

**THE SHAKTIPITHAS AND TEMPLES WORLDWIDE ARE REVERBERATING
WITH WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION OF
SRI LALITA BHAVANI DEVI PARABRAHMAMAYI**

Parabrahman has 3 states:

1. Srshti (Creation) which is visible to the eye
2. The invisible shakti or divine energy that creates these mountains, flowers, and regulates the seasons, rainfalls and the rising and setting of the Sun, and controls the movement of all the stars and planets, galaxies and the milky way, which is not visible. That shakti or divine power that is not visible is called avyaktam or unmanifest. However, it is perceptible to the munis, rishis, yogis and for those who abound in the wealth of austerity.
3. The state in the middle of the above 2 states is called 'vyakta-avyakta', that is in the middle of manifest and unmanifest states. It is only perceived through the knowledge gained by austere practices. Sri Bhavani is the only one who gives that kind of knowledge. Sri Lalita Bhavani is also the same as Maha Tripura Sundari.

Since we are in Kaliyuga, humanity is in a deep state of earthly corporeal existence called bhavam or worldly existence; life, the cycle of birth and death to which an unliberated human soul is tied down is in an unhealthy condition. What is the medicine that can relieve this condition?

Sri Maha Jagan Mata Vratam is the medicine.

There is a divine prayer in the Mantra Shastra.

Shloka:

**“Om Sri Mata mama bhavani Devi
Sri Shankaraardhanga shariirien Siva Lalite,
Soubhagyam Kurume Devi. Shivashaktyai namostute.
Dhana dhaanya pashu kshetram bhartre samrakshanam tathaa,
Suputramcha Maha Devi Dehime Lalita Karunaalaye”**

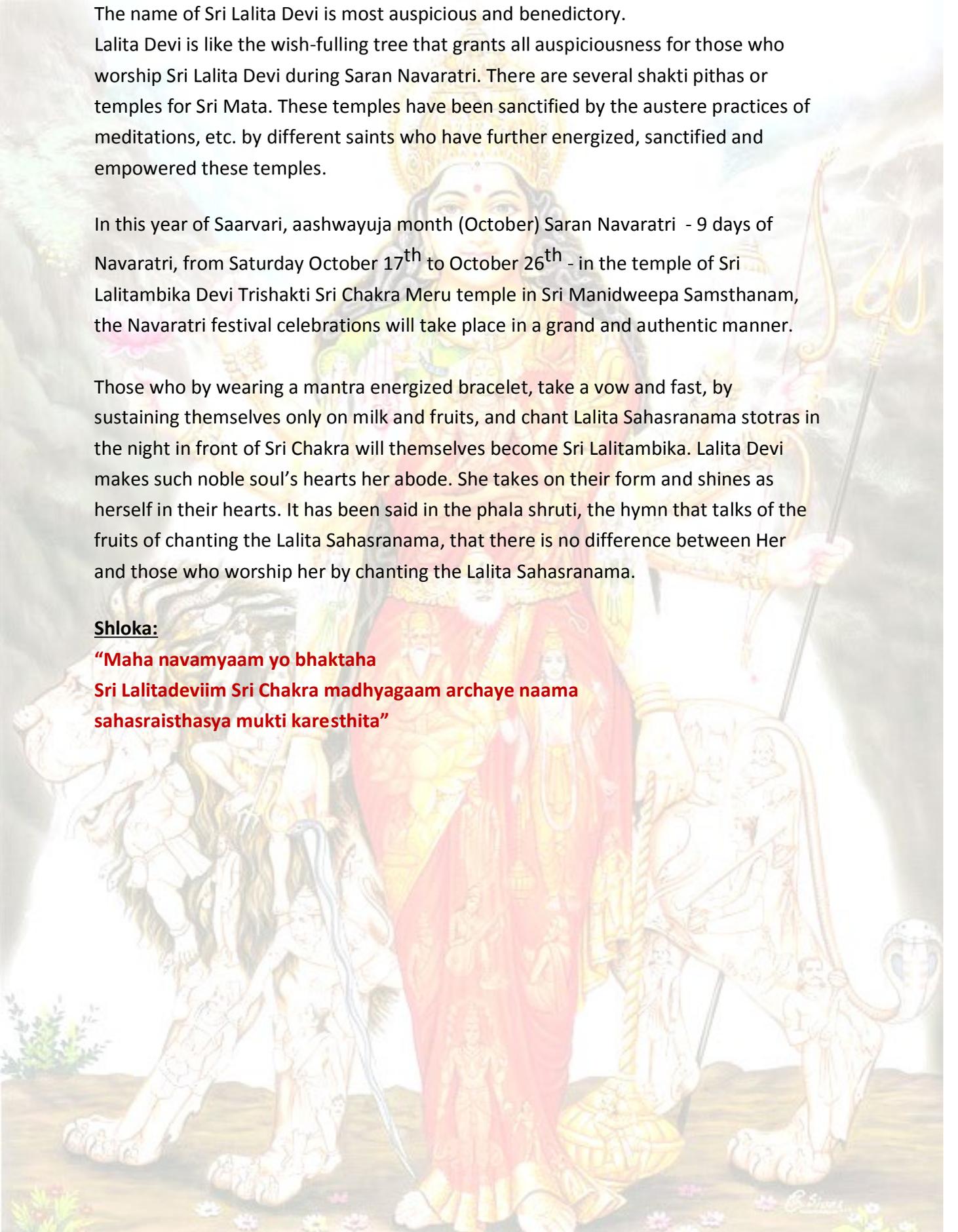
The name of Sri Lalita Devi is most auspicious and benedictory. Lalita Devi is like the wish-fulfilling tree that grants all auspiciousness for those who worship Sri Lalita Devi during Saran Navaratri. There are several shakti pithas or temples for Sri Mata. These temples have been sanctified by the austere practices of meditations, etc. by different saints who have further energized, sanctified and empowered these temples.

In this year of Saarvari, aashwayuja month (October) Saran Navaratri - 9 days of Navaratri, from Saturday October 17th to October 26th - in the temple of Sri Lalitambika Devi Trishakti Sri Chakra Meru temple in Sri Manidweepa Samsthanam, the Navaratri festival celebrations will take place in a grand and authentic manner.

Those who by wearing a mantra energized bracelet, take a vow and fast, by sustaining themselves only on milk and fruits, and chant Lalita Sahasranama stotras in the night in front of Sri Chakra will themselves become Sri Lalitambika. Lalita Devi makes such noble soul's hearts her abode. She takes on their form and shines as herself in their hearts. It has been said in the phala shruti, the hymn that talks of the fruits of chanting the Lalita Sahasranama, that there is no difference between Her and those who worship her by chanting the Lalita Sahasranama.

Shloka:

**“Maha navamyam yo bhaktaha
Sri Lalitadeviim Sri Chakra madhyagaam archaye naama
sahasraisthasya mukti karesthita”**



Whoever prays to Sri Lalita Devi in the Sri Chakra with the names of Lalita Sahasranama and with kumkum and different kinds of flowers are assured of obtaining moksha or liberation as easily as holding a fruit in their palms. The nine days of Navaratri are very special for the worship of Sri Lalita Devi. Additionally, this is not a regular Navami but Maha Navami which is especially unique for Sri Devi puja.

