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(1)

devi sureśvari bhagavati gańge tribhuvana-tāriṇi tarala tarańge śańkara-mauli-vihāriṇi vimale mama matir āstām tava pada-kamale

(2)

bhāgirathi sukha-dāyini mātas tava jala-mahimā nigame khyātaḥ nāham jāne tava mahimānam pāhi kṛpāmayi mām ajnānam

(3)

hari-pada-pādya-tarańgiṇi gańge hima-vidhu-muktā-dhavala-tarańge dūrīkuru mama duṣkṛti-bhāraṁ kuru kṛpayā bhava-sāgara-pāram

(4)

tava jalam amalam yena nipītam parama-padam khalu tena gṛhītam mātar gańge tvayi yo bhaktaḥ kila tam draṣṭum na yamaḥ śaktaḥ

(5)

patitoddhāriṇi jāhnavi gańge khaṇḍita-giri-vara-maṇḍita-bhańge bhīṣma janani he muni-vara-kanye patita-nivāriṇi tribhuvana-dhanye kalpa-latām iva phaladām loke praṇamati yas tvām na patati śoke pārāvāra-vihāriṇi gańge vimukha-vanitā-kṛta-taralāpāńge

(7)

tava cen mātaḥ srotaḥ-snātaḥ punar api jaṭhare so'pi na jātaḥ naraka-nivāriṇi jāhnavi gaṅge kaluṣa-vināśini mahimottuṅge

(8)

punar asad-ańge puṇya-tarańge jaya jaya jāhnavi karuṇāpāńge indra-mukuṭa-maṇi-rājita-caraṇe sukhade śubhade bhṛṭya-śaraṇye

(9)

rogam śokam tāpam pāpam hara me bhagavati kumati-kalāpam tribhuvana-sāre vasudhāhāre tvam asi gatir mama khalu samsāre

(10)

alakānande paramānande kuru karuṇāmayi kātara-vandye tava taṭa-nikaṭe yasya nivāsaḥ khalu vaikunthe tasya nivāsah

(11)

varam iha nīre kamatho mīnah kim vā tīre śaraṭaḥ kṣīṇaḥ athavā śvapaco malino dīnaḥ tava na hi dūre nṛpatiḥ kulīnaḥ

(12)

bho bhuvaneśvari punye dhanye devi dravamayi muni-vara-kanye gańgā-stavam imam amalam nityam pathati naro yah sa jayati satyam (13)

yeṣām hṛdaye gańgā bhaktis teṣām bhavati sadā sukha-muktiḥ madhura-manohara-pajjhaṭikābhiḥ paramānanda-kalita-lalitābhiḥ (14)

gańgā-stotram idam bhava-sāram vāñchitaphaladam vimalam sāram śańkara-sevaka-śańkara-racitam paṭhati ca vinayīdam iti samāptam

TRANSLATION

- 1) O Goddess Ganga! You are the divine river from heaven, you are the saviour of all the three worlds, you are pure and restless, you adorn Lord Shiva's head. O Mother! may my mind always rest at your lotus feet.
- 2) O Mother Bhagirathi! You give happiness to everyone. The significance of your holy waters is sung in the Vedas. I am ignorant and am not capable to comprehend your importance. O Devi! you are full of mercy. Please protect me.
- 3) O Devi! Your waters are as sacred as "Charanamriti" of Sri Hari. Your waves are white like snow, moon and pearls. Please wash away all my sins and help me cross this ocean of Samsara.
- 4) O Mother! those who partake of your pure waters, definitely attain the highest state. O Mother Ganga! Yama, the Lord of death cannot harm your devotees.
- 5) O Jahnavi! your waters flowing through the Himalayas make you even more beautiful. You are Bhishma's mother and sage Jahnu's daughter. You are saviour of the people fallen from their path, and so you are revered in all three worlds.
- 6) O Mother! You fulfill all the desires of the ones devoted to you. Those who bow down to you do not have to grieve. O Ganga! You are restless to merge with the ocean, just like a young lady anxious to meet her beloved.
- 7) O Mother! those who bathe in your waters do not have to take birth again. O Jahnavi! You are held in the highest esteem. You destroy your devotee's sins and save them from hell.
- 8) O Jahnavi! You are full of compassion. You purify your devotees with your holy waters. Your feet are adorned with the gems of Indra's crown. Those who seek refuge in you are blessed with happiness.

- 9) O Bhagavati! Take away my diseases, sorrows, difficulties, sins and wrong attitudes. You are the essence of the three worlds and you are like a necklace around the Earth. O Devi! You alone are my refuge in this Samsara.
- 10) O Ganga! those who seek happiness worship you. You are the source of happiness for Alkapuri and source of eternal bliss. Those who reside on your banks are as privileged as those living in Vaikunta.
- 11) O Devi! It is better to live in your waters as turtle or fish, or live on your banks as poor "candal" rather than to live away from you as a wealthy king.
- 12) O Godess of Universe! You purify us. O daughter of muni Jahnu! one who recites this Ganga Stotram everyday, definitely achieves success.
- 13) Those who have devotion for Mother Ganga, always get happiness and they attain liberation. This beautiful and lyrical Gangastuti is a source of Supreme bliss.
- 14) This Ganga Stotram, written by Sri Adi Shankaracharya, devotee of Lord Shiva, purifies us and fulfills all our desires