
Shri Durga Saptashati - Chapter 9

Niśumbha-Vadha: The Slaying of Nishumbha

Dhyanam (Meditation)

*Om bandhūka-kāñcana-nibhaṃ rucirākṣa-mālāṃ pāsāñkuśau ca varadāṃ nija-bāhu-daṇḍaiḥ |
bibhrāṇam-indu-śakalā-bharaṇaṃ tri-netra- mardhāmbikeśam-anīśaṃ vapur-āśrayāmi ||*

The King Speaks

"Om" Rājovāca || 1 ||

Vicitram-idam-ākhyātam bhagavan bhavatā mama |

devyāś-carita-māhātmyaṃ raktabīja-vadhā-śritam || 2 ||

Bhūyaś-ce-cchāmy-ahaṃ śrotuṃ raktabīje nipātite |

cakāra śumbho yat-karma niśumbhaś-cātiko-panaḥ || 3 ||

The Rishi Speaks

R̥ṣir-uvāca || 4 ||

Cakāra kopam-atulaṃ raktabīje nipātite |

śumbhāsuro niśumbhaś-ca hateṣv-anyeṣu cāhave || 5 ||

Hanyamānaṃ mahā-sainyaṃ vilokyā-marṣam-udvahan |

abhyadhāvan-niśumbho-'tha mukhyayā-sura-senayā || 6 ||

Tasyā-gratas-tathā pṛṣṭhe pārśvayoś-ca mahāsurāḥ |

sandaṣṭau-ṣṭha-putāḥ kruddhā hantuṃ devīm-upāyayuh || 7 ||

Ājagāma mahāvīryaḥ śumbho-'pi svabalair-vṛtaḥ |

nihantuṃ caṇḍikāṃ kopāt-kṛtvā yuddhaṃ tu mātṛbhiḥ || 8 ||

Tato yuddham-atīvāsīd-devyā śumbha-niśumbhayoḥ |

śara-varṣam-atī-vograṃ meghayor-iva varṣatoḥ || 9 ||

Cicchedās-tāñ-charāṃs-tābhyāṃ caṇḍikā sva-śarot-karaiḥ |

tāḍayāmāsa cāñgeṣu śast-raughair-asureśvarau || 10 ||

Niśumbho niśitaṃ khaḍgaṃ carma cādāya suprabham |

atāḍayan-mūrdhni siṃhaṃ devyā vāhanam-uttamam || 11 ||

Tāḍite vāhane devī kṣura-prenā-sim-uttamam |

niśumbhasyāśu ciccheda carma cāpya-ṣṭacandrakam || 12 ||

Chinne carmaṇi khaḍge ca śaktiṃ cikṣepa so-'suraḥ |

tām-apyasya dvi-dhā cakre cakreṇā-bhimukhā-gatām || 13 ||

Kopādhmāto niśumbho-'tha śūlaṃ jagrāha dānavaḥ |

āyātaṃ muṣṭi-pātena devī tac-cāpy-acūrṇayat || 14 ||

Āvidhyā-tha gadāṃ so-'pi cikṣepa caṇḍikāṃ prati |

sāpi devyā tri-śūlena bhinnā bhasmatvam-āgatā || 15 ||

Tataḥ paraśu-hastaṃ tam-āyāntaṃ daitya-puṅgavam |
āhatya devī bāṇaughair-apātayata bhūtale || 16 ||

Tasmin-nipātite bhūmau niśumbhe bhīma-vikrame |
bhrātary-atīva saṅkrudhaḥ prayayau hantum-ambikām || 17 ||

Sa rathasthas-tathā-tyuccair-grhīta-paramā-yudhaiḥ |
bhujair-aṣṭābhir-atulai-rvyāpyā-śeṣaṃ babhau nabhaḥ || 18 ||

Tam-āyāntaṃ samālokya devī śaṅkham-avādayat |
jyā-śabdaṃ cāpi dhanuṣaś-cakārā-tīva duḥsaham || 19 ||

Pūrayāmāsa kakubho nija-ghaṇṭā-svanena ca |
samasta-daitya-senyānāṃ tejo-vadha-vidhāyinā || 20 ||

