmīki and Adhyātma Rāmāyaṇa and also Rāmācaritmānas of Tulsidas.

Lankākānda is filled with that attitudes. Gosvāmi Tulsidas was also described his braveness in his renowned book Rāmācaritmānas very beautifully and also Rāmācaritmānas of Tulsidas.

Bravery of Hanumān in Rāmāyaṇa

In Valmīki Rāmāyaṇa Kiskindhā Kānda described that Hanumān is capable to do everything there is no other person equal to him on earth, in the sky or water and he possessed speed force, effulgence and smartness just like his father, the god of wind so he can able to find out Sītā by his diplomatic art, strength and talent. These words said by Sugriva in the presence of Śrī Rāma.

***na bhūmou nāntarikṣhye vā vānrē nāmarālayē /
nāpsu vā gatibhagaṃ te paśyāmi hari pungava//
Sāsuraḥ sahaṅdharvāḥ sanāganaradevatāḥ /
Viditāḥ sarvalokāste sasāgardharādharāḥ//
gatirvegaśca tejasca lāghavaṃ ca mahākapē/
Pitustē sadruśaṃ vīra mārutasya mahaoujasaḥ//
tejasā vāpī tē bhūtaṃ nasamaṃ bhuvī vidyatē/
tadyathā labhyatē sītā tattvamē vānucintaya//
tvayyēva hanumānntī balaṃ budhiṃ parākramaḥ/
deśakālānurvrttiśca nayaśca nayapanditāḥ//1***

The bravery of Hanumān is also described beautifully in Adhyātma Rāmāyaṇa fourth Kānda. That Hanumān possessed a mountain like form and he said I will cross the sea and destroy lanka and kill Rāvana with his relatives I will take Jānakī back and I can throw lanka on the foot of Śrī Rāma with all mountains on my left palm. Otherwise I shall return seeing Sītā with favourable signs.

***langhaitvā jalaṇidhiṃ kṛtvā lankāṃ ca bhasmasāt//
rāvaṇaṃ sakulaṃ hatvān eṣyē janakānandinīm /
yadvā badhvā galē rajvā rāvaṇaṃ vāmapāṇinā//
lankāṃ saparvatāṃ dhṛtvā rāmasyāgrē kṣhipāmyaham /
yadvā dr̥ṣṭvaiva yāsyāmi jānakīm Śubhalakṣhaṇām//2***

The bravery of Hanumān is also seen in another place when he crossed the sea and that time he was assumed a big and terrible form which has been narrated in Valmīki Rāmāyaṇa Sundarākānda. Hanumān enlarged his body to fulfill the mission of Śrī Rāma whose intention to cross the sea and pressed the

mountain was shaken and all flowers fell down from the trees, many trees were broken by the extreme power of Hanumān .

**Vavṛudhē rāmvṛudhyarthaṁ samundaraeva parvasu//
niṣpramānaśariraḥ sallilanghanaīśuraḥ avam/
bāhubhyām pīdayāmāsa caraṇābhyām ca pravatam //
Sa cacālā calaścāśu muhūrtaṁ kapipidītaḥ /
tarunāṇām puspitāgrāṇām sarvaṁ puṣpamśātayat //3**

In another place of vālmikī Rāmāyaṇa described the military skill of Hanumān which is incomparable valour of śrī Hanumān . He is the scorcher of enemies hit some demons with palm , some with his feet and fist and also some devils pierced with nails. He strangled some ogres with his chest , thighs and some fell down dead on the earth hearing his thundering voice .

**talēnābhyahanat kāṅścītpādīḥ kāṅścītparatantapaḥ /
Muṣṭinābhyahanatkāṅścīnnakhaīḥ kāṅścīdvadārayat//
Pramamāthorasā kāṅścīdūrubhyām parāṅkapiḥ/
Kēcittasya ninādena tatraiva patitā bhuvī // 4**

After destroying lanka Hanumān brought in the court of Rāvaṇa and there he said courageously to Rāvaṇa that i am not sent by indra , yama , varuṇa and i have no friendship with kubera . viṣṇu has not sent me . I am a monkey by birth and come here . i have only intention to meet Rāvaṇa which is the purpose of my coming . Nobody even the god or demons can bind me with any weapons . i got such type of boom from grandfather Brahmā . vālmikī Rāmāyaṇa sundarakāṇḍa gives the detail description in this regard.

