

74 mudhali-s (in Sanskrit simhaasanaadhipathi-s) appointed by
Sri Ramanuja 1137 AD

1. sottai nambi s/o aaLavandhaar, His son ennaacchaan, his son piLLaiappan.
2. pundareekar s/o periya nambi
3. theRkaazhvaan s/o thirukOttiyoor nambi
4. sundhara thOLudaiyaan s/o thirumalaiyaandaan
5. ramaanujam s/o peria thirumalai nambi and his son thirumalai nambi
6. kooraththaazhvaan,/battar/sriraama piLLai
7. mudhaliyaandaan/kandhaadai andaan
8. naduvil aazhvaan
9. kOmadaththu aazhvaan
10. thiruk kOvaloor aazhvaan
11. thirumOgoor aazhvaan
12. piLLai piLLai aazhvaan
13. nadaadhoor aazhvaan
14. engaLaazhvaan
15. ananthaazhvaan
16. miLagaazhvaan
17. neyyundaazhvaan
18. sEttaloor siRiyaazhvaan
19. vEdhaanthiyaazhvaan
20. kOyil aazhvaan
21. ukkal aazhvaan
22. araNa puraththu aazhvaan
23. embaar
24. kidaambi aachchaan
25. kaNiyanoor siRiyaachchaan
26. eechchambaadi aachchaan
27. kongil aachchaan
28. eechchambaadi seeyar
29. thirumalai nallaan
30. sattampaLLi seeyar
31. thiruveLLaRai seeyar
32. aatkonda villi seeyar
33. thirunagari piLLaan
34. kaaraanci sOmajiyaar
35. alankaara vEngadavar
36. nambi karundhEvar
37. siRuppuLLi dhEvaraaja Battar
38. piLLi uRandhai udaiyaar
39. thiruk kurugai piraan piLLaan
40. periya kOvil vaLLalaar
41. thiru kaNNapuraththu araiyar
42. aasoorip perumaaL
43. muni perumaaL
44. ammagip perumaaL
45. maaruthip periyaandaan
46. matronRillaa maaruthicciRiyaandaan
47. SOmaasiyaandaan
48. seeyar andaan
49. eeSvar andaan
50. eeyuNNi piLLai andaan
51. periyaandaan
52. siRiyaandaan
53. kuRinchiyoor siRiyaandaan
54. ammagi yaandaan
55. aaLavandhaar andaan
56. aruLaaLap perumaaLemperumaanaar
57. thondanoor nambi
58. marudhoor nambi

59. mazhuvoor nambi
60. thirukkurungudi nambi
61. kuravai nambi
62. mudumbai nambi
63. vaduga nambi
64. vangeepuraththu nambi
65. sriparaangusa nambi
66. ammangi ammaaL
67. paruththi koLLai ammaaL
68. ukkalam ammaaL
69. sottai ammaaL
70. mudumbai ammaaL
71. komaandoorp piLLai
72. komaandoor iLaiyavilli
73. kidaambi perumaaL
74. kaattup piLLaan

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Sri:

Srimathe Gopaladesika Mahadesikaya Namah:

Dear Sri Bharat,

Given below is the list of 74 simhasanAdhipathis of YathirAjar, as appointed by Him.

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BHAGAVAD RAMANUJA'S SISHYAS WHOM HE NOMINATED AS SIMHASANA ADHIPATHIS:

Bhagavad Ramanuja installed 74 of his disciples as Simhasana Adhipathis.

(Authorities mainly are: AVM, GLE and ATA):-

1. Chottai Nambi, son of Aalavandaar
2. Pundarika, son of Maha purna
3. Yaamuna, son of Goshti purna
4. Sundara bahu, son of Maalaa dhaara
5. Raamaanuja, son of Saila purna
6. PARAASARA BHATTAR (and his brother, sons of Aalvaan)

Parasara Bhattar was the son of Kurathalwan. His Acharya was Embar. He learned the Sastras so well that he came to be called a 'walking university'. His works include his commentary on Vishnu Sahasra Nama Bashya (1,000 names of Vishnu) also known as 'Bhagavad Guna Darpanam', Rangaraja Stava, Ranganatha Ashtaka, Sri Guna Ratna Kosam, Kriyaa Deepam, Ashta Sloki, Satusloki, Dvisloki, Tanisloki While he was a kid, a haughty Advaita exponent by name 'Vidvad Jana Kolahala Panditha' was being carried on a palanquin to engage in a debate with Ramanuja. The boy stopped him on the way. Holding a handful of sand in his closed fist, he asked the Panditha how much of sand was there in his palm. The Panditha was nonplussed and asked how could anyone count the sands. Parasara retorted saying that if he could not answer that it was just a 'fistful' how did he propose to win an argument with the great Ramanuja. The Panditha praised the boy, his father Kuresa and his Acharya, Embar. The Panditha subsequently became the disciple of Parasara assuming the name of ' Per Arulala Perumal Emperumanar'

Parasara and his brother helped the master in the documenting the Sribhashya. (p.315 of GLE). When the master bade Embar to bring the baby for naming, Embar brought the baby and by way of protection was muttering Dvaya Mantram. When the master enquired how the baby showed off an unusual brilliance, Embar narrated what he did on the way. The master exclaimed that he had prevented Koorathaalwaan from being the Guru for the baby since

only the one who initiates in Dvaya would be the Acharya. Since he had done this, the master asked Embar to act as the Guru for the baby. (p.32-33 Of ATA).

