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Foreword

**“Yaa Devi Sarva Bhuteshu Matru Rupena Samstitah
Namas Tasyai Namas Tasyai Namas Tasyai Namo Namah||”**

Jaganmatha is very kind hearted. She is benevolent and loves all her devotees. With her kind and graceful looks she takes care of the universe so that no harm comes to her children. She is the Moolam or root of the Trimurthies and is Parabrahma Swaroopini. All the powers bestowed on celestial beings are due to her blessings. There will be no dearth in the lives of those who worship her constantly. They will be blessed with prosperity.

I finished my M.Tech in 1983 from Regional Engineering College, Warangal. I worked in Allwyn company till 1984 and then in M.V.S.R Engineering college till 1989. I got married to Chi.Sow. Venkata Rukmini Vaidehi in 1983 and we have three children, Aanandi, Aamukta and Aaditya.

From 1998, I started giving consultation to business organisation by designing their logos and naming of companies based on Vedas and astrological charts of the business owners. Till now I have designed more than 5,000 logos for national and international companies. All these are due to blessing of Sri Venkateswara Swamy.

I could write 24 books because of his benediction. Of these 14 are about leelas of Sri Venkateswara Swamy! It is only by his grace that these books are being read by devotees across the world. People are seeing miracles and receiving blessings upon reading these books. They are leading a satisfied life due to his grace. Among the twenty four books that I have written, Sri Venkateswara Vrata Kalpam, Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Vrata Kalpam, Sri Ananda Anjaneyam, Sri Maheswara Vratam, Sri Subramanya Vratam, Sri Sai Raksha Vratam, Sri Rama Raksha Vratam, Sri Gyana Saraswati Vratam are more popularly followed. All these eight vratams are observed by numerous devotees in their houses as well as in temples across the world. I feel really blessed for being able to write these vratams by the grace of Sri Venkateswara Swamy.

From a long time devotees have been requesting me to write a simplified vratam for Jaganmatha. No one can write any devotional book without the blessing of that particular God or Goddess. When I visited Sri Kanaka Durga temple in Vijayawada around two years back, I received the permission to write this vratam. Due to Mother Goddess blessing I was able to write this book. It is just Her divine mercy that this Shuba Durga Vratam was written. It can bring prosperity to those devotees who perform this vratam.

Mother Goddess knows our incapabilities in this Kali yuga and hence showed us mercy by giving us this vratam. The vratam is easy to perform, and can be done by anyone and anywhere to receive Her blessing. By entreating Her one can be blessed with physical brilliance, name, fame, knowledge, wisdom, work completion, early

marriage, blessed with children, get promotions, become healthy, acquire wealth and prosper.

I am thankful to Smt & Sri P. Jagadish of Sri Vasavi printers, for the DTP work. I pray that Sri Shuba Durga should always bless them.

I also implore Mother Goddess to bless all those who directly or indirectly contributed to the publication of the book, devotees like you who are performing this vratam or reading the stories and those who partake the prasadam will be blessed with health, wealth and prosperity.

“Sarve Jana Sukhino Bhavantu”

**“Sri Shuba Durga Kataaksha Siddhirasthu
Samasta Sanmangalaani Bhavantu”**

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How to do this Vratam?

- This book can be read by anyone, anytime. There is no limitation of age, caste or creed. It can be read by both men and women, in any month or any day without consulting Panchangam.
- There is no need to observe any fast when doing this vratam.
- Vratam can be done in any month and any Friday.
- It is very auspicious to read on Fridays in the months of Chitra, Vaisakha, Sravana, Aswayuja, Kartika, Margasira and Magha. If the Friday falls on Dasami or Ekadasi it is much more auspicious.
- During Navaratri one can do this vratam on any of the nine days. If one does it for all the nine days the result is as equivalent to doing 1000 Aswamedha yagams.
- Women who observe this fast will be blessed with long married life. Unmarried girls will be blessed with good husbands at the earliest.
- Childless couple will be blessed with children when this vratam is performed. Those having health issues will become alright. Businesses will prosper. Families who perform this every Friday will be flourish in all aspects of life. Their house will always be blessed with health, wealth and prosperity.
- Before starting the vratam offer obeisance to Lord Ganapati, Navagrahas and Astadikpalakas. After that you can state in your mind your name, names of your family members and gotram. Read the Astotram of Durga Devi followed by the five stories of Devi Maa and finally offer any fruits as Naivedyam.
- On the day of the vratam, one needs to get up early, take head bath and perform the puja in their puja room/ temple keeping a photo of Durga Devi in front. If not you can perform the puja even in a place convenient to you in the house. The puja has to be performed facing east side only.
- Performing the puja in Durga temple will immensely benefit the doer. Men, women, or group of people, either at house or in temple can perform this vratam. The naivedyam to be offered could be all or one of these: milk, sugar, honey, kesari, rice payasam, pulihora, vada, fruits. If performing on Friday, rice payasam and pulihora will be the best.
- Children who are writing exams should read the five stories and offer bananas to Durga maa. Maa Durga will bless them with success in the exams.
- The five stories in the book can be read in any Shankara matham and then one can offer bananas to Sarada Devi to fulfil their desires. All your wishes will come true. Unmarried will get married, childless will beget children, children will get good results in their exams. Reading can be done either in morning or evening and no specific requirement of fasting to perform this vratam.
- There is no requirement for both husband and wife to do the vratam together. Whenever husband or wife is free they can perform it. If both have time to perform together they can very well do so.
- Under unfortunate circumstances of being a widow or widower even they can, without hesitation, perform the vratam. Those who perform will be blessed with peace of mind.

