

SRI SOOKTHAM



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SrI RanganAyaki

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Sri Sooktam



INTRODUCTION

The authenticity and Vaibhavam of Sri Devi is a central doctrine for SrI VaishNavAs. Sri ParAsara Bhattar, the foster child of Sri RanganAyaki points out in one of the verses of Sri GuNa Ratna Kosam that the Vedic seers as the mantra drashtAs have revealed that the VedAs are indeed the repositories for the precious gem-like guNams of SrI Devi:

देवि श्रुतिं भगवतीं प्रथमे पुमांसः

त्वत्सद्गुणौघमणिकोशगृहं गृणन्ति ।

devi Srutim bhagavatIm prathamE pumAmsa:

tvat-sadguNaugha maNikOsa grham grNanti |

One authentic Veda Sooktam, which establishes the greatness of SrI Devi is Sri Sooktam. This Sooktam has provided the pramANams for many PurANams (VishNu PurANam), IthihAsam (Srimad RaamAyaNam) and stOtrams (Swamy ALavanthAr's CatussLOki, AchArya RaamAnujA's SaraNAgati Gadyam, KurEsar's SrI Stavam, ParaaSara Battar's SrI GuNa Ratna Kosam, Swamy Desikan's SrI Stuti and SrI VenkatAdhvari's Lakshmi Sahasram). Sri Devi's upAyatvam (Her as the Means), upEyatvam (Her as the goal) and PurushakAratvam (Her

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Intercession with Her Lord to forgive the aparAdhams of the Jeevans) and Her naamA as BhagavathI (one who has the six guNams just as Her Lord) identify Her as a lofty tattvam, which is even grander than Her Husband, who takes pride in being known as the Lord of SrI Devi (SrInivAsan, SrIdharan, SrIsan, SrEyaSrImAn, Maadhavan, MaalOlan).

Our AchAryAs have established the uniqueness and glories of Sri Devi and Her special relationship with Her Lord. We will study these links between the 19 mantrams of SrI Sooktham and the doctrines such as Her Jagath KaaraNathvam (creatix), Mokshaprathathvam (power to grant Moksham) and Vibhuthvam (Lordship).

adiyEn wishes to acknowledge the insights on the meanings for the Mantrams of Sri Sooktham by Sriman RajagOpAlAcchAr Swamy in his monograph, Sri VaishNava Dinacharya, released by Sri VaishNava PrachAriNi Sabha of Chennai.

A brilliant essay in Tamil on the Sri Sooktham by Vaikunta Vaasis Sri M.S.Rajagopalachar Swamy and Sri Anna N.Rangaraja Battar Swamy is highly recommended for your reading. The hyperlink is the Mantras section of Sriranga Pankajam: <http://www.srirangapankajam.com>

*Sri Sookta Mantrams
and
Meanings*



HiraNmayeem Lakshmeem! - PerundEvi ThAyAr - Kanchi



MANTRAM - 1

हिरण्यवर्णा हरिणीं सुवर्णरजतस्रजाम् ।

चन्द्रां हिरण्मयीं लक्ष्मीं जातवेदो म आवह ॥ १ ॥

hiraNyavarNaam hariNeem suvarNa rajatasrajaam |

candraam hiraNmayeem lakshmeem jaatavedo ma aavaha ||

MEANING:

Oh Lord Mahaa VishNu with all aiswaryam, Jn~Anam and auspicious vaibhavam in a svAbhAvika reethi (inherent manner)! adiyEn is engaged in Your kaimkaryams as sahaja dAsan and as Your nirupAdhika Seshan (unconditional liege). Please grant adiyEn hence, the boon of having Your divine consort MahA Lakshmi near me. May Thou bless adiyEn to have the darsana soubhAgyam of MahA Lakshmi, who is celebrated for Her power to grant all auspicious boons that one desires and has the capability to chase away all of our sins! She has indeed the most beautiful hue of molten gold and adorns many beautiful silver and gold ornaments to enhance their beauty. She gladdens the hearts of every one with Her sevai and is abundant with all types of wealth and is easily approachable, while open to listen to the plaintive cries of the suffering Jeevans and to recommend them for Your anugraham. May this Divine consort of Yours with the golden hue saluted as CandrA, HiraNmayee, HariNee and Lakshmee become accessible to adiyEn with Your intervention!





