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, anushthana paddhati-s and a lot of bhakti sahitya texts are in Samskrita only.

We know that in Samskritam, especially for anushthanam, sound/pronunciation is important. Therefore one should write and read sankalpa shloka-s etc for anushthanam 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 aā iī uū rṛṛ lll̄ mṃ hḥ nṅñṇ tṭ dḍ sśṣ. Aspirated (mahāprāna) sounds are denoted with an additional h as in k/kh, g/gh, c/ch, j/jh, t/th, d/dh, 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:

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a अ, ā आ, i इ, ī ई, u उ, ū ऊ, ṛ ऋ, ṭ ऋ, ṭ ॡ, ṭ ॡ ṭa ट, ṭha ठ, ḍa ड, ḍha ढ, ṇa ण
e ए, ai ऐ, o ओ, au औ, aṃ अं, aḥ अः ta त, tha थ, da द, dha ध, na न
ka क, kha ख, ga ग, gha घ, ṇa ङ pa प, pha फ, ba ब, bha भ, ma म
ca च, cha छ, ja ज, jha झ, ña ञ ya य, ra र, la ल, va व, śa रा, ṣa प, sa प, sa प, sa प, sa प, sa ए, sa ए,
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om











om

śrīmad-ādyaśaṅkarabhagavatpāda-paramparāgata-mūlāmnāya-sarvajñapīṭhaśrī-kāñcī-kāmakoṭi-pīṭhaṃ jagadguru-śaṅkarācāryasvāmi-śrīmaṭhasaṃsthānam

subrahmanya-bhujangam

In the birudavali of Shri Shankara Bhagavatpada is the word "Shanmata Pratishtapakacharya". Kaumara the worship of Subrahmanya Swami is one of the six mata-s (upasana paddhati-s) established by Him.

Shri Shankara Bhagavatpada composed a Bhujanga stotra on the Subrahmanya at the Tiruchendur kshetra on the seashore of Tamil Nadu. Elders advise that this stotra is capable of removing diseases and many difficulties.

Shri Paramashivendra Sarasvati Shricharana, who reigned as the 57th Jagadguru of the Shri Kamakoti Peetam established by Shri Bhagavatpada at His siddhi kshetra Kanchi, has also composed such a stotra. He hails from the Hampi Virupaksha kshetra on the banks of the Tungabhadra in Karnataka. He has composed this on the Subrahmanya at the Kukke kshetra well known there. This has been published by Prof Raghavan from Chennai Adyar Library.

Bhujanga means serpent. It is said that Shri Subrahmanya is in serpent form. So it is considered special to praise Him in the metre called Bhujanga

Prayata which reminds one of the movement of a serpent. There are Bhujanga stotra-s on other devata forms too.

These two Subrahmanya Bhujanga stotra-s are published so that astika-s may do parayana and receive the grace of Shri Subrahmanya.

bhagavatpāda-kṛtam subrahmanya-bhujangam

sadā bāla-rūpā'pi vighnādri-hantrī mahā-danti-vaktrā'pi pañcāsya-mānyā vidhīndrādi-mrgyā gaņeśābhidhā me vidhattām śriyam kā'pi kalyāna-mūrtih 1 na jānāmi śabdam na jānāmi cārtham na jānāmi padyam na jānāmi gadyam cidekā sadāsyā hrdi dyotate me mukhānnissarante giraścāpi citram 2 mayūrādhirūdham mahā-vākya-gūdham manohāri-deham mahaccitta-geham mahī-deva-devam mahā-veda-bhāvam mahā-deva-bālam bhaje loka-pālam 3 yadā sannidhānam gatā mānavā me bhavāmbhodhi-pāram gatāste tadaiva iti vyañjayan sindhu-tīre ya āste tamīde pavitram parā-śakti-putram 4 yathā'bdhestarangā layam yānti tungā stathaivāpadaḥ sannidhau sevatām me itīvormi-panktīrnrnām darśayantam sadā bhāvaye hṛt-saroje guham tam 5 girau mannivāse narā ye'dhirūdhā stadā parvate rājate te'dhirūdhāh itīva bruvan gandha-śailādhirūdhah sa devo mude me sadā şanmukho'stu 6

