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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.\

बेलातिलङ्घ्यकरुणे विबुधेन्द्रबन्दे

লীলাবিনির্মিতচরাচরহ্নিবাসে ।
মালাকিরীটমণিকুণ্ডল মণ্ডিতাঙ্গে
বালাশ্বিকে মযি নিধেহি কৃপাকটাক্ষম্ ॥ ১ ॥

কংজাসনাদি-মণিমঞ্জু-কিরীটকোটি-
প্রত্যুপ্তরত্ন-রুচিরঞ্জিত-পাদপদ্মে ।
মঞ্জীরমঞ্জুলবিনির্জিতহংসনাদে
বালাশ্বিকে মযি নিধেহি কৃপাকটাক্ষম্ ॥ ২ ॥

প্রালেযভানুকলিকাকলিতাতিরম্যে
পাদাগ্রজাবলিবিনির্জিতমৌক্তিকাভে ।
প্রাণেশ্বরি প্রমথলোকপতেঃ প্রগল্ভে
বালাশ্বিকে মযি নিধেহি কৃপাকটাক্ষম্ ॥ ৩ ॥

জঙ্ঘাদিভির্বিজিতচিত্তজতৃণিভাগে
রস্তাদিমার্দবকরীন্দ্রকরোরুযুগ্মে ।
শংপাশতাপ্তিকসমুজ্জ্বলচেললীলে
বালাশ্বিকে মযি নিধেহি কৃপাকটাক্ষম্ ॥ ৪ ॥

মাণিক্যমৌক্তিকবিনির্মিতমেখলাঢ্যে
মায়াবিলগ্নবিলসন্মণি পটুবন্ধে ।
লোলংবরাজিবিলসন্মবরোমজালে

बालाश्विके मयि निधेहि कृपाकटाक्षम् ॥ ५ ॥

न्यग्रोधपल्लवतलोदरनिम्ननाभे

निर्धूतहारविलसङ्कुचक्रवाके ।

निष्कादिमङ्गुमणिभूषणभूषिताङ्गे

बालाश्विके मयि निधेहि कृपाकटाक्षम् ॥ ६ ॥

कन्दर्पचापमदभङ्गकृतातिरम्ये

भ्रूवल्लरीविविधछेष्टित रम्यमाने ।

कन्दर्पसोदरसमाकृतिफालदेशे

बालाश्विके मयि निधेहि कृपाकटाक्षम् ॥ ७ ॥

मुक्तावलीविलसद्भिजितकम्बुकण्ठे

मन्दस्मिताननविनिर्जितचन्द्रविम्बे ।

भक्तैष्टदाननिरतामृतपूर्णदृष्टे

बालाश्विके मयि निधेहि कृपाकटाक्षम् ॥ ८ ॥

कर्णावलम्बिमणिकुण्डलगुण्डभागे

कर्णान्तदीर्घनवनीरजपत्रनेत्रे ।

स्वर्णायकादिमणिमौक्तिकशोभिनासे

बालाश्विके मयि निधेहि कृपाकटाक्षम् ॥ ९ ॥

লোলম্বরাজিললিতালকজালশোভে

মল্লীনবীনকলিকানবকুন্দজালে ।

বালেন্দুমঞ্জুলকিরীটবিরাজমানে

বালাম্বিকে মযি নিধেহি কৃপাকটাক্ষম্ ॥ ১০ ॥

বালাম্বিকে মহারাজ্ঞী বৈদ্যনাথপ্রিয়েশ্বরী ।

পাহি মামস্ব কৃপয়া ত্বংপাদং শরণং গতঃ ॥ ১১ ॥

॥ ইতি ক্লান্দে বৈদ্যনাথমাহাত্ম্যে শ্রীবালাম্বিকাষ্টকস্তোত্রং সংপূর্ণম্ ॥

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