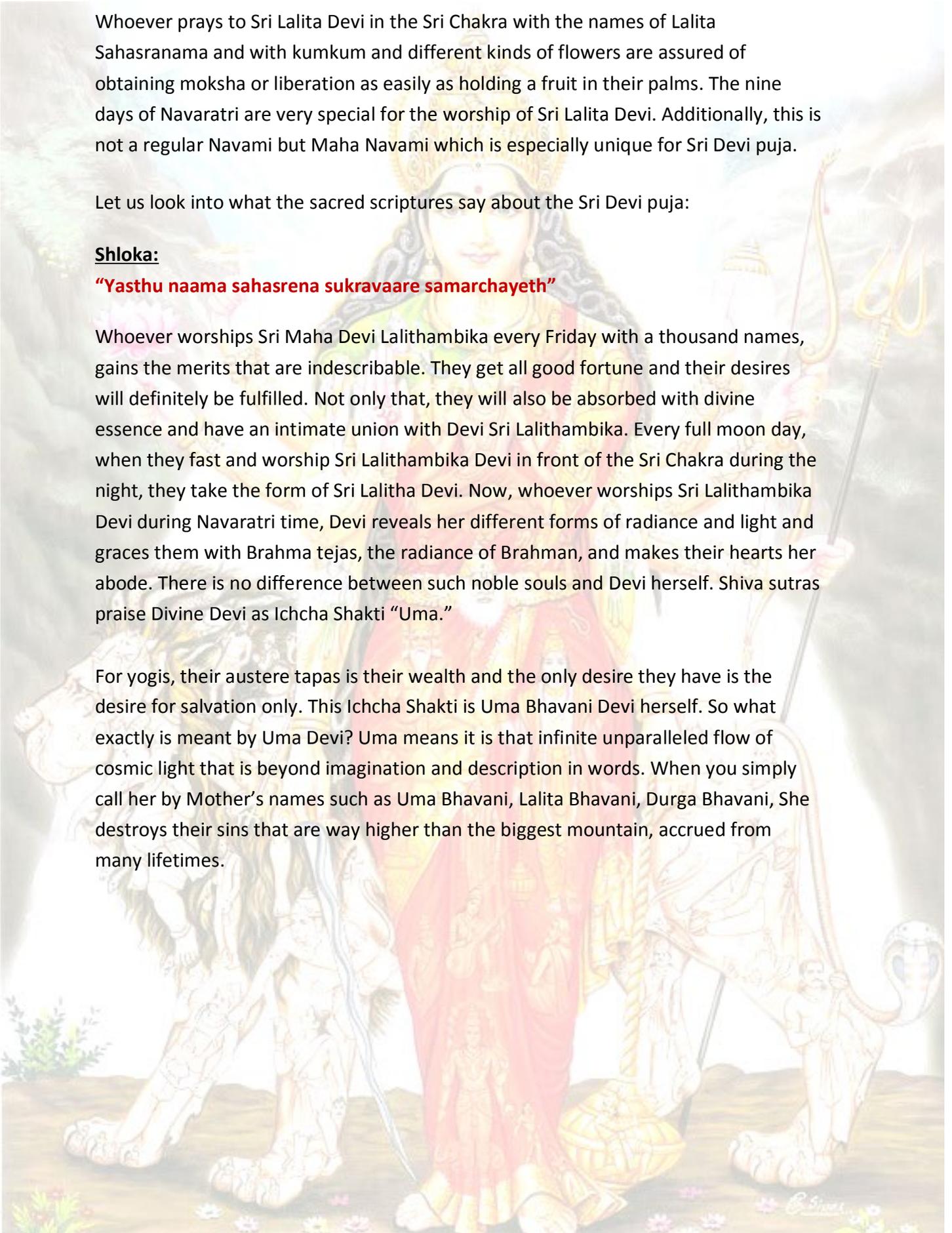
Let us look into what the sacred scriptures say about the Sri Devi puja:

Shloka:

“Yasthu naama sahasrena sukravaare samarchayeth”

Whoever worships Sri Maha Devi Lalithambika every Friday with a thousand names, gains the merits that are indescribable. They get all good fortune and their desires will definitely be fulfilled. Not only that, they will also be absorbed with divine essence and have an intimate union with Devi Sri Lalithambika. Every full moon day, when they fast and worship Sri Lalithambika Devi in front of the Sri Chakra during the night, they take the form of Sri Lalitha Devi. Now, whoever worships Sri Lalithambika Devi during Navaratri time, Devi reveals her different forms of radiance and light and graces them with Brahma tejas, the radiance of Brahman, and makes their hearts her abode. There is no difference between such noble souls and Devi herself. Shiva sutras praise Divine Devi as Ichcha Shakti “Uma.”

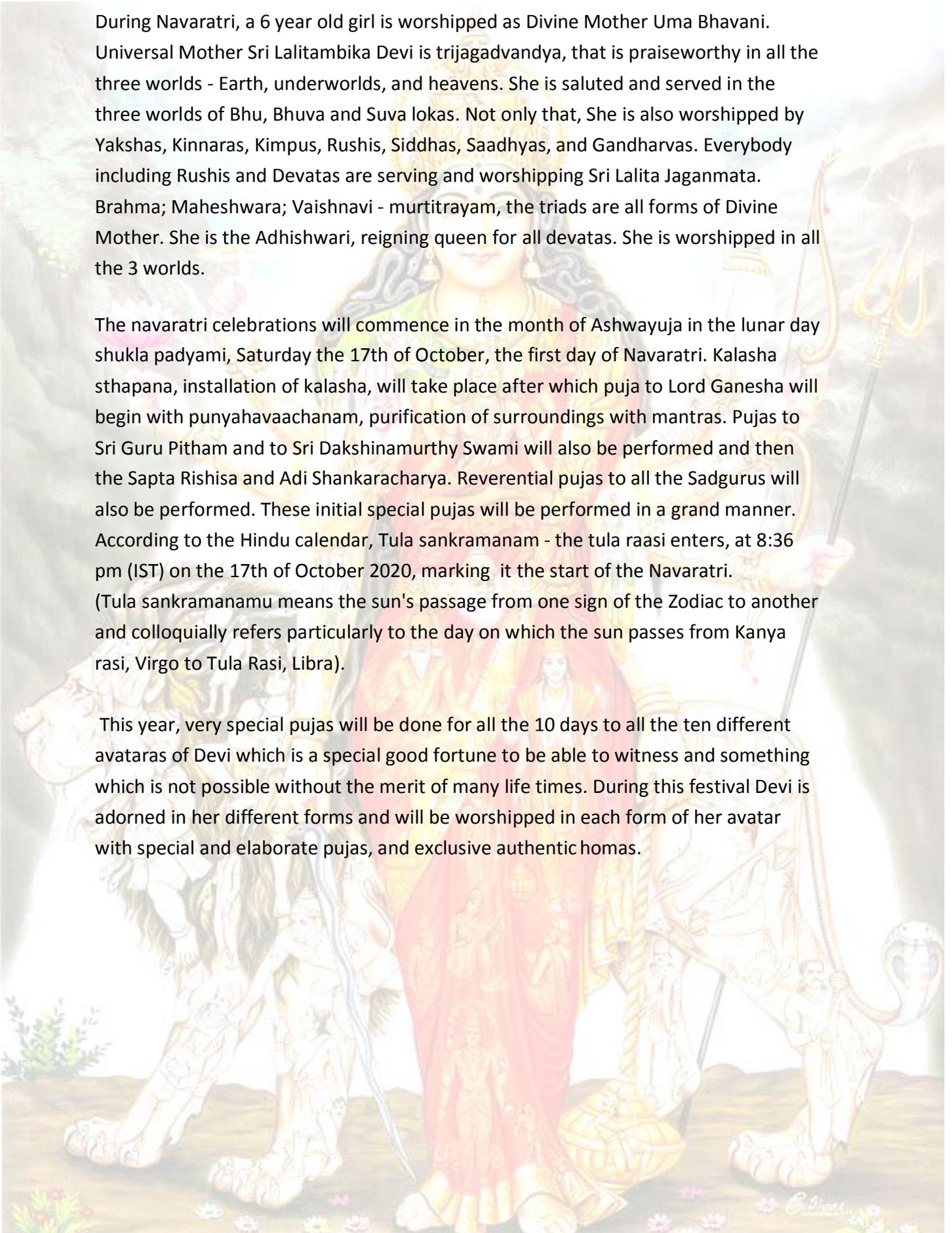
For yogis, their austere tapas is their wealth and the only desire they have is the desire for salvation only. This Ichcha Shakti is Uma Bhavani Devi herself. So what exactly is meant by Uma Devi? Uma means it is that infinite unparalleled flow of cosmic light that is beyond imagination and description in words. When you simply call her by Mother’s names such as Uma Bhavani, Lalita Bhavani, Durga Bhavani, She destroys their sins that are way higher than the biggest mountain, accrued from many lifetimes.



