ASTROBHAVA

SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Shakambhari Mantra

Devi Mahatmya and Murti Rahasya

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

Four verses of the Goddess's prophecy from Devi Mahatmya chapter 11, followed by the five meditation verses and the phala verse of the Shakambhari section of the Murti Rahasya.

VERSE 1

भूयश्च शतवार्षिक्यामनावृष्ट्यामनम्भसि ।
मुनिभिः संस्तुता भूमौ संभविष्याम्ययोनिजा ॥

The Goddess says: Again, when rain fails for a hundred years and the earth is without water, praised by the sages I shall appear on earth, born from no womb.

VERSE 2

ततः शतेन नेत्राणां निरीक्षिष्यामि यन्मुनीन् ।
कीर्तयिष्यन्ति मनुजाः शताक्षीमिति मां ततः ॥

Because I shall then look upon the sages with a hundred eyes, people will praise me by the name Shatakshi, the hundred-eyed one.

VERSE 3

ततोऽहमखिलं लोकमात्मदेहसमुद्भवैः ।
भरिष्यामि सुराः शाकैरावृष्टेः प्राणधारकैः ॥

Then, O gods, until the rains return, I shall feed the whole world with life-sustaining vegetables grown from my own body.

VERSE 4

शाकम्भरीति विख्यातिं तदा यास्याम्यहं भुवि ।
तत्रैव च वधिष्यामि दुर्गमाख्यं महासुरम् ॥

Then I shall become renowned on earth as Shakambhari, the bearer of vegetables. In that same age I shall slay the great demon named Durgama.

DHYANAM 1

शाकम्भरी नीलवर्णा नीलोत्पलविलोचना ।
गम्भीरनाभिस्त्रिवलीविभूषिततनूदरी ॥

Shakambhari is dark blue in colour, with eyes like blue lotuses. Her navel is deep and her slender waist is graced with three folds.

DHYANAM 2

सुकर्कशसमोत्तुङ्गवृत्तपीनघनस्तनी ।
मुष्टिं शिलीमुखापूर्णं कमलं कमलालया ॥

Her bosom is full, firm and high, the bosom of the mother of the world. Dwelling in the lotus, she holds a lotus and a handful of arrows.

DHYANAM 3

पुष्पपल्लवमूलादिफलाढ्यं शाकसञ्चयम् ।
काम्यानन्तरसैर्युक्तं क्षुत्तृण्मृत्युभयापहम् ॥

She carries a heap of greens rich with flowers, shoots, roots and fruits, full of endless pleasing flavours, which takes away hunger, thirst and the fear of death.

DHYANAM 4

कार्मुकं च स्फुरत्कान्ति बिभ्रती परमेश्वरी ।
शाकम्भरी शताक्षी सा सैव दुर्गा प्रकीर्तिता ॥

The Supreme Goddess also holds a gleaming bow. She is Shakambhari and Shatakshi, and she herself is praised as Durga.

DHYANAM 5

विशोका दुष्टदमनी शमनी दुरितापदाम् ।
उमा गौरी सती चण्डी कालिका सा च पार्वती ॥

She is free of sorrow, the subduer of the wicked and the one who calms sins and calamities. She is Uma, Gauri, Sati, Chandi, Kalika and Parvati.

PHALA SHRUTI 1

शाकम्भरीं स्तुवन् ध्यायञ्जपन् सम्पूजयन्नमन् ।
अक्षय्यमश्नुते शीघ्रमन्नपानामृतं फलम् ॥

The verse says that one who praises Shakambhari, meditates on her, repeats her name, worships her and bows to her soon gains an unfailing reward of food, drink and nectar.

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