MANTRAM - 2

तां म आवह जातवेदो लक्ष्मीमनपगामिनीम् ।

यस्यां हिरण्यं विन्देयं गामश्वं पुरुषानहम् ॥

taam ma aavaha jaatavedo lakshmeemanapa gaamineem: |

yasyaam hiraNyam vindeyam gaamaSvam purushaanaham: ||

MEANING:

Oh Lord of limitless auspicious attributes (anantha KalyANa guNams)! Your divine Consort has the Vaibhavam that is beyond description by the mind or speech. She is the One with all sAmudhrika lakshaNams and therefore is the embodiment of perfect beauty. Please bless me to have Her near adiyEn to perform kaimkaryams for Her in a way in which She will never leave adiyEn. May adiyEn be the beneficiary of aiswaryams like the cattle, horses and servants from Her, who is known for granting all one desires!

The prayer is: "Jaata vEdO! taam anapagaamineem lakshmeem ma Avaha!" Please make it possible for Her to appear before adiyEn and sit near adiyEn to receive adiyEn's ArAdhanam and listen to adiyEn's prayerful request for being blessed with all types of aiswaryams.





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MANTRAM - 3

अश्वपूर्वा रथमध्यां हस्तिनादप्रबोदिनीम् ।

श्रियं देवीमुपह्वये श्रीर्मा देवी जुषताम् ॥ ३ ॥

aSvapoorvaam rathamadhyaam hastinaadaprabodineem|

Sriyam deveem upahvaye SrImaa devec jushataam: ||

MEANING:

SrI Devi resides in the heart lotus of all jeevans along with Her husband and as a unique couple (dhivya Mithunam) shares with Him the duties of creation, sustenance and being the means and goal for those who seek refuge in Them. She is the first One to wake up from the heart rending appeal for protection by devotees like GajEndhran (Hasti Naathan). She has the lotus forests as one of Her favorite residences besides Her Lord's chest region and never leaves His side even for a fraction of a second. She performs Her duties surrounded by assistants on horse back (aSva PoorvA) and on chariots (raTa madhyA). She is in the middle of those cavalry and chariot units. Since She lives in the lotus forests dear to the elephants, She wakes up to the trumpeting of elephants (Hasti) in the morning. The elephants awaken Her as though it is part of their SuprabhAtham duties. She is also visualized as being woken up in the mornings with the voices of the four VaithALikAs (Court bards) in the form of elephants (Kukkulu, KuraNDar, Dhamanakar and Salilar) sitting on Her auspicious abode (MangaLAsanam) of a gigantic lotus flower. She is resplendent with Her divine beauty and sports with Her Lord in the creation of the Universe and its beings (Jagath KaaraNi). adiyEn prays to this celebrated Dharma Pathni of the Lord - sought as refuge by all- to be near me and use adiyEn as the hand ball that She loves to use in Her sports with Her priya sakhis.



hastinaadaprabodineem! - Nilamangai ThAyAr - Thirukkadal mallai - Thanks: Sri. Senthil



ஸ்ரீ நிமையங்கை தாயார், திருக்கடல்மலை.



MANTRAM - 4

कां सोस्मितां हिरण्यप्राकारामार्द्रां ज्वलन्तीं तृप्तां तर्पयन्तीम् ।

पद्मे स्थितां पद्मवर्णां त्वामिहोपह्वये श्रियम् ॥

kaam sosmitaam hiraNyapraakaaraam

aardraam jvalanteem trptaam tarpayanteem |

padme sthitaam padmavarNaam

tvamihopahvaye Sriyam: ||

MEANING:

She is the embodiment of Bliss. She is the goal for all, who want to climb out of the ditch of SamsAram. She is the One, who listens to all those appeals with a smiling face and responds. She resides in the palace with golden ramparts and has a cool heart full of divine compassion for the suffering jeevans. She fills the world with radiance through Her JyOthir-maya ThirumEni. She is immensely pleased even with the slightest amount of Kaimkaryam and grants huge boons desired by Her devotees ranging from worldly wealth, Kaivalyam and Moksham. She sits on a lotus, whose petals match Her hue and softness. adiyEn prays to this most compassionate Sri Devi known for the ease of approach to Her by the suffering Jeevans. adiyEn prays for Her to be near me.





