

“Bhūraśi<sup>91</sup>” etc. the achievement of the sanctity of a holy centre (Kṣetra Siddhi) shall be effected.

12. Water shall be sanctified with the mantra “Āpos-mān<sup>92</sup>” etc. The rite of “Phāṭikābandha” shall be performed with “Namaste Rudra<sup>93</sup>” mantra

13. The purity of the place of worship shall be heightened with the mantra “Śambhavāya<sup>94</sup>” etc. The sprinkling of water over Pañcāmṛta<sup>95</sup> shall be performed with the word Namaḥ prefixed.

14. The excellent installation of the phallic image of Śiva shall be made devoutly with the mantra “Namaḥ Nīlagrīvāya<sup>96</sup>” (obeisance to the blue-necked).

15. The worshipper following the Vedic path shall make devoutly the offer of a beautiful seat with the mantra “Etatte rudrāya<sup>97</sup>” etc.

16. The invocation (Āvāhana) shall be performed with the mantra “Mā no mahāntam<sup>98</sup>” etc. The seating (Upaveśana) shall be performed with the mantra “Yā te rudreṇa<sup>99</sup>.”

17. With the mantra “Yāmiṣum<sup>100</sup>” etc. the Nyāsa (ritualistic touching of the body in various parts) shall be performed. The offering of fragrance shall be performed endearingly with the mantra ‘Adhyavocat’<sup>101</sup> etc.

18. The Nyāsa of the deity shall be performed with the mantra “Asau Jīva<sup>102</sup>” etc. The rite of approaching the deity (upasarpaṇa) shall be performed with the mantra “Asau Yovasarpati<sup>103</sup>” etc.

19. The water used for washing the feet (Pādyā) shall be offered with the mantra. “Namostu Nīlagrīvāya<sup>104</sup>” (obeisance to the blue-necked). The water for the respect-

91. Ibid. 13.18.

92. Ibid. 4.2.

93. Ibid. 16.1.

94. Ibid. 16.41.

95. Five kinds of food viz. milk, curd, butter, honey and sugar are called *Pañcāmṛta*.

96. VS. 16.28.

97. Ibid. 3.61.

98. Ibid. 16.15.

99. Ibid. 16.2.

100. Ibid. 16.3.

101. Ibid. 16.5.

102. Not traceable.

103. VS. 16.17.

104. Ibid. 16.8.