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Andhakasuravadha Samharamurti -#story #Thread
Sculpture of Bhagwan Shiva as the destroyer of the Asura Andhaka - Cave 29,Ellora caves

Asura Andhaka hangs on to a trishula held by 6-armed Shiva.

Once Parvathi & Shiva were relaxing in the pleasant gardens of Mount Mandhara.



Bhagwan Shiva sat down there to enjoy the happiness.Parvati closed the eyes of Shiva playfully & darkness covered the whole universe.Parvati was perplexed & her palms were wet with perspiration.A few drops of her sweat mixed with sweat from Shiva’s body& fell to the ground.

From this sweat,a fierce creature was born,it started to roar.Child was born blind as Shiva's eyes were closed so was named as Andaka.Andha means darkness&also ignorance.Around the same time Asura Hiranyaksha was performing rigorous tapas Shiva for a boon of powerful son.

Bhagwan Shiva was pleased by tapas of Hiranyaksha & blessed him with darshan.Hiranyaksha asked for a powerful son,Shiva told him that he cannot have his own son,but can adopt a blind child who would become very powerful later.Shiva gave child Andaka to Hiranyaksha.

Hiranyaksha returned to his kingdom with Andaka.Later after the vadh of Hiranyaksha, Andaka is said to have lived with his cousins.He was ridiculed,so dejected Andaka went to forest.He did severe tapas for over many years towards Brahma Dev. Brahma dev appeared before him.

Andaka asked for boons that he should be able to see & he should be devas,asuras,humans or by Bhagwan Vishnu.Brahma Dev was in a fix.He granted vision to Andaka.But second boon he has to specify on what condition he will die for him to grant the boon.Andaka told Brahma dev that

"If I ever wish to marry a beautiful women who is like a mother to me,then that will be my death." Brahma Dev granted the boon.Andhakasura can now see & has become powerful by the boon of Brahma Dev returned to his kingdom.His cousins were frightened,gave his & their kingdoms.

Andakasura invaded Indralok, defeated Indra.Soon he became king of 3 worlds.He captured devas,gandarvas.He was troubling people on earth.Due to his boons,Vishnu Bhagwan was not able defeat Andakasura.
Devas prayed to Bhagwan Shiva to help them.Andakasura happen to see Paravati

