

ful reception (Arghya) shall be offered with the Rudragā-yatrī¹⁰⁵ mantra and the sipping water (Ācamana) with the Tryambaka¹⁰⁶ mantra.

20. The ceremonial ablution with milk shall be performed with the mantra "Payaḥ Pṛthivyām¹⁰⁷ etc. The ceremonial ablution with curd shall be performed with the mantra "Dadhi Krāvṇaḥ¹⁰⁸" etc.

21-22. The ceremonial ablution with ghee shall be performed with the mantra "Ghṛtam Ghṛtayāvā¹⁰⁹ etc. The ceremonial ablution with honey and Sugar candy shall be performed with three hymns beginning with "Madhuvātā¹¹⁰, Madhu Naktam¹¹¹, Madhumānnaḥ¹¹²". Thus the Pañcāmṛta ablution is explained. Or the ablution with Pañcāmṛta can be performed with the Pādyā mantra Namostu Nīlagrīvāya¹¹³.

23. The tying of the waistband (Kaṭibandhana) shall be performed devoutly with the mantra "Mā nastoke¹¹⁴" etc. The piece of cloth to be worn on the upper part of the body shall be offered with the mantra "Namo Dhṛṣṇave¹¹⁵" etc.

24. The pious follower of Vedic rites shall make an offering of cloth (vastrasamarpaṇa) duly to Śiva with the four hymns beginning with "Yā te heti¹¹⁶ etc.

25. The intelligent devotee shall offer scents devoutly with the mantra "Namaḥ Śvabhyaḥ¹¹⁷" etc. He shall offer Akṣatas (raw rice grains) with the mantra "Namastakṣabhyaḥ¹¹⁸" etc.

26. Flower offerings shall be made with the mantra "Namaḥ Pāryāya¹¹⁹" etc. Bilva leaves shall be offered with the mantra "Namaḥ Parnāya¹²⁰" etc.

105. KS 17.11.

106. VS. 3.60.

107. Ibid. 18.36.

108. Ibid. 23.32.

109. AV. 13.1.24.

110. VS. 13.27.

111. Ibid. 13.28.

112. Ibid. 13.29.

113. Ibid. 16.8.

114. Ibid. 16.16.

115. Ibid. 16.36.

116. Ibid. 16. 11-14.

117. Ibid. 16.28.

118. Ibid. 16.27.

119. Ibid. 16.42.

120. Ibid. 16.46.