During Navaratri, a 6 year old girl is worshipped as Divine Mother Uma Bhavani. Universal Mother Sri Lalitambika Devi is trijagadvandya, that is praiseworthy in all the three worlds - Earth, underworlds, and heavens. She is saluted and served in the three worlds of Bhu, Bhuva and Suva lokas. Not only that, She is also worshipped by Yakshas, Kinnaras, Kimpus, Rushis, Siddhas, Saadhyas, and Gandharvas. Everybody including Rushis and Devatas are serving and worshipping Sri Lalita Jaganmata. Brahma; Maheshwara; Vaishnavi - murtitrayam, the triads are all forms of Divine Mother. She is the Adhishwari, reigning queen for all devatas. She is worshipped in all the 3 worlds.

The navaratri celebrations will commence in the month of Ashwayuja in the lunar day shukla padyami, Saturday the 17th of October, the first day of Navaratri. Kalasha sthapana, installation of kalasha, will take place after which puja to Lord Ganesha will begin with punyahavaachanam, purification of surroundings with mantras. Pujas to Sri Guru Pitham and to Sri Dakshinamurthy Swami will also be performed and then the Sapta Rishisa and Adi Shankaracharya. Reverential pujas to all the Sadgurus will also be performed. These initial special pujas will be performed in a grand manner. According to the Hindu calendar, Tula sankramanam - the tula raasi enters, at 8:36 pm (IST) on the 17th of October 2020, marking it the start of the Navaratri. (Tula sankramanamu means the sun's passage from one sign of the Zodiac to another and colloquially refers particularly to the day on which the sun passes from Kanya rasi, Virgo to Tula Rasi, Libra).

This year, very special pujas will be done for all the 10 days to all the ten different avatars of Devi which is a special good fortune to be able to witness and something which is not possible without the merit of many life times. During this festival Devi is adorned in her different forms and will be worshipped in each form of her avatar with special and elaborate pujas, and exclusive authentic homas.



Pujas and Homa Schedule during the Grand Navaratri Celebrations

at Sri Manidweepa Mahasamsthanam in the month of Ashwayuja.

Day	Poojas and Homas	Chariot for the Evening procession of Deity
1. Oct 17 - Shuddha Paadyami The first day after the new moon day	1. Sacred puja to Bala Tripura Sundari Devi 2. Sri Chandi Homa	Kamala Vaahanam <u>Lotus</u> like chariot decorated with garlands of flowers on which Divine Mother is seated is carried in a procession
2. Oct 18 - Shuddha Vidhiya The second day after the new moon day	1. Sri Kanchi Kamakshi Grand Devi puja 2. Sri Chandi Homa	Chandra Prabha Vaahanam Sri Devi is carried on the <u>moon</u> crescent shaped backdrop and decorated with garlands of flowers and is carried in a procession
3. Oct 19 - Shuddha Thadiya The third day after the new moon day	1. Sri Rajarajeshwari Special puja 2. Sri Chandi Homa	Surya Prabha vaahanam Divine Mother is carried on a peetham decorated with garlands of flowers with a <u>sun</u> shaped backdrop and is carried in a procession.
4. Oct 20 - Shuddha Chaviti The fourth day after the new moon day	1. Sri Annapurnashwari Devi Puja 2. Sri Chandi Homa	Muthyaalu pandiri A gazebo is decorated with garlands of <u>pearls</u> in which Divine Mother is seated and carried in a procession
5. Oct 21 - Shuddha Panchami The fifth day after the new moon day	1. Grand puja to Sri Chamundeshwari Devi 2. Sri Chandi Homa	Shesha Vaahanam <u>Celestial serpent</u> peetam decorated with garlands of flowers on which Divine mother is seated and carried in a procession.

<p>6. Oct 22 - Shuddha Shashti</p> <p>The sixth day after the new moon day</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Exclusive puja to Sri Shakhambhari Maha Devi 2. Sri Chandi Homa 	<p>Gaja Vaahanam</p> <p>The most magnificent feast to eyes where Divine Mother is seated on a beautiful <u>elephant</u> decorated with garlands of flowers and carried in a procession.</p>
<p>7. Oct 23 - Maha Saptami</p> <p>The seventh day after the new moon day</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Glorious pujas to Sri Veda Maha Saraswati Devi 2. Sri Saraswati Homa 3. Sri Chandi Homa 	<p>Hamsa Vaahanam</p> <p>A Divine <u>swan</u> shaped chariot decorated with garlands of flowers in which Divine Mother is seated and carried in a procession.</p>
<p>8. Oct 24 - Maha Ashtami</p> <p>The eighth day after the new moon day</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unique puja to eighteen armed Sri Durga Devi 2. Sri Durga Devi Puja 3. Sri Chandi Homa 	<p>Vyaghra Vaahanam</p> <p>Divine Mother seated on a <u>tiger</u> and carried in a procession and decorated with garlands of flowers</p>
<p>9. Oct 25 - Maha Navami</p> <p>The ninth day after the new moon day</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sri Mahishasura Mardhini Devi puja 2. Sri Durga Devi puja 3. Sri Chandi Homa 	<p>Simha Vaahanam</p> <p>Divine Mother is seated on a <u>lion</u>, decorated with garlands of flowers and carried in a procession.</p>
<p>10. Oct 26 - Maha Vijayadasami</p> <p>The tenth day after the new moon day</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sri Lalitha Bhavani Shiva Shakti puja 	<p>Kamadhenu Vaahanam</p> <p>Divine Mother is seated on the celestial <u>wish fulfilling cow</u> that is decorated with garlands of flowers and carried in a procession.</p>

