

Sri Kambaluru Ramachandra Tirtharu



Sri Kambalur Ramachandratheertharu
1612-1632 , Rayavelloor



Period 1575 to 1632 AD

Father – Sri Kuppacharya

Vth in succession after Sri Vyasarajaru

Vyasaraja Mutt Parampare

Vrundavana @ Rayavellore

Aradhana – Margashira Shudda Triteeya

Ashrama Gurugalu – Sri Sripati Tirtharu

Ashrama Shishyaru – Sri Lakshmi Vallabha Tirtharu

His Shishyaas – VaaTivaala Narasimha, Sri Ratnagarbha Odeyar

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shriRaamachaMdraguravE nama: kaaruNyasiMdhavE |

vaṁdārukalpataravē vādikairavabhānavē

śrīrāmacaṁdraguravē nama: kāruṇyasimdhavē |

He is regarded as the “Sampradaya Pravarthakaru” of Sri Vyasaraja Mutt. He was a great scholar and a debater. He belongs to Kambaluru family (Sri Vibudendra Tirtharu also belong to the same family). His poorvikaas are from Coimbatore District in KavileppaaLayaM village in SatyamangalaM Taluk.

Mass conversion to Madhwa Philosophy - When he was sitting for Chaturmasya in Pennaatturu near Veluru, he had given Madhwa Deekshe to many Kannada speaking Brahmins and converted them to Madhwa philosophy. Still many such families are still living in Coimbatore District with the surname Pennatturu.

Sri Kambaluru Ramachandra Tirtharu, in his Srimannyaaya Sudha Tippani, has quoted that he has studied under Sri Vijayeendraru

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His contemporaries - Sri Vijayeendra Tirtharu, Sri Vidyadeesha Tirtharu of UM, Sri Vedanidhi tirtharu, Sri Vedavyasa Tirtharu, etc.

His works –

1. Srimannyaayasudha VyaaKyaa
2. Sri Jayatirtha's Rugbhashya Teeka Vyaakyaa
3. AitarEya Bhaashya Teeka
4. TatvavivEka Teeka

The area where his vrundavana is located is termed as “ Madhwa Vijaya Nagara”, Vellore. Apart from Sri Kambalur Ramachandra Tirtharu, there are 8 more vrundavanas located in that place. They are :

Sri Vidyapathy Thirtharu..Sri Uttaradi Mutt
Sri Sathyadiraja Thirtharu..Sri Uttaradi mutt
Sri Sripati Tirtharu, Sri Vyasaraaja Mutt
Sri Kambaluru Ramachandra Tirtharu, Sri Vyasaraaja Mutt
Sri Raghavendra Swamigalu, Mruttika Vrundavana
Sri Kesava Udayaru..Bidi Sanyasi, Shishyaru of Satyadiraja Tirtharu
Sri Govinda Madhava Udayaru..... -do-
Sri Bhoovaraga Udayaru..... -do-
Sri Raghunatha Udayaru..... -do -

Stopping of Big Rock – Raya Vellore –

During his stay once in Rayavellore, some miscreants not able to sustain the growth of Madhwa Shastra and his Vak Chaturya, tried to kill him by throwing a big stone on him, when he was doing japa. He realized that a big stone is being thrown, so he said “antaraale tista”. Immediately that rock stood there without falling on any body. Such was his tapashakthi. That is why that place which was called as Vellore is called as “Rayavellore” – Raya means “big stone”. The Rock which was stopped by swamiji is still can be seen near his Vrundavana.