EIAD 50-1. Stone stela from site 99 at Nagarjunakonda — reign of Siri-Ehavalacāntamūla, year 11

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〈1〉 siddham· ~

1. Anuṣṭubh

varṣa (Ekā)daśe rāj(ñaḥ)
(p)rabhor ehavalaśriyaḥ
〈2〉 śuklapakṣasya mā[gha](sya)
p[u](ṇ)[ya] [E](k)[ādaśe] [han](i) ~

2. Sragdharā

〈3〉 deve yasyātibha(k)ti[r] [hutavahatanaye] caṇḍa(śak)[t](au) kumāre
〈4〉 pautras senāpater yyas sa(mara)[vi](ja)[yinaḥ] [kkhyātakīrtter] [aṇikkeḥ]
〈5〉 (prāsā)daṅ gā(ṇḍ)iputtras sa tal(a)[varavaraḥ] [kārttike]yapprasādāt·
〈6〉 [E](l)i[śr](ī)[ś] [śrīvi](ś)ālaṁ śubha(ma)[tir] [akarot] [sarvvadevā](dh)ivāsam· ~

Apparatus

〈5〉 -sādāt· • Chhabra notes that sandhi has not been observed at the end of pāda c, but this seems normal rather than noteworthy.

Translation

Success!

1.

In the eleventh year of the king, the lord Ehavalaśrī, on the auspicious eleventh day of the bright fortnight of (month) Māgha,

2.

the excellent Talavara Eliśrī, of bright intellect, whose intense devotion (is directed) towards the god Kumāra, the son of Fire, [who holds a] fierce spear, grandson of the general Aṇikki who was victorious in battles and whose fame is widely known, son of Gāṇḍi, by the grace of Kārttikeya made (this) temple, abounding in good fortune, the abode of Sarvadeva (i.e. Śiva).

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Chhabra [1963] 1959–1960, p. 147 reported that this inscription is found in six or seven versions, all broken fragments, not a single version having been found in its entirety. It took me some hours to dovetail the fragments till the discovered and kept in the site museum at Nāgārjunakoṇḍa. Many of the fragments are still missing. I was, however, able to restore the complete text by deciphering the extant parts on the various fragments. The facsimile on Plate A shows the greater part of one of the versions, while those on Plate B represent parts of two more versions. The three versions whose images were published by Chhabra correspond to the three stelae we documented. See also EIAD 50-2 and 50-3. Only a synthetic edition was published by Chhabra [1963] 1959–1960. This version is edited here for the first time from published documentation and after autopsy of the stone.

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