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Embodiment of Bliss!

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MANTRAM - 5

चन्द्रां प्रभासां यशसा ज्वलन्तीं श्रियं लोके देवजुष्टामुदाराम् ।

तां पद्मनेमीं शरणमहं प्रपद्येऽलक्ष्मीर्मे नश्यतां त्वां वृणे ॥

candraam prabhaasaam yaSasaa jvalanteem

Sriyam loka devajushTaamudaaraam: |

taam padmanEmeem SaraNamaham prapadye

alakshmeer me naSyataam tvaam vrNe ||

MEANING:

Sri Devi is full of Anandam and has the dhivya mangala roopam made up of Suddha Satthva dhruvayam. She has the fame to grant all the four PurushArthams desired by us. She has the tEjas (lustre) to gladden the hearts of those who seek Her refuge (AsrithAs) and incinerate those who are virOdhis to those AsrithAs. She is very dear to MahA VishNu and hears first the cry for help by the suffering jeevans and makes Her Lord listen to them. She controls everything thru Her vyApti (presence) inside them. She burns away all of our sins and makes Her BhakthAs joyous over the experiencing of Her KalyANa guNams. She stays as the One who can be easily accessed (soulabhyam) and feels contrite over not giving even more than what people desired as boons from Her. She is drawn towards Her devotees by the placement of the lotus flowers placed at Her sacred feet and has limitless glories. adiyEn recognizes my helplessness and unfitness in protecting myself and therefore has placed the entire burden of my protection at Her sacred feet (tvAm vrNe). May She out of Her infinite compassion drive away all the obstacles and amangalams (alakshmi) standing in the way of gaining the desired PurushArthams! May She chase away all my sins quickly! adiyEn prays to Her as





my caring Mother to fulfill my desires! "tamm padmanEmeem SaraNamaham prapadyE, alakshmeer mE naSyatAm" is the prayer of the Jeevan here.



padmanEmeem SaraNamaham prapadyE!

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Lady with the Supreme effulgence !

SrI Amruthavalli ThAyAr - ahObilam



MANTRAM - 6

आदित्यवर्णे तपसोऽधि जातो वनस्पतिस्तव वृक्षोऽथ बिल्वः ।

तस्य फलानि तपसा नुदन्तु मायान्तरायाश्च बाह्या अलक्ष्मीः ॥

aadityavarNe tapaso adhi jaato

vanaspatistava vrksho atha bilva: |

tasya phalaani tapasaa nudantu

maayaantaraayaaSca baahyaa alakshmee: ||

MEANING:

Oh the Lady with the Supreme effulgence to destroy the external and the internal darkness! Oh Lady who has the auspicious attributes matching Your Lord! The noblest among the trees that arose out of Your sankalpam is the auspicious Bilva tree. May homam with the fruits of the Bilva tree destroy our nescience and vipareetha Jn~Anam as well as chase away the enemies (sins) that stand in the way of seeking the refuge of Your Lord. May those amangalams (alakshmi) be utterly destroyed!





Friend of the nityasooris!

Tirupathi utsavar in muthangi - thanks: Sri AMR Kannan



MANTRAM - 7

उपैतु मां देवसखः कीर्तिश्च मणिना सह ।

प्रादुर्भूतोऽस्मि राष्ट्रेस्मिन् कीर्तिमृद्धिं ददातु मे ॥

upaitu maam devasakha: keertiSca maNinaa saha |

praadurbhUto asmi raashTresmin keertim rddhim dadaatu mE ||

MEANING:

Oh Lakshmi! Please make it possible for the friend of the eternally liberated souls (nithya sooris), Your Lord, arrive near adiyEn. adiyEn should be blessed to have the aisvaryam of praise worthy fame and gems as well as other forms of wealth. Since adiyEn has taken birth in the kingdom that is favored by You, You must bless me with abundant wealth of every kind.





