

Need to use a proper script for Samskritam

Even though Bhagavan understands all languages, the power of our Bharatiya languages cannot be matched in expressing our cultural values especially when rising to the plane of conversing with Bhagavan. Of them, the Samskrita bhasha is special in that it is pan-Bharatiya. Hence **our scriptures, anushtana paddhati-s and a lot of bhakti sahitya texts are in Samskrita only.**

We know that in Samskritam, especially for **anushtanam**, **sound/pronunciation** is important. Therefore one should **write and read sankalpa shloka-s** etc for anushtanam in an appropriate script which is capable of distinguishing all the sounds of Samskritam.

Now the Latin (English) script was evolved for other languages, and we all know the difficulty of correlating spelling and pronunciation even in English. Further, **more letters are required to write Samskritam** than English as there are more sounds in it. However, since Latin script is widely known, scholars felt it useful to create a **Latin-based transliteration system for Samskritam.**

In such a system, Latin letters which may be casually applied to different sounds need to be **differentiated**. For instance in Rama the first or second “a” may denote a long sound. This is differentiated as Rāma or Ramā. Similarly, other marks called diacritics are used to differentiate sounds as in āā īī ūū ṛṛ ṝ ṝ̄ ṁṁ ḥḥ ṇṇ ṇ̄ ṭṭ ḍḍ ṣṣ. Aspirated (mahāprāna) sounds are denoted with an additional h as in k/kh, g/gh, c/ch, j/jh, ṭ/ṭh, ḍ/ḍh, t/th, d/dh, p/ph, b/bh.

However, a system is useful only if followed correctly. **If diacritics or added h-s are ignored and we do not read with the intended pronunciation, then the transliteration is no longer useful for its intended purpose.** It is very easy to ignore diacritics as they are not in daily use. It would then have altogether been better to use a script which actually has different symbols for the sounds.

Therefore **it is strongly recommended to learn a Bharatiya script** like Devanagari, Grantha, Telugu, Kannada etc **which has clearly different letters to denote the various sounds.** Our documents are published in many such scripts.

However, with a view to help people who are not able to immediately learn such scripts, we are now publishing documents in Latin transliteration as well as per the system called International Alphabet of Sanskrit Transliteration (IAST). For the above reasons, people should use these as a temporary measure till they learn a Bharatiya script.

The Samskrita varnamala in IAST is given below with Devanagari equivalents:

a अ, ā आ, i इ, ī ई, u उ, ū ऊ, ṛ ॠ, ṝ ॡ, ḷ ॴ, ḻ ॵ

e ए, ai ऐ, o ओ, au औ, am अं, aḥ अः

ka क, kha ख, ga ग, gha घ, ṇa ङ

ca च, cha छ, ja ज, jha झ, ña ञ

ṭa ट, ṭha ठ, ḍa ड, ḍha ढ, ṇa ण

ta त, tha थ, da द, dha ध, na न

pa प, pha फ, ba ब, bha भ, ma म

ya य, ra र, la ल, va व, śa श, ṣa ष, sa स, ha ह

hara hara śaṅkara

om

jaya jaya śaṅkara



śrī-vedavyāsāya namaḥ

śrīmad-ādyā-śaṅkara-bhagavatpāda-
paramparāgata-mūlāmnāya-sarvajña-pīṭham
śrī-kāñcī-kāmakoti-pīṭham
jagadguru-śrī-śaṅkarācārya-svāmi-śrīmaṭha-
samsthānam

kāverī-pūjā
||arghyapradānam||

marudvṛdhe mahābhāge sarvalokaikapāvanī|
gṛhāṇārghyaṃ mayā dattaṃ pāvanaṃ kuru mām sadā||1||
kāveryai namaḥ - idamarghyam idamarghyam idamarghyam||

viṣṇumāye mahākāye kaverakulasambhave|
sahyācalasambhūte gṛhāṇārghyaṃ varaprade||2||
kāveryai namaḥ - idamarghyam idamarghyam idamarghyam||

kumbhasambhavadakumbhāt tvaṃ sahyāmalakapūjayā|
śaṅkhodakena sañjātā gṛhāṇārghyaṃ samudrage||3||
kāveryai namaḥ - idamarghyam idamarghyam idamarghyam||

prārthanā

marudvṛdhe mahālakṣmīssahyakanyā sarasvatī|
agastyapatnī kāverī lopāmudrā varapradā||1||