- Childless couple should read the book in any temple on Friday. They will definitely be blessed by children. Unmarried girls and boys should also follow the same ritual for early marriage.
- One can perform the vratam or read the book for the benefit of one's children or relatives if they are unable to do so for any reason (out of country, health problem etc). You can perform or read the book on a Friday in any temple to obtain the blessings of Devi Maa, be it for child, marriage, job, health etc.
- In this way one can perform the Shuba Durga vratam in any way, on any day to receive the blessings of Devi Maa.

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Sri Durga Astotara Satanamavali

Om Drugayai Namaha Om Shivayai Namaha Om Maha Lakshmyai Namaha Om Maha Gouryai Namaha Om Chandikaye Namaha Om Sarva Gynayai Namaha Om Sarva Lokeshayai Namaha Om Sarva Karma Phala Pradayai Namaha Om Sarva Teerdha Mayai Namaha Om Punyayai Namaha Om Deva Yonaye Namaha Om Ayoni Jaayai Namaha Om Bhoomi Jaayai Namaha Om Nirgu Nayai Namaha Om Aadhara Shaktyai Namaha Om Aane Shvaryai Namaha Om Nirga Mayai Namaha Om Niraakarayai Namaha Om Sarva Garva Vimar Dhinyai Namaha Om Sarva Loka Priyayai Namaha Om Vaanyai Namaha Om Sarva Vidyadhi Devataayai Namaha Om Parvatyai Namaha Om Devamatre Namaha Om Anee Shayai Namaha Om Vindya Vasinyai Namaha Om Tejo Vatyai Namaha Om Maha Matre Namaha Om Koti Surya Sama Prabhayai Namaha Om Deva Tayai Namaha Om Vahni Rupayai Namaha Om Tejase Namaha Om Varna Rupinyai Namaha Om Gunaa Shrayayai Namaha Om Guna Madhyayai Namaha Om Guna Traya Vivarji Tayai Namaha Om Karma Gynana Pradayai Namaha Om Kantayai Namaha	Om Sarva Samhara Karinyai Namaha Om Dharma Gynanayai Namaha Om Dharma Nistayai Namaha Om Sarva Karma Vivarji Tayai Namaha Om Kamakshai Namaha Om Kama Samhartyai Namaha Om Kama Krodha Vivarji Tayai Namaha Om Shaam Karyai Namaha Om Shaam Bhavyai Namaha Om Shaantayai Namaha Om Chandra Suryagni Lochanayai Namaha Om Suja Yayai Namaha Om Jaya Bhumi Shtayai Namaha Om Jaahnavyai Namaha Om Jana Puji Tayai Namaha Om Shastrasyai Namaha Om Shastra Mayyai Namaha Om Nityayai Namaha Om Shubhayai Namaha Om Chandhrardha Mastakayai Namaha Om Bharatyai Namaha Om Bramaryai Namaha Om Kalpayai Namaha Om Karalayai Namaha Om Krishna Pingalayai Namaha Om Bramhai Namaha Om Narayanyai Namaha Om Roudryai Namaha Om Chandra Mruta Pari Srutayai Namaha Om Jyeshtayai Namaha Om Indirayai Namaha Om Maha Mayayai Namaha Om Jagat Grushtya Dhika Rinyai Namaha Om Bramhanda Koti Samstha Nayai Namaha Om Kaminyai Namaha	Om Kamalaa Layayai Namaha Om Kaathyai Yanyai Namaha Om Kalaa Teetayai Namaha Om Kaala Samhara Karinyai Namaha Om Yoga Nishtayai Namaha Om Yogi Gamyayai Namaha Om Yogi Dyeyayai Namaha Om Tapa Svinyai Namaha Om Gynana Pupayai Namaha Om Niraakaa Rayai Namaha Om Bhaktaa Bhishta Phala Pradayai Namaha Om Bhutatme Kayai Namaha Om Bhutha Matre Namaha Om Bhuthe Shyai Namaha Om Bhutha Darinyai Namaha Om Svadhyayai Naree Madhya Gatayai Namaha Om Shadaa Dharadi Vardhinyai Namaha Om Mohitaayai Namaha Om Amshu Bhavayai Namaha Om Shubhrayai Namaha Om Sukshmayai Namaha Om Maatrayai Namaha Om Niraala Sayai Namaha Om Nimag Naayai Namaha Om Neela Sanka Shayai Namaha Om Nityaya Namaha Om Nandinyai Namaha Om Harayai Namaha Om Paraayai Namaha Om Sarva Gynana Pradayai Namaha Om Anamtayai Namaha Om Satyayai Namaha Om Durlabha Rupinyai Namaha Om Saraswatyai Namaha Om Sarva Gatayai Namaha Om Sarvaa Bheeshta Prada Inyai Namaha Om Durga Ambikayai Namaha
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Sodopacharam Samarpayami