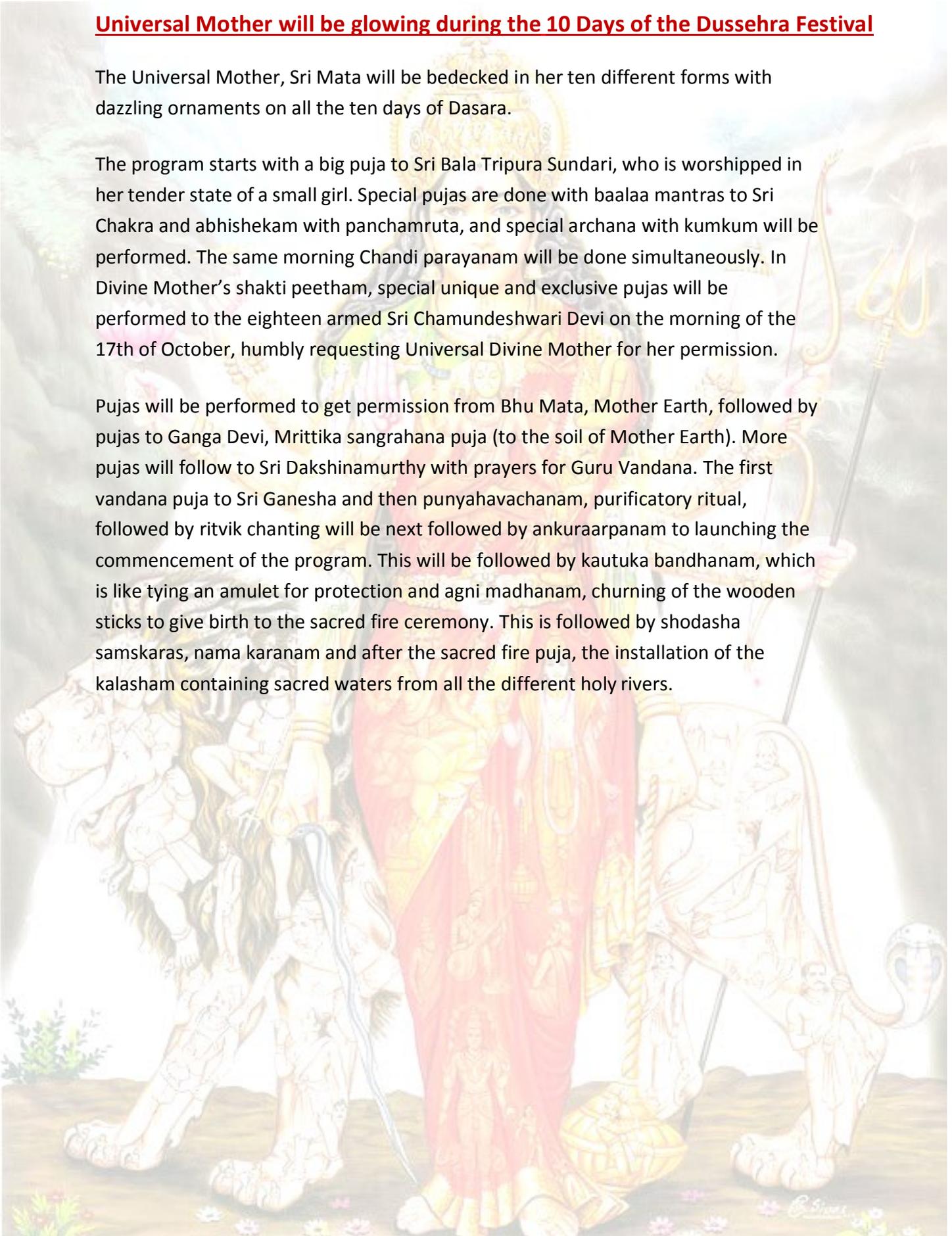


Universal Mother will be glowing during the 10 Days of the Dussehra Festival

The Universal Mother, Sri Mata will be bedecked in her ten different forms with dazzling ornaments on all the ten days of Dasara.

The program starts with a big puja to Sri Bala Tripura Sundari, who is worshipped in her tender state of a small girl. Special pujas are done with baalaa mantras to Sri Chakra and abhishekam with panchamruta, and special archana with kumkum will be performed. The same morning Chandi parayanam will be done simultaneously. In Divine Mother's shakti peetham, special unique and exclusive pujas will be performed to the eighteen armed Sri Chamundeshwari Devi on the morning of the 17th of October, humbly requesting Universal Divine Mother for her permission.

Pujas will be performed to get permission from Bhu Mata, Mother Earth, followed by pujas to Ganga Devi, Mrityika sangrahana puja (to the soil of Mother Earth). More pujas will follow to Sri Dakshinamurthy with prayers for Guru Vandana. The first vandana puja to Sri Ganesha and then punyahavachanam, purificatory ritual, followed by ritvik chanting will be next followed by ankuraarpanam to launching the commencement of the program. This will be followed by kautuka bandhanam, which is like tying an amulet for protection and agni madhanam, churning of the wooden sticks to give birth to the sacred fire ceremony. This is followed by shodasha samskaras, nama karanam and after the sacred fire puja, the installation of the kalasham containing sacred waters from all the different holy rivers.

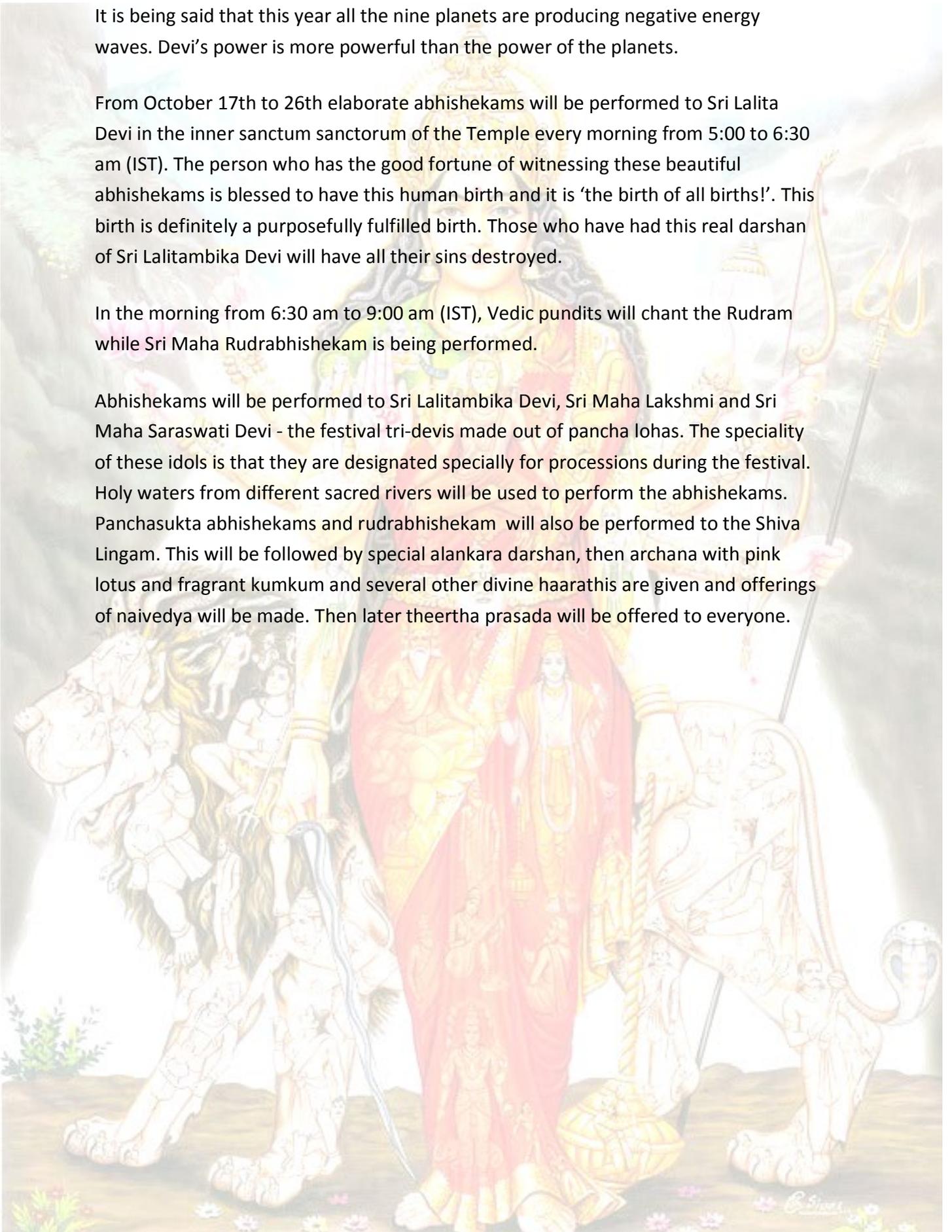


It is being said that this year all the nine planets are producing negative energy waves. Devi's power is more powerful than the power of the planets.