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kamaṇḍalusamutpannā sarvatīrthādhidevatā|
virajā dakṣiṇā gaṅgā brahmaviṣṇuśivātmikā||2||

caturvidhaphaloddhātī caturānanakanyakā|
sarvābhīṣṭapradātrī ca nāmnām ṣoḍaśakam smṛtam|
ebhirnāmapadairnityam pūjayedbhaktimānnarah||3||

||pradhāna-pūjā||

(ācamya)

[vighneśvarapūjām kṛtvā]

śuklāmbara-dharam viṣṇum śaśi-varṇam caturbhujam|
prasanna-vadanam dhyāyet sarva-vighnopaśāntaye||
prāṇānāyamyā| mamopātta + kāverī-devī-prasāda-siddhyartham kāverī-
pūjām kariṣye|

acchasvacchalasaddukūlavasanām padmāsanāddhyāsinīm
hastanyastavarābhayābjakalaśām rākendukoṭiprabhām|
bhāsvadbhūṣaṇagandhamālyarucirām cāruprasannānanām
śrī-gaṅgādisamastatīrthanilayām dhyāyāmi kāverikām||1||
kāverī-devīm dhyāyāmi||

śrīkaṇṭhaviśveśvarasannibhāni
liṅgāni yadrodhasi lakṣakoṭyaḥ|
jalapravāhepi ca koṭikoṭyaḥ
kaverajāyāśśivamūrtayassyuḥ ||

payāṃsi tīrthāni śilāśca devatā
divaukaso vālukatām prapannāḥ|
ato nadī sahyagiriprasūtā
saritsumukhyāmanujairalabhyā ||
kāverī-devīm āvāhayāmi||

ādāvādi vidhātṛmānasasutā paścātkaverātmaajā
 bhūyaḥkumbhabhavasya tasya dayitā tasmānnadīrūpiṇī|
 śrīraṅgātulakumbhaghonaṇavilasanmāyūramadhyārjuna-
 śvetāraṇyamukhasthaleṣu mahitā sahyādriajā dṛśyate||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, āsanam samarpayāmi||

marudvṛdhe mahādevī mahābhāge manohare|
 sarvābhīṣṭaprade lokamātaḥ pādyaṁ dadāmi te||

marudvṛdhe mānyajalapravāhe kaverakanye namatām śaraṇye|
 mānye jagatpūjyatamaprabhāve kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, pādyaṁ samarpayāmi||

sahyapādodbhave devi śrīraṅgotsaṅgāmini|
 kāverināmaṇvikhyaṭe gṛhāṇārghyaṁ namo'stute||

prācīnavākkīrtita-puṇyakīrte kalyāṇi bhaktepsitadānadhurye|
 kumbhodbhavapreritagumbhitārthe kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, arghyaṁ samarpayāmi||

śrīsaḥyaśailatanaye sarvāsahya nivāriṇi|
 prasādam kuru me devi prasannābhava sarvadā||

saṁsāravisraṁsini saṁskṛtānām
 sarvāghasaṁhāriṇi sarvavandye|
 samastalokaikaśaraṇyamūrte
 kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, ācamanīyaṁ samarpayāmi||

tulāmāse tu kāverī sarvatīrthāśritā nadī|
 pañca-pātaka-saṁhartrī vājimedhaphalapradā||

bhaktānukampe munibhāgyalakṣmi
 nitye jaganmaṅgaladānaśīle|

|

nirañjane dakṣiṇadeśagaṅge||

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kāveri kāveri mama prasīda
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, pañcāmṛtasnānaṃ samarpayāmi||

kāverītīrajanmānaḥ mṛgapakṣimahīruhaḥ|
 tadvāriśītavātaiśca sprṣṭā muktiṃ prayānti vai||

