

Sharada Stotram
(Prayer to Goddess of learning)

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(Goddess Saraswathi is worshipped as Sharada Devi in the famous temple at Sringeri.)

Namasthe Sharade devi, Kashmeera pura Vasini,
Thwam aham prathaye nithyam , vidhya dhanam cha dehi may. 1

Salutations to Goddess Sharada who lives in Kashmir,
I pray you daily and so give me knowledge as gift.

Ya Shradha , dharana medha , vagh devi vidhi vallabha,
Bhaktha jihwagra sadhana shamadhi guna dhayini. 2

You are attention, understanding , wisdom, goddess of speech and consort of Brahma,
Sitting at the tip of the toungue of your devotees , you grant peace and all that is good.

Namami Yaminim nadha lekha alankrutha kunthalam,
Bhavaneem bhava santhapa nirvapana sudha nadheem. 3

Salutations to her who decorates her tresses with the darkness of night and sound of
writing,
And to Goddess Bhavani who cures sorrow due to life like a river of nectar.

Bhadra kalyai namo nithyam sarasvathyai namo nama,
Veda vedanga vedantha vidhya sthanebhya eva cha. 4

I salute daily you as Bhadra kali as well as salute her as Saraswathi,
As you are the home of Vedas, branches of Vedas , philosophy and knowledge.

Brahma swarooka paramaa jyothi roopa sanathani,
Sarva vidhyadhi devi ya thasyai vanyai namo nama. 5

Salutation to Vani who is the goddess of all types of learning,
Who has the form of Brahma , the ultimate light and is for ever.

Yaya vinaa jagat sarva sasva jeevan mrutham bhaveth,
Jnanadhi devi ya thasyai saraswathyai namo nama. 6

Salutations to Goddess Saraswathi , who is the supreme goddess of wisdom,

Without whom the entire universe would appear dead even though it is alive.

Yaya vinaa jagat sarvam mooka munmathavad sadaa,
Ya devi vaghadhishtathri thasyai vanyai namo nama, 7

Salutations to goddess Vani , who presides over the act of speaking ,
Without whom this world would be dumb, confused and mad,