

18 Siddhas South Indian



1. SRI SIVAVAKIYAR SIDDHAR

Born with Lord Shiva's name on his lips this great sage said that the constant repetition of the Lords name would even turn one's body into gold. A great rennuciate he is said to have lived for over 4,000 years. His works include Naadi Parikshai and Sivavakiyar 1000.



2. SRI KAYILAY KAMBILISATTAMUNI SIDDHAR

Also known as Roma Rishi this great sage is said to have come from Rome. He is said to have mastered all eight siddhis. His works include Vroma Rishi Vaithyam 1000 and Naago Roodam.



3. SRI MAHA BOGAR SIDDHAR

Born in China Sri Maha Bogar is said to have mastered all the mantras at a very young age. He is said to have crafted the famous idol of Lord Muruga at Palani. His main works include Bogar Vaithyam 1000 Bogar 12000.



4. SRI KAGA BUJANDAR SIDDHAR

Born in Truchi in Tamil Nadu Sri Kaga Bujandara is said to have seen the truth in everything around him. This great saint is said to have witnessed in the form of a crow several cycles of creation and destruction. Famous works include Kaaga Bujanda Gnyanam, Kaaka Kaiveeyam 33.



5. SRI PULIPANI SIDDHAR

Born in China, Sri Pulipani Siddhar is said to have been the disciple of Maha Bogar Swamigal. When Maha Bogar crafted the idol of Lord Muruga at Palani is Sri pulipani Siddhar who collected the required herbs. His famous works include putlipani Jaalam 325, putlipani Vaidyam 500.



6. SRI SATTAIMUNI SIDDHAR

Sri Sattaimuni Siddhar was born in Sri Lanka and came to Tamil Nadu. Seeing Maha Bogar in a temple and captivated by his radiance he abandons his family and becomes his disciple. His works in simple language appeal greatly to the common man his works include Sri Sattaimuni Karpam 100 and Sri Sattaimuni Nigandu 1200.



7. SRI AGAPEY SIDDHAR

Nayanaar a weaver by birth was displeased with mere materialistic success. Visualizing Sage Vyasa as his Guru he sits in meditation in a Jyoti tree. Agapay Siddhar as he came to be known wanted people to control the negative feelings within them and to realize God. His writings include Agappay Siddhar paadal 90 and Agappay Poorna Gnyanam 15.



8. SRI AZHUGANI SIDDHAR

Sri Azhugani Siddhar advised people to shun the materialistic world and to embrace spiritualism. The use of rare herbs like. Azhugani and Thozugani gave him his name. His famous works, include Azhugani Vaithiam and Azhugani Yogam.



9. SRI KUDUMBAI SIDDHAR

Born into the Yadava clan Sir Kudumbai Siddhar was said to have been an attractive child. His mother used to adorn his ears with kudumbai an ornament and hence his name. At the age of 16 a saint is said to have blessed him with the knowledge of the Self. There after he retired from the materialistic world and wrote of God and self in simple language. His works include Kudumbai Gnyana Soostram 18, Kudumbai Siddhar Paadalgal.



10. SRI VALLALAR SIDDHAR

Ramalinga Swami also called Vallalar was a sage of infinite realization. From a young age he showed greater interest in the worship of God rather than in studies Once he is said of have placed a mirror on the wall, garlanded it and offered worship only to find not his image but that of Lord Muruga. Sri Vallalar preached the equality of all mankind. His penance was so great that lamps burned with water rather than oil. Ramalinga Adigalar attained Maha sammadhi at Vadalur where he transformed his physical body into light to merge with the Divine. His famous works include Maha Deyva Malai and Deyva MaDni Maalai.



11. SRI IDAIKADAR SIDDHAR

Sri Idaikadar is considered an incarnation of Lord Vishnu. It is said that once while out grazing goats he was blessed by a Siddhar with immense divine powers. It is said that he and his goats survived famine when foreseeing the difficult times ahead he built a house with walls of grain and fed his goats plants that survived without water. The planets visit him when feed on grain and goats milk they fall asleep. Changing their positions the siddhar assures that rain commences saving the land from famine. His famous works include Idaikadar gnyana soothram 70 and Idaikadar Kanida Nool.



12. SRI PATTINATHAR

Once a wealthy merchant, an observation by his son that having wealth and not distributing it to the needy was like being like a needle with no eye, made him renounce the world. He visits many spiritual places seeking union with the Lord. The Lord gives him sugar cane saying that when the bitter cane becomes sweet he would attain mukthi. At Tiruvotriyur the cane becomes sweet and playing with the children on the beach he asks them to burry him in the sand. They do so only to find a lingam in his place. His famous works include Thirurvedai marudur Mumani Kovai, Thiru Ekamba Mudayar Thiuvan daadi.



13. SRI KADUVELI SIDDHAR

Sri Kaduveli Siddhar was born in Kaduveli in the Chola era. Though his songs are popular throughout the state, his life story remains obscure. His famous works include Kaduveli Siddhar Paadal.



14. SRI KANCHAMALAI SIDDHAR

Sri Kanchamalai Siddhar is said to have been born in the hills and to have spent his life in the caves. He is said to have used his extensive powers to travel by air. His dress was made from medicinal herbs and he is said to have been fond of birds. His famous works include Kanchamalai Siddhar Kalakyaanam, Kanchamalai Siddhar Paadalgal.



15. SRI CHENNEMALAI SIDDHAR

Sri Chennimalai Siddhar was capable of curing incurable diseases. He is said to have united with Lord Shiva whom he found living in the same tree as him. The tree where he attained Jeeva Samadhi is even today an object of worship. His writings are found in the Padinen Siddhar Kovai. He is said to have written the Pinakesar Thattuva Paadalkal.



16. SRI KAPILAR SIDDHAR

Sri Kapilar is said to have incurred the curse of Lord Shiva lord is said to have been bom in Madambakkam as a cow where he attains salvation. The temple for Lord Shiva where he worshipped him is said to be the Dhanupueeswarar Temple. His works include Kadaichanga Ilakiya Noolgal.



17. SRI KARUVOORAR SIDDHAR

Karuvoorar belonged to a family of Viswakarmas. He is said to have sculpted in gold the dancing Nataraja as seen by the Chola king Hiranayavarman. It was under his guidance that the Brihardeeswarar temple was built by Raja Raja Chola at Tanjavur. His famous works are Karuvoorar Vaidya Kaviyam 700, Karuvoorar Pala Thirattu.



18. SRI PAMPATTI SIDDHAR

His early days were spent chaining snakes. Once while out hunting for snakes he sees before him an enlightened sage who tells him to conquer the snake within. From that moment he accepts Sri Sattaimuni Siddhar as his guru and performs yoga for many years. Seeing that people were dissatisfied even after acquiring all materialistic things he started distancing himself from them. His famous works are Paampatti Siddhar Gnyana Soosthram PaampaatiSiddharPaadalgal.