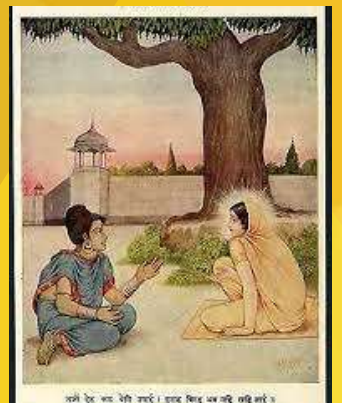
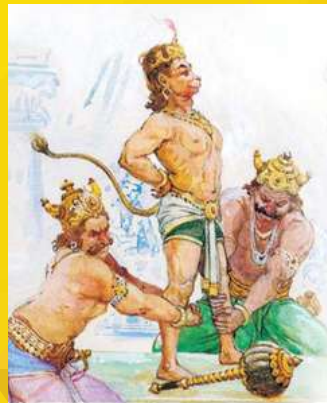
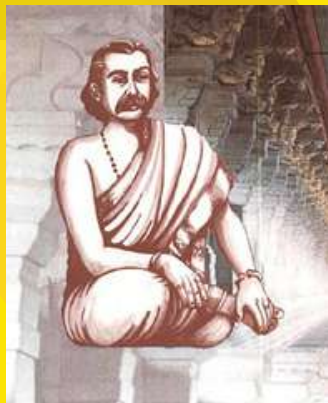
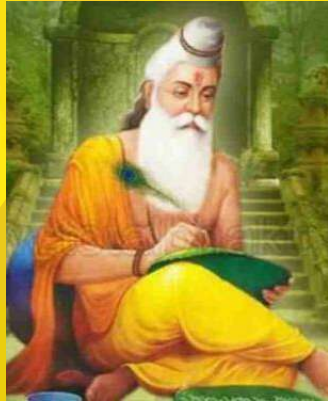




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Ramayana Characters & their connections



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Sri Ramachandra Prabhu's incarnation took place millions of years ago. We are going to visit the place where Ramayana took place through this pilgrimage.

கிஞ்சித்காரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தாபநம்

We can understand the close relationship between the characters in the Ramayana and India, mainly South India from the section below.

We would be quite surprised to know, how much the Ramayana is in line with our culture and tradition.



Mata Kausalya

Mata Kausalya Temple

It is located in
Chandguri village,
27 km from
Raipur in
Chhattisgarh.

கிஞ்சித்காரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தாபநம்

In 2020, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Shri Bhupesh Bagel laid the foundation stone for the expansion of the temple, a few days before the foundation stone of the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

He said, the ancient Mata Kausalya temple would be given a grand look while keeping the original shape intact.

Importance of the place



This is the only temple in the world dedicated to Mata Kausalya.

Being the birthplace of Mata Kausalya, the connection between Chhattisgarh and Rama is very deep. Chhattisgarh is the maternal house of Lord Ram.

During his exile (vanavas), he is said to have spent a good amount of time in the forests of this province, formerly known as Dandakaranya.

Valmiki

Valmiki Temple



கிஞ்சித்காரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தாபநம்

**Valmiki Temple is located on the
East Coast Road near
Thiruvanmiyur Bus Stand, Chennai.**



கிஞ்சித்காரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தாபநம்

It was called as 'Thiruvalmikiyur'
and later became Thiruvanmiyur.
This small mandapam like temple
is about 1200 years old.

A part of Thiruvanmiyur near
Darshaneeswarar Temple is named as
Valmiki Nagar

Tradition has it that Valmiki
rested at this place after
traveling south along the coast.

Kambar

Kambar Mandapam



Therezhanthur or Thiruvazhunthur is in Chittoor, located in the Therezhanthur Panchayat, in the Kuthalam Circle and Kuthalam Panchayat Union in the Mayiladuthurai District on the south bank of the Chola province of Cauvery in Tamil Nadu.



Importance of the place

This area is known as Kambar Medu and is under the control of Archaeological Survey of India.

Kambar temple

The 1000 year old Kambar monument is located in the village of Karuppatti near Natarasan Fort in Sivagangai district.



Even today, there is a custom in this region, to take soil from the site of Kambar Samadhi and place it on the child's tongue.

The belief is that by doing so, the child will grow up with good Tamil skills and great knowledge of Tamil.

Vishwamitra

Vishwamitra Temple



கிஞ்சித்காரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தாபநம்

From Tirunelveli go to Valliyur on Nellai-Kumari highway and from there to Radhapuram and from there you can go to the coastal village of Vijayapati. The temple is located just 5 kilometers from the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Station in this village.



