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1 · The śloka — with the reading split

देवनागरी

प्रातः स्मरामि ललितावदनारविन्दं बिम्बाधरं पृथुलमौक्तिकशोभिनासम् ।
आकर्णदीर्घनयनं मणिकुण्डलाढ्यं मन्दस्मितं मृगमदोज्ज्वलभालदेशम् ॥
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प्रातः स्मरामि ललिता-वदन-अरविन्दम् बिम्ब-अधरम् पृथुल-मौक्तिक-शोभि-नासम् ।
आ-कर्ण-दीर्घ-नयनम् मणि-कुण्डल-आढ्यम् मन्द-स्मितम् मृग-मद-उज्ज्वल-भाल-देशम् ॥ १ ॥

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IAST

prātaḥ smarāmi lalitāvadanāravindaṃ bimbādharaṃ
pṛthulamauktikaśobhināsam |
ākarṇadīrghanayanaṃ maṇikuṇḍalāḍhyaṃ mandasmitaṃ
mṛgamadojjvalabhāladeśam || 1 ||

prātaḥ smarāmi lalitā-vadana-aravindam bimba-adharam pṛthula-mauktika-śobhi-
nāsam |
ā-karṇa-dīrgha-nayanam maṇi-kuṇḍala-āḍhyam manda-smitam mṛga-mada-
ujjvala-bhāla-deśam || 1 ||

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ITRANS

prAtaH smarAmi lalitAvadanAravindaM bimbAdharaM
pRRithulamauktikashobhinAsam |
AkarNadIrghanayanaM maNikuNDalADhyaM mandasmitaM
mRRigamadojjvalabhAladesham || 1 ||

prAtaH smarAmi lalitA-vadana-aravindam bimba-adharam pRRithula-mauktika-shobhi-nAsam |
A-karNa-dIrgha-nayanam maNi-kuNDala-ADhyam manda-smitam mRRiga-mada-ujjvala-bhAla-desham || 1 ||

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2 · Every word — with its meaning

#	शब्दः	IAST	ITRANS	English
1	प्रातः	prātaḥ	prAtaH	**at dawn** — in the early morning, before the day begins
2	स्मरामि	smarāmi	smarAmi	**I remember** — I hold her in mind, I call her to heart
3	ललितावदनारविन्दम् ललिता-वदन-अरविन्दम्	lalitāvadanāravindam lalitā-vadana-aravindam	lalitAvadanAravindam lalitA-vadana-aravindam	**the lotus face of Lalitā** — ललिता: Lalitā, the lovely Mother · वदन: face · अरविन्द: lotus

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4	बिम्बाधरम् बिम्ब-अधरम्	bimbādharam bimba-adharam	bimbAdharam bimba-adharam	**lips like the bimba fruit** — soft, red and tender
5	पृथुलमौक्तिकशोभिनासम् पृथुल-मौक्तिक-शोभि-नासम्	pṛthulamauktikaśobhināsam pṛthula-mauktika-śobhi-nāsam	pRRithulamauktikashobhinAsam pRRithula-mauktika-shobhi-nAsam	**her nose adorned with large pearls** — the pearl ornament shining on her face

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6	आकर्णदीर्घनयनम् आ-कर्ण-दीर्घ-नयनम्	ākarṇadīrghan ayanam ā-karṇa-dīrgha-nayanam	AkarNadIrgha nayanam A-karNa-dIrgha-nayanam	**long eyes reaching to her ears** — the wide, gracious glance
7	मणिकुण्डलाढ्यम् मणि-कुण्डल-आढ्यम्	maṇikuṇḍalāḍ hyam maṇi-kuṇḍala-āḍhyam	maNikuNDalA Dhyam maNi-kuNDala-ADhyam	**rich with gem-set earrings** — her ears adorned with jewelled kuṇḍalas

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8	मन्दस्मितम् मन्द-स्मितम्	mandasmitam manda-smitam	mandasmitam manda-smitam	**a gentle smile** — the quiet, tender smile of the Mother
9	मृगमदोज्ज्वलभालदेशम् मृग-मद-उज्ज्वल-भाल-देशम्	mṛgamadojjvalabhāladeśam mṛga-mada-ujjvala-bhāla-deśam	mRRigamadojjvalabhAladeshamRRiga-mada-ujjvala-bhAla-desham	**her forehead glowing with deer-musk** — the fragrant kastūrī bright on her brow

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3 · The śloka in English

At dawn I remember the lotus face of Lalitā — her lips red as the bimba fruit, her nose adorned with large pearls, her long eyes reaching to her ears, her ears rich with gem-set earrings, her gentle smile, and her forehead glowing with the fragrance of deer-musk.

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4 · The heart of the śloka (tātparyam)

The first of the five gems is a morning practice — and it begins with a face.

- **Before anything else** — the day opens, and the very first movement of the mind is turned toward the Mother: *prātaḥ smarāmi*, "at dawn I remember". Not a long ritual — one act of remembrance, done first.
- **A portrait, feature by feature** — lips, nose, eyes, ears, smile, forehead: the poet looks at her slowly, as a child looks at its mother. Love is in the lingering.
- **Beauty steadies the mind** — a beloved form is easy to hold; whatever the day brings, the mind has somewhere gentle to return to.

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- **Everyone can do this** — no qualification, no ritual items — only the dawn and a heart that remembers.
- **The Mother of all** — the tradition calls her Lalitā, "the lovely": the supremely beautiful, supremely close Mother of the universe, met in the heart at daybreak.

In one line: *remember her face before anything else — the whole day is then lived in her presence.*

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5 · The padaccheda — the complete word list

The badge shows the §2 word each padaccheda word belongs to — a shared word carries both numbers.

#	शब्दः	IAST	ITRANS	English	
1	प्रातः	prātaḥ	prAtaH	at dawn	1
2	स्मरामि	smarāmi	smarAmi	I remember	2
3	ललिता	lalitā	lalitA	Lalitā — the lovely Goddess	3
4	वदन	vadana	vadana	face	
5	अरविन्दम्	aravindam	aravindam	lotus	
6	बिम्ब	bimba	bimba	the bimba fruit	4
7	अधरम्	adharam	adharam	lip	
8	पृथुल	pṛthula	pRRithula	large, full	5

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9	मौक्तिक	mauktika	mauktika	pearl	5
10	शोभि	śobhi	shobhi	shining; adorned with	
11	नासम्	nāsam	nAsam	nose	
12	आ	ā	A	up to, as far as	6
13	कर्ण	karṇa	karNa	ear	
14	दीर्घ	dīrgha	dIrgha	long	
15	नयनम्	nayanam	nayanam	eye	
16	मणि	maṇi	maNi	a gem, jewel	7
17	कुण्डल	kuṇḍala	kuNDala	earring	

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18	आढ्यम्	āḍhyam	ADhyam	rich in; adorned with	7
19	मन्द	manda	manda	gentle, soft	8
20	स्मितम्	smitam	smitam	smile	
21	मृग	mṛga	mRRiga	deer	9
22	मद	mada	mada	musk — the rut-fluid	
23	उज्ज्वल	ujjvala	ujjvala	glowing, bright	
24	भाल	bhāla	bhAla	forehead	
25	देशम्	deśam	desham	region; place	

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