Amba Shambavi Devi Maata Sri Durga Deviki
Sodopacharam samarpayami

1. Kadamba vanavasini Katyayini Devataku
Aavahana prathana ede, Aasanam ede
Advitiya Tejaswika Aananda Swarupiniki
Arhya padya achamanam samarpayami ||
 2. Sarvaloka Maheswari Saamba Shivuni Raniki
Panchamruta sudhodaka snanambidigo
Parama pavanambyna Paramjyothi Parvathiki
Masthaala alamkaram ede samarpayami ||
 3. Gandharvaadulu yele Gananaadhuni Maathaku
Gandham aabharanale samarpayami
Poornadayaa jalanidhi pujaneeya Bhavaniki
Pushpa alankaramide samarpayami ||
 4. Sarvaloka Priya vaani Sarveswara Jananiki
Dhupalu deepalu samarpayami
Para Brahma swaroopini Parameswari Deviki
Paalu pandlu Naivedhyam samarpayami ||
 5. Karunaamruta Varshini Kaalikamba Devataku
Taambulam aachamanam samarpayami
Othy satya Tejomayii Nikhileswari Maataku
Neerajana mede Neeku samarpayami ||
 6. Mahishasura Mardhini Maha Tripura Sundariki
Mantra pushamede neeku samarpayami
Akila jagati payi Nee krupa andajeyumu Janani
Anjalide sadaa Neeku samarpayami ||

Sri Lalitha Devi Neerajanam

1. Sri Chakrapuramandu stiramyna Sri Lalitha pasimi paadalaku neerajanam
Parameswaruni punya bhagyala raasi aa simha madhyaku neerajanam
||Sri ||
2. Bangaru haaralu singara molakinchu Ambikaa hrudayalu neerajanam
Sri Gouri Sri Matha Sri Maharajasri Simhasaneswari ki neerajanam
||Sri ||
3. Kalpataruvugaa nannu kaapadu karamulaku kanakambaraalato neerajanam
Paasaamkusa pushpa baana chapadhariki parama paavana myna neerajanam
||Sri ||
4. Kaanthi kiranaalatho kaliki medala meriseeti kalyana sutramulaku neerajanam
Kaanthalandariki pasupu kumkumalu echati Kaatyayiniki nitya neerajanam
||Sri ||
5. Kaluvarekula vanti kannula Talli Sri Rajarajeswariki neerajanam
Mudamaara moomuna muchataga dariinchu Kasturi kumkumaku neerajanam
||Sri ||
6. Chandra vankanu shira makutambulo daalchu Soundharya Lahiriki neerajanam
Sukra varam naadu shubhamu losage Talli Sri Maha Lakshmi neerajanam
||Sri ||
7. Sringeri peetamuna Sundaraakarini Saaradaa maataku neerajanam
Yella lokaalanu challaga paalinchu Brahma Roopiniki neerajanam
||Sri ||
8. Mugurammalaku Moola myna Peddammaku mutyalato nitya neerajanam
Raaga jeevanaraaga naama samkirtanaga ranjillu karpura neerajanam
||Sri ||
9. Janma janmala Talliki Jagadeeswari, Neeku bhakta janaalicheti neerajanam
Neerajanam nitya neerajanam, neerajanam nitya neerajanam
||Sri ||

Sri Shuba Durga Vratam

First Chapter Komalamba Story

Once upon a time on the banks of river Krishna, there was village called Srikantham. A poor Brahmin named Ramachary lived in the village. He used to perform traditional pourohityam to earn his living. His wife Komalamba was a pious lady. She was very cooperative towards her husband in running their household. After years of marriage Komalamba delivered twin daughters. They named them Lalitha and Pranathi and were bringing them up very lovingly.

Once there was a drought due to lack of rain for two consecutive years. There was a dearth of food grains and people were suffering. Due to financial constraints people stopped performing pujas and vratams. Hence Ramachary's earnings also decreased. It was very difficult to run the household. Both daughters were 18 years old and of marriageable age. But due to the tough financial conditions the couple did not know how to perform the marriage.

As days went the situation became worse, a few days more all of them would have to starve. Komalaba was worried. She being a very religious lady and used to pray to Maa Durga every day. She used to narrate all her woes to Mother Goddess and used to request her to show a solution. Even then, there was no breather in their life.