From October 17th to 26th elaborate abhishekams will be performed to Sri Lalita Devi in the inner sanctum sanctorum of the Temple every morning from 5:00 to 6:30 am (IST). The person who has the good fortune of witnessing these beautiful abhishekams is blessed to have this human birth and it is 'the birth of all births!'. This birth is definitely a purposefully fulfilled birth. Those who have had this real darshan of Sri Lalitambika Devi will have all their sins destroyed.

In the morning from 6:30 am to 9:00 am (IST), Vedic pundits will chant the Rudram while Sri Maha Rudrabhishekam is being performed.

Abhishekams will be performed to Sri Lalitambika Devi, Sri Maha Lakshmi and Sri Maha Saraswati Devi - the festival tri-devis made out of pancha lohas. The speciality of these idols is that they are designated specially for processions during the festival. Holy waters from different sacred rivers will be used to perform the abhishekams. Panchasukta abhishekams and rudrabhishekam will also be performed to the Shiva Lingam. This will be followed by special alankara darshan, then archana with pink lotus and fragrant kumkum and several other divine haarathis are given and offerings of naivedya will be made. Then later theertha prasada will be offered to everyone.





Sri Manidweepa Mahasamasthanam is the ladder to obtain the grace of Divine Mother.

Manidweepa is the permanent abode for 3 million divinities. In this tapo bhumi, land of austerities, the little effort we put forth toward our sadhana of small worship, japam, charities, tapas, and austerities is manifested greatly and yields unlimited fruits. When we chant one mantra in this Shakti peetham, it grants merits equivalent to chanting 100,000 times.

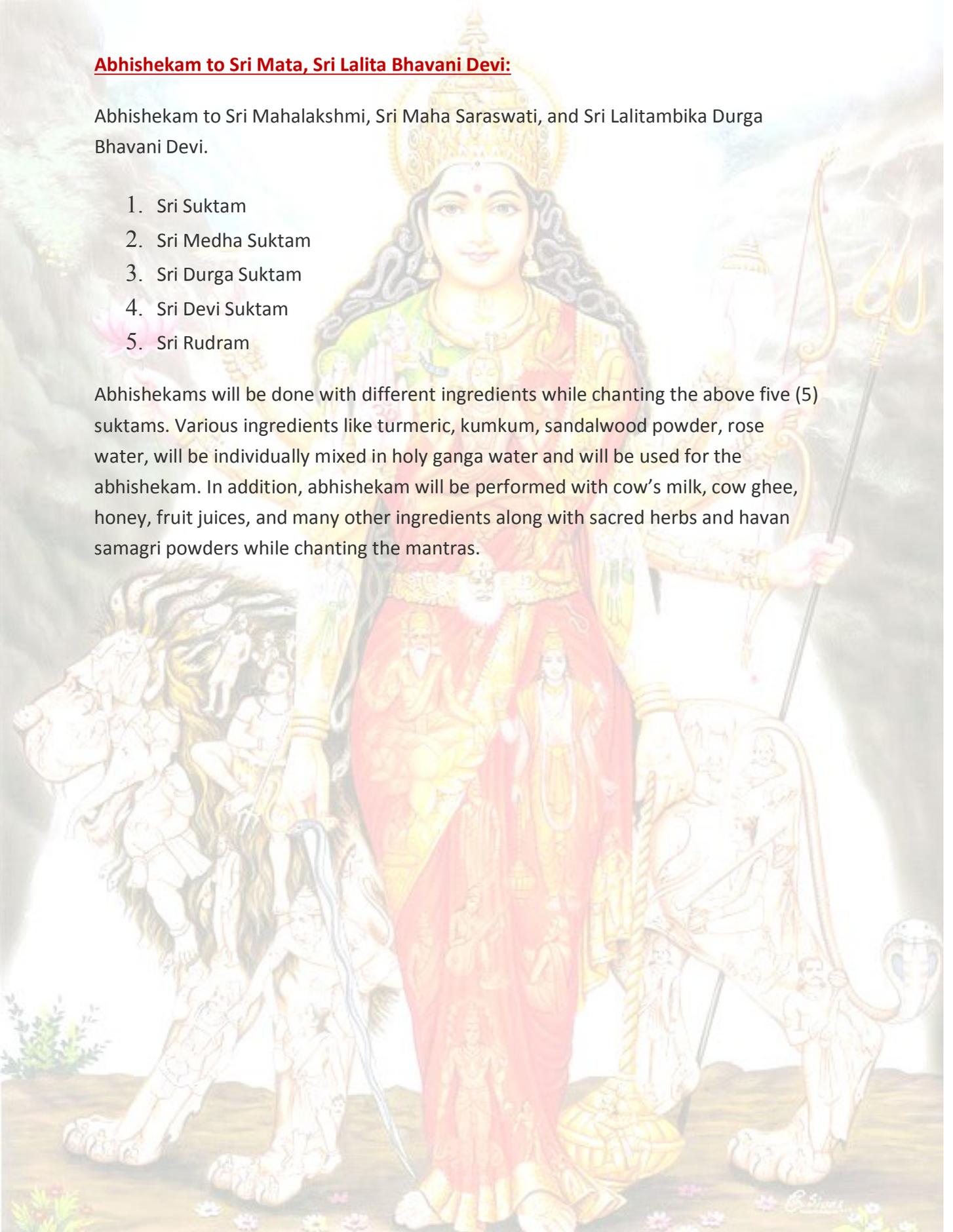
Abhishekams are performed here every morning in the sanctum sanctorum. Also, many abhishekams, special worship and archana to the processional deities during a festival are performed. One cannot worship Devi just by merely thinking of it or by means of the wealth we have. Divine Mother has to grace us and give us the capacity to do so. One has to have a strong intention and blessing of Devi as a yoga to be able to worship Divine Mother. Unless we have the blessing of this yoga from Divine Mother it is impossible to serve Divine Mother. For this reason Sri Adi Shankaracharya has said, *“pranantum stotum vaa kathamakritapunya prabhavati”* - meaning without acquiring great merits, how can a person be able to salute you? He is saying, “in this lifetime, even to salute you or praise you one needs to have merits of millions of lifetimes.” So here Sri Adi Shankaracharya is saying that we only need merits to qualify to worship Divine Mother.

Abhishekam to Sri Mata, Sri Lalita Bhavani Devi:

Abhishekam to Sri Mahalakshmi, Sri Maha Saraswati, and Sri Lalitambika Durga Bhavani Devi.

1. Sri Suktam
2. Sri Medha Suktam
3. Sri Durga Suktam
4. Sri Devi Suktam
5. Sri Rudram

Abhishekams will be done with different ingredients while chanting the above five (5) suktams. Various ingredients like turmeric, kumkum, sandalwood powder, rose water, will be individually mixed in holy ganga water and will be used for the abhishekam. In addition, abhishekam will be performed with cow's milk, cow ghee, honey, fruit juices, and many other ingredients along with sacred herbs and havan samagri powders while chanting the mantras.



What benefits are gained when the veda mantras are chanted with proper, clear and correct pronunciations and without any defects or faults?

All the good and bad karmas or actions of a living being accrued over 8.4 million lifetimes is deeply embedded in that being's koshas - annamaya kosha, pranamaya manomaya kosha, vijnanamaya koshas in a very subtle manner. An abhishekam performed by a person makes that person's heart very sacred and holy. The above suktas have the wonderful power of purifying all these subtle koshas. However, one should remember that bijaksharas from these suktams are like passwords and should not be mispronounced. If one does so then natural calamities involving fire and water can result from it and will have their serious repercussions.