mokṣaśriyopāsita-pādapadme
 nitye harīśadruhiṇasvarūpe|

|

sadāśive dhātṛvaraprasāde||

kāveri kāveri mama prasīda

kāverī-devyai namaḥ, śuddhodakasnānaṃ samarpayāmi|| snānānantaram
 ācamanīyaṃ samarpayāmi||

kaverakanyekāveri nimnagānāthanāyike|
 vastrāṇi vasabhūvastre bhuktimuktipradāyini||

devarṣipūjye vimale nadiśe
 parātpare bhāvitānityapūrṇe|

|

samastalokottamatīrthamātaḥ||

kāveri kāveri mama prasīda

kāverī-devyai namaḥ, vastraṃ samarpayāmi||

sarvayajñāśrayataṭe sarvayajñasahāyini|
 yajñāṅgasambhave devi sarvayajñaphalaprade||

kaliprabhūtākhladoṣanāśe
 viśuddhaviyājñānalappravāhe |

|

kadambakalhārakadambapūrṇe||

kāveri kāveri mama prasīda

kāverī-devyai namaḥ, yajñopavītaṃ samarpayāmi||

jayadevi jaganmātarlopāmudre purātane|
jayabhadre bhavoddhāri maṅgale maṅgalaprade||

prasīda kārūṇya-guṇābhirāme
prasīda kalyāṇatarapravāhe|

|

prasīda kāmādhare pavitre||

kāveri kāveri mama prasīda

kāverī-devyai namaḥ, maṅgaladravyaṃ samarpayāmi| haridrā-kuṅkumaṃ
samarpayāmi|

candanāgarukastūrīhimavālukakesaraiḥ |
rāṅkavaissāṅkavairyuktaṃ gandhaṃ svīkuru sahyaje||

ādye pare cinmayapuṇyapāde
pacelimapraudhakaverabhāgye|
ananyasādhāraṇa vaibhavādhye
kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||

kāverī-devyai namaḥ, gandhān dhārayāmi||

yasyāṃ sakṛtsnānamātrānnaro'kṣayyaphalaṃ labhet|
nakṣatramālyavacchubhrāmakṣatairarcayāmyaham ||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, akṣatān samarpayāmi||

kirīṭahārakeyūrakuṇḍalāṅgadakaṅkaṇaiḥ |
haṃsakairmekhalādyaiśca bhūṣayetvāṃ marudvṛdhām||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, ābharaṇāni samarpayāmi||

tāṭaṅkaṃ kaṇṭhasūtraṃ ca sindūraṃ kajjalādikam|
saumaṅgalyaprade devi gṛhāṇāgastyavallabhe||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, tāṭaṅkādikān samarpayāmi||

tulasībilvamandārakuśāgraśatapatrakaiḥ |
indīvaraiḥ kokanadairhallakaiḥ kamalairapi||

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kāverī-devyai namaḥ, puṣpamālāṃ samarpayāmi||

kalhāraiḥ puṇḍarīkaiśca puṣpaiḥ saugandhikādibhiḥ |
jāticampakapunnāgamallikāketakādibhiḥ ||

surabhidroṇavāsantī gandharājakadambakaiḥ |
puṣpaiḥ sahyasute mātārveṇyalaṅkaraṇaṃ kuru||

bahujanmakṛtānekavāsanāvāsītātmabhiḥ |
divyaiḥ sumavaraiḥ pūjyāṃ pūjayet puṣpajātibhiḥ ||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, puṣpaiḥ sampūjayāmi|

