Balagopala

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Pallavi:
Balagopala Palaya Asu maam Bhaktavatsala Krupaajaladhe(Hari)

Anupallavi:
Nila Nirada Sarira Dhiratara Nirajakara Nirupamananda Kara
Lilaya gopavesha Dhara muralidhara Sridhara Damodaravara

Charanam:
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Dron Karna Duriyodhanadi Hari Draupadi mana Samrakshanakara
Vainika Gayaka Guruguha Nuta Pura Vairi Vihita Gopika Manohara

MEANING:
Oh BALAGOPALA! Protect ("paalaya asu") me ("maam"). You are the ocean ("jaldhe") of compassion ("krupa") to devotees ("Bhakta"). Whose body ("sharira") is blue-hued ("neela") like the rain bearing clouds ("neeradha"); whose hands ("kara") are like lotus ("neeraja") flower; bestower ("kara") of incomparable ("nirupa") bliss ("ananda"); who sportively ("leelaya") incarnated ("vesha dhara") as the cow-herd ("gopa", "muralidhara"). Who is adorned by LAKSHMI ("sri dhara"); and is the precious one DAMODARA; who was tied by a rope by YASODA.

Who skillfully ("nipuna") vanquished ("harana") the CANURA & MALLA and killed SAKATASURA with His foot ("charana nihata"); who brought about the death ("har"a) of MURA. He is adorned with ruby gem-studded ("manikya") crown ("makuta"), necklace ("haara") and bracelet ("valaya"). He is valorous in splitting ("Bhedana") the pot-like head ("Patutara") of the intoxicated ("Mattebha") elephant ("Kumbha"). He is worshipped ("architha") by BRAMHA the consort of Vani. He is adorned with PITAMBARA and VAJAYANTIMALA. Who is the form ("akara") of the victorious ("vijaya") mind in conquering pride ("anava") etc ("aadi"). Who destroyed ("apahata") demons ("asura") like KAMSA and worshipped ("nata") by BHUSURAS –those belonging to the earth and kings; He vanquished DRONA, KARNA, DURYODHANA etc. protected ("samrakshanakara") the honour ("Maana") of DRAUPADI. He is extolled by VAINIKA GAYAKAS-VINA players & songsters and GURUGUHA; He is well disposed ("vihita") with friends and foes ("vairi") alike, and the GOPIs – the cow-herd-damsels.

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[Oh BALAGOPALA! Protect ("paalaya asu") me ("maam").]
Srs N Spm G R ; GR Gnd P ; ; n dDm | P ; dnsr gmgr sndp G ; mpdp d pp mG, RS ||
Ba- - - - - la- go- - - paa- - - la- - - Paa- la- ----- ya- - A- su- - - maan- - -

[You are the ocean (“jaladhe”) of compassion (“krupaa”) to devotees (“Bhakta”).] 

S ,g rsN D ; N ; S ; R ; Rgm GS | SG RG mpdpmgmd pp mG, R; RG RS ||
Bha- - - kta- va- - tsa la – Kru- paa- - - -- ka- - - - ya- - A - su-- - - maam- - -

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[Who skillfully (“nipuna”) vanquished (“harana”) the CANURA & MALLA]

R; N S ; ; ; R; RG RG R; | S; Sgr N D SN G; R; grrs R; ||
Ca - nu ra Mal- - - la Ha ra- - na Ni- pu-na- - ta--- ra

[and killed SAKATASURA with His foot (“charana nihata”); who brought about the death (“hara”) of MURA.]

SG R; G; g Pm ; P D; ; P D; | DM ; ; Mnd N; D; N sd ndD P; ||
Cha-ra- na Ni- - - hata Saka- ta- - - su- ra - Mu- ra- - ha- - ra-

[He is adorned with ruby gem-studded (“manikya”) crown (“makuta”), necklace (“haara”) and bracelet (“valaya”).]

DM ; ; P; ; ; D; DM P; PM | MD; ; D; N; ; DP rsN nd D P; ||
Ma- - ni- - kya ma- ku- ta- ha - - - ra- va- la- ya- Dha- - ra-

[He is valorous in splitting (“Bhedana”) the pot-like head (“Patutara”) of the intoxicated (“Mattebha”) elephant (“Kumbha”).]

DP ; ; nd ; ; n S; N S ns R- S; | NS P; P; ndpm ; ; P D; ns R S; ||
Ma- -tte- - bha Kum-- - bha Bhe- - da- na- - - - Patu – ta- - ra

[Who is the form (“akara”) of the victorious (“vijaya”) mind in conquering pride (“anava”) etc (“aadi”).]

; sn N S P D ; ; ; ; S; ; R R G | G S M ; ; ; G; grrs nS; , n- G , R , ||
A na - - - va- - - di Vija- - ya - Ma- - na- sa- - - - - ka- ra-

[Who destroyed (“apahata”) demons (“asura”) like KAMSA and worshipped (“nata”) by BHUSURAS – those belonging to the earth and kings]

; n S; R, rs N R; ; N S ; ; ; ; | N; rs N nd D P; mpdn dpmg R R S; ||
A pa ha ta Kam sa su- ra-- Na- - ta Bhu- - - - - sura

[He vanquished DRONA, KARNA, DURYODHANA etc. protected (“samrakshanakara”) the honour (“Maana”) of DRAUPADI.]

S; G R; G P,m N; D- P; D M P | P- D; P m gRg M; M – S, G r G MPD||
Drona Kar na Du- ryo dhanaa di Ha ra na Drau padi - - ma- na Sam ra- kshanakara

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