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TEXT

(1.) [oṃ siddhama] vīraśrī bāṇu<1>devarājula samasta 8 snā(hi) maka-

(2.) ra kṛ 11 sī ravivāre kaligadaṇḍapaṭṭa<2> parīkṣa(kṣā)

(3.) mahāpātra bhuvanānaṃda sāndhivigrāṃkare<3> adhi(kāre)

(4.) kaliṃgaparikṣā mahāpātra pariharānanda saṃdhi-

(5.) bigra(hi)ṅkara adhikāre māji<4> samasta veharaṇa<5> vidya-

(6.) māne ṭākurukara<6> āyuṣkāmārte(rthe) śrīnarasiga nāta(tha)de-

<1. śrībhānudeva>

<2. daṇḍapāṭa>

<3. sandhivigrahīṅkara>

<4. mājhi>

<5. veherā>

<6. ṭhākuraṅkara>

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(7.) bhaṃ(vaṃ)kara amṛtamaṇahi (mi)yāilā niśāṃ(śaṃ)ka bhāṇu

(8.) bhoga 1 la āru<7> 4 vā pulā<8> kāraḍa vaḍā jaüṭapi <9>

(9.) jāḍiva<10> 1 paṇā kalisi 2<11> pānu(na)viḍiyā 5, gu(ā) go5-doṃḍā

(10.) māla 1<12> patri [phala 2, kapu)(rpū)ra misā] caṃdana kalisi 1 tiguṇi

(11.) dugha kuṃcā 1, khaḍa meṃce, etaka nitya prasādaku

(12.) madye<13>

<7. ārisā>

<8. puli>

<9. pālua>

<10. laḍu .>

<11. kalasi>

<12. dhaṇḍāmāla>

<13. madhye vā madhyāhne .>

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PURPORT

In the 8th Śrāhi (Aṇka), Makara, Kṛṣṇa, 11th tithi, Sunday, during the reign of Śrī Bhānu Deva, when the Kaliṅga Daṇdapāta (division) was under the governorship of Bhuvanānanda Sandhivigrahī and Parihārānanda Sandhivigrahi, it is declared before all the Mājhis and Beherās (local officers), who were present there, that for Amṛta-maṇohi (perpetual offering) of God Narasiṃhanātha, a new Bhoga called “Niśśaṅka Bhānu Bhoga” was introduced with the following items :‒

Āriśa 4 Nos, Puli 4 Nos, Koradā badā 4 nos, Jeuṭa pālua, Ladu 1 No, Paṇā (sweet drink) two pitchers, Bidia 5 Nos, Betel-nuts 5 Nos, Thick well-knit flower garland-one, Patri 2 palas, one pitcher full of sandal wood paste mixed with camphor, one Kuñcha (measure) of pure milk, all these items along with certain quantity of clarified molasses (khaṇḍa) should form the daily offering of the deity at noon.

Historical Note ‒ This inscription is very important as it clearly proves that the endowment of Amṛta-manohi as was prevalent in the Jagannātha temple at Puri was introduced in the Narasiṃhanātha temple of Siṃhāchalam by Niśśaṅka Bhānu.

As regards the Parikshā (Superintendent) of the Kaliṅga Daṇḍapāta (division) named Bhuvanānanda Sandhivigrahī Mahāpātra, it may be noted that he finds mentioned as a minister of Narasiṃha-IV, father of Niśśaṅka Bhānu, in his Puri C.P. grant dated Śaka year 1316 or 1394, when his 22nd Aṅka year was current. It is quite likely that he was entrusted with the administration of Kaliṅga division, in some year after 1394 A. D. for his ability and efficiency.