**abravīnnāsmi śakrasya yamasya varuṇasya vā/
dhanadena na me sakhyaṁ viṣṇunā nāsmi coditaḥ//
Jātireva mama tveṣā vānaro. hamihāgtaḥ /
darśanē rākṣhēndrasya durlabhē tadidaṁ mayā//
tataste rākṣhasāḥ praptā balino yudhakāṅkhinaḥ/
rakṣhnārthaṁ tu dehasya pratiyudhā mayā rane //
astrapāśairna sakyohaṁ badhuṁ devāsurairapi/
Pītāmahodeṣa varo mamāpeṣo bhyapāgataḥ//5**

Bravery of Hanumān in Rāmācaritmānas of Gosvāmī Tulasidās

Hanumān is a very brave person , his bravery attitudes described in Rāmācaritmānas of Gosvāmī Tulasidās. The path on which Hanumān went that was pressed and entered into pātālaloka just like the great arrow of śrī Rāma.

**jehim giri carana dei Hanumāntā /
caleou sogā pātāla turantā //
jimi amogha raghupati kada bānā /
ehi bhāmti caleou hanumānā//6**

Hanumānji killed some soldiers and pressed some soldiers and mixed into ashes Some soldiers. some soldiers said to Rāvaṇa o prabhu, monkey is very powerful . Tulasidās describes that heart touching descriptions in his Rāmacaritmānas very beautifully.

***Kachu māresi kachu mardesi kachumilaesi dhari dhūri/
Kachu puni jāi pukāre prabhu markaṭa bala bhūri //7***

Hanumān has possessed a big body like sumeru mountain which can able to destroy the prowess of enemies and create fear . Gosvāmī Tulasidās described it in his Rāmacaritmānas .

***moreṅ hrudaya parama samdehā /
Suni kapi pragata kinhi nija dehā//
Kanaka bhūdharākāra sarīrā/
Samara bhaynkara atibalabīrā// 8***

In another place of Rāmacaritmānas Tulasidās beautifully depicted the picture of fearlessness of sankat mochan Hanumān that the body was very big but very smart . He could able to climb quickly from one building to another . The city lanka was burnt and the people were frightened and unsettled by the daring power of Hanumān .

***deha bisāla paramaharuai /
maṅdir teṅ maṅdir cadha dhai//
jarai nagara bhā loga bihālā/
jhapta lapaṭa bahu koṭi karālā//9***

The entire life of Hanumān is full of devotion to lord śrī Rāma . He has devotion , dedication and self confidence in his powers. He is never lazy and he is the treasury of all knowledges . He possessed limitless powers but never misused . He is the hero of rāmāyaṇa and he is the junior servant of śrī hari . He is a best spy and prosecutor and also an expert strategist.He is a sage and known as sankat mochan (remover of all crisis) in this world . He saves virtuous persons and punishes wicked and dishonest people .There are no valliant persons in this world like Hanumān who is full of virtues and which has no end at all .

Footnotes

1. vāl . Rāmāyaṇa - IV.44.3-7
2. Adhyātma Rāmāyaṇa-IV.9.22.24
3. vāl . Rāmāyaṇa - V.1.10-12
4. vāl . Rāmāyaṇa - V.45.12-13
5. vāl . Rāmāyaṇa - V.50.13-17
6. Rāmacaritmānas,sundar.kā-4
7. Rāmacaritmānas,sundar.kā.Dohā-18
8. Rāmacaritmānas,sundar.kā.Dohā-15.4
9. Rāmacaritmānas,sundar.kā.Dohā-25.1

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