Tataḥ siṃho mahānādais-tyā-jitebha-mahā-madaiḥ |
pūrayāmāsa gaganam gāṃ tathaiva diśo daśa || 21 ||

Tataḥ kālī samutpatya gaganam kṣmām-atāḍayat |
karābhyāṃ tan-ninādena prāk-svanāste tiro-hitāḥ || 22 ||

Aṭṭā-ṭṭahāsam-aśivaṃ śiva-dūtī cakāra ha |
taiḥ śabdair-asurā-stresuḥ śumbhaḥ kopam param yayau || 23 ||

Durātmaṃs-tiṣṭha tiṣṭheti vyā-jahārambikā yadā |
tadā jayety-abhilitaṃ devair-ākāśa-saṃsthitaiḥ || 24 ||

Śumbhenā-gatya yā śaktir-muktā jvālā-tib hīṣaṇā |
āyāntī vahni-kūṭābhā sā nirastā maholkayā || 25 ||

Siṃha-nādena śumbhasya vyāptaṃ loka-trayān-taram |
nirghāta-niḥsvano ghorō jitavān-avanīpate || 26 ||

Śumbha-muktāñ-charān-devī śumbhas-tat-prahitāñ-charān |
ciccheda sva-śarair-ugraiḥ śataśo-'tha sahasraśaḥ || 27 ||

Tataḥ sā caṇḍikā kruddhā śūlenā-bhijaghāna tam |
sa tadābhi-hato bhūmau mūrccchito nipapāta ha || 28 ||

Tato niśumbhaḥ samprāpya cetanām-ātta-kārmukaḥ |
ājaghāna śarair-devīm kālīm kesariṇam tathā || 29 ||

Punaś-ca kṛtvā bāhūnām-ayutaṃ danujeśvaraḥ |
cakrā-yudhena ditijaś-chādayāmāsa caṇḍikām || 30 ||

Tato bhagavatī kruddhā durgā durgārti-nāśinī |

ciccheda tāni cakrāṇi sva-śaraiḥ sāyakāṃś-ca tān || 31 ||

Tato niśumbho vegena gadām-ādāya caṇḍikām |
abhyadhāvata vai hantum daitya-senā-samā-vṛtaḥ || 32 ||

Tasyā-patata evāśu gadām ciccheda caṇḍikā |
khaḍgena śita-dhāreṇa sa ca śūlaṃ samādade || 33 ||

Śūla-hastaṃ samā-yāntaṃ niśumbham-amarārdanam |
hṛdi vivyādha śūlena vegā-viddhena caṇḍikā || 34 ||

Bhinnasya tasya śūlena hṛdayān-niḥṣṭo-'paraḥ |
mahā-balo mahāvīryas-tiṣṭheti puruṣo vadan || 35 ||

Tasya niṣkrāmato devī prahasya svanavat-tataḥ |
śira-ściccheda khaḍgena tato-'sāv-apatad-bhuvi || 36 ||

Tataḥ siṃha-ścak-hādogaṃ daṃṣṭrā-kṣuṇṇa-śiro-dharān |
asurāṃs-tāṃs-tathā kālī śiva-dūtī tathā-parān || 37 ||

Kaumārī-śakti-nirbhinnāḥ kecin-neśur-mahāsurāḥ |
brahmāṇī-mantra-pūtena toyenā-nye nirā-kṛtāḥ || 38 ||

Māheśvarī-tri-śūlena bhinnāḥ petus-tathā-pare |
vārāhī-tuṇḍa-ghātena kecic-cūrṇī-kṛtā bhuvī || 39 ||

Khaṇḍaṃ khaṇḍaṃ ca cakreṇa vaiṣṇavyā dānavāḥ kṛtāḥ |
vajreṇa caindrī-hastā-gra-vimuktena tathā-pare || 40 ||

Kecid-vine-śur-asurāḥ kecin-naṣṭā mahā-havāt |
bhakṣitāś-cāpare kālī-śiva-dūtī-mṛgādhipaiḥ || Om || 41 ||

iti śrī-mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇe sāvarṇike manvantare devī-māhātmye niśumbha-vadho nāma navamo-
'dhyāyaḥ || 9 ||