The benefits accrued from using the following ingredients in an abhishekam

1. Cow's milk : comforts and happiness
2. Cow's dadhi (curds or yogurt) : abundant grains
3. Honey : enjoyments and wealth
4. Organic ghee : relief from any diseases
5. Sugar crystal powder: good health
6. Pancha gavyam (*): kingsly luxuries
7. Turmeric: a) Marriage prospects, and b) Harmonious marriage and homely life
8. Sugarcane juice: progress and higher achievements
9. Vibhuti (sacred ash): accomplishment of any tasks
10. Navadhanya : removing doshas or defects from nine planets
11. Uthareni (churnam, powder) Apamarga/uttareni is an important herb in Ayurveda with medicinal properties: pleasures and happiness
12. Fruit juice: takes you to great height of success
13. Holy Ganga water: accomplishment and prosperity
14. Bilva leaves : destroys eight kinds of poverty.
15. Ganneru(Oleander) flower jal: grace of Sri Lakshmi
16. Mandaara(hibiscus): Harmony
17. Rudraksha: Grace of Lord Shiva
18. Jasmine dipped in water: Progress of generation.

(*) Pancha gavyam - The main ingredient in the homa

1. Small cup of cow urine,
2. Small cup of kusha jalam (darbha grass soaked in water).
3. Small cup of clarified butter from Brahmi Cow (The best)
4. Small cup of yogurt made from Brahimi cow milk.
5. Small cup of coddung from Brahmi cow
6. 6 cups of Brahmi Cow milk

In the manner described in Vishnu Dharma Puranam the following is performed.

- Chanting the Gayatri mantra first day the small container of cow urine is collected
- Chanting the 9th mantra from Sri Suktam

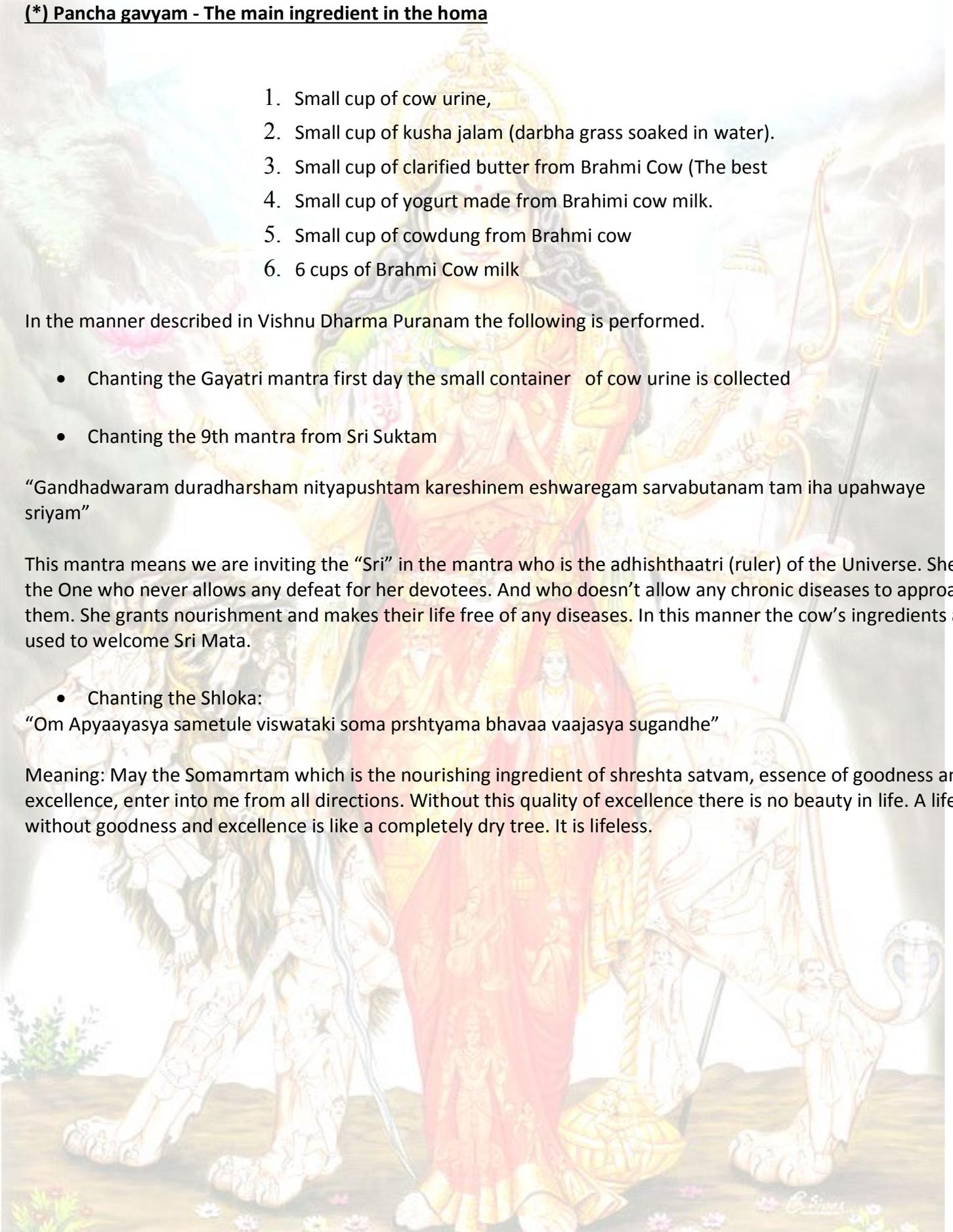
“Gandhadwaram duradharsham nityapushtam kareshinem eshwaregam sarvabutanam tam iha upahwaye sriyam”

This mantra means we are inviting the “Sri” in the mantra who is the adishthaatri (ruler) of the Universe. She is the One who never allows any defeat for her devotees. And who doesn’t allow any chronic diseases to approach them. She grants nourishment and makes their life free of any diseases. In this manner the cow’s ingredients are used to welcome Sri Mata.

- Chanting the Shloka:

“Om Apyaayasya sametule viswataki soma prshtyama bhavaa vaajasya sugandhe”

Meaning: May the Somamrtam which is the nourishing ingredient of shreshta satvam, essence of goodness and excellence, enter into me from all directions. Without this quality of excellence there is no beauty in life. A life without goodness and excellence is like a completely dry tree. It is lifeless.