atha aṅga-pūjā||

marudvṛdhāyai namaḥ	pāḍau pūjayāmi
mahālakṣmyai namaḥ	gulphau pūjayāmi
sahyakanyakāyai namaḥ	jaṅghe pūjayāmi
sarasvatyaijānunī namaḥ	pūjayāmi
agastyapatnyai namaḥ	madhyam pūjayāmi
kāveryai namaḥ	nābhim pūjayāmi
lopāmudrāyai namaḥ	hṛdayam pūjayāmi
varapradāyai namaḥ	stanau pūjayāmi
kamaṇḍalusamutpannayai namaḥ	bāhū pūjayāmi
sarvatīrthādhidevatāyai namaḥ	kaṇṭham pūjayāmi
virajāyai namaḥ	nāsikām pūjayāmi
dakṣiṇagaṅgāyai namaḥ	śrotre pūjayāmi
brahmaviṣṇuśivātmikāyai namaḥ	netre pūjayāmi
caturvidhaphaloddhātryai namaḥ	vaktram pūjayāmi
caturānana kanyakāyai namaḥ	śiraḥ pūjayāmi
sarvābhīṣṭapradātryai namaḥ	sarvāṅyaṅgāni pūjayāmi

kāveryaṣṭottaraśatanāmāvaliḥ

ananta-guṇa-gambhīrāyai namaḥ

arkapuṣkara-sevitāyai namaḥ

amṛtasvādu-salilāyai namaḥ

agastyamuni-nāyikāyai namaḥ

āśānta-kīrti-tilakāyai namaḥ

āśugāgama-vardhinyai namaḥ

itihāsa-purāṇoktāyai namaḥ

ītibādhā-nivāriṇyai namaḥ

unmattajana-dūrasthāyai namaḥ

ūrjitānanda-dāyinyai namaḥ

10| ṛṣisaṅgha-susaṃvītāyai namaḥ

ṛṇatraya-vimocanāyai namaḥ

lupta-dharma-janoddhārāyai namaḥ

lūnabhāva-vivarjitāyai namaḥ

edhitākhila-lokaśriyai namaḥ

aihi-kāmuṣmikapradāyai namaḥ

oṅkāranāda-ninadāyai namaḥ

oṣadhīkrta-jīvanāyai namaḥ

audāryaguṇa-nirdiṣṭāyai namaḥ

audāsīnya-nivāriṇyai namaḥ

20| antaḥkaraṇa-saṃsevyāyai namaḥ

accha-svaccha-jalāśrayāyai namaḥ

kapilākhyā-nadī-snigdhāyai namaḥ

karuṇā-pūrṇa-mānasāyai namaḥ

kāverī-nāma-vikhyātāyai namaḥ

kāmitārtha-phala-pradāyai namaḥ

kumbhaghṇa-kṣetra-nāthāyai namaḥ

kautukaprathama-prabhāyai namaḥ

khagarāja-rathotsāha-raṅgasthala-suśobhitāyai namaḥ

khagāvalī-samākrāntakallolāvalimaṇḍitāyai

namaḥ

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gajāraṇya-

suvistīrṇa-pravāha-janamohinyai namaḥ

gāyatrīākhyā-śīlā-madhyāyai namaḥ

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garuḍāsana-bhaktidāyai namaḥ

ghana-gambhīra-nināda-nirjaraprāpti-nirjharāyai namaḥ

candrapuṣkara-madhyasthāyai namaḥ

caturānana-putrikāyai namaḥ

coladeśa-janoddhāra-grīṣmakāla-pravāhinyai namaḥ

cuñcukṣetra-samānītāyai namaḥ

chadmadoṣa-nivāriṇyai namaḥ

jambūdvīpa-saricchreṣṭha-nadī-nada-garīyasyai namaḥ

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jhaṅkāranāda-saṃmrṣṭa-ṣaṭpadāli-samākulāyai namaḥ

jñānaika-sādhana-parāyai namaḥ

jñaptimātrārti-hāriṇyai namaḥ

ṭiṭṭibhārāvasa-vyāja-divija-stuti-pātriṇyai namaḥ

ṭhaṅkāranāda-sambheda-jharjharīkṛta-parvatāyai namaḥ

dākinī-śākinī-saṅghanivāraṇa-sarittaṭāyai namaḥ

ḍhakkā-ninādapārīṇa-pārvatīśa-samāśritāyai namaḥ

ṇāntavācyā-dvijāṣṭāṅga-yogasādhana-tatparāyai namaḥ

taraṅgāvali-saṃviddha-mṛdu-vāluka-śobhitāyai namaḥ

tapasvijana-satkāra-niveśita-śīlāsanāyai namaḥ

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tāpatraya-tarūnmūla-gaṅgādibhirabhiṣṭutāyai namaḥ

