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CHAPTER 1: : (The Slaying of Madhu & Kaitabha - Mahakali Avat

Summary: Sage Medha enlightens King Suratha and Samadhi Vaishya on Mahamaya. Lord Brahma offers hymns to Yoga Nidra Devi to awaken Lord Vishnu and vanquish demons Madhu and Kaitabha.

[Verse 1] O nama ca ik yai || O ai m rka eya uv ca - s var i s ryatanayo yo manu kathyate ama ...

Meaning: Salutations to the Supreme Goddess Chandika. Sage Markandeya said: Hear from me in detail the story of the birth of Savarni, the son of the

[Verse 2] mah m y hare cai tay sa mohyate jagat | j nin mapi cet si dev bhagavat hi s | bal d k ya moh ya

Meaning: She is Mahamaya, the divine power of Lord Hari, by whom this entire cosmos is held in delusion. She forcibly draws away even the minds of th

[Verse 3] tva sv h tva svadh tva hi va a k ra svar tmik | sudh tvamak are nitye tridh m tr tmik sthit ||

Meaning: Thou art Svaha (oblation to gods), Thou art Svadha (oblation to ancestors), Thou art Vashatkara and the soul of sound. Thou art nectar, eter

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CHAPTER 2: : (Manifestation of Maa Durga & Defeat of Asura Fo

Summary: The gods, oppressed by Mahishasura, appeal to Shiva and Vishnu. The collective divine light (Tejas) of all deities manifests as the multi-armed Goddess Durga, equipped with celesti

[Verse 1] atula tatra tatteja sarvadeva ar rajam | ekastha tadabh nn r vy ptalokatraya tvi ||

Meaning: The incomparable effulgence issuing forth from the bodies of all the gods coalesced into a single feminine form, illuminating all the three

[Verse 2] ambhun datta la vi o cakra tath gnin akti ...

Meaning: Lord Shiva bestowed a trident from His trident, Vishnu His discus, Agni a flaming lance, Vayu a bow and quivers of arrows, and Indra His thu

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CHAPTER 3: : (The Slaying of Mahishasura - Mahishasuramardini

Summary: Maa Durga engages in epic combat with the shape-shifting demon Mahishasura, drinks the divine amrita, laughs cosmic laughter, and pierces the demon with Her trident, liberating the

[Verse 1] garja garja k a a m ha madhu y vatpib myaham | may tvayi hate traiva garji yanty u devat ||

Meaning: The Goddess proclaimed: Roar, roar, O fool, for a moment while I drink this divine wine! As soon as thou art slain by Me, the gods shall roa

[Verse 2] evamuktv samutpatya s r h ta mah suram | p den kramya ka he ca lenainamap dayat...

Meaning: Having spoken thus, the Goddess sprang into the air, ascended upon the mighty demon, pressed him with Her foot, pierced his neck with Her tr

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CHAPTER 4: : (Celestial Hymn of Indra & The Devas)

Summary: Indra and the heavenly gods bow before Jagadamba, offering the world-renowned hymn celebrating Her as intelligence, compassion, wealth, and destroyer of distress.

[Verse 1] durge sm t harasi bh tima e ajanto svasthai sm t matimat va ubh dad si | d ridryadu khabhayah r

Meaning: O Durga! Remembered by the distressed, Thou dispel fear from every creature; remembered by those in peace, Thou bestow upon them an exceedin

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CHAPTER 5: : (- Aparajita Stuti)

Summary: Oppressed by Shumbha and Nishumbha, the gods sing the Aparajita Stuti at the Himalayas, worshiping the Goddess who resides in all living beings as Consciousness, Mother, Wisdom, an

[Verse 1] namo devyai mah devyai iv yai satata nama | nama prak tyai bhadr yai niyat pra at sma t m ||

Meaning: Salutations to the Goddess, salutations to the Great Goddess, perpetual salutations to Shiva, the Auspicious. Salutations to Primordial Natu

[Verse 2] y dev sarvabh te u m t r pe a sa sthit | namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo nama ||

Meaning: To that Goddess who abides in all beings in the form of the Universal Mother, salutations to Her, salutations to Her, salutations to Her aga

[Verse 3] y dev sarvabh te u aktir pe a sa sthit | namastasyai namastasyai namastasyai namo nama ||

Meaning: To that Goddess who abides in all beings in the form of Divine Power and Energy, salutations to Her, salutations to Her, salutations to Her

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CHAPTER 6: : (The Slaying of Dhumralochana)

Summary: Shumbha sends Dhumralochana to capture the Goddess. With a singular sacred roar of "Humkara", the Divine Mother incinerates Dhumralochana to ashes and Her lion annihilates his army

[Verse 1] ityukta so bhyadh vatt masuro dh mralocana | hu k re aiva ta bhasma s cak r mbik tata ||

Meaning: Thus addressed, the demon Dhumralochana rushed forward towards the Goddess. Thereupon Ambika, merely with Her fiery "Hum" utterance, reduced

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CHAPTER 7: : - (Manifestation of Chamunda Devi)

Summary: From the forehead of Goddess Ambika emerges the fierce, cosmic warrior Goddess Kali, who slays the demons Chanda and Munda and earns the renowned title of Chamunda.