(p.33-34 of ATA) His TANIAN runs as follows: '(SAA p.199)

Sri Paraasara Bhattaaryas Sri Rangesa Purohitah |

Sri Vatsaanga Suthas Srimaan Sreyase Mae Asthu Bhooyase ||

7. Raamaanuja, son of Aandaan

8. Madhyamaarya (Naduvil Aazhwaan)

9. GOMATHAARYA (GOMATATHU AAZHWAAN) bore the bowl and slippers of his master. (p. 315 of GLE)

10. Tiruk Kovalur Aazhwaan

11. Tiru Mohur Aazhwaan

12. PILLAI AAZHWAAN: He was the disciple of Koorathaalwaan. The latter breathed hi last lying on the lap of Pillai Pillai Alwaan. (p.36 of ATA)

13. VARADA VISHNU AACHAARYA (NADAADOOR): He was born in the month Chitrai in Chitra Nakshatram in the year 1165 AD. He lived for 110 years and attained Paramapadam in 1275 AD (PPM). He was also known as Sudarsanar. He belonged to Srivatsa Gotram. He also assisted the master in documenting the Sri Bhashya (p.315 of GLE) and acted as a scribe for Sri Bhashyam along with Kooratha Azhwaan. His father was Devarajap Perumaal and his grandfather was Nadadoor Aazhwaan He was a Sribhashya Simhaasana Adhipathi. It is he who installed the Archa Vighraha of Emperumaanaar at Kaanchi. His own Archa Vighram is at Tiruvellarai (p.28 of ATA). He wrote 19 granthas which include : PRAPANNA PAARIJAATHAM, Sloka Dvayam, Paratvaadhi Panchaka Sthuthi, Tattva Nirnayam, Tattva Saaram, Saamaanya Adhikarana Vaadham, Yathilinga Samarthanam, Hethiraja Sthavam, Prameya maala, Sri bhashya Sangraham, and Aahnika Choodaamani (which is not extant) (Authority: PPM and Payyampadi Setlur Srivatsaankaachaaryars Preface to the Commentary on Prapanna Paarijatham by Abhinava Desika Uttamur Swami.) He was the master of Kidambi Appullaar who learned the Sastras at his feet while he was delivering Kalakshepam on the Eastern side of Perarulalan Sannidhi in Kanchipuram. Like a mother who feeds her child, he offered to Lord Varadaraja hot milk (neither too hot nor too cold) but just hot enough to drink .Therefore, the Lord was pleased to exclaim "Oh ! Are you my mother? ". That is how he came to be known as Nadadoor Ammaal.

14. VISHNU CHITTHA (ENGAL AAZHWAAN): He was born in the month Chitrai and in the constellation of Rohini (MSR). A Tiruvellarai Sozhiyar, he was delivering discourses (Pravachanam) on Sri Bhashyam and Bhagavad Vishayam. He wrote a commentary on Vishnu Puranam. He was born in the month Aani in the constellation of Swaathi. He wrote Vishnuchitteeyam, Saaraartha Chathushtayam and Sangathi maasam. (PPM) He attained Paramapadam at a place called Kollakkonda near Srivilliputtur (PPM)

15. Marichyaarya (Milagaazhwaan)

16. Neyyundaazhwaan

17. Baalaarya - I (Setlur Siriyazhwaan)

18. ANANTHAARYA (ANANTHAAZHWAAN): He was one of the direct disciples of Bhasyakarar. He spent most of his life in Tirumalai having been deputed there to do offer Pushpa Kaimkaryam. Once, he was stung by a poisonous snake while plucking flowers. He prayed to the Lord saying that if he got cured of snake bite, he would take bath in Tirukkoneri and if he were to die, he would still take bath in the Viraja and reach Paramapada Naathan. It is he who composed the Tanian for Tiruvoimozhi commencing with the words " Aeinda Perum Keerthi".

19. Vedaanthi Aazhwaan
20. Kovil Aazhwaan
21. UTKALAARYA (UKKALAAZHWAAN) served out the meals for his master (P.315 of GLE)
22. Haranaapuraarya (Arana Purathu Aazhwaan)

23. GOVINDA (EMBAAR) He was born in the Month Thai in the constellation of Punarvasu (MSR). He was a cousin of Ramanuja. His earlier name was Govinda. He studied under Yadava prakasa along with Ramanuja. It is he who rescued Ramanuja from the plot , the Guru Yadava prakasa hatched to kill Ramanuja. Subsequently, as he was taking bath in a river once, a Sivalinga (an icon in the phallic form of Siva) mysteriously landed on his palm. He became a Saivite for a while. Later, on the advice of his uncle, Tirumalai Nambi and Ramanuja he returned to Vaishnavism and closely followed Ramanuja in all his itineraries assuming the name of ' Embar'. .(vide p.15 and 16 of ATA). He made the Masters bed, shampooed him when tired, offered him his arm while walking, and took charge of his garments (p.315 of GLE) TKG narrates how he bade farewell to Parasara, son of Alwaan and attained Acharyas Tiruvadi (p.303 - 304 Of GLE) See also paragraph 1 in Part 1 of this series.) His Tanian reads as follows: (SAA p.199)