thānta-pramatha-saṃsevya-sāmba-sānnidhya-kāriṇyai namaḥ

dayā-dākṣiṇya-satkāraśīla-loka-subhāvitāyai namaḥ

dākṣiṇātya-janoddhāra-nirvicāra-dayānvitāyai namaḥ

dhana-māna-madāndhādi-martya-nirvartana-priyāyai namaḥ

namajjanoddhāra-śīlāyai namaḥ

nimajjajana-pāvanāyai namaḥ

nāgāriketu-nilayāyai namaḥ

nānā-tīrthādhi-devatāyai namaḥ

nārijana-manollāsāyai namaḥ

60| nānārūpa-phala-pradāyai namaḥ

nārāyaṇa-kṛpā-rūpāyai namaḥ

nādabrahma-svarūpiṇyai namaḥ

parābhūta-samastāghāyai namaḥ

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paśu-pakṣyādi-jīvanāyai namaḥ

pāpatūlāgni-saḍṣāyai namaḥ

pāpiṣṭhajana-pāvanāyai namaḥ

phaṇindra-kīrtita-kalāyai namaḥ

phaladāna-parāyaṇāyai namaḥ

bahujanma-tapo-yoga-phalasamprāpta-darśanāyai namaḥ

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bāhurūpa-dvipārśvastha-svamātrka-jalārthinām-(kamala)(klauma)kṣetra-

śālyanna-dāna-nirjita-vittapāyai namaḥ

bhagavatkṛta-santoṣāyai namaḥ

bhāskarakṣetra-gāminyai namaḥ

bhāgīrathī-samākranta-tulāmāsa-jalāśrayāyai namaḥ

majjaddurjana-prāgjanma-durjayāṃhaḥpramārjanyai namaḥ

māgha-vaiśākhādi-māsa-snāna-smaraṇa-saukhyadāyai namaḥ

yajña-dāna-tapaḥ-karmakoṭi-puṇya-phala-pradāyai namaḥ

yakṣa-gandharva-siddhādyairabhiṣṭuta-padadvayāyai namaḥ

raghunātha-padadvandva-virājita-śilātalāyai namaḥ

rāmanāthapurakṣetra-kāmadhenu-samāśritāyai namaḥ

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lavodaka-sparśamātra-nirvāṇa-pada-dāyinyai namaḥ

lakṣmī-nivāsa-sadanāyai namaḥ

lalanā-ratna-rūpiṇyai namaḥ

laghūkṛta-svarga-bhogāyai namaḥ

lāvaṇya-guṇa-sāgarāyai namaḥ

vahnipuṣkara-sānniddhyāyai namaḥ

vanditākhila-lokapāyai namaḥ

vyāghrapāda-kṣetra-parāyai namaḥ

vyomayāna-samāvṛtāyai namaḥ

ṣaṭkāla-vandya-caraṇāyai namaḥ

90| ṣaṭkarma-nirata-priyāyai namaḥ

ṣaḍāsya-mātr-saṃsevyāyai namaḥ

ṣaḍūrmi-jita-sormikāyai namaḥ

sakṛtsmaraṇa-saṃśuddha-tāpatraya-janāśritāyai namaḥ

sajjanoddhāra-sandhānasamartha-svappravāhinyai namaḥ

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sarasvatyādi-devībhirabhivandita-nirjharāyai namaḥ

sahyaśaila-samudbhūtāyai namaḥ

sahyāsahya-jana-priyāyai namaḥ

saṅgamakṣetra-sāmīpyāyai namaḥ

svavaśārtha-catuṣṭayāyai namaḥ

100| saubharikṣetra-nilayāyai namaḥ

saubhāgya-phala-dāyinyai namaḥ

saṁśayāviṣṭa-dūrasthāyai namaḥ

sāṅgopāṅga-phalodayāyai namaḥ

hari-brahmeśa-lokeśa-siddhavṛndāra-vanditāyai namaḥ

kṣetra-tīrthādi-sīmāntāyai namaḥ

kṣapānātha-suśītalāyai namaḥ

kṣamātalākhilānanda-kṣema-śrī-vijayāvahāyai namaḥ

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||iti śrīkāveryaṣṭottaraśatanāmāvaliḥ sampūrṇā||

