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नमस्ते शारदे देवि काश्मीरपुरवासिनि ।
त्वामहं प्रार्थये नित्यं विधादानं च देखि मे ॥ १ ॥

या श्रद्धा धारणा मेधा वाग्देवी विधिवल्लभा ।
भक्तजिह्वाअसदना शमादिगुणधायिनी ॥ २ ॥

नमामि यामिनीनाथलेभालङ्कृतकुन्तलाम् ।
भवानीं भवसन्तापनिर्वापणसुधानदीम् ॥ ३ ॥

भद्रकाल्यै नमो नित्यं सरस्वत्यै नमो नमः ।
वेदवेदाङ्गवेदान्तविद्यास्थानेभ्य अवे च ॥ ४ ॥

ब्रह्मस्वरूपा परमा ज्योतिरूपा सनातनी ।
सर्वविधाधिदेवी या तस्यै वाण्यै नमो नमः ॥ ५ ॥

यथा विना जगत्सर्वं शश्वज्जुवन्मृतं भवेत् ।
ज्ञानाधिदेवी या तस्यै सरस्वत्यै नमो नमः ॥ ६ ॥

यथा विना जगत्सर्वं मूकमुन्मत्तवत्सदा ।
या देवी वागधिष्ठात्री तस्यै वाण्यै नमो नमः ॥ ७ ॥

॥ इति श्रीशारदाप्रार्थना समाप्ता ॥

Some of these verses are from Yajnyavalkya's
shrIsarasvatIstotram or vANIstavanam from
Brahmavaivarta Purana.

So this appears to be a compiled stotra.

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डे शारदे । डे देवि । नमः ते ।

काश्मीरपुरवासिनि ।

डे काश्मीर पुर्यां वासिनी one who lives ;

त्वां भवतीं अलं प्रार्थये प्र very much ;

अर्थ 10 A to request अर्थये उत्तम पुरुष ओक वयने;

नित्यं प्रतिदिनम् । विद्यादानं विद्यायाः दानं

मे मल्यं देहि ददातु ।

Namaste Saraswati! O effulgent Sarada, worshipped in the city of Kashmir (substitute your city's name here - worshipped in the city of North Brunswick). I pray to you everyday. Please give the pure knowledge. 1

या श्रद्धा धारणा मेधा वाग्देवी विधिवल्लभा ।

भक्तजिह्वाग्रसदना शमादिगुणदायिनी ॥ २ ॥

या श्रद्धा faith ;

धारणा one who holds, memory ;

मेधा intelligence वाग्देवी वाचः देवी

विधिवल्लभा विधेः ब्रह्मणः वल्लभा पत्नी ।

भक्ताजिह्वाग्रसदना भक्तानां;

जिह्वायाः of tongue अग्रे ;

सदना one who is, lives ;

भक्तजिह्वाग्रसदना one who graces devotees' speech ;

शमादि शम दम तितिक्ष धृत्यादि गुणान्

दायिनि दात्री ।

You are faith, memory, intelligence, the divinity of speech, the spouse of Creator BrahmA. You grace the devotees' speech, you are the bestower of inner peace, and all other excellences. 2.

नमामि यामिनीं नाथलेभालङ्कृतकुन्तलाम् ।

भवानीं भवसन्तापनिर्वापणसुधानदीम् ॥ 3 ॥

યામિની યામા અસ્થાં સન્તીતિ યામિની ઇતિ અમરમ્ ।

યામ: restraint, forbearance ;

યામિનિ she is restraint, forbearance ;

નાથ protector લેખા streaks ;

નાથલેખા streaks of lightening standing for sparkling knowledge ;

અલકૃત decorated ;

કુન્તલા one with ear-ornaments ;

Her ear ornaments are decorated with streaks of sparkling knowledge ;

ભવાની ભવસ્ય પત્ની ભવાની ઇતિ અમરમ્ ।

ભવ લોકસ્ય સન્તાપ દુખાનાં

નિર્વાપણ killing, extinguishing ;

સુધા અમૃતં નદી river ;.

I prostrate Yamini, one who is forbearance herself, who has her ears decorated with streaks of sparkling knowledge; who is BhavAni, who is a river of nectar that extinguishes the torments of worldly life. 3.

