

Worship of Divine Energy (Shakti)

Preface

This Text elucidates various aspects such as the characteristics of *Dēvī*'s worship, appropriate rituals in worship, *rangolīs* that attract *Dēvī*'s Principle, vowed religious observances, exact meaning of actions such as sacrificing animals to the *Dēvī*, etc. This elucidation will go a long way in strengthening the faith of the worshipper in the worship of Deity Shakti. Worship performed with faith begets more benefits. We pray at the Holy feet of Shrī Guru that may this Text be more useful for the worshippers. - **Compilers**

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