

Topic: The Kamalāmbā Navāvaraṇa kṛti-s of Śrī Muttusvāmi Dīkṣitar

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Abstract:

Muttusvāmi Dīkṣitar composed colossal compositions dedicated to the deities enshrined in several kṣētra-s. A huge collection of his compositions are dedicated to the deities of the famed Tyagaraja temple at Tiruvarur. Of them, the magnum opus collection is the Kamalāmbā Navāvaraṇa kṛti-s dedicated to Goddess Kamalambika. This set of 11 compositions bring forth the blissful experience of exquisite Saṅgīta and Sāhitya. While these compositions showcase a vast and deeper understanding of rāga music, they also enlighten us on the beauty of samskrta sāhitya and the esoteric world of the worship of the Mother Goddess. This lecdem attempts to elucidate the intricacies of the Saṅgīta and Sāhitya in this magnificent collection of Dīkṣitar's compositions, each of which will be rendered fully during the course of the presentation.