Sri Devi! Bless us with all auspiciousness! - SrI Alarmelmangai ThAyAr - AshTabhujakaram



MANTRAM - 8

क्षुत्पिपासामलां ज्येष्ठामलक्ष्मीर्नाशयाम्यहम् ।

अभूतिमसमृद्धिं च सर्वान् निर्णुद मे गृहात् ॥

kshutpipaasaamalaam jyeshThaam

alakshmeem naaSayaamyaham: |

abhUtim asamrddhim ca

sarvaan nirNuda mE grhaat ||

MEANING:

Oh SrI Devi! May adiyEn be empowered by You to be free from sufferings caused by hunger, thirst, desire for sensual pleasures and all other amangaLams (inauspiciousness) associated with JyEshtai (the one who arose out of the milky ocean before You)! Oh Lakshmi! Please chase away all enemies that stand in the way of growth in my prosperity (wealth, grains, servants) from my house! The prayer here is "abhUthim sarvAm asamrddhim ca mE grhAt nirNuda".





MANTRAM - 9

गन्धद्वारां दुराधर्षां नित्यपुष्टां करीषिणीम् ।

ईश्वरीं सर्वभूतानां तामिहोपह्वये श्रियम् ॥

gandhadvaaraam duraadharshaam nityapushTaam kareeshiNeem |

Isvareem sarvabhUtaanaam taamihopahvaye Sriyam: ||

MEANING:

Oh Sri Devi! You are worshipped well with fragrant sandal paste, incense and all other ParimaLams as poojA dhravyams. You bless your devotees with lasting fame. You are easy to approach by those with pure hearts. You are paripoorNa anugraha dhAyee with never diminishing aisvaryam like a well ploughed, fertile field. You have the power to complete all the tasks that You undertake without interruption. You are the Mistress of all the chETanms and enter into them and direct them. adiyEn prays to You, SrI Devi of limitless Vaibhavam, to stay near me to maintain my house filled with Vaidhika and laukika SrI.





SrI devyai nama:
Sri RanganAyakai - SriRangam - Thanks: Sri.Murali BhaTTar

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MANTRAM - 10

मनसः काममाकूतिं वाचः सत्यमशीमहि ।

पशूनाँ रूपमन्नस्य मयि श्रीः श्रयतां यशः ॥

manasa: kaamamaakUtim vaaca: satyamaSeemahi |

paSUnaagum rUpamannasya mayi SrI: Srayataam yaSa: ||

MEANING:

Oh SrI Devi! May we be blessed with all the things sought by our mind and imagination and those requested through our vaak (speech) such as cattle, food and drinks through Your anugraham! May Sri Devi of such illustrious Vaibhavam grant this servant of Hers all these wealth and a high level of fame!





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padmamaalineem!

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MANTRAM - 11

कदमैन प्रजा भूता मयि संभव कर्दम ।

श्रियं वासय मे कुले मातरं पद्ममालिनीम् ॥

kardamEna prajaa bhUtaa mayi sambhava kardama |

Sriyam vaasaya mE kulE maataram padmamaalineem: ||

MEANING:

Oh Kardama PrajApati! Is it not so that Mahaa Lakshmi was adopted by you, who has control over our indhriyams (sensory faculty)? May thou make it possible for Your daughter, Mahaa Lakshmi be full of compassion towards this worshipper of Hers! May the Mother of the Universe, Mahaa Lakshmi adorning the lotus garland reside permanently in our Kulam and never leave us!





MANTRAM - 12

आपः सृजन्तु स्निग्धानि चिह्नीत वस मे गृहे ।

नि च देवीं मातरं श्रियं वासय मे कुले ॥

aapa: srjantu snigdhaani cikleeta vasa mE gruhE |

ni ca deveem maataram Sriyam vaasaya mE kulE ||

MEANING:

Oh **Cikleetar** guarding the inner chambers of the Lord! Ghee, Milk, Honey and Oil should flow abundantly in adiyEn's house since the Lord and His divine Consort reside here. Oh Cikleeta! You should also reside in adiyEn's house as its protector. May Thou protect very well the Mother of the Universe residing at adiyEn's house, who creates this universe as a sport and makes Herself available to all readily!