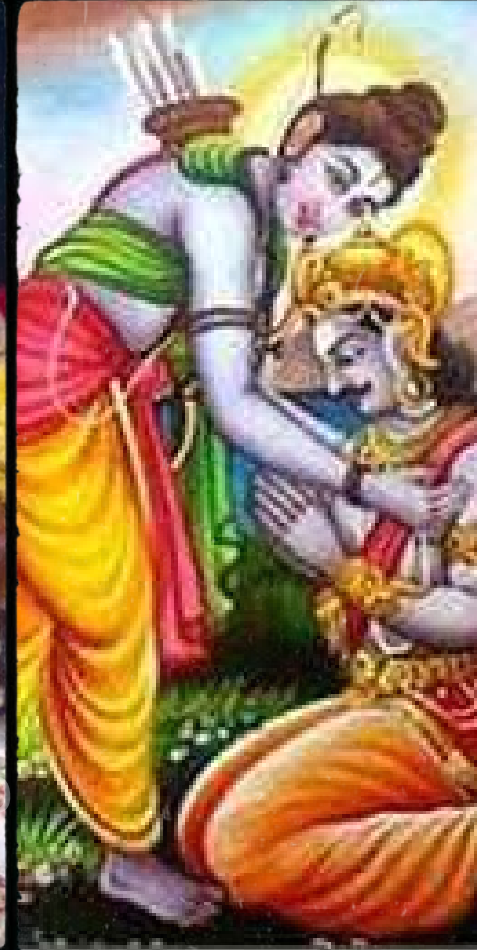
கிஞ்சித்காரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தாபநம்

Importance of the place

Vijayapati means the abode of victory. This Vijayapati was the place chosen by Vishwamitra Maharishi to regain his lost power.

Vibheeshana

**Thirukannapuram Sauriraja Perumal Temple
Sauriraja Perumal Temple, Tiruvarur
District, Thirukannapuram has a
separate shrine for Vibheeshana, who is
a devotee of Rama.**



**At this temple, Vishnu shows this beautiful
way of walking to Vibheeshana, on his
request. This scene is depicted on every new
moon day (amavasai) at the temple.**

கிஞ்சித்காரம் தர்மம் அஸ்தா

Srirangam Temple Trichy

**Vibheeshana is present with Hanuman in
the Vishvaksenar shrine**

கிஞ்சித்காரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தாபநம்



Importance of the place

Sri Bandara Vasal, four legged mandapam, turai-pradakshanam pillar has a sculpture of Vibheeshana receiving Sriranga Vimana.



கிஞ்சித்காரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தாபநம்

Sri Kodandarama temple

On the way from Rameswaram
to Dhanushkodi, there are water
bodies on both sides



கோதண்டராமர் திருக்கோவில்
இராமேஸ்வரம்
Kothandaramar Temple, Rameswaram



This area is considered to be the holy place
where Vibheeshana was crowned as the king
of Sri Lanka.

Jatayu

Vijayaragava Perumal Temple



கிஞ்சித்காரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தாபநம்



There is a temple at Tiruputkuzhi near Kanchipuram

Importance of the place

Tiruputkuzhi Perumal holds Jatayu on his thigh.

Valvil Ram Temple



கிஞ்சித்காரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தா

Swamimalai is near Kumbakonam. It is about 3 km from Adanur near this town. If you travel, you can reach the shrine called Pullamboothangudi.

Importance of the place

The place where Jatayu got moksha is revered as Pullamboothangudi. Devotees say that the Jatayu Theertha here is special.

It is believed that by sprinkling tirtha on the head and worshiping Lord Rama, the sin of killing birds, knowingly or unknowingly, and seven generations of committed sins, will be removed.



Lakshmi Narayan Temple



Lakshmi Narayana Temple is situated on the banks of river Thamarabarani in Arahunkulam village near Tirunelveli.



Importance of the place

The temple is unique as it is built over the Jatayu Theertha

Jatayu Paaka

It is located at a distance of two kilometers from the town of Bhadrachalam



Importance of the place

Ravana cut off both wings of Jatayu. One of those wings is said to have fallen at Rekkapally, 55 kilometers from Jatayu Paaka

Sri Vijaya Kothandaraman Temple

The temple is located near the Vaideeswaran Temple New Bus Stand on the Sirkazhi-Mayiladuthurai road in Nagai District.



கிஞ்சித்காரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தாபனம்

Importance of the place

Even today, there is a Jatayu samadhi in the southern part of the Vaidyanatha Swamy temple in Vaideeswaran temple. The place of Jatayu Kundams is filled with Vibhuti.

Bharata

Bharata Temple

Koodalmanikyam Temple, Irinjalakuda
Municipality, Thrissur district, Kerala



Importance of the place

Bharata is depicted as Vishnu standing with four arms, a staff in the upper right hand, an Aksamalai in the lower hand, sudarshana chakra in the upper left hand, and a conch in the lower hand.

