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Devi Balambika is the consort of Lord Vaidyanatha at Vaideeswarankoil, Tamil Nadu.

Devi, for fulfilment of my desires, I bow at your lovely lotus feet, which are ever worshipped by the leaders of Devas and Asuras and are higher than the highest, most beautiful, supremely auspicious and known only to the subtle intent of Vedas. (1)

I bow to Balambika, the youthful aspect of Devi, the unitary existence worshipped by Vedas, the mother of the universe, who delights all by her treasure of auspicious qualities, who is the bestower of all objects of desire of devotees and who is intensely worshipped by devotees. (2)

I bow to Balambika, the youthful aspect of Devi, Gowri, who is wearing many wonderful ornaments of gold, who glows like the fully blossomed red coloured lotus, who has black hair on head and who is the beloved of Nilakantha blue-throated Shiva. (3)

I bow to Balambika, the youthful aspect of Devi, who is wearing...
shining apparel of golden colour and brilliant golden gem-studded girdle and who delights the mind of the Lord of the Nimba forest Shiva. (4)

I bow to Balambika, the youthful aspect of Devi, who is decorated with garlands and sandal paste and who shines with turmeric paste and wonderful crown. (5)

I bow to Balambika, the youthful aspect of Devi, who shines always with necklaces of wonderful pearls and corals, who is white complexioned and who has four arms and beautiful and wonderful form. (6)

I bow to Balambika, the youthful aspect of Devi, who delights with the pleasing sound of the jingling anklets, who is seated in the centre of heart area of all and who is the Healing Goddess, the beloved of Vaidyapati Vaidyanatha. (7)

The reference to Vaidya Healing in the names of Vaideeswara and Vaideeswari indicates healing of diseases of not just body and mind, but also of the greater malady of Samsara, the repeated, never-ending cycle of births and deaths.

I bow to Balambika, the youthful aspect of Devi, who is worshipped by Brahma, Indra, Vishnu, Surya, Chandra and the best among Devas, and who is of the form of brilliant Light, bestowing Gnana Supreme Knowledge. (8)
This Balambika Stotram is extremely meritorious, capable of bestowing on devotees all their objects of desire, and which is certain to bless fulfilment of all objectives, even very difficult of attainment. One, who reads this Stotram in the morning with devotion, will attain all desired objects immediately. (9)

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