

# **Activities and achievements of the Directorate of Epigraphy, Archaeological Survey of India, Mysuru for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

## **TOURS UNDERTAKEN**

The technical staff and officers of the Epigraphy Branch undertook epigraphical survey and copied 16 inscriptions from different places. Sri Sumit Kumar, Assistant Epigraphist has went on tour and copied 12 Stone inscriptions from Shivapuri district of Madhya Pradesh. Sri P.T. Nagarajan, Assistant Epigraphist has went on tour and copied 4 Stone inscriptions from Chengalpattu and Villupuram district, Tamil Nadu. Dr R.V. Anil Kumar, Assistant Epigraphist, Mysore is on tour to Shimogga district, Karnataka and the work is under progress.

## **PUBLICATION**

**Printing of South Indian Inscriptions volume XXIX for Kannada inscriptions edited by Dr. P.N. Narasimha Murthy is also been completed and printed book are awaited from Tamil Nadu Central Printing Press, Chennai. Reprinting of South Indian Inscription Volumes XII, XVI and XXIV is under progress. Printing of Annual Report on Indian Epigraphy 2019-20 is completed.**

**The work of editing of South Indian Inscriptions volume XLVI for Telugu Inscriptions edited by Dr. K. Munirathnam, Director (Epigraphy)I/c, completed and awaiting approval for printing of the Volume from Directorate, Hq, New Delhi.**

The work of compiling Annual Report on Indian Epigraphy for the year 2020-2021 is under progress. The work of editing inscriptions by the technical officers /staff of the Epigraphy Branch and outside scholars for publication in various South Indian Inscriptions and North Indian Inscriptions volumes are in different stages of progress.

## **REVIEW OF SOME OF THE INSCRIPTIONS**

Among the inscriptions examined by the technical staff at Mysuru, a set of copper plates containing three leave found while digging in a field in the village Kattemalavadi, Hunsur taluk, Mysore district, Karnataka. This was issued during the reign of western Ganga king Satyavakya Rachamalla Permanadi, written in Kannada language and characters of the 9th-10th century CE. It records the gift of land after purchase to Narayana of Binnulle belonging to *Atreya-gotra* by Nirupamayya, son of Kambarasa, grandson of Nirupamadeva of Penjeru (present Henjeru in Madakasira Taluk, Anantapura district of Andhra Pradesh) at the request of Nolambadiraja. The gift land was situated at Nirupamamangala of Nirgunda-nadu. Apart from this he also made an endowment of 5 *gadyanas* to the same person.

An inscription from Hammige village in Piriyaipattana taluk of Mysuru district Karnataka, engraved on a slab kept in front of the temple of Basavanna. It is written in Kannada language and

characters dated *Saka* 1354, Paridhavi, su. 15 (1432 CE). The inscription is damaged and seems to record a gift of land as *sarvamanya* in the village Kodihalli to a person (name not clear), son of Avubhalanatha of *Bharadvaja-gotra* by the *gavunda-prajes* and some traders of the village.

An inscription from Kakarla village in Marripudi mandalam, Prakasam district, Andhra Pradesh, engraved on a slab kept in the premises of the Rāma temple, written in Telugu language and characters. It is dated Saka 1464 Sobhakrit, Magha su. 15 Friday which corresponds to 1543 CE, January 28. It records the gift of lands situated behind the tank in the village Kakalla for conducting the festivities in the temple of Rama at Pedakarakam in Tonddamaregula-sima by *Mahamandalesvara* Avubhalesvaradsva, son of Nandyala Singgarayya, for the merit of the king. The donor is said to have obtained Tonddamaregula-sima as *bhahuvartana* from the king.

Among the inscriptions examined by the technical staff at Lucknow, two inscriptions copied from Ranod, Shivapuri district, Madhya Pradesh. Both the inscriptions engraved on the pedestal of the Jaina images, dated samvat 1272 (1215 CE) and are in Nagari Characters and local dialect. Both inscriptions record the gift of one image by Shri Dama Chandra ji who belongs to *mulasamgha* and the second by Shri Dharam Chandra ji and others.

Two inscriptions copied from Parnera, Parners tahsil, Ahmadnagar district, Maharashtra, written in Sanskrit language and Nagari characters, one dated Saka 1698, Ghata year engraved on the side wall of Lakshminarayana temple, seems to record the opening ceremony of the temple. the other engraved on the doorjamb of the Bhimeswara temple, seems to record the opening ceremony of the Temple. date portion of the second inscription is worn out.

One inscription copied from Guraha, Lalitpur District, Uttar Pradesh, engraved on a hero stone fixed in the premises of Guraha temple and dated samvat 1342 (1285 C.E.) is in Nagari characters and Sanskrit language, records the obeisance of delhana, son of kilhana who hailed from the village of gudhaya.

## **DIGITIZATION OF ESTAMPAGES**

The work of pasting and mending some of the old estampages which are not in good condition has been taken up and the work is under progress.

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