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શ્રીબાલામ્બિકાષ્ટકમ્



Introduction: Vaidheeshvarankoil is an important place of pilgrimage in Tamil Nadu State. The place is situated near the Chidambaram - famous for its Nataraja temple. The presiding deity is Lord Siva, known as Vaidheeshvaran. The Devi is known by the name of Balambika. Lord Siva is said to have been worshipped by Jatayu, the eagle famous for his part in Ramayana and the Sun, Mars and the vedas themselves. So the place has the names Jatayupuri, Suryapuri, Angarakapuri and Vedapuri. Lord Siva at this temple is said to relieve the worshippers of their sins and other problems. It is at this place only Lord Kartikeya is said to have obtained the spear with which He could fight the demon Soora . So His shrine in this temple is very popular and attracts large number of devotees. Lord Siva at this temple had been worshipped by sages and siddhas. Saivaite saints (known as Nayanmars) have visited the temple and sung songs in praise of the Lord. People believe that by worshipping the Lord here they can get rid of even serious diseases: hence His name Vaidheesvara. The following verses in praise of the Devi appear in the Skandha

Purana. વેલાતિલડ્ઘકરુણે વિબુધેન્દ્રવન્દ્યે

લીલાવિનિર્મિતચરાચરહૃન્નિવાસે ।

માલાકિરીટમણિકુણ્ડલ મણિઉતાડ્ઘે

બાલામ્બિકે મયિ નિધેહિ કૃપાકટાક્ષમ્ ॥ ૧ ॥

કંજાસનાદિ-મણિમગ્જુ-કિરીટકોટિ-

પ્રત્યુમરત્ન-રુચિરજ્જિત-પાદપન્ને ।

મગ્જુરમગ્જુલવિનિર્જિતહંસનાદે

બાલામ્બિકે મયિ નિધેહિ કૃપાકટાક્ષમ્ ॥ ૨ ॥

प्रायेयमानुकलिकाकलितातिरभ्ये
पादाग्रजवलिनिर्जितमौक्तिकाभे ।
प्राणेश्वरि प्रमथलोकपतेः प्रगल्भे
बालाम्बिके भयि निधेहि कृपाकटाक्षम् ॥ ३ ॥

जङ्घादिभिर्विजितयित्तजतूणिभागे
रम्भादिमार्दवकरीन्द्रकरोरुयुग्मे ।
शंपाशताधिकसमुज्ज्वलयेललीले
बालाम्बिके भयि निधेहि कृपाकटाक्षम् ॥ ४ ॥

माणिज्यमौक्तिकविनिर्मितमेभलाढ्ये
मायाविलग्नविलसन्मणि पट्टभन्धे ।
लोलम्बराजिविलसन्नवरोमजाले
बालाम्बिके भयि निधेहि कृपाकटाक्षम् ॥ ५ ॥

न्यग्रोधपल्लवतलोदरनिम्ननाभे
निर्धूतलारविलसत्सुखयङ्गवाडे ।
निष्कादिमञ्जुमणिभूषणभूषिताङ्गे
बालाम्बिके भयि निधेहि कृपाकटाक्षम् ॥ ६ ॥

कन्दर्पयापमदभङ्गकृतातिरभ्ये
भ्रूवल्लरीविविधयेष्टित रम्यमाने ।
कन्दर्पसोदरसमाकृतिभालदेशे
बालाम्बिके भयि निधेहि कृपाकटाक्षम् ॥ ७ ॥

मुक्तावलीविलसदूर्जितकम्बुकण्ठे
मन्दस्मिताननविनिर्जितयन्द्रबिम्बे ।
भक्त्येष्टदाननिरतामृतपूर्णादृष्टे
बालाम्बिके भयि निधेहि कृपाकटाक्षम् ॥ ८ ॥

कर्णवल्गुभिमणिकुण्डलगण्डभागे
कर्णान्तदीर्घनवनीरजपत्रनेत्रे ।
स्वर्णयकादिमणिमौक्तिकशोभिनासे
बालाम्बिके भयि निधेहि कृपाकटाक्षम् ॥ ९ ॥

लोलम्बराजिललितालकजालशोभे
मल्लीनवीनकलिकानवकुन्दजाले ।


बालेन्दुमञ्जुलकिरीटविराजमाने
बालाम्बिके मयि निधेहि कृपाकटाक्षम् ॥ १० ॥

बालाम्बिके मछाराङ्गी वैद्यनाथप्रियेश्वरी ।
पाहि मामम्ब कृपया त्वत्पादं शरणां गतः ॥ ११ ॥

॥ छति स्कान्ते वैद्यनाथमाछात्म्ये श्रीबालाम्बिकाष्टकस्तोत्रं संपूर्णम् ॥

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