One night Komalaba went to sleep with thoughts on their current situation and praying to Mother Goddess to resolve their plight. Though she tried hard she was unable to sleep due to the stress. Continuously praying to Durga Maa she slept after a while in which she had a dream. She was walking very fast towards a lake thinking about committing suicide as that was the only choice she had. Suddenly she saw a white light in front of her. In that stream of light she saw a beautiful Divine Lady who was dressed in beautiful ornaments and was full of brilliance. Unconsciously Komalamba folded her hands. The Divine Lady said "Oh Komalamba! From today all your problems will be solved. I will tell you about a powerful vratam called Sri Shuba Durga Vratam. I am Shuba Durga. I am the one who blesses devotees with prosperity. Go back home and do the vratam tomorrow itself. You and your family will see lot of miracles." Komalaba bowed down to her and said 'Oh Mother! Thank you for blessing me. I don't know how to praise you. Please have mercy on me and explain the whole procedure to me".

Mother Goddess explained "This Shuba Durga vratam is very easy to follow. It is very precious to me. Those who perform will be blessed with wealth. They will not lack any thing in life. Their life will be without any major problems. All your works will be completed successfully. This vratam can be performed by both men and women as well as anyone in the world. On a Friday, one has to get up early in the morning before sunrise and take head bath to perform this vratam. First Astotara namams have to be read followed by the five stories. Prasadham can be payasam made with rice and jaggery. One can do the vratam sitting in front of the prayer room. It can be done either alone or after inviting friends and relatives. Any photo with my form like Vijaya Durga, Kanaka Durga, Shailaputri, Gouri Devi etc can be kept. Once you finish the vratam you will see a lot of wonders. I will personally come in any form to partake the prasadham. Oh Komalamba! Tomorrow is Friday. Perform this vratam tomorrow itself. I will bless your family with prosperity".

In the morning Komalamba narrated her dream to her husband. He was very happy. Komalamba took head bath and performed the puja as instructed by Mother Goddess. She

made payasam as Naivedyam and invited her friends, neighbours and relatives. After the puja she gave them tambulam (betel leaves etc). The same evening Komalamba witnessed a miracle. The Zamindar of a neighbouring village sent a word saying that he was constructing a new temple and that Ramachari was appointed as the chief priest. Ramachari was also entrusted with the activities of the temple construction. With the blessings of Sri Shuba Durga he was also paid a very good salary. All their problems were resolved. Both the daughters got married to good grooms. Ramachari's family continued performing the Shuba Durga vratham whenever feasible and lived happily.

|| End of First Chapter ||

**Yaa Devi Sarva Bhuteshu Buddhi Rupena Samstitah
Namas Tasyai Namas Tasyai Namas Tasyai Namo Namah||**

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Second Chapter Zamindar Story

Durgapuram was a village on the river banks of Godavari. Raghavayya was a rich Zamindar in that village as he had number of businesses. He owned lot of cattle, farm lands and properties. Due to this abundance, he was very proud and egoistical. Ego is the downfall of all humans! His wife Sridevi, on the other hand was a pious lady and was always spent time in prayers. She used to donate a lot of money to poor without her husband's knowledge. The couple were unhappy as they did not have any children.

There was a very old Durga temple in the village. Every year in the month of Aswayuja (September and October) during Navratri time, villagers would contribute to celebrate the festival in a very grand way. Not only Durgapur residents but also devotees from neighbouring villages would flock to the temple to take part in the festivities. Donations would come from the rich and business people. In spite of being the temple committee President, Raghavayya used to donate very little amount only to show that he was also donating. Although villagers were not in favour of him, being the richest man they could not do anything, so every time they elected him only as a president.

Raghavayya used to swindle some amount from the temple donations. Although villagers suspected this, they could not confront him. Raghavayya was not bothered and used to exploit his position.

One particular year, farmers donated large amounts of money as they got good crops. Raghavayya seeing the collections got very greedy. He spent a very little amount on the festivities and directed the rest of the money to his own businesses. Maa Durga observed his behaviour, got angry and wanted to teach him a lesson.

As soon as the Navratri festival was finished, Raghavayya was affected with paralysis and was bedridden. His wife Sridevi realised that this was due to his swindling of temple money and felt very unhappy. Not only his health, Raghavayya's businesses also started suffering with losses. Due to unseasonal rains all his crops got damaged. Raghavayya had to take loans to run the business. Slowly he started selling his farm lands to repay the loans. Within two years except for two acres of land he lost everything. On the other hand his health also did not show any improvement despite taking many medicines. Sridevi prayed to all deities to help them overcome the problems. Ultimately Raghavayya realised all these problems were due to the misappropriation of Maa Durga's temple funds.

One day a Sadhu came to his house and asked for alms. As there was nothing else at home Sridevi just gave dates as alms. Seeing her sadness the Sadhu said 'Oh Lady! I know your problems. Please do **Sri Shuba Durga vratam**. All your problems will be resolved. You will once again achieve your previous glory and riches', saying so he explained the procedure and left. The very next day Sridevi decided to perform the Shuba Durga vratam. She thought that she will perform the vratam every day for a month.

