

द्वितीयोऽध्यायः

Chapter 2

Glory of Lord Viṣṇu

मार्कण्डेय उवाच

ततो नारायणो देवस्तस्मै सर्वप्रदाय वै ।

कालयोगेन विश्वात्मा समं चक्रेऽथ तुंबरोः ॥ १ ॥

Mārkaṇḍeya said—

Thereafter, lord Viṣṇu – the universal soul, besides being Mahākāla, bestowed everything on Nārada, equated him with Tumburu.

नारदं मुनिशार्दूलमेवं वृत्तमभूत्पुरा ।

नारायणस्य गीतानां गानं श्रेष्ठं पुनः पुनः ॥ २ ॥

Thus, Nārada was made the best of all the sages. This even is related to earlier times. The singing of Nārāyaṇa's songs again and again, is an excellent event.

गानेनाराधितो विष्णुः सत्कीर्तिं ज्ञानवर्चसी ।

ददाति तुष्टिं स्थानं च यथाऽसौ कौशिकस्य वै ॥ ३ ॥

Lord Viṣṇu, who is adored with the singing of songs, bestows excellent grace, wisdom, lustre, satisfaction and abode as it happened to Kauśika.

पद्माक्षप्रभृतीनां च संसिद्धिं प्रददौ हरिः ।

तस्मात्त्वया महाराज विष्णुक्षेत्रे विशेषतः ॥ ४ ॥

अर्चनं गाननृत्याद्यं बाद्योत्सवसमन्वितम् ।
कर्तव्यं विष्णुभक्तैर्हि पुरुषैरनिशं नृप ॥५॥

Viṣṇu granted excellent *Siddhi* to Padmākṣa and others. Therefore, O king, the following should be performed by you in the holy centre of Viṣṇu, in particular, besides singing, dance accompanied with instrumental music and other festivities. O King, this should always be performed by you along with the person who are the devotees of Viṣṇu.

श्रोतव्यं च सदा नित्यं श्रोतव्योसौहरिस्तथा ।
विष्णुक्षेत्रे तु यो विद्वान् कारयेद्भक्तिसंयुक्तः ॥६॥
गाननृत्यादिकं चैव विष्णुवाख्यानं कथां तथा ।
जातिस्मृतिं च मेधां च तथैवोपरमे स्मृतिम् ॥७॥
प्राप्नोति विष्णुसायुज्यं सत्यमेतन्नृपाधिप ।
एतत्ते कथितं राजन् यन्मां त्वं परिपृच्छसि ॥८॥
किं वदामि च ते भूयो वद धर्मभृतांबर ॥९॥

This must be heard. Prayer should always be offered to Viṣṇu. A learned person who sings songs, dances, resorts to the narratives and discourses at the holy centres of Viṣṇu with utmost devotion, acquires the memories of the previous births, wisdom, awareness of time and death and identity with Viṣṇu. O excellent king, this is the truth. O king, whatever had been asked by you, has been narrated to you. What more shall be told by me to you? O most excellent one, among the persons, who maintain the holy rites, tell me?

इति श्रीलिङ्गमहापुराणे उत्तरभागे विष्णुमाहात्म्यं नाम
द्वितीयोऽध्यायः ॥ २ ॥