MANTRAM - 13

आर्द्रा पुष्करिणीं पुष्टिं पिङ्गलां पद्ममालिनीम् ।

चन्द्रां हिरण्मयीं लक्ष्मीं जातवेदो म आवह ॥

ArdrAm pushkariNeem pushTim

pingaLAm padmamAlineem |

candrAm hiraNmayeem lakshmeem

jaatavEdhO ma Avaha ||

MEANING:

Oh MahA VishNu, the repository of all auspicious guNams like Jn~Anam, balam et al! Please bless us to have Your divine consort Mahaa Lakshmi near us, who cools us down from our sufferings by the three kinds of samsAric afflictions (taapa trayam) with Her merciful glances, who performs ArAdhanam for You with lotus flowers, who is known for Her abundant wealth of every kind including gold, who has a golden hue, who wears a lotus garland of exquisite beauty, who delights every one with her sevai and who is accessible through dhyAnam (meditation) by every one!





Oh BhagavAn! Bless us to have the proximity to Your divine Consort - Maha Navami sevai - thirukkacchi



MANTRAM - 14

आर्द्रा यः करिणीं यष्टिं सुवर्णां हेममालिनीम् ।

सूर्या हिरण्मयीं लक्ष्मीं जातवेदो म आवह ॥

aardraam ya:kariNeem yashTim

suvarNaam hemamaalineem |

sooryaam hiraNmayeem lakshmeem

jaatavEdo ma aavaha ||

MEANING:

Oh Omniscient BhagavAn! May Thou bless us to have the nearness (sannidhAnam, Proximity) to Your divine Consort, Mahaa Lakshmi, who is of a cool and calm disposition, who is devoid of anger, who enchants You to have You on Her side to pardon the trespasses of the offending chEtanams, who enhances the dharmic rites like Yaaga-Yaj~nams, who is eulogized by all in a sampradhAyic way, who adorns a golden garland , who is most beautiful, and Who enters into all the vasthus (chEtanAchEtanams in this naama roopa Prapancham) created by You, supports them and controls them! May She with Your anugraham stay right next to us!





MahA lakshmi!

MadurAntakam - Thanks : Sri. V.C. GovindarAjan



MANTRAM - 15

तां म आवह जातवेदो लक्ष्मीमनपगामिनीम् ।

यस्यां हिरण्यं प्रभूतं गावो दास्योश्वान् विन्देयं पुरुषानहम् ॥

taam ma aavaha jaatavedo

lakshmeem anapagaamineem |

yasyaam hiraNyam prabhUtam gaavo

daasyoSvaan vindeyam purushaanaham: ||

MEANING:

Oh Omnipotent Lord! Please bless us to have this Mahaa Lakshmi of the greatest Vaibhavam next to us without any interruption! May adiyEn be blessed to receive from Her abundant wealth of all kinds like Gold, cattle, equine transport (Vaahanams like horse) and male as well as female servants!





Padmini! Padma haste!

SriRangam - Navaratri 9th Day



MANTRAM - 16

पद्मप्रिये पद्मिनि पद्महस्ते पद्मालये पद्मदळायताक्षि ।

विश्वप्रिये विष्णुमनोऽनुकूले त्वत्पादपद्मं मयि सन्निधत्स्व ॥

padmapriyE padmini padma hastE

padmAlayE padma daLAYatAkshi |

viSvapriyE vishNUmanOnukUIE

tvat paada padmam mayi sannidhatsva ||

MEANING:

May SrI Devi, who is fond of Lotus flowers, who is the supreme among women, who holds a lotus in Her hand, Who is seated on a lotus, who has the soft and beautiful eyes like a lotus petal, who has affection for all of Her children, who never displeases Her Lord's ThiruvuLLam (mind) place Her sacred feet on the top of my head!