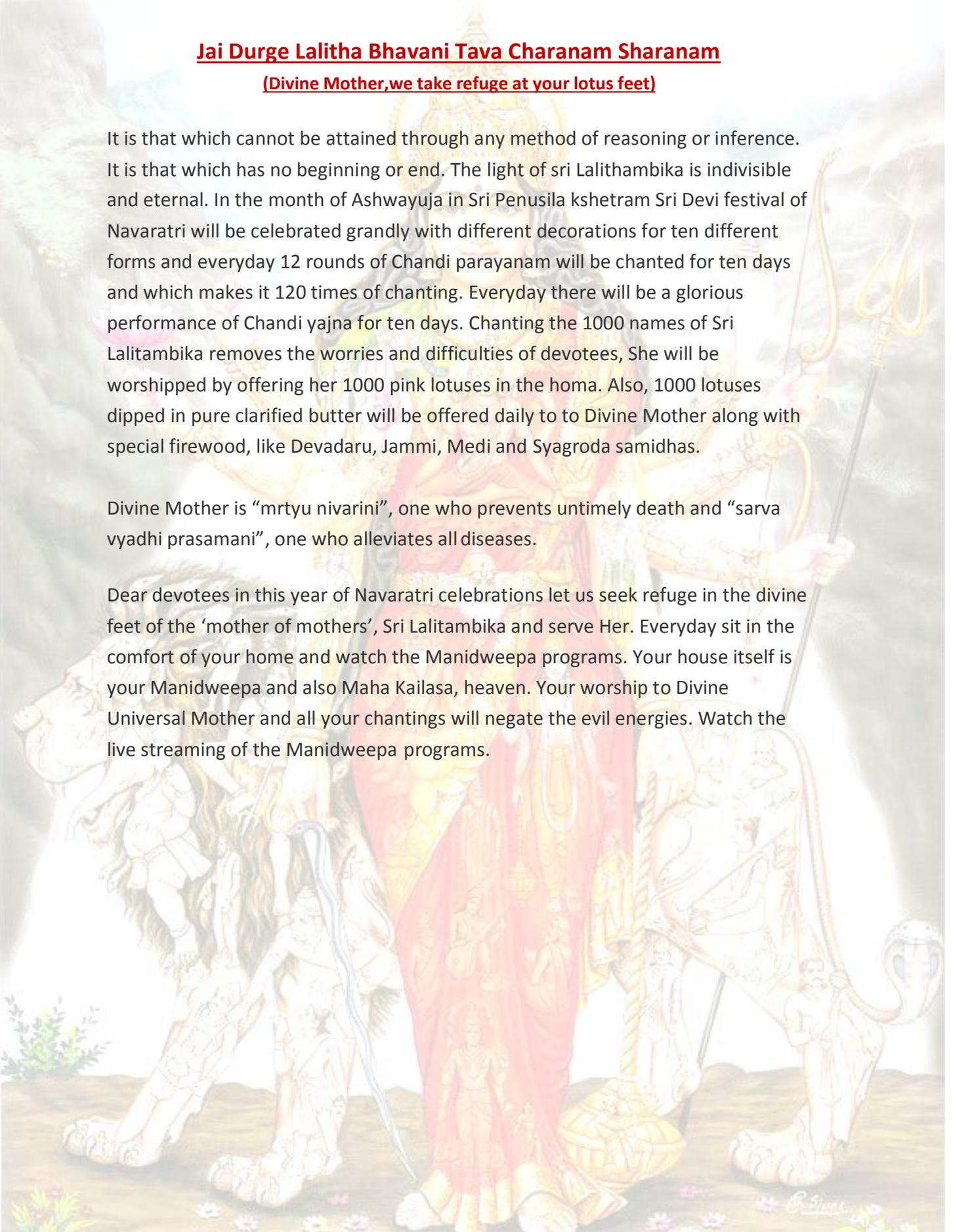
Jai Durge Lalitha Bhavani Tava Charanam Sharanam

(Divine Mother, we take refuge at your lotus feet)

It is that which cannot be attained through any method of reasoning or inference. It is that which has no beginning or end. The light of Sri Lalithambika is indivisible and eternal. In the month of Ashwayuja in Sri Penusila kshetram Sri Devi festival of Navaratri will be celebrated grandly with different decorations for ten different forms and everyday 12 rounds of Chandi parayanam will be chanted for ten days and which makes it 120 times of chanting. Everyday there will be a glorious performance of Chandi yajna for ten days. Chanting the 1000 names of Sri Lalitambika removes the worries and difficulties of devotees, She will be worshipped by offering her 1000 pink lotuses in the homa. Also, 1000 lotuses dipped in pure clarified butter will be offered daily to Divine Mother along with special firewood, like Devadaru, Jammi, Medi and Syagroda samidhas.

Divine Mother is “mrttyu nivarini”, one who prevents untimely death and “sarva vyadhi prasamani”, one who alleviates all diseases.

Dear devotees in this year of Navaratri celebrations let us seek refuge in the divine feet of the ‘mother of mothers’, Sri Lalitambika and serve Her. Everyday sit in the comfort of your home and watch the Manidweepa programs. Your house itself is your Manidweepa and also Maha Kailasa, heaven. Your worship to Divine Universal Mother and all your chantings will negate the evil energies. Watch the live streaming of the Manidweepa programs.



Wonderful and extraordinary homas for Divine Universal Mother who grants your wishes, will be performed as follows at Manidweepa Mahasamasthanam:-

Every day Ganesha homas will be done offering 1000 Modukas. In addition, Rudra Homas will be done every day.

Additional homas that will be performed:

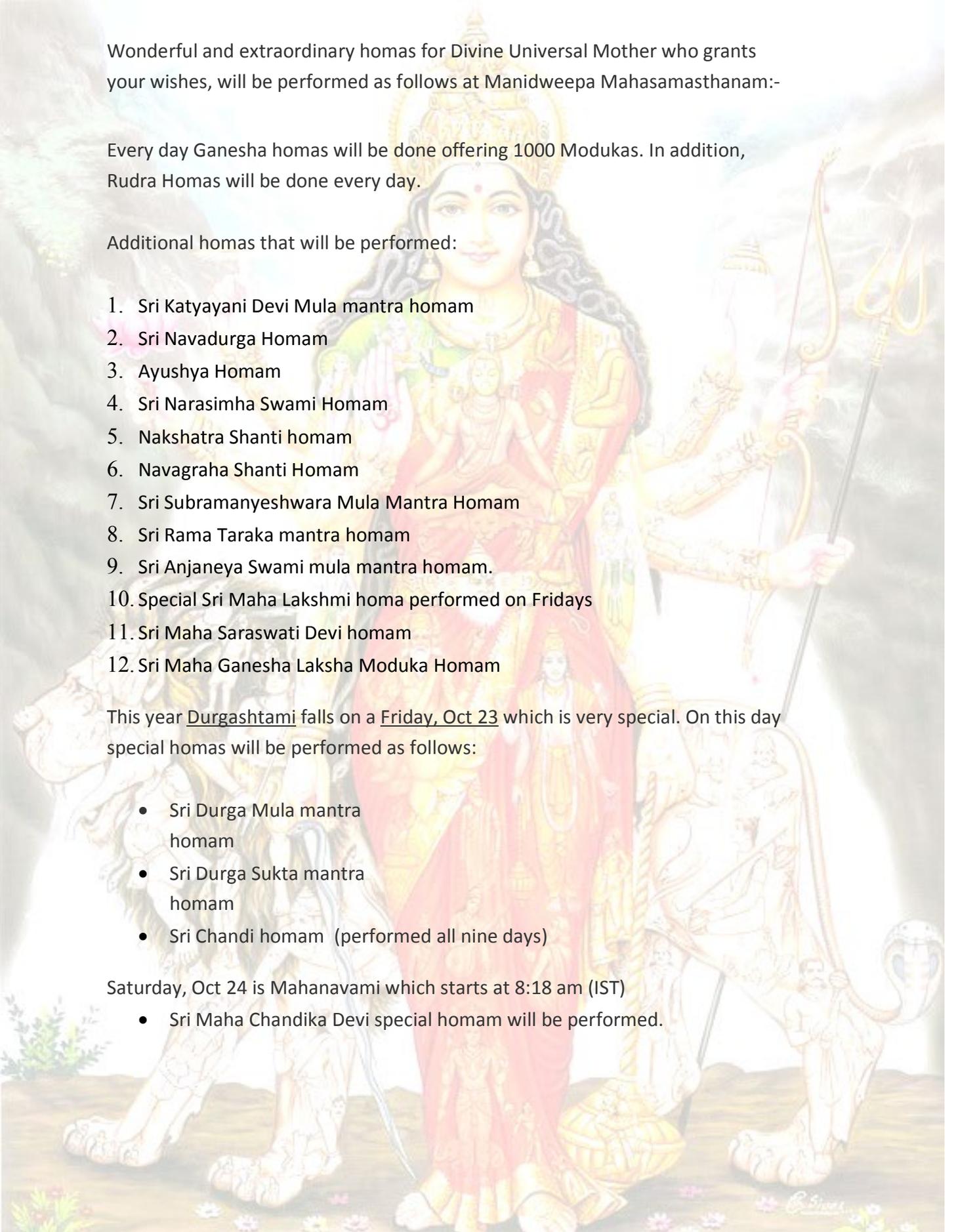
1. Sri Katyayani Devi Mula mantra homam
2. Sri Navadurga Homam
3. Ayushya Homam
4. Sri Narasimha Swami Homam
5. Nakshatra Shanti homam
6. Navagraha Shanti Homam
7. Sri Subramanyeshwara Mula Mantra Homam
8. Sri Rama Taraka mantra homam
9. Sri Anjaneya Swami mula mantra homam.
10. Special Sri Maha Lakshmi homa performed on Fridays
11. Sri Maha Saraswati Devi homam
12. Sri Maha Ganesha Laksha Moduka Homam