ભદ્રકાલ્યૈ નમો નિત્યં સરસ્વત્યૈ નમો નમઃ ।

વેદવેદાડ્ગવેદાન્તવિદ્યાસ્થાનેભ્ય એવ ચ ॥ ૪ ॥

ભન્દતે ભદ્રમ્ । auspicious ;

ભદ્રકલ્યાણી One who bestows auspiciousness ;

નિત્યં પ્રતિ દિનં

સરઃ પ્રસરણં સર્વત્ર અસ્તીતિ સરસ્વતી ।

She exists everywhere as a flow (of knowledge) and hence she is Saraswati.

From where? Answer:

વેદ વેદાડ્ગ વેદાન્ત વિદ્યા સ્થાનેભ્યઃ । .

Constant salutations to you, O Mother Beneficent!

You are the one who exists everywhere as a flow of knowledge originating from the Veda, the auxiliary branches of Veda, Upanishads, and all other forms of Learning. Salutations to you again. 4.

બ્રહ્મસ્વરૂપા પરમા જ્યોતિરૂપા સનાતની ।

સર્વવિદ્યાધિદેવી યા તસ્યૈ વાણ્યૈ નમો નમઃ ॥ ૫ ॥

या ब्रह्मस्वरूपा ब्रह्मणः स्वरूपा

या ज्योतिरूपा Divine light ;

या सनातनी आद्यन्तरङ्गिता

या सर्व विद्यानां अधि देवी

तस्यै वाण्यै सरस्वत्यै नमः नमः ।

वाण्यते शब्दत एति वाणी । That which was said, speech ;

Prostrations to that Vani

who is the supreme spirit,

who is the divine light,

who is The Eternal Being, and

who is the presiding deity of all learning. 5.

यथा विना जगत्सर्वं शश्वज्जुवन्मृतं भवेत् ।

ज्ञानाधिदेवी या तस्यै सरस्वत्यै नमो नमः ॥ ६ ॥

यथा विना without who

जगत्सर्वं the whole world

शश्वत् अव्यय perpetual, eternal, for ever

जुवत् living

मृतं dead

या ज्ञानस्य अधि देवी

तस्यै सरस्वत्यै नमः नमः ।.

Prostrations to Sarasvati,

Without who, the whole world would appear dead (even though living).

And who is the presiding deity of knowledge.

A person is as good as dead without the learning, Sarasvati.

That is the import. 6.

यथा विना जगत्सर्वं मूढमुन्मत्तवत्सदा ।

या देवी वागधिष्ठात्री तस्यै वाण्यै नमो नमः ॥ ७ ॥

मूढ dumb

उन्मत्तवत् possessed of madness

अधिष्ठात्री She is the instrument through which presiding
over is done. Or simply presiding.

Prostrations to VAni

Without whom the whole world would appear dumb and demented;
who is the presiding deity of speech. 7.

॥ इति श्रीशारदाप्रार्थना समाप्ता ॥

Appendix philosophical interest

BhavAni

Why is Saraswati described as BhavAni? I will
briefly quote Sankara on the topic in Rudra
bhAshyaM.

BhavAni, Uma are adjectives of the Rudra. Rudra
means - One who melts the miseries of worldly
life. Since the destruction of ignorance
or misery of worldly is only possible with
knowledge, it is appropriately said that
Rudra-Uma sahita is capable of melting that
misery.

See RudrabhAsyam for detailed explanation:
namaH somAya cha.

Rudra is sheer power. BhavAni is all knowledge,
self-restraint, control. And, you see, Power
is all about Control.

SArada

SArada means effulgence as was translated in
the first sloka of shankara rachita shArada
prArthanA.

Namaste Saraswati! O effulgent Sarada,


Right now, that is, the two months (Oct. 2nd, 1997 - Nov. 29, 1997) where in SarasvatI pUjA (or DasarA festival) falls (AsvIyuja, kArtIka) are called sharad Ritu. During the Sarad Ritu, what do you notice when you drive to work? It is a good day – neither cold nor hot, but the turnpike is jammed; but no accident! And after turning to the radio, you find out that traffic is crawling due to the radiant splendour (glare) of bhagavAn (or one who has a welath – of radiance) Aditya. That effulgence is called SARadA.

What does it represent?

Have you ever been in the presence of a learned man - be the subject matter is programming languages, neural networks, analog computers or financial mergers or Veda/GeetAs? In his presence, that subject suddenly seems to be very simple, questions seem to be answered with ease and the whole subject matter appears like simple common sense and you feel an unexplainable power and joy. What is it and Where do you think that brilliance flows? That brilliance is ShAradA, That flow is SarasvatI, Those sounds are VAnI.

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