As planned, Sridevi started the vratam the next day and continued it for a month. She used to get up early in the morning to take head bath and then performed the vratam. The last day of the month was a Friday. As soon as she finished the vratam she heard someone calling her from the doorstep. When she opened the door she saw a Brahmin couple. They told her

that were travellers going to the next village and asked if she can serve them food. Sridevi cordially invited them into the house and served lunch to them. The couple ate to their hearts content and also partook the vrata prasadam. While leaving the house they gave Sridevi a small bag and said there is some money in this bag, please open it after we leave.

When Sridevi opened the bag she was shocked. The bag contained a lot of gold coins. In addition there was also a small Shiva Linga and Maa Durga vigraha. What a wonder! She realised that Lord Shiva and Devi Maa themselves came to partake (eat) the prasadam and showed their mercy on them. Her happiness knew no bounds. With the blessings of the Divine couple Raghavayya's health improved. His businesses also picked up. He earned more than he had previously. Both his attitude and behaviour changed for good. He kept efforts to develop the temple by constructing golden gopuram. In a few months he earned the name as a pious person. He regularly did charity to help the poor. Raghavayya and Sridevi couple performed the Vratam regularly till their end and attained moksha.

|| End of Second Chapter ||

**Yaa Devi Sarva Bhuteshu Shakti Rupena Samstitah
Namas Tasyai Namas Tasyai Namas Tasyai Namo Namah||**

Sri Shuba Durga Vratam

Third Chapter

Story of Twins

Long time ago, there was a village called Veerabhadrapuram near SriSailam in the state of Andhra Pradesh. A carpenter named Ramaiah used to live in this village. He used to do small odd works to earn for his living. His wife Sumathi was very adjusting and used to take care of the house within the means. They lived in an ancestral house and were contended with all aspects of their life except that they did not have children even after twelve years of marriage. They were unhappy due to this fact. Being very religious Sumati used to do a number of pujas to beget children.

Once Ramaiah was entrusted with the carpentry work of a house being constructed in the neighbouring village Krishnapuram. On the day of house warming ceremony the owner of the house invited Ramaiah couple. Sumati observed that Shuba Durga vratam was being performed during the ceremony. She thought she had never heard about this and so asked the mistress of the house. The lady informed her that they have been performing this vratam from generations and that anyone can perform it. She also explained that the vratam is very powerful and that it brings a lot of auspiciousness and blessings. Sumati enquired about the process from the lady of the house.

After returning to her house, on a Friday Sumati also performed the vratam and prayed to Mother goddess to bless her with children. And also promised that once she begets a child she will again perform the vratam in the presence of her family and friends. In due course, Sumati gave birth to twin boys and named them Rama and Krishna. The boys grew to three years old. Sumati however forgot about her promise to perform the vratam. Mother Goddess got angry that even after three years Sumati had not kept her promise.

One day the children who were playing outside the house suddenly disappeared. Ramaiah couple searched everywhere for the boys. They were very sad and thought what wrong had they done for this punishment. Suddenly Sumati remembered that she had not keep her promise to Sri Shuba Durga Devi to perform the vratam after the birth of her children. She realised that this could be the reason for the children's disappearance. The next day being Friday, she immediately invited all her relatives to attend the vratam.

Ramaiah couple performed the vratam with all devotion, although there was a sadness in their hearts. They begged Mother Goddess to safely bring their children back home. When the Naivedyam was being offered after the completion of the vratam, one of their distant relatives, Janakamma came home with both the kids. Seeing the kids every one present there were extremely happy. Janakamma explained the delay in attending the vratam to Ramaiah. She said that while she was returning from a temple in the next village she saw both the kids under a tree on the outskirts of the village. The couple's happiness knew no bounds as their children were back home.

After lunch all the relatives left for their houses. Janakamma also got ready to leave. Ramaiah couple with a lot of gratitude offered clothes to her and took her blessings. Ramaiah and his wife happily chatted with the children and proceeded with their daily tasks. In the evening, when someone knocked on the door, Sumati opened the door. When she saw Janakamma again she asked 'Aunty why did you come back again? Did you forget anything?' A surprised Janakamma said 'Come back? I did not attend the vratam in the

morning as I just came back from a journey. I came to partake the vrata prasadam'. Sumati was shocked to hear Janakamma words and realised what happened. Mother Goddess visited them in the form of Janakamma. She praised Mother Goddess saying 'Oh Mother! I am sorry I could not recognise you. You not only brought back my children but also took the clothes offered. You are so kind towards your devotees.' Janakkama was wonder stuck on hearing the story. From that day onwards every month on one Friday Ramaiah and Sumati performed Sri Shuba Durga vratham without fail and led a happy life.

|| End of Third Chapter ||

**Yaa Devi Sarva Bhuteshu Shanti Rupena Samstitah
Namas Tasyai Namas Tasyai Namas Tasyai Namo Namah||**

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Fourth Chapter

Annapurnamma Story

On the river banks of Cauvery, there lived a pious Brahmin named Krishna Sharma. He was well versed in all the shastras and was employed as a teacher in a Veda school. His wife Annapurnamma was a devout lady. The couple had two sons who were studying in the same school where Krishna Sharma was teaching. Annapurnamma would cordially invite everyone who used to visit her house and took good care of them. She used to serve food to all the guests whatever time they come. As the couple were very kind hearted whoever came to their house were very well taken care of. Not only relatives, Annapurnamma also used to give food to those who just came to take Krishna Sharma's advice.