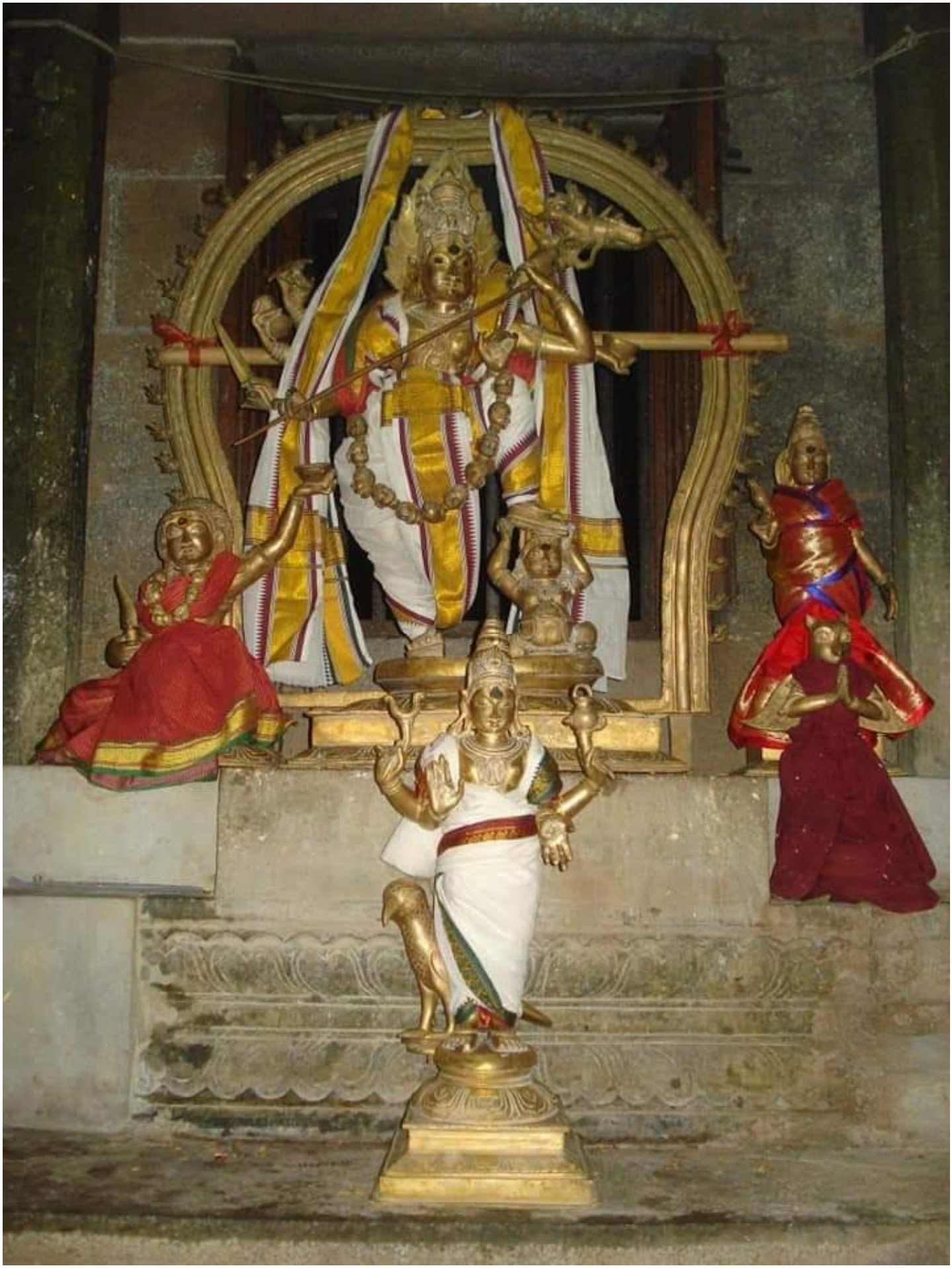
Devi in Mandara mountains.He wanted to marry her,so he went behind https://t.co/FWTAfCTfhM he desired to marry a women who is like his mother,as per his boon - death was approaching Andakasura.
Andhakasura along with his Asura sena came to attack Bhagwan Shiva. Nandi,ganas, Indra

Other devas,Brahma,Vishnu dev also fought against Andakasura & his Asura sena.All other asuras were wounded or dead. except Andhakasura. Nothing seemed to harm him,neither Vishnu’s Sudarshana chakra , nor Indra’s Vajrayudham.
Bhagwan Shiva attacked Andakasura with trishul -

drops of blood that came out from the body produced more Andhakasuras the moment they hit the https://t.co/Pl241G4VAO a short time, the battlefield had manyAndakasura ,each as powerful as him.Shiva then created a Devi by his divine power -Devi Yogeswari who along with Matrikas

helped Bhagwan Shiva.Yogeswari went near bleeding Andakasura to collect the blood in a bowl of without falling on the ground. Saptamatrikas- female forms 7 gods-Brahmini(Brahma), Kaumari(Kartikeya),Vaishnavi(Vishnu),Maheshwari(Shiva),Varahi(Varaha),Indrani(Indra),Chamudi(Yama)

protected Paravti devi. Andakasura could not multiply further & his strength started getting depleted.Shiva , then,struck his final blow. He pierced Andhakasura's chest with his trishul and held him up.
There he held him until every drop of blood from his body had been collected.



Shiva Alayam at Thirukkovilur,Tamilnadu is dedicated to this great victory of Shiva over https://t.co/1ht5O8FYzC is one of the Ashta Veeratta https://t.co/w03WGf6dpt is significant to note that the uniqueness of this place as Andakasura was

pinned up.



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