

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:

Canura Malla Harana Nipunatara Carana Nihata Sakatasura Murahara  
Manikya makuta haravalaya Dhara Mattebha Kumbha Bhedana Patutara  
Vanisarceita Pitambaradhara Vaijayanti Vana Mala Dhara  
Aanavadi Vijaya Manasakara Apahata Kamsasura Nata Bhusura  
Dron Karna Duryodhanadi Hara Draupadi mana Samrakshanakara  
Vainika Gayaka Guruguha Nuta Pura Vairi Vihita Gopika Manohara

MEANING:

*Oh BALAGOPALA! Protect (“paalaya asu”) me (“maam”). You are the ocean (“jaladhe”) of compassion (“krupaa”) 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 (“hara”) 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 VAIJAYANTIMALA. 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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N ; SG R ; GR GM P ; ; , n dDm | P ; ; ; dNd DP G G mpdp ,d pm G RS ||  
Ba- - - la- go- - - paa- - - la- - - Paa- - - la- ya- - A - su- - - - maam- - -

N ; SG R ; GR GM P ; ; ; D P | P ; ; ; dNd DP G G mpdp ,d pm G RS ||  
Ba- - - la- go- - - paa- - - la- - - Paa- - - la- ya- - A - su- - - - maam- - -

Srs N Spm G R ; GR Gnd P ; ; , n dDm | P ; ; ; dnsr sndp G ; mpdp ,d pp mG\_ RS ||  
Ba- - - - - la- go- - - paa- - - la- - - Paa- - - la- ya- - A - su- - - - - 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- - - - maam- - -

[*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- - - - - ja-la- dhe - - - - Ha- ri - -

S ,g rsN D ; N ; S ; R ; rgmg grrs | rgmp dnsr sndp mgmd pp mG , R ; RG grrs ||  
Bha- - - kta- va- - tsa la – Kru- paa- - - - - ja-la- dhe - - - Ha- ri - -

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[*Whose body (“sharira”) Is blue-hued (“neela”) like the rain bearing clouds (“neeradha”)*]

ND ND N ; N ; ND ND DP ; dm | P ; ; ,d D ; N ; ; ; NS ; ; ; ||  
Ni- - - la- Ni- - - ra- da - Sa- ri- - - - ra Dhi- - - ra- - - -

ND ND N ; N ; nsD ND DP ; dm | P ; ; ,d D ; N ; ; ; R ; rsN S R,g ||  
Ni- - - la- Ni- - - ra- da - Sa- ri- - - - ra Dhi- - - ra- ta- - ra - - -

rsS N ND N ; nsR rSn ND DP ; dm | P ; ; ,d D ; N ; ; ; R ; rsN S nsrg ||  
Ni- - - la- Ni- - - ra- da - Sa- ri- - - - ra Dhi- - - ra- ta- - ra - - -

rsS N ND N ; nsR rSn ND DP ; dm | P ; ; ,d D ; N ; ; ; R ; rsN S ; ||  
Ni- - - la- Ni- - - ra- da - Sa- ri- - - - ra Dhi- - - ra- ta- - ra - - -

[*Whose hands (“kara”) are like lotus (“neeraja”) flower; bestower (“kara”) of incomparable (“nirupa”) bliss (“ananda”)*]

N ; GR R ; NS ns R S N N D DP | P ; ; , n d P , P ,m P ; P ,d nsR S ; ||  
Ni - ra- ja- ka- ra- - Ni- ru - pa- ma- - - - - nan- da Ka- ra- - - -

N ; ; R , S , rs N D – pndp dm ; P d p d n | nS , ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ; ||  
Li - - la ya go - - pa ve - - - sha - Dhara- mura li- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

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N ; ; R , S , rs N D – pndp dm ; P d p d n | nS , ; ; ; ; ; ; r sndpmgrs rgmp dnsr ||  
Li - - la ya go - - pa ve - - - sha - Dhara- mura li- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

rsS N ; R , S rg rs N D – pndp dm ; p D n S | R ,g RS rs N DP Pdm d N d pM, mG , R S ||  
Li - - - la ya - go - - pa ve - - - sha - Dhara mura li - - - - dhara Sri- dhara Da- mo - - da- ra- - vara

rsS N ; R , S rg rs N D – pndp dm ; p D n S | R\_srg g RS rs N DP M ; d N d pM, mG , R S ||  
Li - - - la ya - go - - pa ve - - - sha - Dhara mura li - - - - dhara Sri- dhara Da- mo - - da- ra- - vara

rsS N ; R , S rg rs N D – pndp dm ; p D n S | R\_srg g RS rs N DP mpgr sndp mgdp mgrs ||  
Li - - - la ya - go - - pa ve - - - sha - Dhara mura li - - - - dhara Sri- dhara Da- mo - - da- ra- va-ra-

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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-

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; 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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; d n s rs rpM G R S ; ; n G r S N D N S | nsP ; R – S N D m P , S n D p md pmG R S ||  
 Vai- nika- Ga- - - yaka Guruguha Nuta Pura Vai- ri Vi hi ta Go - pi- ka- Ma- no-- hara