One day Annapurnamma felt pain in her right leg. She was unable to take a single step. The village doctor prescribed some medicines. Even after using them for two months there was no relief in her pain. Annapurnamma had the habit of getting up early in the morning to take head bath with cold water. She would cook in those wet clothes to offer naivedyam to Mother Goddess. This was a routine, she never stopped even when she was suffering from the leg pain.

One early morning Annapurnamma got up to follow her routine and went into the backyard. As it was still dark she could not see and fell down resulting in increased pain. Doctor ordered her to take bed rest for at least two months. Annapurnamma did not know what to do. If she is bed ridden who will take care of the house work? Krishna Sharma and children were busy in their own works. She was worried about who was going to cook and give naivedyam to Mother Goddess. Krishna Sharma consoled her and said he would prepare the naivedyam every day.

Although Krishna Sharma promised his wife, he did not know how to cook. By the time he finished all the house work it used to be very late for the school. Seeing her husband's plight Annapurnamma prayed to Mother Goddess to reduce her pain quickly so that she can take over the house responsibilities. One day after everyone left she heard a knock on the door and saw a ten year old girl standing on the door step. She asked the child 'Who are you my dear? Why have you come?' The girl replied 'Mother, I am coming from the neighbouring village. I am an orphan. My parents left me and went off to another place. I don't have anyone to take care of me. If you allow me, I will stay with you till my parents return'. Annapurnamma's heart melted seeing the child. She agreed for the child's stay with them. Even Krishna Sharma did not object to the decision.

The small girl used to get up early in the morning. After cleaning the house she would take head bath and prepare naivedyam for Mother Goddess. She would finish all the cooking required for the family. She used to respond to all the needs of Annapurnamma. She would feed her and massage her legs. Annapurnamma was delighted with the child. With the child's pampering Annapurnamma recovered within a month and slowly started doing her work. She attributed her recovery to the arrival of the girl in her house. That night she told her husband that she would like to adopt the child and perform her marriage for which Krishna Sharma happily agreed.

Annapurnamma slept without any thought. She had a beautiful dream in which she saw a Goddess. The Goddess said 'Annapurnamma! I am Sri Shuba Durga. I take care of those who reverently pray to me. I have a lot of affection towards you. That is why I came to your house in the form of a child. As you have completely recovered, I am leaving and you will not

see me from tomorrow. I am very happy seeing the love between you and your husband. I will always bless your family'. Saying so she disappeared. When Annapurnamma got up the next day she realised the child was not to be seen. She was surprised and prayed 'Oh Mother Goddess! I made You work in my house and serve me. I should have realised seeing the glow on Your face. What a foolish person I am? The whole world craves to serve You and You came to serve me. Oh! What a blessed soul I am!'

After that day Krishna Sharma family regularly performed Sri Shuba Durga vratam and attained salvation.

|| End of Fourth Chapter ||

**Yaa Devi Sarva Bhuteshu Daya Rupena Samstitah
Namas Tasyai Namas Tasyai Namas Tasyai Namo Namah||**

Sri Shuba Durga Vratam

Fifth Chapter

Keshava Verma Story

Kesavapuram was a village on the banks of Tungabhadra River. A number of rich people lived in this village, among them Keshava Verma was the richest. He was bequeathed with a lot of wealth. He owned vast crop lands and his house was always filled with servants. Kesava Verma's wife Rukmini was a virtuous lady. The couple though very rich were not at all egoistical and used to do a lot of charity. They used to take good care of the servants who work with them.

They had two sons. Both of them were of similar nature as the parents and used to help them a lot. There was an old temple in the village which was dedicated to Chennakesava Swamy (form of Shiva). This temple was under the patronage of Kesava Verma's family. Rukmini always used to pray to Goddess Durga. Every year she used to celebrate Navratri in a grand scale. She used to invite all the married ladies for the puja and offer them clothes (saree and blouse). She always had a smile in her face which gave a glow to her.

One night Kesava Verma suffered with a severe stomach pain. Immediately doctors from the city were called to prescribe medication. Although the pain subsided a little by afternoon it bounced back. There was no change in the situation even after a week. He was unable to eat anything. All well-known doctors were invited and even their medications did not have any impact. The pain would subside for two days and then come back. If he ate a fruit the pain would multiply a hundred times. He thought that his suffering was due to some bad karma in the past birth. Krishna Sharma became very weak due to not eating any food.

Rukmini offered many prayers and observed a number of vratams for her husband's health. Two years passed in which they visited all the religious places without any respite from pain. Even a morsel of food would result in severe stomach pain. Someone advised Rukmini to observe a vratam on Friday dedicated to Durga Devi in a temple. Rukmini had visited the same temple so many times. As Kesava Verma was dejected he tried to dissuade her. Rukmini was adamant on going to the temple the next Friday.