kāverī-devyai namaḥ, nānā-vidha-parimala-patra-puṣpāṇi samarpayāmi||

uttarāṅgapūjā

raṅgatrayotsaṅgavirājamāne

brahmādrīkūṭāśritatīrthagarbhe|

samastasiddhāśramaramyatīrthe

kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||

daśāṅgoguggulopetassugandhoghrāṇatarpaṇaḥ |

marudvṛdhe'mbakāveri dhūpoyante samarpitaḥ||

kāverī-devyai namaḥ, dhūpam āghrāpayāmi||

tulāgate'rketatīni varābhir-

gaṅgādibhiḥ sevitapādapadme|

trikoṭitīrthāśrama-puṣkarāḍhye

kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||

āpo jyotistvamasyamba kumbhasambhavatejasā|

tejaḥpradātri kāveri dīpo'yaṁ pratigṛhyatām||

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kāverī-devyai namaḥ, dīpaṃ darśayāmi||

dadāsi tulyābhiranarghadhānyā-
nyaśeṣacolīyajanasya devi|
bhuktiprade mukтивidhānadakṣe
kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||

annaṃ caturvidhaṃ rucyaṃ śākavyaṅjana saṃyutam|
saphalaṃ saghṛtaṃ bhuṅkṣva kāveri taṭitāṃ vare||

kāverī-devyai namaḥ, naivedyaṃ samarpayāmi|| pānīyaṃ samarpayāmi|
uttarāpośanaṃ samarpayāmi| nivedanāntaram ācamanīyaṃ samarpayāmi|

nijābhidhānaśravaṇādṛtānāṃ
niśśeṣapāpakṣayakāriṇītvam|
nidāghatṛṣṇādi nirāsadaḥ
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e kāveri kāveri mama prasīda
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, phalaṃ karpūra-tāmbūlaṃ ca samarpayāmi||

parāśarāgastyavasiṣṭhamukhyair-
maharṣibhirmānyatapobhiraṃba|
tvamāśritākarmaṭhasiddhihetuḥ
kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||

sarvatīrthaistulāmāse tvannīrājanapādukā|
nīrājayāmi bhaktyātvāṃ kāveryambamarudvṛdhe||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, nīrājanaṃ samarpayāmi||

māyūramadhyārjunakumbhaghonaś-
rīraṅgacuñcusthalaghaṭṭagā tvam|
sasyodbhave sindhuyute svatantra
kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||

pradakṣiṇaṃ karomi tvāṃ puruṣārthapradāyini|
dakṣiṇāvartakaśrīnivāsapṛīte marudvṛdhe||
veda-dharma-śāstra-paripālana-sabhā

kāverī-devyai namaḥ, pradakṣiṇam samarpayāmi||

brahmādibhirdevavaraistrisandhyam
vasiṣṭhapūrvairmunibhirvariṣṭhaiḥ|
nityam gajāraṇyagatairniṣevye
kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||1||

namaste taṭitāṃ mukhye nigamāgama saṃstute|
pāhi pāhyamba kāveri prapannam mām kṛpādrśā||
kāverī-devyai namaḥ, namaskārān samarpayāmi||
suvāsinībhyaḥ vāyanadānāni

suvāsinīnām ca nijāśritānām
patipriyatvaṃ ca sutādivargam|
dāsyasyudāram bahubhogabhāgyam
kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||

nijapravāhāpravalabdhapuṇya-
prasiddhasatkarmaphalodayena|
nrṇāmabhīṣṭārthavidhāyinī tvam
kāveri kāveri mama prasīda||

pāpakṣayam pāriśudhyamāyurārogyameva ca|
saubhāgyamapi santānam jñānam dehi marudvṛdhe||
iti samprārthya||

||iti vratacūḍāmaṇau kāverī-pūjāvidhiḥ||
om tat sad brahmārpaṇamastu|