[Verse 1] tata kopa cak r t va ca ikety ha sa garam | lal aphalak ttasy bhruku ku il ttata | ni kr nt c s

Meaning: Then Chandika was filled with immense wrath. From Her furrowed brow issued forth the dark-visaged Kali, holding a scimitar, fierce of counte

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CHAPTER 8: : (The Slaying of Demon Raktabija)

Summary: The Matrikas (Brahmani, Maheshwari, Kaumari, Vaishnavi, Varahi, Narasimhi, Aindri) manifest. As Raktabija s blood drops spawn thousands of demons, Kali drinks every droplet, destro

[Verse 1] y vanta patit stasya ar r draktabindava | t vanta puru j t stadv ryabalavikram ...

Meaning: As many drops of blood fell from Raktabija s body, so many identical demons arose. Chamunda drank up all the falling blood, thereby annihila

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CHAPTER 9: : (The Slaying of Demon Nishumbha)

Summary: Nishumbha attacks with furious vengeance. Devi Chandika pierces his heart with Her spear, and when another warrior emerges from his chest, She severs his head with Her sword.

[Verse 1] tato devyabhisampatya lenorasi t ita ...

Meaning: Then the Goddess rushed forward and pierced Nishumbha in the chest with Her trident. Slaying the warrior that emerged from his heart, She de

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CHAPTER 10: : (The Slaying of Demon Shumbha)

Summary: Shumbha mocks the Goddess for fighting with the help of other Shaktis. The Mother absorbs all the Matrikas into Her single divine being, declaring She is One and Alone, and slays S

[Verse 1] ekaiv ha jagatyatra dvit y k mam par | pa yait du a mayyeva vi antyo madvibh taya ||

Meaning: The Goddess proclaimed: I alone exist in this universe; who else is there beside Me? Behold, O wicked one, all these are My own divine manif

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CHAPTER 11: : (Narayani Stuti - The Supreme Universal Hymn)

Summary: The Devas chant the glorious Narayani Stuti praising Jagadamba as the refuge of the helpless and granter of all wishes. The Goddess grants the boon of protecting the universe in ti

[Verse 1] sarvama galam galye ive sarv rthas dhike | ara ye tryambake gauri n r ya i namo stu te ||

Meaning: O Narayani! Thou who art the auspiciousness in all that is auspicious, the fulfiller of all desires, the giver of refuge, the three-eyed Gau

[Verse 2] ara gatad n rtaparitr apar ya e | sarvasy rtihare devi n r ya i namo stu te ||

Meaning: O Goddess Narayani, who art ever intent on saving the poor and distressed who take refuge in Thee, O Reliever of all suffering, salutations

[Verse 3] rog na e napaha si tu ru tu k m n sakal nabh n | tv m rit n na vipannar tv m rit hy rayat pray

Meaning: When pleased, Thou destroyest all afflictions, but when enraged, Thou frustratest all desires. No calamity befalls those who have taken refu

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CHAPTER 12: : (Divine Fruits & Merits of Durga Saptashati Path

Summary: Maa Durga proclaims the spiritual and material rewards of reciting the Saptashati, especially during the autumn and spring Navratri festivals, promising Her eternal presence and pr

[Verse 1] aratk le mah p j kriyate y ca v r ik | tasy mamaitanm h tmya rutv bhaktisamanvita | sarv b dh v

Meaning: The Goddess declared: In the autumn season when My annual worship is performed, whoever listens to or recites this Glory of Mine with devoti

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CHAPTER 13: : (Grace Bestowed on King Suratha & Samadhi)

Summary: King Suratha and Samadhi Vaishya perform austere penance on the river bank. Pleased with their devotion, the Goddess grants King Suratha his kingdom back and future rebirth as the

[Verse 1] eva devy vara labdhv suratha k atriyar abha | s ry jjanma sam s dya s var irbhavit manu | vai y

Meaning: Having thus received the boon from the Goddess, the king Suratha will obtain birth from the Sun and become the Manu Savarni; and the merchan

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