



## A Rare book - Dhevaiula on Ramanathaswami



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This classical work on Sri Ramanatha Swami of Rameswaram was composed by "Palapattadai Chokkanatha Pillai". This work was discovered by Sri U.Ve.Saminatha Iyer after comparing multiple versions. He also wrote a commentary on this rare text. He is affectionately called Tamil Thatha (literally, "Tamil grandfather")



கோவ மொடுங்கரா வுண்ட குலமைந்தர் மூவரையும் வாழ்வித்த மூவர்களுந் - தேவருக்கும்	135
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This is getting more interesting. The poet uses his poetic liberty and describes the participation of noble & holy personalities in the procession:

1. The holy Saivite trinity:
  - a. Thirugnana sambanda Swami, who had rescued three children from the stranglehold of a crocodile
  - b. Thirunavakkarasu Swami
  - c. Sundara Swami
2. Devas
3. King Arimardhana Pandian - Lord Siva had taken a beating from him that had reflected on all the beings (one of the 64 holy acts or dramas enacted by Lord Siva in Madurai)
4. Accompanied by the erstwhile minister, Manickavachaga Swami
5. The local King Vijaya Raghunathan. Instead of performing noble deeds as an individual, he did it collectively so that the benefits maximum of his subjects. He was the first one to pull the golden chariot of our Lord and then joined by the larger crowd that rejoiced completely

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