Ramanuja Padhas Chaayaa Govinda Aahvaanapaayinee |
Dhadhaadhyatha Svaroopascha Jeeyaan Mad Visramas Thalee ||

24. PRANATHA AARTHI HARA (KIDAAMBI AACHAAN) looked after the refectory along with Kidambi Perumal. (p.315 of GLE) It is he who took over the culinary duties for the master after the poisoning incident when Tirukkoshtiyur Nambi entrusted Ramanuja to his loving care. Therefore, he came to be known Madappalli Aachaan.

25. Baalaarya II (Kaniyanur Sิริya Aazhwaan)
26. Ichchambaadi Aachaan
27. Kongil Aachaan
28. Ichchambaadi Jeeyar
29. Nallaan of Tirupathi (Tirumalai Nallaan)
30. Sattaam Pillai Jeeyar
31. Tiru Vellarai Jeeyar
32. Aatkondavalli Jeeyar
33. Tirunagarip Pillai
34. Kaaraanji Somayajji
35. Alamkaara Venkatavar
36. Nambi Karum Devar
37. Devaraaja Bhattar
38. Pillai Urandai Udaiyaar

39. PILLAN (TIRUK KURUGAI PIRAN PILLAN): He was born in Aippasi -Pooraadam (PPM & MSR). He was declared as the Gnaana Putran of the Master. (Vide p.23 and 24 of ATA and paragraph 20 in Part 12 of this series).

40. Vallalaar (Periya Koil Vallalaar)
41. Aasoorip Perumaal
42. Aachchaan of Kannapura (Kannapurathu Aachchaan)
43. Munip Perumaal
44. Ammanhip Perumaal
45. MARUTHI, THE ELDER (MARUTHI AANDAAN) : Served the master with water to wash his hands (p.315 of GLE)
46. MARUTHI, THE YOUNGER (MARUTHI SIRIYA AANDAAN) : He looked after the supply of groceries for the mutt (p.315 of GLE)
47. Sri Rama Krathu nathaarya (Somayajji Aandaan)
48. Jeeyar Aandaan
49. Isvaraandaan

50. Iyunnip Pillai Aandaan
51. PERIYAANDAAN He assisted the master in composing Sri Bhashya. (p.315 of GLE)
52. AANDAAN, THE YOUNGER (SIRIYAANDAAN) He got ready the materials necessary for the masters sacred Badges and daily worship; and, brought to him his sandals. (p.315 Of GLE)
53. Aandaan, the younger of Kurinji Puram
54. Ammangi Aandaan
55. Aalavandaar Aandaan
56. DEVARAAJA MUNI (ARULALAP PERUMAAL EMPERUMAANAAR) He was Sri Ramanujas former Advitic Guru, Yagnamurthi, who subsequently became his Sishya. He wrote Gnaana Saara and Prameya Saara. The master critically examined and approved these. He was entrusted with the daily Tiruvaradhana of the image of Lord Varada. (Vide p.315 Of GLE, p.8 ATA and paragraph 9 in Part 11 of this series)
57. Thondanoor Nambi
58. MARUDOOR NAMBI : When he did Aartha Prapatti to the Lord saying that he had committed more sins than Sisupala and therefore deserved greater mercy, Lord Nrisimha instantly took him unto his holy feet (p.302 of GLE)
59. Mazhuvoor Nambi
60. Tiruk Kurum Kudi Nambi
61. Kuruva Nambi
62. Mudumbai Nambi
63. AANDHRA PURNA (VADUGA NAMBI) attended upon the master during his bath and tended the masters cows. (p.315 of GLE). Please see paragraph 25 in Part 13 in this series for other details about his Acharya bhakti (p.299-300 of GLE) He used to boil milk and offer it to the master. When the master breathed his last, he kept his feet on the lap of Vaduga Nambi and head on the lap of Embar. (p.42 of ATA)
64. Vanki purathu Nambi
65. PARAANKUSA NAMBI: He was named so by the master in honor of Nammalwar. He wrote a remarkable commentary on 6000 Padi (p.32 of ATA)
66. AMMANGI AMMAAL: Prepared the draught of milk for the master (p.315 of GLE)
67. Varadaarya (Paruthik Kollai Ammaal)
68. UTKALA AMMAAL (UKKALA AMMAAL), did fan service to the master (p.315 of GLE)
69. Chottai Ammaal
70. Mudumbai Ammaal
71. Komaandoor Pillai
72. Komaandoor Ilayavalli
73. KIDAAMBI PERUMAAL He looked after the refectory along with Pranatharthihara (Sl. 24) (p.315 of GLE)
74. Pillaan of Arcot (Aarkaattup Pillaan)

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