## Jai Srimannarayana!!!

For those who wants to get married and lead a prosperous meaningful life, we are presenting this 10 to 15min video with the story of Rukmini Shri Krishna paramatma's kalyanam. Either you can listen to the audio or read it as below along with sankalpam. We request you to make best use of it.

You can find the video in our **Gattu's Karishye Vachanam Thava** YOUTUBE channel. To access the video either scan the **QR code** or **click the link** 



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Link: https://narayanastram.org/services/srirukminikalyanam/language/en Let us do sashtanga namaskarams to our parents. Let us do sashtanga namaskarams to our Archarya. Let us do sashtanga namaskaram to Rukminidevi and Shri Krishna paramatma. Now please repeat the sankalpam.

**Sankalpam**: Oh Krishna!!! Whomever you feel is the best for me to get married, get children and lead a prosperous meaningful life in the form of your service, please bless me to get me married to that best person. For that, am reading a divine story of your marriage with Rukmini Devi from Shrimad Bhagavatham. Please accept this and bless me!!!

## Sri Rukmini Kalyanam Jai Srimannarayana!

We are now about to recite the excerpt of Rukmini Sri Krishna Kalyanam or Marriage that was mentioned in Srimad Bhagavatam. Reciting this excerpt of Rukmini Sri Krishna Kalyanam for 40 days will bless unmarried people with marriage. They will lead a very prosperous and happy married life with children. Moreover, this has been decided and been given mangalasasanam or blessings by our elders that all the wishes will be fulfilled! So, let us all recite this excerpt of Rukmini Sri Krishna Kalyanam with our utmost attention and devotion!

## Jai Srimannarayana!!! Om Sri Krishna Parabrahmane Namah!!!

**Sri śuka yōgendra** was telling King Parīkshith, "O King! The name of the King who rules the country of Vidarbha is Bhīshmaka. He has 5 sons and 1 daughter. His elder son's name is Rukmi and his daughter's name is Rukmini Devi. Rukmini has heard many elders come and describe to her father about the form and qualities of Sri Krishna. After listening to them, Rukmini has decided to marry Sri Krishna. Sri Krishna has also heard about Rukmini Devi. Sri Krishna has decided that He will marry Rukmini after hearing about her beauty, good qualities and behavior. Rukmini's relatives are also thinking that only Sri Krishna is the suitable groom for Rukmini. But Rukmini's brother, Rukmi, does not like Sri Krishna. He decided to marry Rukmini to śiśupāla. Rukmini Devi is very sad after getting to know this. She sent a Brahmin to convey her heart's desire and message to Sri Krishna.

The Brahmin's name is **Agnidyōta**. She gave her message to Agnidyōta and sent him to Dwaraka. Agnidyōta reached Dwaraka and went to meet Sri Krishna. At that time, Sri Krishna was sitting on the golden throne. Upon seeing this brahmana, Sri Krishna got up from His throne and went towards him and made him sit on the golden throne. Sri Krishna performed many seva-s, fed him, made arrangements to allow him to relax. Then Sri Krishna sat near Agnidyōta's feet and patted his feet massaging Him.

Sri Krishna was asking him, "O Most Respectable Brahmana! How are you doing? Is your life running smoothly? I favor those brahmins who are content and satisfied with what they've earned. I always bow My head to them and do namaskāram. O Most Respectable Brahmana! You've traveled from so far. What is the reason for your visit? Please tell me only if you don't mind. I am ready to do anything you ask for." As soon as Sri Krishna said this, Agnidyōta was saying, "O Purushottama! Rukmini Devi has sent me as a messenger to You. I will tell You what She said now. After listening to the entire message, I pray that you will do the needful." This is how Agnidyōta has explained Rukmini's message and placed her letter at Sri Krishna's feet and stood bowed down to Him. Then, Bhagavan Sri Krishna, who is also called Jagannātha, took the letter with a smile and started reading it with a great amount of affection and curiosity. In that letter, Rukmini's message is as follows: "**O Bhuvanasundara**, O Most Handsome Man of the Universe! I have heard about your qualities. I have also heard about your divine beauty. O Achyuta! My mind is constantly lost in thoughts of you, my mind is reaching you without any shyness. O Mukunda! Only you are equal to yourself. No virtuous girl desires anyone but You! No beautiful girl desires anyone but You! O Narasimha! You are Manobhirāma for this entire world. It is natural for someone to desire you. O Prabhu! I am longing for you to be my Husband. I am offering myself to You! O Prabhu! Accept Me as your Wife! You yourself come and take me! O Pundarīkāksha! I belong to You, but śiśupāla is desiring to wed me. You please come here immediately and save me from the touch of sisupala. Swamy! If I have done any good deeds in my previous birth, you please come and marry Me. O Prabhu! Tomorrow is my wedding ceremony. You must come here secretly and put down sisupala and those with him and take me away and marry me! O Krishna! You may get a doubt in how you will take me away from my palace. You may get a doubt that without killing my relatives, how will you take me away. For that, I will give you a plan. Before my wedding ceremony, to offer my prayers to my kuladevata, I will go outside from my town. Then, you can take me away. Before my wedding, I will be going to GirijaDevi temple. O Krishna, even great men like Parama Siva, with your grace, were able to bathe in the dust of your feet and rid themselves of ignorance! O Krishna, in case that I am unable to receive your grace, I will give up my life and then, even after 100 lives, I will obtain you, Krishna!" This is what Bhagavan Sri Krishna read in Rukmini Devi's message. Then, the Brahmana who brought the message was saying to Sri Krishna like this:

"O Yadu Deva! Please think and do whatever is needed in this Rukmini Devi's matter." As soon as Agnidyōta said this, Yadunandana, Sri Krishna Paramatma, held the hands of this Brahmana and was saying, "I'm in love with Rukmini as much as She is in love with Me. I'm unable to even sleep at night! My mind is fixed upon Rukmini. So, I am aware that Rukmini's brother, Rukmi does not favor our marriage. I will put an end to everyone in battle and take away my Rukmini." After saying this, Sri Krishna Paramatma who is also known as Madhusudhana, turned to His charioteer and said this, "Daaruka! Immediately go get my chariot ready! Sri Krishna got in His chariot along with the Brahmana. Bhagavan Sri Krishna reached Vidarbha by that night itself. There, arrangements were being made for Rukminiwedding ceremony. Rukmini Devi was decorated. śiśupāla's Recitation of mantras and pujas were going on. Rukmini's father welcomed sisupala and those with him and arranged special palaces for them. Thousands of kings like Jarasandha and Dantavaktra who were friends of sisupala arrived. All these kings came prepared to fight in war in case Sri Krishna comes and attempts to take away

Rukmini. Balarama came to know of all these happenings. He learned that his little brother, Sri Krishna, has gone there alone. He imagined there to be a possibility of war, so Baladeva took his massive army and started the journey to Vidarbha. Rukmini is eagerly waiting for Sri Krishna. She is thinking that "even the brahmana that took my message has not returned". Ayyooo, once the sun rises, it is time for my wedding ceremony! Tomorrow is my wedding! How ill-fated am I? Sri Krishna, who is also known as Kamalanayana, hasn't arrived yet. I wonder what the reason could be! Does He think that I have any faults? Is that why He hasn't arrived yet to marry me? O Brahma! O Maheśvara! Will you not grace me? O Gauri Devi! Will you not grace me? Rukmini Devi kept thinking of Govinda and her eyes were brimmed with tears, and she closed her eyes and was passing the time in this way. She was waiting for the arrival of Govinda. Then, Rukmini started seeing all auspicious signs. Her left thigh, shoulder and eye quivered. Meanwhile, the brahmana arrived and said, "Rukmini, Sri Krishna has arrived." "Amma! Rukmini Devi, Sri Krishna has promised to marry you!" As soon as this Brahmana told her this, Rukmini felt blissful. Unable to do anything in return for the favor the Brahmana has done, she simply joined her palms together and did namaskaram. Rukmini's father, Bhīshmaka, came to know of the arrival of Balarama and Krishna who came to witness the wedding of his daughter Rukmini, and he welcomed them with musical instruments. He made arrangements for them to stay in palaces. The citizens of the Vidarbha country heard that "Sri Krishna has arrived" and came to see Him. They were delighted to see Sri Krishna's beautiful lotus-like face. "If we have acquired any merits, then as the fruit of that merit, Achyuta must take the hand of our Rukmini Devi!"

This is how the citizens of the kingdom were wishing upon Sri Krishna's arrival.

Rukmini has started from her palace and is on the way to Ambika temple. The knights surrounded her for protection. Rukmini Devi is silently moving forward only thinking of Mukunda's divine and beautiful lotus-like face. Upon arriving at the temple, Rukmini Devi washed her feet, did prostration and entered the temple. The Brahmanas there made Rukmini Devi offer her obeisances to Parama Siva and Parvati Devi. "Amma, Ambika Devi, you are present here with your parivaram along with your children and husband, I offer my obeisance to you. Will you please bless me that Bhagavan Sri Krishna becomes my husband?" This is how Rukmini Devi prayed to Parama Siva and Parvati Devi and performed pujas prescribed in sastram. Rukmini Devi has taken a Mouna Vrata or vow to keep silence and came out of the temple. All the warriors were looking at the beautiful lady, Rukmini. But Rukmini knowing that Bhagavan Sri Krishna is here, is gently pushing aside her curly hair from her forehead with the fingernails of her left hand and pleasantly gazing at Sri Krishna who was present in the middle. Rukmini Devi was walking on the side where Krishna was. Sri Krishna picked up Rukmini Devi and seated her in His chariot in front of all the enemy kings while they were watching, and Balarama was leading the chariot forward. Madhava has taken Rukmini Devi and was moving forward just like how a lion grabs what he wants from the middle of a herd of jackals. Upon seeing this, the kings with Jarāsandha and their armies followed them. Rukmini Devi was fearful, and Bhagavan Sri Krishna was giving her courage. Those with Balarama were tearing apart the enemy's armies. sisupāla and those with Jarāsandha could not do anything and started

going back. Rukmini's brother, Rukmi, was still persistently following them. Rukmi and Sri Krishna had a battle. Finally, Bhagavan Sri Krishna grabbed His sword and was preparing to kill Rukmi. Then Rukmini prayed to Sri Krishna to not kill her brother. Sri Krishna did not kill Rukmi but He tied him with a cloth and shaved his head, beard and mustache and made him look ugly. Then Balarama said to Sri Krishna, "What you've done is not good!" He turned to Rukmini and said, "Rukmini, thalli, don't get angry with us for making your brother look ugly." This is how Balarama was consoling Rukmini. After this, Sri Krishna has brought Rukmini to Dwaraka and married her in accordance with Veda Sāstram. In every house in Dwaraka, everyone celebrated the marriage of Rukmini and Sri Krishna like a festival. Everyone presented their gifts to the bride and groom. All the citizens of Dwāraka were as delighted and blissful to see Rukmini and Sri Krishna as they would be delighted and blissful to see Lakshmi Devi with Narayana!

## Phalasruti

The message that Rukmini Devi sent to Sri Krishna in this excerpt of Rukmini Sri Krishna Kalyanam, if this excerpt is recited for 40 days, unmarried people will be blessed with marriage. They will lead a very prosperous and happy married life with children. This has been decided and been given mangalāśasanam by our elders that all the wishes will be fulfilled!

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