On Friday morning Rukmini and Kesava Sharma along with other family members went to the temple. When they reached the temple, they saw few ladies reading some vrata katha (story). Rukmini and her family sat in the mandap till the whole thing was completed and then took the banana prasadam that was distributed. She took half of the banana and gave the rest to her husband. Keshava Verma said 'Rukmini don't you remember if I take any fruit I will have to suffer with stomach ache?' On Rukmini's insistence, he ate the banana taking it as prasadam. Surprisingly he felt a bolt of electricity in his body and divine glow and wonder of wonders, his stomach ache disappeared.

A surprised Rukmini went to the ladies who performed the vratam and enquired about it. They said that this was Sri Shuba Durga vratam which is very powerful. From that day Rukmini started performing the vratam every Friday. Due to this Kesava Verma's health got normal. With the blessings of Sri Shuba Durga the couple lived for a long time and ultimately attained moksha.

This vratam was written by Sri Viswapati with the blessings of Sri Shuba Durga. Every month at least on one Friday one needs to perform this vratam. It is a very powerful. The vratam can be performed in Chitra, Visaka, Sravana, Ashwayuja, Kaartika, Margasira or Magha

months on any Friday to get maximum benefit. Any Friday falling on Dasami or Ekadasi or Pournami is doubly auspicious. If one observes this fast during any day of Navratri they will receive blessings from Durga Maa. If one prays on all the days of Navratri, the result will be equivalent to one thousand Ashwamedha yagas. Women who perform will be blessed as sumangali (long married life). Unmarried girls will get a good husband and their marriage will be fixed quickly. People suffering from illnesses will regain health. Businesses will prosper.

If performed by either husband or wife on any Friday that house will be blessed with prosperity. Their house will always be filled with health and wealth. There will be no dearth in that house. Mother Goddess Herself blessed Viswapathi with this vratham to help people overcome their problems. It is the easiest way to receive blessing of Mother Goddess. Those who hear the vratham stories and those who partake the prasadam will always be blessed by Sri Shuba Durga Devi throughout their life.

|| End of Fifth Chapter ||

**Yaa Devi Sarva Bhuteshu Matru Rupena Samstithah
Namas Tasyai Namas Tasyai Namas Tasyai Namo Namah||**

Haarati

Haarati meerela ivvare.. Ambaku mangala harati meerela ivvare
 Harati meerela ivvare Gyana(Gnana) Vidyalakella prabhalamu
 Streetalo padiyaaru vennela melimi bangaru Talliki
 Paadamulakoo puja seyare, maa Tallikippudu paarijatapu haara mivvare || Haarati ||
 Aanimutyapu haaramula - mola noolu gajjala
 Jodu andhela, ravvala paapidi bottu mungera
 Samayamuga dhariyinchu Talliki, haarati meerela ivvare Ambaku || Haarati ||

Inta parakela nanaare - Shambunee Deviki
 Chenthundi puja seyare,
 Chenthundi puja seyare - Shankari Omkari Medhini
 Kumkumaakshatalamkariki Ponkamyna alankariki
 Haarati meerela ivvare Ambaku || Haarati ||

Laksha vattula Jyothikurchare, Maa Tallikippudu
 Pachhala Pallera munchare Rakshi tambuga nundi
 Vedaksha rambayina Rakshasa samhari kippudu
 Muchataga mudamuto paadukonuchu,
 Haarati meerela ivvare Ambaku || Haarati ||

Mangala Harati

Manidweepa vasini Jaya mangalam
 Mambi bhashini Shuba mangalam
 Ratna Simhasini Jaya mangalam
 Rajeeva Lochani Shuba mangalam
 Raja Rajeswari Jaya mangalam
 Ravuta Giri Eswari Shuba mangalam

Manideepa Varnana

Song for Durga to Bless the Reader with Wealth

Mahasakti Manidweepa Nivaasini
 Mullokalaku moola Prakasini
 Manidweepamulo Mantraroopini
 Mana Manassulalo Koluvaliyundhi || 1 ||

Sugandha Parimala Pushpaalennoo Velu
 Anantha Sundara SuvarnaPoolu
 Anchalanchalambagu Mano sukhalu
 Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu || 2 ||

Lakshala Lakshala Lavanyaalu
 Akshara Lakshala Vaakh Sampadhalu
 Lakshala Lakshala Lakshmiopathulu
 Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu || 3 ||

Paarijaatha Vana sougandhaalu
 Suraadhinaadhula Sathsanghaalu
 Gandharvadhula Gaana Swaraalu
 Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu || 4 ||

Bhuvaneswaree Samkalpamey Janiyinchey manidweepam
 Devadevula Nivaasamu Adhiyey Kaivalyam

Padmaraagamulu, Suvarnamanulu
 Padhiaamadala Podavuna Galavu
 Madhura Madhuramagu Chandana Sudhalu
 Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu || 5 ||

