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Five, ten, sixteen and twenty-four Upacharas are generally offered to deities during Pooja or Archana. However, sixty-four Upacharas are prescribed during the Navavarana Pooja of Shri Lalita Mahatripurasundari Rajarajeshwari ParAbhattArikA in the Shrichakra. These sixty-four Upacharas are detailed in Vamakeshwara Tantra and in the Parashurama Kalpasutras. Though it is not possible to physically offer all these sixty-four Upacharas to Shridevi, by mentioning these Upacharas and offering the same at the lotus feet of Shridevi using one's imagination, the merit of actually offering these Upacharas to Shridevi are obtained. The truth of this statement is confirmed by Shri Bhaskararaya in his Setubandha and also by Shri Rameshwara Suri in his commentary on the Parashurama Kalpasutras.

Shri Lalita Chatuhshashtyupachara Samgraha is a hymn, which beautifully summarizes these sixty-four Upacharas. This hymn, composed from a high state of consciousness, is the masterpiece of Brahmasri K. P. Narayana Shastrigal, the late Asthana Vidwan of Mysore State and DakShinamnaya Shringeri Sharada Peetham and retired professor of Advaita Vedanta, Chamarajendra Sanskrit College, Bangalore. A scholar par excellence and a highly accomplished Upasaka of Shri Mahatripurasundari and Shri Chandramouliswara, Shri Narayana Shastrigal was held in a very high regard by the Shankaracharyas of the Amnaya mutts and by scholars

across the sub-continent. Most of his disciples went on to become Mahamahopadhyayas and scholars of great repute. He spent a greater part of his life in the holy city of Varanasi and was popularly referred to as 'Kashivasi' Narayana Shastrigal. He was instrumental in editing and publishing the first ever copy of Skandadeva's Rudra Bhashya. He accepted Turiyashrama towards the end of his life. It is popularly remembered to this day in Kashi that when the great man attained Siddhi, a Bana Linga had materialized on his body. It is indeed due to the limitless compassion of Shridevi that I was fortunate to have as my Guru Brahmasri K. P. Shankara Shastrigal, younger brother of Shri Narayana Shastrigal, an equally brilliant scholar and an equally accomplished Shrividya Upasaka. It is recorded that one afternoon, after performing Nirajana to Shridevi, Narayana Shastrigal burst into a hymn and a disciple noted it down. The then Shankaracharya Mahaswamigal of Shringeri read the hymn and declared that it was indeed Shridevi who had spoken through Shastrigal. The following hymn, which is a composition of Brahmasri Narayana Shastrigal, has been reproduced over the ages in various books like the Shrividya Ratnakara of Karapatri Swamin, Saubhagya Ratnakara Valli of Purnananda, Shrividya Saparya of Dattatreyanandanatha, by various Guhananda Mandali books and many books dealing with Shrichakra Pooja and Devi Stotras in Sanskrit, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Bengali and Malayalam. One may estimate the greatness of this hymn by simply considering the fact that this hymn was included in their Saparya Paddhatis by great men like Chidanandanatha and Karapatri Swamin. It is unfortunate however that none of these publications have given any credit to the author of this

supremely beautiful hymn by at least mentioning his name.}

ॐ हृन्मध्यनिलये देवि ललिते परदेवते ॥
चतुष्पष्ट्युपचारांस्ते ભક્ત્યા માતઃ સમર્પયે ॥ ૧ ॥

કામેશોત્સજ્જનિલયે પાદ્યં ગૃહ્ણીષ્વ સાદરમ્ ॥
ભૂષણાનિ સમુત્તાર્ય ગન્ધતૈલં ચ તેડર્પયે ॥ ૨ ॥

સ્નાનશાલાં પ્રવિશ્યાડથ તત્રસ્થ મણિપીઠકે ॥
ઉપવિશ્ય સુખેન ત્વં દેહોદ્ધર્તનમાચર ॥ ૩ ॥

ઉષ્ણોદકેન લલિતે સ્નાપયામ્યથ ભક્તિતઃ ॥
અભિષિઞ્ચામિ પશ્ચાત્વાં સૌવર્ણકલશોદકૈઃ ॥ ૪ ॥

