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Dhurjati
(~16th Century AD)

Personal Name: Dhurjati

Family Name:

Father Narayanudu

Mother Simgamma

Literary Contributions: *sree kaalahateeswara satakamu, sree kaalahasti mahaatmyamu*

Languages Telugu

Dhurjati was prominent among the Ashtadiggajams-eight cardinal elephants, an eight-member assembly in the literary court of emperor Sri Krishnadevaraya named Bhuvanavijayam. The celebrated poet is known to the world today as mere Dhurjati. In spite of years of research, his full name is not yet known. Telugu scholars identified Dhurjati as a great Shaivite among the eight cardinal elephants with an unparalleled command over Telugu-Sanskrit idiom and phrase, the others being Peddana Allasani, Mallana Madayagari, Thimmana Nandi, Surana Pingali, Ramabhadrdudu Ayyalaraju, Ramalingadu Tenali and Ramarajabhushanudu. Dhurjati authored 'Srikalahastiwara Mahatyam' and 'Srikalahastiswara Satakam', both in praise of Lord Shiva in 'prabhanda' style popular at that time. This made scholars to consider Dhurjati as a master exponent of Shaivite philosophy.

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Recently, the government of Andhra Pradesh has issued an order for setting up a foundation (peetham) in his name at Srikalahasti, his native place in Chittoor district, and decided to develop it as a Shaivite centre with an initial grant of Rs 5 lakh. The state government also gave permission to mobilize additional funds for the Dhurjati Foundation (Dhurjati peetham) through donations from public and lovers of Telugu literature. The peetham will be constituted shortly with the appointment of a director by the trust board of Srikalahasti temple. A master plan has been prepared to undertake constructions at Srikalahasti to enhance its importance as Shaivite centre.

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Om! Asatoma Sadgamaya, Tamasoma Jyotirgamaya, Mrityorma Amritamgamaya,

Om Shantih, Shantih, Shantih!

(Aum! Lead the world from wrong path to the right path, from ignorance to knowledge, from mortality to immortality, and peace!)

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