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शिवसङ्गीतसम्मगुधश्रीकृष्णाङ्गसमुद्रवाम् ।

राधाङ्गद्रवसंयुक्तां तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ १८

śivāsaṅgītasammugdha śrīkṛṣṇāṅga samudbhavām ।
rādhāṅga dravasamyuktām tāṁ gaṅgāṁ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Enchanted by the singing of Śiva, Śrī Kṛṣṇa and Rādhā were bathing in the perspiration of their union. To that Gaṅgā born of that sweat, I bow down with respect.

यज्जन्म सृष्टेरादौ च गोलोके रासमण्डले ।

सन्निधाने शङ्करस्य तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ १९

yajjanma sṛṣṭerādau ca goloke rāsamaṇḍale ।
sannidhāne śaṅkarasya tāṁ gaṅgāṁ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Whose birth took place at Rādhā's festival of sentiments in the regions of Light, who always resides with Śaṅkara, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

गोपैर्गोपीभिराकीर्णे शुभे राधामहोत्सवे ।

कार्तिकीपूर्णिमायां च तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ २०

gopairgopībhirākīrṇe śubhe rādhāmahotsave ।
kārttikīpūrṇimāyāṁ ca tāṁ gaṅgāṁ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Who was present at Rādhā's delightful festival with the Gopas and Gopis on that Full Moon night in the month of Kārttik (November), to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

कोटियोजनविस्तीर्णा दैर्घ्ये लक्षगुणा ततः ।

समावृता या गोलोके तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ २१

koṭiyojanvistīrṇā dairghye lakṣaguṇā tataḥ ।

samāvṛtā yā goloke tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Who is ninety million miles wide and a hundred thousand times as long in the regions of Light, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

षष्टिलक्षयोजना या ततो दैर्घ्ये चतुर्गुणा ।

समावृता या वैकुण्ठे तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ २२

ṣaṣṭilakṣayojanā yā tato dairghye caturguṇā ।

samāvṛtā yā vaikuṇṭhe tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Who is fifty-four million miles wide and a four times that amount in length in the regions of Vaikuṇṭha where Viṣṇu dwells, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

त्रिंशल्लक्षयोजना या दैर्घ्ये पञ्चगुणा ततः ।

आवृता ब्रह्मलोके या तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ २३

triṃśallakṣayojanā yā dairghye pañcaguṇā tataḥ ।

āvṛtā brahmloke yā tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Who is thirty-one million five hundred thousand miles wide and a five times that amount in length in the regions of Brahma, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

त्रिंशल्लक्षयोजना या दैर्घ्ये चतुर्गुणा ततः ।

आवृता शिवलोके या तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ २४

triṃśllakṣayojanā yā dairghyé caturguṇā tataḥ ।

āvṛtā śivaloke yā tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Who is twenty-seven million miles wide and a four times that amount in length in the regions of Śiva, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

लक्षयोजनविस्तीर्णा दैर्घ्ये सप्तगुणा ततः ।

आवृता ध्रुवलोके या तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ २५

**lakṣayojanavistīrṇā dairghyē saptaguṇā tataḥ ।
āvṛtā dhruvaloke yā tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥**

Who is nine hundred thousand miles wide and a seven times that amount in length in the regions of Dhruva, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

लक्षयोजनविस्तीर्णा दैर्घ्ये पञ्चगुणा ततः ।

आवृता चन्द्रलोके या तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ २६

**lakṣayojanavistīrṇā dairghye pañcaguṇā tataḥ ।
āvṛtā candraloke yā tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥**

Who is nine hundred thousand miles wide and a five times that amount in length in the regions of the Moon, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

षष्टिसहस्रयोजना या दैर्घ्ये दशगुणा ततः ।

आवृता सूर्यलोके या तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ २७

**ṣaṣṭisahasrayojanā yā dairghye daśaguṇā tataḥ ।
āvṛtā sūryaloke yā tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥**

Who is five hundred forty thousand miles wide and a ten times that amount in length in the regions of the Sun, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

लक्षयोजनविस्तीर्णा दैर्घ्ये पञ्चगुणा ततः ।

आवृता या तपोलोके तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ २८

**lakṣayojanavistīrṇā dairghye pañcaguṇā tataḥ ।
āvṛtā yā tapaloke tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥**

Who is nine hundred thousand miles wide and a five times that amount in length in the regions of the Purified, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

सहस्रयोजनायामा दैर्घ्ये दशगुणा ततः ।

आवृता जनलोके या तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ २९

sahasrayojanāyā dairghye daśaguṇā tataḥ ।
āvṛtā janaloke yā tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Who is nine thousand miles wide and a ten times that amount in length in the regions of the Wise, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

दशलक्षयोजना या दैर्घ्ये पञ्चगुणा ततः ।

आवृता या महर्लोके तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ ३०

daśalakṣayojanā yā dairghye pañcaguṇā tataḥ ।
āvṛtā yā maharloke tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Who is nine million miles wide and a five times that amount in length in the regions of the Great Existence, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

सहस्रयोजनायामा दैर्घ्ये शतगुणा ततः ।

आवृता या च कैलासे तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ ३१

sahasrayojanāyāmā dairghye śataguṇā tataḥ ।
āvṛtā yā ca kailāse tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Who is nine thousand miles wide and one hundred times that amount in length in the regions of Kailāśa, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