mahāmbho-dhi-tīre mahā-pāpa-core munīndrā-nukūle su-gandhākhya-śaile guhāyām vasantam sva-bhāsā lasantam janārtim harantam śrayāmo guham tam 7 lasat-svarņa-gehe nrņām kāma-dohe suma-stoma-sañchanna-māṇikya-mañce samudyat-sahasrārka-tulya-prakāśam kārttikeyam sureśam 8 bhāvaye sadā ranaddhamsake mañjule'tyanta-śone mano-hāri-lāvaņya-pīyūṣa-pūrņe manaḥ-ṣaṭ-pado me bhava-kleśa-taptaḥ sadā modatām skanda te pāda-padme 9 suvarnābha-divyāmbarairbhāsamānām kvaņat-kinkiņī-mekhalā-śobhamānām lasaddhema-pattena vidyotamānām kațim bhavaye skanda te dipyamanam 10 pulindeśa-kanyā-ghanābhoga-tungastanālinganāsakta-kāśmīra-rāgam namasyāmyaham tārakāre tavorah sva-bhaktāvane sarvadā sānurāgam 11 vidhau kļpta-daņdān sva-līlā-dhṛtāṇdān nirastebha-śundān dvisat-kāla-dandān hatendrāri-sandānjagat-trāna-śaundān sadā te pracaņḍān śraye bāhu-daṇḍān 12 sadā śāradāh şaņmṛgānkā yadi syuh samudyanta samantāt sthitāścet eva sadā pūrņa-bimbāh kalankaiśca hīnā stadā tvanmukhānām bruve skanda sāmyam 13

sphuranmanda-hāsaiḥ sa-haṃsāni cañcatkatākṣāvalī-bhrnga-sanghojjvalāni sudhā-syandi-bimbādharānīśa-sūno tavālokaye şaņmukhāmbhoruhāņi 14 viśāleşu karņānta-dīrgheşvajasram dayā-syandişu dvādaśasvīksaņesu mayīşat katāksah sakrt pātitaśced bhavet te dayā-śīla kā nāma hāniḥ 15 sutāṅgodbhavo me'si saddhā jīveti japan mantramīśo mudā jighrate yān jagad-bhāra-bhrdbhyo jagannātha tebhyah kirītojjvalebhyo namo mastakebhyah 16 sphurad-ratna-keyūra-hārābhirāma ścalat-kundala-śri-lasad-ganda-bhāgah kațau pīta-vāsāḥ kare cāru-śaktiḥ purārestanūjah 17 purastānmamāstām ihāyāhi hastān vatseti prasāryā hvayatyādarācchankare māturankāt samutpatya tātam śrayantam kumāram harāśliṣṭa-gātram bhaje bāla-mūrtim 18 kumāreśa-sūno guha skanda senāmayūrādhirūdha śakti-pāne pate pulindātmajā-kānta bhaktārti-hārin prabho tārakāre sadā rakṣa mām tvam 19 praśantendriye nasta-samjne vi-ceste kaphodgāri-vaktre bhayotkampi-gātre prayanonmukhe mayyanathe tadanim drutam me dayālo bhavāgre guha tvam 20

krtantasya dutesu candesu kopad daha cchindhi bhindhīti mām tarjayatsu mayūram samāruhya mā bhairiti tvam śīghram 21 śakti-pāṇirmamāyāhi purah pranamyāsakṛt pādayoste patitvā prasādya prabho prārthaye'neka-vāram na vaktum ksamo'ham tadānīm krpābdhe kāryā'nta-kāle manāgapyupekṣā||22|| na sahasrānda-bhoktā tvayā śūra-nāmā hatastārakaḥ simha-vaktraśca daityaḥ mamāntarhrdi-stham manah-kleśamekam na haṃsi prabho kim karomi kva yāmi 23 duhkha-bhārāvasanno aham sarvadā bhavān dīna-bandhustvadanyam na yāce bhavad-bhakti-rodham sadā kļpta-bādham mamādhim drutam nāśayomā-suta tvam 24 apasmāra-kuṣṭha-kṣayārśaḥ-pramehajvaronmāda-gulmādi-rogā mahāntaḥ piśacaśca sarve bhavat-patra-bhūtim vilokya kṣaṇāt tārakāre dravante 25 dṛśi skanda-mūrtiḥ śrutau skanda-kīrti rmukhe me pavitram sadā taccaritram kare tasya krtyam vapustasya bhrtyam guhe santu līnā mamāśeṣa-bhāvāḥ 26 munināmutāho nrņām bhakti-bhājā mabhīṣṭa-pradāḥ santi sarvatra devāḥ nrnāmantya-jānāmapi svārtha-dāne guhād devamanyam na jāne na jāne 27

kalatram sutā bandhu-vargah paśurvā naro vā'tha nārī gṛhe ye madīyāh yajanto namantah stuvanto bhavantam smarantaśca te santu sarve kumāra | 28 |

