

# **SOME ASPECTS OF NALLAN CHAKRAVARTHY PARAMPARE**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

During Feb2003, Nallan Chakravarthy Trust has been registered with a view to assemble a large number of interested persons from this group hailing from different places and also others who share the objectives of the Trust. The trust is aiming to create an awareness on the heritage of this group of people over hundreds of years and now to channelise the effort to organize socio/religious/cultural actives to bring them together to undertake measures to address issues of concern at places of their origin. Kakkadsam is the first place chosen by the trust and this would spillover to other places depending upon the response.

## **OBJECTIVES**

This write up is intended to get a glimpse of lineage of Srinivasa chakravarthy starting from Srimusnam Varadachar(840-960). It gives an idea of their dedication to spiritual aspects of life and the extraordinary powers possessed by them by their virtuous life.

## **REFERENCES**

The author is aware of his limitations in indulging to portray the great men. The treasure passed on by Sri HJ Ramaiengar, Basavanagudi and two books ‘ Alvarara Vybhava’ and Bhagavadvishaya Darshan Kaipidi’ written by Sri TK Iyengar, Jayangar have been extensively referred. However inferences and conclusions drawn are of own and I will be pleased to modify/ add/ delete some or most of them. Annexure 1 &2 gives the details of the data culled out from the above references.

## **INFERENCES**

- i) Nallan Chakravarthy family originates from Bhargava maharushi of Srivasta gothra.
- ii) This family further gets accolades from Sri Varadaraja swamy, Ramanuja, Kings of Tirupathi, Lakshmipuram, kalahasti, etc
- iii) Very much dedicated to Sri Venkateswara of Tirupathi earns a position in Tirupathi administration. Conch and wheel of Sri Varada , preserved and prayed by this family

adores the Lord. Suvama kalasha is also contributed by this family.

- iv) Their movement to different places, living in grama devathe temples., by the side of rivers, ponds etc shows their simple living and high commitment to spread the message of Vyshnava siddantam. Ramanuja had confidence in them and made them as one of the 74 peeta sthanidipathis and gave a position in Melukote Temple.
- v) It will be seen that since 1600 onwards, there has not been any exemplary contribution in spiritual field . Perhaps material world distracted them to attain recognition else where. One such great person is Chakravarthy Rajagopala chary (Rajaji) (1878-1972) who not only achieved greatness in the physical world but also in vedic philosophy. He was the First Governor General of independent India who did yeomen service to the country and earned a very distinct appreciation for his extraordinary head & heart qualities.
- vi) This narration should initiate and inspire many young to aim excellence in material world and also not to loose sight of the achievement of their elders in spiritual field.

### **BHARGAVA MUNI**

It is said that Tirumalisai is proved to the best place on earth for penance. This is

in situated in Chennai-Pondamalli-Thiruvallur route. Bhargava of Srivatsa gothra did penance here. One of the earliest alwars, tirumalisai alwar son of Bhargava originates from this place. Details in this regard are given in the book ' Alwarara Vybhava' by Sri TK Iyengar. It may be of interest cullout details of other rushis viz Chavana, Aplavana, Ourava and Jamadagni . Srivatsa gothra people recite these these five rushis in their Pravara.

### **VANSHA VALI**

Sri K.S. Ramaswami has compiled vanshavalis with lot of efforts. It covers the present generation starting from Srinivasa Chakravarthy. This may be referred to for further continuity.

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## Annexure 1

### NALLAN CHAKRAVARTHY PARAMPARE

NAME	PERIOD	PLACE	DETAILS
1) Vatsya Varadahyaya	823-924	Khsonimandana - near Kanchipiram	Sri Mushnam Lakshmi Varaha bhakta Nathamuni favourite
2) Patturaryam	840-940*	Khsonimandana	Nathamuni Disciple
3) Varada	860- 960*	Kanchipuram	<b>\$1</b> Varadaraja's Bhakta Title of 'Nallan' earned .
4) Venkata charya	880- 980*	Kanchipuram	<b>\$2</b> Shanku-Chakra of Varada's was given to him for daily pooja.
5) From 900 to 1120,	at least six 'talamaru'	must have been there.	Details on where they lived and their contributions are not known. Effort is needed to get these details.
6) Varadacharya	1120-1220*	Tirupathi	<b>\$3</b> Ramanujacharya (1017-1137) borrowed the Shanku-Chakra and hoisted on Sri Venaktesha.
7) Venkatacharya	1140-1240*		<b>\$4</b> Title 'Chakravathy' was given" Sri Nallan iti meghoyam vana madye pravarshati"; Ramanuja's blessings. Nallan's family at Melukote.
8) Srinivasacharya	1160-1260*	Tirupati	Moved to Pangum, Lakshmipuram.
9) Govindaraja	1180-1280*	Tirupati	
10) Venkatacharya	1220-1320*	Tirupati	Lakshminarayana idol back from yogish.
11) Varadahva	1240-1340*	Tirupati	<b>\$5</b> Suvarna kalasha to Venkatesha. Kali pooja

and requisition of vehicles.

12) Srinivasacharya      1268-1369      Sri mushnam      Disciple of Vedanta desikar. Moved to different parts of South India.

13) From 1268 to 1608 at least seventeen 'Talamaru' must have been there. Details are not available regarding their place of stay, their contributions, and their problems. Efforts must be made get these details.

14) Ranga Ramanuja      1608-1728

15) Vedanta Ramanuja      1676-1737

16) From 1676 to 1818, there must have been at least six 'Talamaru'. Details are not available regarding their place of stay, their contributions, and their problems. Efforts must be directed to obtain these details.

18) Srinivasa      1818-1888\*  
    Chakravarthy

19) Ramaswamy      1838-1908\*

20) Srinivas      1858-1930\*      Kakkadasam      Our Great Grand father  
    Chakravarthy

\* estimated period      \$ stories of our predecessors