Bless us with Nithya Kaimkaryam at Your Supreme abode!

Sri Yadugiri NAcchiyAr - Melkote - thanks : Sri. Diwakar Kannan



MANTRAM - 17

श्रियै जात श्रिय आनिर्याय श्रियं वयो जनितृभ्यो दधातु ।

श्रियं वसाना अमृतत्वमायन् भजन्ति सद्यस्समिधामितद्यून (सत्या सविता नृतद्यून) ॥

Sriyai jaata Sriya aaniryaaya

Sriyam vayo janitrbyho dadhaatu |

Sriyam vasaanaa amrtatvamaayan

bhajanti sadya: samitaa mitadyUn (satyaA savitaA nrtadyUn) ||

MEANING:

adiyEn has been created to enjoy the wealth of service to Your Lord (Bhagavath Kaimkarya sampath). Oh SrI Devi! May Thou bless adiyEn with my true svaroopam that is hidden by the insentient part, which in turn will enable me to practice the means for Moksham (Sva nija Sesha roopa AvirbhAva hEtu)! May adiyEn be blessed with lasting wealth and extended life to practice the MokshOpAyams successfully with Svroopa Jn~Anam. Oh SrI Devi! Those of us, who live every moment with thoughts (chinthanai) about You will reach the immortal state. At the end of our bodily existence, we will attain Sri Vaikuntam and would be rid of hunger, thirst, sins, aging, death and sorrow, an unique state shared with the Supreme Brahman, Your Lord (Parama Pada naathan). We would be blessed to gain whatever we desire and are not stopped by anyone to engage in nithya Kaimkaryam to You both and enjoy ParipoorNa BrahmAnandham at Your Supreme abode.





MANTRAM - 18

श्रिय एवैनं तच्छ्रियामादधाति ।

सन्ततमृचा वषट् कृत्यं संधत्तं सन्धीयते प्रजया पशुभिः ।

य एवं वेद ॥

Sriya yEvainam tat SriyAmAdadhAti |

santatam rcaa vashaT krtyam sandhattam

sandheeyate prajayaa paSubhi: |

ya yEvam veda ||



PerumAl with NacchimArs





MEANING:

Those who perform upAsanA (meditation) with these Rg Veda Khila Mantrams will enchant always the inseparable divine couple of Parama Padam (dhivya Mithunam) and would be blessed with children, grandchildren, cows, horses and undiminishing wealth and enjoy their lives here.





Lakshmi SaraNamaham prapadye - Thanks:Sri.Murali BhaTTar



MANTRAM - 19

ओं महादेव्यै च विद्महे विष्णुपत्नी च धीमहि ।

तन्नो लक्ष्मीः प्रचोदयात् ॥

॥ हरिः ओं ॥

Om mahaadevyai ca vidmahe vishNupatnii ca dheemahi |

tanno lakshmee: pracodayaat: ||

|| hari: Om ||

MEANING:

May we be blessed to perform the upAsana to gain the anugraham of Periya PirAtti (Sri Devi)! May we meditate on the dharma Pathni of the Lord without let! For success in our Saadhanaa, we pray to Her. She is the dharma Pathni of the Lord assisting Him in the Yaagam of granting the four kinds of PurushArthams as the Caturvida PurushArtha Yaaga Dheekshitan's dhivya Mahishi. May She fulfill our prayers by motivating us to meditate on Her!

Om Saanti: Saanti: Saanti:

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SrI RanganAyaki during Adi Perukku

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Nilamangai ThAyAr in Saraswathi ThirukOlam

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THE ECHOS OF SRI SOOKTAM IN PURANAMS AND STOTRAMS

Abundant examples of the ways in which the SrI Sooktam has influenced the Stutis in PurANams and AchArya SrI Sooktis can be studied to advantage. Here is a list of selected examples echoing the SrI sookthi and other Vedic mantrams:

- Sriyam dEveem upahvayE SrIrmA dEvee jushatAt,
- tvAm ihopavhyatE Sriyam,
- Sriyam lOkE dEvajushTAm udArAm,
- mayi SrI: SrayatAm,
- Sriyam vAsaya mE kulE,
- Sriyai jaata:,
- SriyamAdadhAti,
- SriyO vaa yEdha roopam yanmudrA

These have been selected by U.Ve Sri ChEtIUr SrivathsAngAcchAr Swamy in his short monograph on CatusslOkI.