mṛgāḥ pakṣiṇo daṃśakā ye ca duṣṭā stathā vyādhayo bādhakā ye madaṅge bhavacchakti-tīkṣṇāgra-bhinnāḥ su-dūre vinaśyantu te cūrṇita-krauñca-śaila 29

janitrī pitā ca sva-putrāparādhaṃ sahete na kiṃ deva-senādhi-nātha ahaṃ cāti-bālo bhavālm□loka-tātaḥ kṣamasvāparādhaṃ samastaṃ maheśa||30||

namaḥ kekine śaktaye cāpi tubhyaṃ namaśchāga tubhyaṃ namaḥ kukkuṭāya namaḥ sindhave sindhu-deśāya tubhyaṃ punaḥ skanda-mūrte namaste namo'stu 31

jayānanda-bhūman jayāpāra-dhāman jayāmogha-kīrte jayānanda-mūrte jayānanda-sindho jayāśeṣa-bandho jaya tvaṃ sadā mukti-dāneśa-sūno||32||

bhujangākhya-vṛttena klptam stavam yaḥ paṭhed bhakti-yukto guham sampraṇamya sa putrān kalatram dhanam dīrghamāyu rlabhet skanda-sāyujyamante naraḥ saḥ||33||

|| iti śrīmad-govinda-bhagavatpāda-śiṣya-śrīmat-śaṅkara-bhagavatpāda-viracitaṃ subrahmaṇya-bhujaṅgaṃ sampūrṇam ||



śrī-paramaśivendra-kṛtaṃ subrahmaṇya-bhujaṅgam

ganeśam namaskrtya gauri-kumāram gajāsyam guhasyāgra-jātam gabhīram pralambodaram śūrpa-karnam tri-netram pravaksye bhujanga-prayatam guhasya 11 pṛthak-ṣaṭ-kirīṭa-sphurad-divya-ratnaprabhāksipta-mārtanda-koţi-prakāśam calat-kundalodyat-su-ganda-sthalantam mahānargha-hārojjvalat-kambu-kantham 2 śarat-pūrṇa-candra-prabhā-cāru-vaktraṃ virājallalāţam krpā-pūrṇa-netram lasad-bhrū-su-nāsā-puṭam vidrumoṣṭham su-dantāvalim susmitam prema-pūrnam [3] dvi-sad-bāhu-dandāgra-dedīpyamānam kvanat-kankanālankrtodāra-hastam lasanmudrikā-ratna-rājat-karāgram kvanat-kinkini-ramya-kanci-kalapam||4|| viśālodaram visphurat-pūrna-kuksim katau-svarna-sūtram tatid-varna-gātram su-lāvaņya-nābhī-sarastīra-rājat-||5|| su-śaivāla-romāvalī-rocamānam su-kallola-vīcī-valī-rocamānam vasānam lasanmadhya-susnigdha-vāso sphuraccāru-divyoru-janghā-su-gulpham vikasvat-padābjam nakhendu-prabhāḍhyam 6 dvi-saţ-pankajāksam mahā-śakti-yuktam tri-loka-praśastam su-kukke-pura-stham prapannārti-nāśam prasannam phanīśam para-brahma-rūpam prakāśam pareśam 7