ધૌતવસ્ત્રપ્રોચ્છનં ચારત્તક્ષૌમામ્બરં તથા ॥
કુચોત્તરીયમરુણમર્પયામિ મહેશ્વરિ ॥ ૫ ॥

તતઃ પ્રવિશ્ય ચાલેપમણ્ટપં પરમેશ્વરિ ॥
ઉપવિશ્ય ચ સૌવર્ણપીઠે ગન્ધાન્વિલેપય ॥ ૬ ॥

કાલગરુજધૂપૈશ્ચ ધૂપયે કેશપાશકમ્ ॥
અર્પયામિ ચ માત્યાદિ સર્વર્તુકુસુમસ્રજઃ ॥ ૭ ॥

ભૂષામણ્ટપમાવિશ્ય સ્થિત્વા સૌવર્ણપીઠકે ॥
માણિક્યમુકુટં મૂર્ધ્નિ દયયા સ્થાપયામ્બિકે ॥ ૮ ॥

શરત્પાર્વણચન્દ્રસ્ય શકલં તત્ર શોભતામ્ ॥
સિન્દૂરેણ ચ સીમન્તમલકુરુ દયાનિધે ॥ ૮ ॥

ભાલે ચ તિલકં ન્યસ્ય નેત્રયોરઞ્ચનં શિવે ॥
વાલીયુગળમપ્યમ્બ ભક્ત્યા તે વિનિવેદ્યે ॥ ૧૦ ॥

મણિકુણ્ડલમપ્યમ્બ નાસાભરણમેવ ચ ॥
તાટકુયુગળં દેવિ યાવકઞ્ચાધરેડર્પયે ॥ ૧૧ ॥

આઘભૂષણસૌવર્ણચિન્તાકપદકાનિ ચ ॥
મહાપદકમુક્તાવલ્યેકાવલ્યાદિભૂષણમ્ ॥ ૧૨ ॥

છન્નવીરં ગૃહાણામ્બ કેયૂરયુગલં તથા ॥
વલયાવલિમજ્જુલ્યાભરણં લલિતામ્બિકે ॥ ૧૩ ॥

ઓઞ્ચાણમથ કટ્યન્તે કટિસૂત્રઞ્ચ સુન્દરિ ॥
સૌભાગ્યાભરણં પાદકટકં નૂપુરદ્વયમ્ ॥ ૧૪ ॥

અર્પયામિ જગન્માતઃ પાદયોશ્ચાન્ગુલીયકમ્ ॥
પાશં વામોર્ધ્વહસ્તે તે દક્ષહસ્તે તથાકુશમ્ ॥ ૧૫ ॥

અન્યસ્મિન્વામહસ્તે ચ તથા પુંડ્રેક્ષુચાપકમ્ ॥
પુષ્પબાણાશ્ચ દક્ષાધઃ પાણૌ ધારય સુન્દરિ ॥ ૧૬ ॥

અર્પયામિ ચ માણિક્યપાદુકે પાદયોઃ શિવે ॥

आरोहावृतिदेवीभिः यत्तुं परशिवे मुदा ॥ १७ ॥

समानवेषभूषाभिः साकं त्रिपुरसुन्दरि ॥
तत्र कामेशवामाङ्गपर्यङ्गोपनिवेशिनीम् ॥ १८ ॥

अमृतासवपानेन मुदितं त्वां सदा भजे ॥
शुद्धेन गाङ्गतोयेन पुनरायमनं कुरु ॥ १९ ॥

कर्पूरवीटिकामास्ये ततोऽम्भ विनिवेशय ॥
आनन्दोल्लासहासेन विलसन्मुजपङ्कजम् ॥ २० ॥

भक्तिमत्कल्पलितिकं कृतीस्यां त्वां स्मरन् कदा ॥
मङ्गलार्तिकं छत्रं चामरं दर्पणं तथा ॥
ताण्वृतं गन्धपुष्पधूपदीपांश्च तेऽर्पये ॥ २१ ॥

श्रीकामेश्वरि तप्तहाटककृतैः स्थालीसहस्रैर्भृतम्
दिव्याङ्गं घृतसूपशाकभरितं चित्राङ्गमेदैर्युतम् ॥
दुग्धाङ्गं मधुशर्करादधियुतं माणिक्यपात्रार्पितम्
माषापूपकपूरिकादिसहितं नैवेद्यमम्भाऽर्पये ॥ २२ ॥

साग्रविंशतिपद्योक्तयतुष्पष्ट्युपचारतः ॥
हृन्मध्यनिलया माता ललिता परितुष्यतु ॥ २३ ॥

श्रीमुभाभ्यस्य वर्षस्य तुलायां शुक्लपक्षके ॥
चतुर्थ्यामपराह्णे च ललितार्पितमानसः ॥ २४ ॥

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