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नमस्ते जगद्ग्राति सद्रब्ह्रह्मपरे
नमस्ते हरोपेत्रब्राह्मादिवन्ये ।
नमस्ते प्रपणोदानावनकदशे
नमस्ते महालक्षिम कोलापुरेशि ॥ १ ॥

विध: कृतिवासा हरिब्रूहमेतत्
सूजत्वति पातीति यतथ!सिद्धम् ।
कृपालोकनादेव ते शक्तिरुपे
नमस्ते महालक्षिम कोलापुरेशि ॥ २ ॥

त्वा मायया व्यासमेतत्समस्तं
पुरं तीयसे देवि कुक्षों हि विश्वम् ।
स्थितां बुद्धिरुपेण सर्वं जन्तो
नमस्ते महालक्षिम कोलापुरेशि ॥ ३ ॥

यया भक्तवर्गा हि लक्ष्यन्त पते
त्वादेत्र प्रकाम मुक्पूर्णद्यः ।
अतो गीयसे देवि लक्ष्मीसिति तवं
नमस्ते महालक्षिम कोलापुरेशि ॥ ४ ॥

पुनर्व्याक्ष्वटत्वाविद्विन्ना हि मृका
नरास्तौरकाम खलु प्रार्थ्यसे यत् ।
निजेदायसे तेन मृकाम्बिका तवं
नमस्ते महालक्षिम कोलापुरेशि ॥ ५ ॥

यददेत्रपात्यरव्याप्राप्तस्य
समुम्द् पुनर्विश्वस्तीलोकामस्य ।
तदाहुर्ज्ञानास्वां च गौरी कुमारी
नमस्ते महालक्षिम कोलापुरेशि ॥ ६ ॥
The following Sthothram from the ancient Skanda Purana is in adoration of Sri Mookambika (Kolapureshi). If chanted daily, the sages assure, it will bring Divine guidance, harmony and prosperity O Mother of the Universe, the Supreme Brhaman, we prostrate before Thee, who is worshipped by Siva, Upendra, Brahma and other Deities. Prostrations to thee who fulfils the desires of those taking refuge in Thee. Prostrations to Thee O Mahaalakshmi, the Goddess of Kolapura. I

Lord Brahma creates this universe. Lord Siva annihilation it. Lord Vishnu protests it. But O Mahaalakshmi, it is with the benign look of Thee, whose form is Power itself, they perform all those acts. Prostrations to Thee, O Mahalakshmi, the Goddess of Kolapura. 2

This whole universe is permeated with Thy Divine Maaya, while, O Devi, Thou bear the entire universe playfully in thy womb. Thou reside in every being in the form of intelligence. Prostrations to Thee O Mahalakshmi, Goddess of Kolapura. 3

O Devi, as Thou cast thy benign glance on all Thy devotees, Thou art called Mahalakshmi. Prostrations to Thee O Mahalakshmi, Goddess of Kolapura. 4
Those who lack intelligence and power of expression pray earnestly for Thy Grace and Thou raise them endowing them with talents and wisdom. Therefore Thou art Kumari. Prostrations to Thee O Mahaalakshmi, Goddess of Kolapura. 5

Srichakra, the king of the mystic symbols, which emanated from the very splendour of Lord Mahavishnu, Lord Siva and other Deities, is Thy Form. 6

Prostrations to Thee O Mahaalakshmi Goddess of Kolapura, who resides in the lotus heart of the Mahaa Yogi Kola Maharshi. Prostrations to Thee O Devi who hold in Thy four arms the conch, the discus and the mystic symbols Abhaya and Abheeshta Mudra-s. Prostration to Thee, Mother, who sits in mystic pose of Padmaasana. Prostration to Thee, the graceful refuge of all, the golden hued, the Blissful. Prostrations to Thee O Mahaalakshmi, Goddess of Kolapura. 7

The Grace of Sri Mookambika will bless those who chant everyday this great Sthothram that emanated from the devoted hearts of all the Deva-s with prosperity and knowledge. Know this for certain. 8

(from vinugnath on Youtube).

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