GLOSSARY:

Aarathi: Flame of camphor or rice, cerminion and turmeric mixed in water that is
Abhaya mudra: one of the hand expressions given to god and goddess as blessing and protection.
Abhimanî: a person who is proud and fan of someone
Advaita: one of the systems of philosophy advocating the principle of non-dualism
Arishna: turmeric (often pronounced as harishna, applied on the forehead, mainly for women)
Atman: soul of individual
Avatar: incarnation
Bhakta: a devotee
Bhakti: devotion (usually to god)
Brahman: the Supreme Being
Chakra: a ringed weapon used for destruction, often seen in the hands of god Vishnu, symbolic
Circumambulated over a deity or a person as a ritual
Dasara: festivities on the nine auspicious days (in October)
Devi: goddess
Divine.
Kali: the presiding deity of the fourth era in mythological time
Kumkuma: crimson (applied on the upper forehead as a symbol of married women)
Kundalini: a spiral force believed to be in the body in yoga, tantra
Pasha: a rope, symbolic representation of control
Prabhavali: aura of divine, symbolic form placed behind the face of gods and goddesses, as a
Puja: rituals related to worship
Sadhana: penance
Shanka: counch
Shlokas: hymns
Smruti: a man-made canonical text
Srichakra: a holy symbol in tantric worship
Tantra: occult practices
Trishul: trident
Varada mudra: one of the hand expressions given to god and goddess as blessing.
Vokkaliga: a community of farmers