Aruvadhinaalugu Kalaamathallulu
 Varaalanosagey Padaaru Sakthulu
 Parivaaramutho Panchabrahmalu
 Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu || 6 ||

Astasiddhulu Navanava Nidhulu
 Astadikkuloo Dikpaalakulu
 Srusthikarthalu Suralokaalu
 Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu || 7 ||

Koti Suryula Prachandakaanthulu
 Koti Chandrula Challani velugulu
 Koti Taarakala Velugu Jilugulu
 Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu || 8 || || Bhuvaneswari ||

Kanchugodala Praakaaraalu
 Raagigodala Chathurasraalu
 Yedaamadala Ratnaraasulu
 Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu || 9 ||

Panchaamruthamaya Sarovaraalu Panchalohamaya Praakaaraalu Prapanchameyley Prajadhipathulu Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu	10
Indraneelamani Aabharanaalu Vajrapu Kotalu Vaidooryaalu Pushyaraagamani Praakaaraalu Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu	11
Sapthakoti Ghana Mantravidhyalu Sarvasubhaprada Itchhasakthulu Sree Gayathri Gnanasakthulu Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu	12 Bhuvaneswari
Milamilalaadey Muthyapuraasulu Tala Tala laadey Chandrakaanthamulu Vidhyullathalu Marakathamanulu Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu	13
Kubera Indra Varuna Devulu Subhaalanosagey Agnivaayuvulu Bhoomi Ganapathi Parivaaramulu Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu	14
Bhakti Gnaana Vairaagya Siddhulu Panchabhoothamulu Pancha shakthulu Saptharushulu, Navagrahaalu Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu	15
Kasthoori Mallika Kundhavanaalu Soorya Kaanthi Shila mahagrahalu Aaru Ruthuvulu Chathurvedaaalu Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu	16 Bhuvaneswari
Manthrini Dandini Sakthiseynalu Kaalikaraali Senaapathulu Muppadhi rendu Mahaasakthulu Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu	17
Suvarna rajitha Sundharagirulu Ananthadevi Parichaarakalu Gomeydhikamani Nirmitha Guhalu Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu	18
Sapthasamudramu Lanantha Nidhulu Yaksha Kinnera Kimpurushaadhulu Naanaajagamulu Nadheenadhamulu Manidweepaaniki Mahanidhulu	19
Maanava Maadhava Deva Ganamulu Kaamadhenuvu Kalpatharuuvulu Srushti SthithiLaya Kaaranamoorthulu Manidweepaaniki Mahaanidhulu	20 Bhuvaneswari

Koti Prakruthula Soundaryaala Sakala Vedamulu Upanishatthulu Padhaarurekula Padmasakthulu Manidweepaaniki Mahaanidhulu	21
Divya Phalamulu Divyaasthramulu Divya Purushulu Dheeramaathalu Divya Jagamulu Divya Sakthulu Manidweepaaniki Mahaanidhulu	22
Sree Vigneswara Kumaaraswaamulu Gnanamukti Ekantha Bhavanamulu Mani Nirmithamagu Mandapaalu Manidweepaaniki Mahaanidhulu	23
Pancha bhoothamulu Yajamaanyaala Pravaalasaalam Anekasakthulu Santhaana Vruksha Samudaayaala Manidweepaaniki Mahaanidhulu	24 Bhuvaneswari
Chinthaamanulu Navaratnaalu Nooraamadalu Vajrapuraasulu Vasanthavanamulu Garudapachhalu Manidweepaaniki Mahaanidhulu	25
Dhukhamu Teliyani Devi Senalu Natanaatyalaal sangeethaalu Dhanakanakaalu Purushaardhaalu Manidweepaaniki Mahaanidhulu	26
Padhunaalgu Lokaalanniti paina Sarvalokamanu Lokamu Galadhu Sarvalokamey Ee Manidweepamu Sarveswarikadi Saaswatha Sthaanam	27
Chinthaamanula Mandiramandhu Panchabrahmala Manchamu paina Mahadevudu Bhuvaneswaritho Nivasisthaadu Manidweepamulo	28 Bhuvaneswari
Manigana Khachitha Aabharanaalu Chinthaamani Parameswari Daalchi Soundaryaniki Soundaryamugaa Agupaduthundi Manidweepamulo	29
Paradevathanu Nithyamu Kolichi Manasarpimchi Arpimchinacho Apaara dhanamu Sampadalichhi Manidweepeswari Deevisthundi 2	30
Noothana Gruhamulu kattinavaaru Manidweepa Varnana Thommidisaarlu Chadivina Chaalu Anthaa Shubamey Astasampadhala Thulathoogeru 2	31

Siva kavitheswari Sree Chakreswari
Manidweepa Varnana Chadivinachota
Thista Vesukoni Koorchonunantaa
Koti Shubhaalanu Samakoorchakonutakye || 2 || || 32 ||

Bhuvaneswari Samkalpamey Janiyinchey Manidweepam
Devadevula Nivaasamu Adhiyey Kaivalyam || Bhuvaneswari ||