She is saluted as Bhagavthi since She possesses all the six KalyANa guNams (Jn~Anam, Balam, aishwaryam, Veeryam, Sakthi and tEjas) that are behind the name of the Lord as BhagavAn. She like BhagavAn has no inauspicious guNams (blemishless). Her anantha kalyANa guNams are limitless and are beyond the capability of even the Chathurmukha Brahma to describe during the many yugams that He is blessed to live. If it were so for Brahma Devan, You can imagine our totally helpless state declares Swamy AlavanthAr:





श्रीरित्येव च नाम ते भगवति ब्रूमः कथं त्वां वयम्

SrIrityEva nAma tE bhagavti! brUma: katham tvAm vayam?

--in the first sLOkam of CatussLOki.

Here are some VishNU PurANa sLOkams housing the stuti of Indhran:

दाराः पुत्रास्तथाऽगारसुहृद्धान्यधनादिकम् ।

भवत्येतन्महाभागे नित्यं त्वद्वीक्षणानृणाम् ॥

dArA: putrA: tathAgAra-suhrud-dhAnya-dhanAdikam |

bhavatyEtat mahAbhAgE! nityam tvad-yeekshaNaat nruNAam

--- VishNu PurANam: I.9.124

MEANING:

Good wife, children, house and property, friends, grains, and all kinds of wealth are derived from by the human beings by the KaTAKsha anugraham of SrI Devi.

शरीरारोग्यमैश्वर्यमरिपक्षक्षयः सुखम् ।

देवि त्वद्वृष्टिदृष्टानां पुरुषाणां न दुर्लभम् ॥

SareerArOgyam aisvaryam aripakshakshaya: sukham |

devi! tvaddrushTidrshTANam purushANAm na durlabham ||

--SrI VishNu PurANam: I.9.125





MEANING:

A body free of diseases, mighty wealth, freedom from enemies, all pleasures and every thing else is possible to attain by those on whom the nectarine glances of Sri Devi fall.

त्वया देवि परित्यक्तं सकलं भुवनत्रयम् ।

विनष्टप्रायभभवत्त्वयेदानीं समेधितम् ॥

tvayA devi! parityaktam sakalam bhuvana trayam |

vinashTaprAyam abhavat tvayEdAneem samEdhitam ||

--SrI VishNu PurANam: I.9.123

MEANING:

This world in a state of decay and impoverishment has now regained its prosperity and well being now that SrI Devi's KaTAksham has fallen on it.

मा नः कोशं तथा गोष्ठं मा गृहं मा परिच्छदम् ।

मा शरीरं कळत्रं च त्यजेथाः सर्वपावनि ॥

मा पुत्रान्मा सुहृद्वर्गान् मा पशून्मा विभूषणाम् ।

तयजेथा मम देवस्य विष्णोर्वक्षस्थलालये ॥





maa na: kOSam tathA gOshTham maa gruham maa paricchadam |

maa Sareeram kaLatram ca tyajEthA: sarvapAvani ||

maa putrAn maa suhrud-vargAn maa paSUn maa vibhUshaNam |

tyajEthA mama dEvasya vishNO: vakshasthalAlayE ||

--- Sri VishNu PurANam : I.9.127, 128

MEANING:

Oh Sri Devi having the sacred chest of Your Lord as Your abode and purifying every one and every thing with Your sambhandham! Thou must through Your auspicious glances grow our treasury, gO SaalAs, house, fields and enrich our other aiswaryams like adiyEn's body (free from disease), wife, children and the assembly of friends.

