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सरस्वती स्तवः sarasvatī stavaḥ

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सरस्वति नमस्तुभ्यं वरदे कामरूपिणि ।

विद्यारम्भं करिष्यामि सिद्धिर्भवतु मे सदा ॥

sarasvati namas-tubhyaṁ varade kāma-rūpiṇi ।

vidyā-rambhaṁ kariṣyāmi siddhir-bhavatu me sadā ॥

O' Sarasvati (O' divine Mother Sarasvati) salutations to you, giver of boons and embodiment of fulfillment of (noble) desires. I am about to begin my educational study, may my goals always be accomplished (by your grace).

शुक्लां ब्रह्मविचारसारपरमां आद्यां जगद्व्याविनीं

वीणापुस्तकधारिणीं अभयदां निःशेषजाड्यापहाम् ।

हस्तेस्फाटिकमालिकां च विदधतीं पद्मासने संस्थितां

वन्दे तां परमेश्वरीं भगवतीं बुद्धिप्रदां शारदाम् ॥

om śuklāṁ brahma-vicāra-sāra-paramāṁ ādyāṁ jagad-vyāpinīm

vīṇā-pustaka-dhāriṇīm abhaya-dāṁ niḥśeṣa-jāḍyāpa-hām ।

haste-sphāṭika-mālikāṁ ca vidadhatīm padmāsane saṁ-sthitām

vande tāṁ parameśvarīm bhagavatīm buddhi-pradām śāradām ॥

Salutations to supreme Goddess Śāeadā, the supreme essence of Nature of Brahman, the primordial, all pervading one, bearer of Vina, a scripture, and a crystal rosary (represents spiritual contemplation, knowledge and arts), the bestower of wisdom (discriminative faculty between permanent & impermanent) who is seated on a lotus (representing spiritual enlightenment).

या कुन्देन्दु तुषारहार धवला या शुभ्रवस्त्रान्विता

या वीणावरदण्डमण्डितकरा या श्वेत पद्मासना ।

या ब्रह्माच्युतशङ्करप्रभृतिभिर्देवैः सदा पूजिता

सा मां पातु सरस्वती भागवती निःशेषजाड्यापहा ॥

*yā kundendu tuṣāra-hāra dhavalā yā śubhra-vastrānvitā
yā vīṇāvara-daṇḍa-maṇḍita- karā yā sveta padmāsanā ।
yā brahmā-cyuta-śaṅkara-prabhṛtibhir-devaiḥ sadā pūjitā
sā mām pātu sarasvatī bhāgavatī niḥśeṣa-jāḍyāpahā ॥*

Sarasvatī who is decorated with a garland of white jasmine flowers radiant like the dew drops in the sunshine, who is clad in white clean clothes, whose hand is majestically covering the adorned long bar (string board) of the vīṇā (musical instrument), who is seated on a white lotus; she is worshipped by Brahmā, Viṣṇu, Shiva and other gods. May Goddess Sarasvatī take away my inertia (laziness) without any trace and may she protect me.