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kumāram vareņyam śaranyam su-puņyam
      su-lāvanya-panyam sureśānuvarnyam
   lasat-pūrņa-kāruņya-laksmīśa-gaņyam
      su-kāruņyamāryāgra-gaņyam namāmi | 8 |
  sphurad-ratna-pīthopari bhrājamānam
     hṛdambhoja-madhye mahā-sannidhānam
  samāvrtta-jānu-prabhā-śobhamānam
     suraiḥ sevyamānam bhaje barhi-yānam 9
 jvala-ccāru-cāmīkarādarśa-pūrņam
     calaccāmara-cchatra-citra-dhvajādhyam
  suvarņāmalāndolikā-madhya-saṃstham
     mahāhīndra-rūpam bhaje su-pratāpam 10
dhanurbāṇa-cakrābhayam vajra-kheṭam
   tri-śūlāsi-pāśānkuśābhīti-śankham
jvalat-kukkuṭam prollasad-dvādaśākṣam
   praśastāyudham şanmukham tam bhaje'ham 11
 sphuraccāru-gaṇḍam dvi-ṣaḍ-bāhu-daṇḍam
    śritāmartya-ṣaṇḍam susampat-karaṇḍam
 dvişad-vamśa-khandam sadā dāna-śaundam
    bhava-prema-piṇḍam bhaje su-pracaṇḍam 12
 sadā dīna-pakṣam sura-dviḍ-vipakṣam
    sumrstānna-bhaksya-pradānaika-daksam
 śritāmartya-vṛkṣam mahā-daitya-śikṣam
    bahu-kṣīṇa-pakṣam bhaje dvādaśākṣam 13
 tri-mūrti-svarūpam
                       trayī-sat-kalāpam
    tri-lokādhinātham
                         trinetrātma-jātam
 tri-śaktyā prayuktam su-punya-praśastam
    tri-kāla-jñamiṣṭārtha-daṃ taṃ bhaje'ham 14
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virājad-bhujangam viśālottamāngam viśuddhatma-sangam vivrddha-prasangam vicintyam śubhāngam vikrttāsurāngam bhava-vyādhi-bhaṅgaṃ bhaje kukka-liṅgam 15 guha skanda gāngeya gaurī-suteśapriya krauñca-bhit tārakāre sureśa mayūrāsanāśesa-dosa-pranāśa prasīda prasīda prabho cit-prakāśa 16 bhūteśa deva-seneśa śesalapan svarūpāgni-bhūḥ kārttikeyānna-dātah yadettham smarişyāmi bhaktyā bhavantam tadā me şaḍāsya prasīda prasīda 17 bhuje śaurya-dhairyam kare dāna-dharmah kaṭākṣe'tiśāntiḥ ṣaḍāsyeṣu hāsyam hṛdabje dayā yasya tam devamanyam kumārānna jāne na jāne | 18 | mahī-nirjareśānmahā-nṛtya-toṣāt bilantarvigudhat vihangādhirūdhād maheśātma-jātānmahā-bhogi-nāthād guhād daivamanyanna manye na manye||19|| surottunga-śrngāra-sangīta-pūrņaprasanga-priyasanga-sammohananga bhujangeśa bhūteśa bhrngeśa tubhyam namaḥ kukka-liṅgāya tasmai namaste 20 namah kāla-kantha-prarūdhāya tasmai namo nīlakanthādhirūdhāya tasmai namah prollasaccāru-cūdāya tasmai namo divya-rūpāya śāntāya tasmai 21

namaste namah pārvatī-nandanāya sphuraccitra-barhī-krta-syandanāya namaścarcitāngojjvalaccandanāya pravicchedita-prāṇa-bhṛd-bandhanāya 22 namaste namaste jagat-pāvanāttasvarūpāya tasmai jagajjīvanāya namaste namaste jagad-vanditāya hyarūpāya tasmai jaganmohanāya | 23 | namaste namaste namah krauñca-bhettre namaste namaste namo viśva-kartre namaste namo viśva-goptre namaste namaste namaste namo viśva-hantre 24 namaste namaste namo viśva-bhartre namaste namaste namo viśva-dhātrel namaste namaste namo viśva-netre namaste namo viśva-śāstre||25|| namaste namaśśesa-rūpāya tubhyam namaste namo divya-cāpāya tubhyam namaste namah sat-pratapaya tubhyam namaste namaḥ sat-kalāpāya tubhyam 26 namaste namah sat-kirītāya tubhyam namaste namah svarna-pithaya tubhyam namaste namah sallalātāya tubhyam namaste namo divya-rūpāya tubhyam 27 namaste namo loka-raksāya tubhyam namaste namo dīna-rakṣāya tubhyam namaste namo daitya-śiksaya tubhyam namaste namo dvādaśākṣāya tubhyam 28 bhujangākṛte tvat-priyārtham mayedam bhujanga-prayātena vṛttena klptam tava stotrametat pavitram su-punyam parānanda-sandoha-samvardhanāya||29||

tvadanyat param daivatam nābhijāne prabho pāhi sampūrņa-dṛṣṭyānugṛhya yathā-śakti bhaktyā kṛtam stotramekam vibho me'parādham kṣamasvākhileśa 30

idam tārakārerguņa-stotra-rājam paṭhantastri-kālam prapannā janā ye suputrāṣṭa-bhogāniha tveva bhuktvā labhante tadante param svarga-bhogam 31

|| iti śrīmat-kāñcī-kāmakoṭi-mūlāmnāya-sarvajña-pīṭhādhipati-jagadguru-śaṅkarācārya-śrīmat-sadāśiva-bodhendra-sarasvatī-śrīcaraṇa-antevāsivarya-śrīmat-paramaśivendra-sarasvatī-śrīcaraṇa-viracitaṃ subrahmaṇya-bhujaṅgaṃ sampūrṇam ||