सत्त्येन शौच सत्याभ्यां तथा शीलादिभिर्गुणैः ।

त्यज्यन्ते ते नराः सद्यः सन्त्यक्ता ये त्वयाऽमले ॥

satyEna Souca-satyAbhyAm tathA SeelAdibhirguNai: |

tyajyantE tE narA: sadya: santyaktA yE tvayAmalE ||

--- SrI VishNu OurANam: I.9.129

MEANING:

For those bereft of SrI Devi's auspicious glances, Truth, Cleanliness in Speech and mind, adherence to the imperishable, good conduct will abandon them.





Vanjulavalli ThAyAr! (Thanks: Sri.B.Senthil)

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त्वया अवलोकिताः सद्यः शीलाद्यैः सकलैर्गुणैः ।

कुलैश्वर्यैश्च युज्यन्ते पुरुषा निर्गुणा अपि ॥

tvayA avalOKitA: sadya: SeelAdyai: sakalairguNai: |

kulaiaiSvaryaiaSca yujyantE purushA nirguNA api ||

--SrI VishNu PurANam: I.9.130

MEANING:

Oh Blemishless SrI Devi! Even with an iota of Your glances falling on a chEtanam He or she will be endowed with auspicious conduct and great wealth. He is endowed with PuNyams. He is born in Sath Kulam. He becomes a great scholar. He becomes valorous.

The Aavahantee mantram of TaitthireeyOpanishad used by us during the adorning of our vasthrams daily echo the same prayers and recognize Her as sarva soubhAgyadhAyee:

आवहन्ती वितन्वाना । कुर्वाणा चीर-मात्मनः । वासागुंसि मम गावश्च ।

अन्नपाने च सर्वदा । ततो मे श्रिय-मावह ।

Avahantee vitanvAnA | kurvaaNaa ceeram Atmana: |

vaasAgum si mama gAvaSca| annapAnE ca sarvadA |

tatO mE Sriyam Avaha |

**MEANING:**

SrI Devi! May Thou bless adiyEn with Athma guNams similar to the vasthrams for the body, cows, vidhyAs, resplendent state, auspicious speech, fields, suddha manas, indhriyams under control, drinking water and grow them further and further!

Lakshmi Tantram extols the doctrine of Yeka Seshithvam of Lakshmi and Her Lord NaarAyaNan to help us seek Them together as upAyam and upEyam:

"लक्ष्मीनारायणाकार भवित्रि ते मनस्स्थितिः lakshmI-naarAyaNaakArA bhavitri tE manssthati:".

Swamy Desikan celebrated this doctrine as "dvandvam anyOnya lakshyam". Swamy AlavanthAr points out the tight embrace of the divine couple taking the various roopams during the vibhava avathArams matching each other in exactly complimentary forms: "anuroopa roopa vibahvai: gaaDhOpagUDHAni tE".

In Her own words, SrI Devi refers to this anyOnya tatthvam between Herself and Her Lord this way:

अन्योन्येन अविनाभावात् अन्योन्येन समन्वयात्

तादात्म्यं विद्धि संबन्धं मम नाथस्य चोभयोः

anyOnyEna avinAbhAvAt anyOnyEna samanvayAt

tAdAtmyam viddhi sambandam mama naathasya cObhayO:

MEANING:

Each of us does not exist without the other. We are united always and are never separated from one another. Oh Rishi! You should comprehend this tAdAtmyam (Unified state of presence) between Myself and My Lord.





SrIVilliputtUr SrI AnDAL - MUkkuthi SEvai

Thanks: Sri. B. Senthil



The entire SrI Sthuthi of Swami Desikan (First e-book of Sundarasimham series, <http://www.sundarasimham.org/e-books.htm>) celebrates Her Vaibhavam. The other source books in our Sundarasimham and Ahobilavalli series saluting the glories of SrI Devi and Her unique Tatthvam are:

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पवित्रं पद्मनाभस्य कलत्रं तत् पुनातु नः ।

विचित्रं त्रिषु लोकेषु चरित्रं यस्य गीयते ॥

pavitram padmanAbhasya kaLatram tat punAtu na: |

vicitram trishu lOkEshu caritram yasya geeyatE ||

|| SrI DEvyai namO nama : ||

Daasan,

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