Shatrugnan

Shatrugnan temple, Payammal



Shatrugnan Perumal shows himself as Vishnu in a standing pose, with four arms, chakram in upper right hand, lotus flower in lower hand, conch in upper left hand and mace in lower hand.

Lakshmanan

Sri Kodanda Rama Temple, Tirupati



Importance of the place

According to the Varaha Purana, during the Tretha Yuga, Sri Rama lived here along with Sita Devi and Lakshmana, when he returned from Sri Lanka.

Lakshmanan Temple

Thirumoozhikalam, Ernakulam , Kerala

The temple is one of the four temples that is a part of Nalambalam Yatra. It also belong to the 108 Divya Desams, praised by Azhwars



Importance of the place

It is said that Lakshmanan served Sri Rama by building the gopuram, mandapam etc. for this temple. He himself then became the presiding deity

Baradia, Dwarka district Gujarat,

There are few temples near the coast within the limits of the village. These temples were built in the late 12th century during the reign of Bhima II of the Chalukya dynasty in Gujarat.



Importance of the place

These are the oldest Vaishnava temples in Gujarat. These temples have been declared monuments of national importance and are maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India.

Bharathan, Lakshmanan, Shatrugnan, Angadhan & Sugreevan

Kodhanda Rama Temple, Ayodhya Pattinam, Salem



In ancient times, the Ashram of Sage Bharadwaja was situated in this area. Sri Rama, returning after killing Ravana, came in this way and met the sage.

Importance of the place

As per the request of Sage Bharadwaja and Vibeeshna, Sri Rama, along with mother Sita, showed their coronation scene (pattabhisheka) to them at this place.

So, it is said that this place is called Ayodhya Pattanam because it was here we could see Rama and Sita in the Pattabhisheka Kolam, before Ayodhya.

Here, Rama is said to have stayed for three days. Rama and Sita are served by Bharata, Lakshmana and Shatrugnan; Angadhan, Sugreeva and Anjaneya serve Ramapiran and Sitadevi.



Importance of the place

கிஞ்சித்காரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தாபநம்

Another special feature here is that Sri Rama and Sita sit cross legged only in this temple. There are 28 pillars and the pillars on the four corners produce musical notes on being tapped.

Bharata, Lakshmana, Shatrugnan

**Sri Ramaswamy Temple is
located at
periya kadatheru ,
Kumbakonam**

கிஞ்சித்காரம் தரமஸமஸ்தாபநம்



**Moolavar Sri Rama is seen
sitting in the same asana with
Sita in the Pattabhisheka
Kolam without a bow in hand.**



Importance of the place

**On the right, Lakshmana holds a bow,
Bharata holds a silver umbrella,
Shatrugnan swinging a hand-fan
(chamarai), Anjaneya carries a veena in
one hand and a book of the Ramayana in
the other.**

Janaka

Janaka Narayana Perumal temple



This temple is located
in the heart of
Solavandan city

கிஞ்சித்தகாரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தாபநம்

Importance of the place

The place is known for the penance
performed by King Janaka seeking Sri
Rama as his son-in-law.



There is a shrine for Lord Anjaneya and the
tail of Lord Aanjaneya has a bell in the end

Vaali

Vaalikandapuram Vaaleswarar Temple



It is a Shiva temple in Perambalur district.

கிஞ்சித்தகாரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தாபநம்

Vaalampikai Udanurai

Vaaleswarar Temple on the banks of Koneri River, 15 km on the 4 lane road from Perambalur to Chennai.

Importance of the place

Vaaleswarar is the main deity of this temple. Vaali's sculptures can be found in this temple on the Thirukkulath pillar.

Vaalikandapuram Vaaleswarar Temple

**Vaaleswarar samedha Mother
Vaalambigai is the main deity of this
temple. Vaali's sculptures can be found
in this temple on the Thirukkulath pillar.**



**It is said that after coming here and
worshipping the Moolavar, Vaali got his
special boon - gaining half the strength of
his opponent.**

**Saravana Theertha is the Theertha of the
temple.**

Trijata

Thirukannapuram

Tiruvarur District,

Sauriraja Perumal Temple Thirukannapuram



Here there is a separate shrine for Vibheeshana, a devotee of Rama

Importance of the place

There is another idol inside the same sanctum. Vibheeshana's daughter, Trijata. She was the only supporter and friend in Ashokavana for mother Sita.



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We have got to know so many characters and the importance of the places linked with the characters now.

What should we do next?

What else but visit all these temples in person and experience the Ramayana soulfully.

கிஞ்சித்காரம் தர்மஸம்ஸ்தாபநம்

Jai Sri Ram!