शतयोजनविस्तीर्णा दैर्घ्ये दशगुणा ततः ।

मन्दाकिनी येन्द्रलोके तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ ३२

śatayojanavistīrṇā dairghye daśaguṇā tataḥ ।
mandākinī yendraloke tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Who is nine hundred miles wide and ten times that amount in length, known as Mandākinī in the regions of Indra, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

पाताले भोगवती चैव विस्तीर्णा दशयोजना ।

ततो दशगुणा दैर्घ्ये तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ ३३

pātāle bhogavatī caiva vistīrṇā daśayojanā ।

tato daśguṇā dairghyē tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Who is known as Bhogavatī in the lower regions of pātāla and is ninety miles wide and ten times that amount in length, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

क्रोशैकमात्र विस्तीर्णो ततः क्षीणा च कुत्रचित् ।

क्षितौ चालकनन्दा या तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ ३४

krośaikamātra vistīrṇo tataḥ kṣīṇā ca kutracit ।

kṣitau cālayanandā yā tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Who is known as Ālayanandā on this earth and is only two miles wide, and varying in size from place to place, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

सात्ये या क्षीरवर्णा च त्रेतायामिन्दुसन्निभः ।

द्वापरे चन्दनाभा या तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ ३५

sātye yā kṣīravarṇā ca tretāyamindusannibhaḥ ।

dvāpare candanābhā yā tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Who is of the color of milk in the Sātya Yuga, the color of the Moon in the Treta Yuga, the color of sandal-paste in the Dvāpara Yuga, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

जलप्रभा कलौ या च नाऽन्यत्र पृथिवीतले ।

स्वर्गे च नित्यं क्षीराभां तां गङ्गां प्रणमाम्यहम् ॥ ३६

jalaprabhā kalau yā ca nā-nyatra pṛthivītale ।

svarge ca nityaṃ kṣīrābhāṃ tāṃ gaṅgāṃ praṇaṇāmyaham ॥

Who is known as water on this earth in the Kali Yuga, and who is always as milk in the regions of heaven, to that Gaṅgā I bow down with respect.

यत्तोयकणिकास्पर्शे पापिनां ज्ञानसम्भवः ।

ब्रह्महत्यादिकं पापं कोटिजन्माजित दहेत् ॥ ३७

**yattoyakāṇikāsparṣe pāpinām jñānasambhavaḥ |
brahmahatyādikaṃ pāpaṃ koṭijanmājita dahet ||**

By the touch of one drop of Gaṅgā's waters, even a sinner becomes wise. The horrible sins such as killing a Knower of Eternal Truth, etc., are destroyed for ten million births.

इत्यवं कथिता ब्रह्मन् गङ्गापद्यैकविंशतिः ।

स्तोत्ररूपं च परमं पापघ्नं पुण्यजीवनम् ॥ ३८

**ityavaṃ kathitā brahman gaṅgāpadyaikaviṃśatiḥ |
stotrarūpaṃ ca paramaṃ pāpagnaṃ puṇyājīvanam ||**

Oh Knower of Infinite Consciousness, these are the twenty-one verses describing the glory of Gaṅgā. The greatness of this song destroys sins and increases virtue in one's life.

नित्यं यो हि पठेद्भक्त्या सम्पूज्य च सुरेश्वरीम् ।

सोऽश्वमेधफलं नित्यं लभते नाऽत्र संशयः ॥ ३९

**nityaṃ yo hi paṭhedbhaktyā sampūjya ca sureśvarīm |
so-śvamedhaphalaṃ nityaṃ labhate nā-tra saṃśayaḥ ||**

Who performs worship of the Female Ruler of the Gods, and always recites this song with devotion, receives the fruits of performing the highest sacrifice, of this there is no doubt.

अपुत्रो लभते पुत्रं भार्याहीनो लभेत् स्त्रियम् ।

रोगात् प्रमुच्यते रोगी बन्धान्मुक्तो भवेद् ध्रुवम् ॥ ४०

**aputro labhate putraṃ bhāyāhīno labhet striyam |
rogāt pramucyate rogī bandhānmukto bhaved dhruvam ||**

Those who desire children will get children, and those desirous of a mate will find a happy marriage. Those who are infirm will find their illness ended, and those who are in bondage will receive liberation.

अस्पष्टकीर्ति सुयशा मुखो भवति पण्डितः ।

यः पठेत् प्रातरुत्थाय गङ्गास्तोत्रमिदं शुभम् ॥ ४१

aspaṣṭakīrti suyaśā murkho bhavati paṇḍitaḥ ।

yaḥ paṭhet prātarutthāya gaṅgāstotramidaṃ śubham ॥

For those who recite this excellent praise of Gaṅgā in the early morning, even a fool can become a learned man and the unfortunate receive excellent welfare.

शुभं भवेच्च दुःस्वप्नो गङ्गास्नानफलं लभेत् ॥ ४२

śubhaṃ bhavacca duḥsvapno gaṅgāsnānaphalaṃ labhet ॥

The bad dream seen by men becomes good, and he receives the fruit of having bathed in the Gaṅgā.

