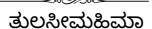
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ಮಹಾದೇವ ಉವಾಚ ವಿಷ್ಣುಪ್ರೀತಿಂ ಕರೋತ್ತೇಷಾ ತರುರ್ಭೂತ್ವಾ ಮಹೀತಲೇ . ಶರೀರಮರ್ಜ್ಯತಾಮಸ್ಯಾಃ ಶ್ರೀವಿಷ್ಣುಪ್ರೀತಯೇ ಗಣಾಃ .. 1.. ಅಸ್ಯಾಃ ಪತ್ರೇಣ ವೃಂದಾಯಾಃ ಪೂಜಿತಃ ಸ್ಯಾತ್ ಸ್ವಯಂ ಹರಿಃ . ನಾನ್ನೇನೇತಿ ಸುವಿಜ್ಞೇಯಂ ಮಣಿಮುಕ್ಕಾದಿನಾಪಿ ಚ .. 2.. ನಾಮಾಸ್ಯಾಸ್ತುಲಸೀತ್ಯಸ್ತು ಪವಿತ್ರಾಯಾಃ ಸುಪಾವನಂ ತಕಾರೋ ಮರಣಂ ಪ್ರೋಕ್ತಂ ತದ್ಯೋಗಃ ಸ್ಯಾದುಕಾರತಃ .. 3.. ಮೃತಾ ಲಸತಿ ಚೇತ್ಯೇವಂ ತುಲಸೀತ್ಯೇವ ಗೀಯತೇ. ಸ್ಥಿತಃ ಪ್ರತಿದಲೇಷ್ಟಸ್ಯಾ ಮಂತ್ರೋ ದ್ವಾದಶವರ್ಣಕಃ .. 4.. ಅಧಿಷ್ಠಾತ್ರೀ ದೇವತಾಸ್ಯಾಮಾವಾಂ ದೇವೀಮಹೇಶ್ವರೌ . ನಾರಾಯಣ ಉಪಾಸ್ಯೋ ಸ್ಯಾಃ ಪ್ರಿಯೇಯಂ ವೈಷ್ಣವೀ ಮತಾ .. 5.. (ದ್ವಾದಶವರ್ಣಕಃ ಅಥವಾ ದ್ವಾದಶಾಕ್ಷರವಿಷ್ಣುಮಂತ್ರಃ ಓಂ ನಮೋ ಭಗವತೇ ವಾಸುದೇವಾಯ .) .. ಇತಿ ಬೃಹದ್ದರ್ಮಪುರಾಣೇ ಸಪ್ತಮೋಽಧ್ಯಾಯೇ ಮಹಾದೇವಪ್ರೋಕ್ತಂ ತುಲಸೀ ಪ್ರಾದುರ್ಭಾವಸಹಿತಾ ತುಲಸೀಮಹಿಮಾ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣಾ... .. ಬೃಹದ್ದರ್ಮಪುರಾಣಂ . ಪೂರ್ವಖಂಡಃ . ಅಧ್ಯಾಯಃ 7. 60.2-64.. This follows a story of Vrinda, the wife (Vaishnavi) of Dharmadeva, both devotees of Vishnu. By fate and curse, she became a Rakshasi but did not hurt Dharmadeva. As an ardent devotee of Vishnu, she was seen by shivagaNas to have the Vishnu mantra 'OM namo bhagavate vAsudevAya' absorbed in her each and every cell. Even long after her death, her skin/body

was as glowing as before. So it is said

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that each and every leaf of Tulasi is engraved with the mantra.

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