This year Durgashtami falls on a Friday, Oct 23 which is very special. On this day special homas will be performed as follows:

- Sri Durga Mula mantra homam
- Sri Durga Sukta mantra homam
- Sri Chandi homam (performed all nine days)

Saturday, Oct 24 is Mahanavami which starts at 8:18 am (IST)

- Sri Maha Chandika Devi special homam will be performed.



Sunday, Oct 25 is Mahadashami.

Unheard of and unseen 108 different ingredients will be offered to Sri Lalita Bhavani Devi for Maha Purnahuti.

In addition, many other authentic and special homas will be performed.

1. Sri Dhanvantari arogya raksha homam
2. Samasta Kshudra rakshana prayoga homam using Sri Sudharshana mula mantra
3. Sri Nageshwara Nava Naga Mula mantra homam
4. Special puja and homa for people with Ashlesha birth star.
5. Sri Sukta Homam

6. Sri Purusha Sukta Homam

7. Gruha Shanti and Vastu Shanti homam for peace in your house.

A yantra will be placed in front of Devi and this will be offered to be installed in your house as prasadam.

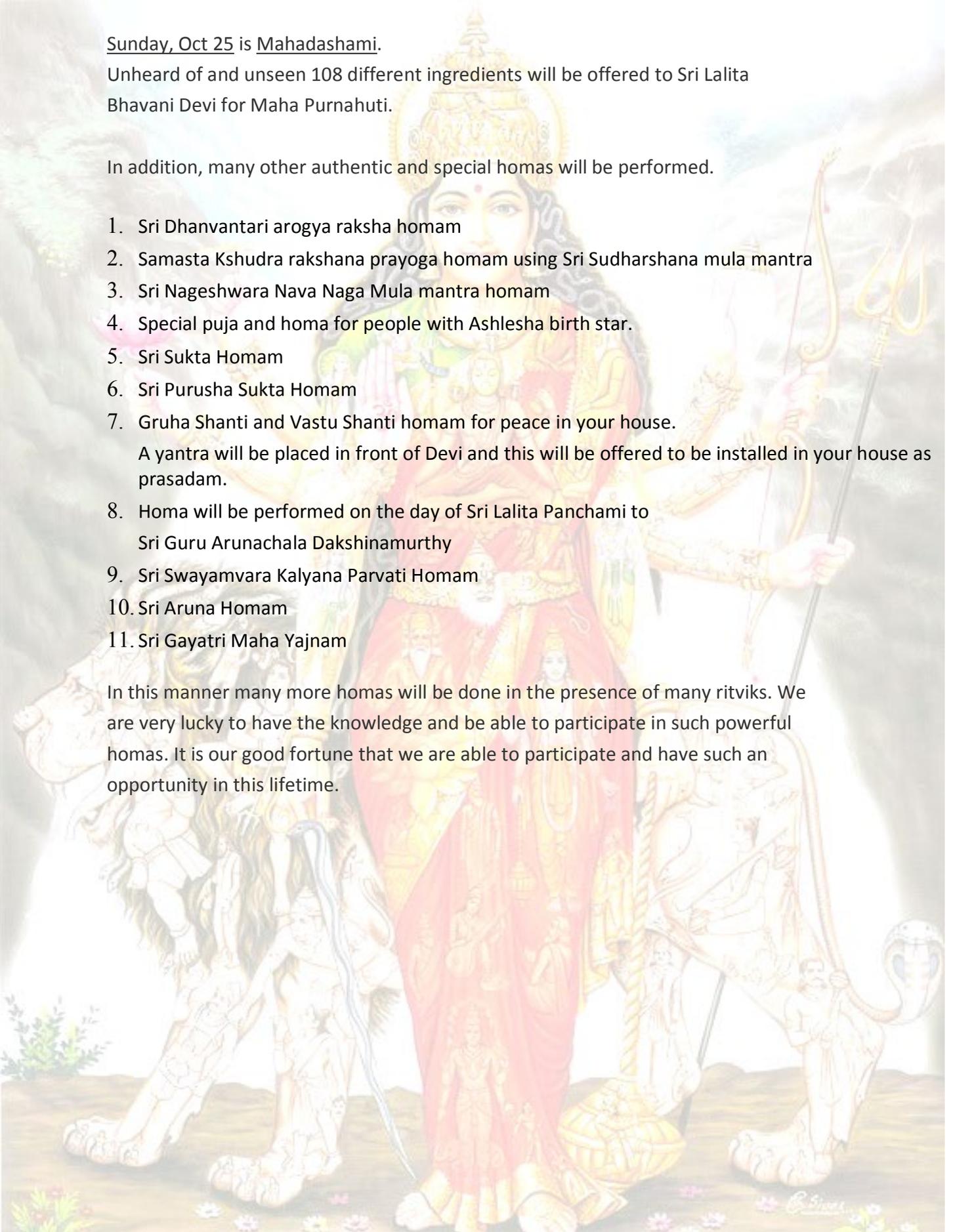
8. Homa will be performed on the day of Sri Lalita Panchami to Sri Guru Arunachala Dakshinamurthy

9. Sri Swayamvara Kalyana Parvati Homam

10. Sri Aruna Homam

11. Sri Gayatri Maha Yajnam

In this manner many more homas will be done in the presence of many ritviks. We are very lucky to have the knowledge and be able to participate in such powerful homas. It is our good fortune that we are able to participate and have such an opportunity in this lifetime.



Sri Sri Sri Sri Sri Siva Shakti Lalita Tripura Sundari Devi who is seated on the Pancha brahma peetham.

In the whole of India among all the shakti pithas, there is only one such Sri Mata Trishakti Peetham -Sri Siva Shakti Lalita Tripurasundari Devi seated on the throne of Pancha Brahma, in the most unique manner and that is at Penusila Manidweepa. By Her mere darshan, Jagajjanani, Universal Divine Mother fulfills all the desires of Her devotees. She is the Sri Adi Parashakti holding the form of the Cosmos, the millions of Universes. She shines splendidly as Soubhagyadayini, one who grants all auspiciousness, seated firmly established in the supremely powerful Sri Chakra in the Manidweepa Trishakti Peetham. She is the Mother who responds immediately to the call of Her devotees. During this nine day celebration of Navaratri she will be beautifully decorated for her ten different forms, and will glorie brightly and to accept all the offerings of the special pujas being performed.

Sri Mata comes as Bala Tripura Sundari on the first day and She is invoked and worshipped with 16 different pujas and 64 services. After the devotees' names and stars are read out, divine blessings are sought from Sri Mata and then the Maha Puja for Devi will commence.

Bala Tripura Sundari will then be seated on the cosmic lotus and garlanded with flowers and offered incense, lamp, arati and naivedya. The festival of Navaratri starts with great enthusiasm and nadaswaram, great instrumental musical sounds. This is the first day's program.

