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श्री-वेदव्यासाय नमः

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सर्वज्ञ-पीठम्
श्री-कांची-कामकोटि-पीठम्
जगद्गुरु-श्री-शंकराचार्य-स्वामि-श्रीमठ-संस्थानम्

॥ अक्षय-तृतीया ॥

वैशाख-शुक्ल-तृतीया

In our Sanātana Dharma, to get rid of pāpa-s and thereby overcome difficulties and attain happiness, many ways have been suggested in our Veda/Purāṇa/Itihāsa-s. Amongst them, dāna is one of the most powerful methods; Bhagavān Himself says so in Garuda Purāṇa, “दानेन सुलभो धर्मः”. Also, the same dānam performed at certain places/times bestows multifold fruit. One such occasion is this “Akshaya Tritīyā”. The Tritīyā of the waxing fortnight following the Amāvāsyā of Mesha (Chittirai) month (as per Cāndra Māna, Vaishākha month) is known as “Akshaya Tritīyā”.

Bhavishya Purāṇa says that the fruits of the dāna performed on that day never wane—hence this name has been applied.

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या त्वेषा कुरुशार्दूल वैशाखे मासि वै तिथिः।
तृतीया साऽक्षया लोके गीर्वाणैरभिनंदिता ॥ २९ ॥

यत् किञ्चिद् दीयते दानं स्वल्पं वा यदि वा बहु।
तत् सर्वमक्षयं स्याद् वै तेनेयमक्षया स्मृता ॥ ३१ ॥

—भविष्यमहापुराणे प्रथमे ब्रह्मपर्वणि एकविंशे अध्याये

If one fasts on the Akshaya Tritiyā day and performs dānam, even greater fruits are obtained, and also everything one wishes for, as said by Bhagavān Parameshvara to Parvatī in Matsya purāṇam.

अथान्यामपि वक्ष्यामि तृतीयां सर्वकामदाम्।
यस्यां दत्तं हुतं जप्तं सर्वं भवति चाक्षयम् ॥ १ ॥

वैशाखे शुक्लपक्षे तु तृतीया यैरुपोषिता।
अक्षयं फलमाप्नोति सर्वस्य सुकृतस्य च ॥ २ ॥

—मत्स्यमहापुराणे पंचषष्ठे अध्याये

सहस्रगुणितं दानं भवेद् दत्तं युगादिषु।
वैशाखे शुक्लपक्षे तु तृतीयायां च भामिनि ॥

स्नात्वा तु तर्पयेद् भक्त्या तिलदर्भजलैः प्रिये।
श्राद्धं कृतं भवेत् तेन गंगायां नात्र संशयः ॥

—स्कांदे महापुराणे सप्तमे प्रभासखंडे

In general, dāna performed on yugādi days bestows thousand-fold fruit. Akshaya Tritiyā day is the beginning of Krita Yuga. The Skānda and Pādma purāṇas say that by performing dāna on that day, one gets endless merits, and by performing tarpana to the forefathers on the day, one obtains the fruit of performing shrāddha on the Gangā.

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