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**Sangu Chakkara Gadhayudha Nithyasoori samedha sowndraraja parabrammane
Namaha; rukmani sathyabama samedha venugopala swami parabrammane
namaha; Amrudha valli samedha narashimma swami parabrammane namaha;
Alarmel mangai sametha srinivasan parabrammane namaha**

On 3rd October 2005, on a mahalaya batcha amavasai day, I V.Loganathan went to singaperumal koil and chettipunniyam shetrams. The tour report is being narrated here for the devotees to get pataladri perumal and Hayagirivar blessings.

Chettipunniyam:

Chettipunniyam is a small village boasts five streets in total. This village is in between singaperumal koil and chingleput. From Chennai (koyambedu), chettipunniyam, is about 50 KM, from Tambaram 30 KM, and from chingleput, it is about 10 Km distance.

Recently Mahindra Company has developed an industrial site in the east side of the NH 45, near by singaperumal koil, named after Mahindra city and Infosys has already established its work site here. Opposite to this Mahindra industrial city, on the western side of NH45, light roof asbestos company is there, which is popularly known as attai company (paper cardboard sheet).

A local “kamatchi kula sangam” (society) already displayed a board near by the literoof company, states that the distance from literoof company towards west direction to chettipunniyam is just 3KM.

Devotees can avail the bus facilities provided by the MTC (metropolitan transport corporation) from Tambaram, Route no 60c goes to vadagal enroute chettipunniyam (Fare Rs 8.00). But the timings are not convenient as they operate only 3 services at 0900hrs, 1340hrs, 1800hrs) and five services on Saturdays and Sundays. Instead plenty of LSS bus services T60 (Tambaram to chingleput) available. The LSS service will not halt at chettipunniyam (on NH45 road) stop. Hence one has to get down at singaperumal koil and take local share auto or can go by the normal white board bus route no 60.

From Chennai koyambedu moffussil bus stand, one can also choose route no 121 which goes to thindivanam or can also opt 108-kalpakkam bus. (Rs 16/ only) to reach the said stop.

An auto (if you are lucky, no one had availed it) is available at the junction of Literoof Company to go to chettipunniyam, charges Rs 35 for single trip and Rs 50/ for up and down. From singaperuaml koil Auto charges Rs 60 for one trip and Rs 100/ for both way.

If you are alone, then you can walk (from chettipunniyam junction at NH45) and take a lift with the two wheelers who rides very frequently.

DevanathaSwamy:

Devanathaswamy at chettipunniam is with sridevi and bhoodevi in standing posture facing east in the front side of the dais. Originally this temple was with varadaraja perumal with his two consorts only, facing east (now stands in the back side of the dais). But it was only in 1848, by one Mr. Sahib Rangachar, the idol of Devanathaswamy of Tiruvehidirapuram along with Hayagirivar was installed in this temple, and the Government Gazette records of the South Arcot Government, of the same year, substantiate these facts. From that day onwards, daily puja is offered to these (Devanatha Swamy, varadarajar, Hayagirivar) deities.

The Bhattachariyar at this temple did the archanna with a loud voice and took the sangalpam in more orthodox way, which really immense one in the devotional path.

In this temple, ramar along with sita and laksmana from tanjore palace, were also installed by a devotee of this village origin, Mr. Rama Swamy Iyengar, who, when shifted his residence to Bangalore from tanjore palace to Mysore palace as diwan's assistant. This temple had undergone samprokshanam in the year 1993 after a span of about 100 years.

This temple is very quite and calm. No bursting crowd. One can spend his true time and mix with the god very silently along with his wife and kids. Many a couple with their kids throng to this temple only on Saturdays and Sundays and does archanna and get the blessings of Hayagirivar.

**Gnananda Mayam Devam, Nirmala spadiggradham, aadharam; Sarva
vidhyanam; Hayagirivam; Ubasmahe!**

Pataladri Perumal:

Singaperumal koil is a small town where pataladri perumal gives dharsan to devotees. Actually it is very small hillock wherein in a small cave, our pataladri perumal took his shelter and blesses the human kind.

On this 30th September 2005, early morning, when I entered the temple, the Bhattachariyars were busy in arranging the lamps in proper fashion. On seeing me waiting at the doorstep, one of the bhattar rushed to me and took the sangalpam and did the archanna.

He described that the rishi, jabali did penance, and when god appeared, got the blessings to have dharsan of Narashimmar in a vugra roopam. Accordingly god gave dharsan and took his shelter in this cave as pataladri Narashimmar.

The specialty I could see at this temple Ursavar face is, a third eye at the forehead. Normally this third eye is kept under the thiruman and during the arthi time, the bhattar skips the thiruman and shows the third eye to the devotees.

This Perumal is called pataladri, which means "red eye". The two consorts ahobilavalli and Andal decorates our Perumal on both sides in a separate Sannathis. The two consorts' Sannathis can go around (pradakshanam), whereas, our Perumal Sannathi cannot, as he had took his shelter in the cave. Hence one has to go around the hillock to do pradaksanam, which is called as girivalam.

Our pataladri Perumal is in sitting posture, having sangu and chakkaram in the top two hands and the lower left hand rest in the left thigh majestically and the lower right hand is the apaya astham. The left leg is downwards and right leg is folded. Silvar kavasams are really excellent which covers the crown, right & left hands and legs in proper fit.

While going round the hillock I could notice a tree, where as usual in all other temples, people tied their cradles and other knots to get their grievances satisfied. Besides there was display which states that this tree (azhienzal or angolam) is of special type, had described in natchiyar thirumozhi 44th verse.

When I further enquired a devotee cum bhattar, said that the fruits from this tree fell down during thunder time and when wind blows all the fallen fruits get backs to their respective knots and gets diluted with the tree itself finally. One cannot see the fruits falling down at no other time, (I accepted his statement blindly) which symbolizes that the human may fell down in the lowgiga life and should go back and dilute oneself with the god. The same type of tree with same description could be seen in chettipunniyam too.

After going round the hillock, I sat for a while and went to the stall to get something for my breakfast; I noticed a board, states about selling milagu dosai, which is seems very popular at this temple. But I was unlucky as it was already sold, and during Saturday and Sunday only, will be available for the whole day.

This temple is about 1500 years old, and has got many lands for income to spend on daily pujas. Its annual income is about 10 lakhs.

**Angan zhalam anza angore alariyay
Avanum pongavagam pannukiran poinda punidhanidam
Paingan anai kombu kondum patimayal
Adikeizh sengazhalam ittu iranzum singavel kundrame.**

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