



## Sri Vadiraja Tirtha's Thirtha Prabandha on **Kanchi Varadaraja**

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ರಮ್ಯೋ ವರದರಾಜೋಽಯಂ ರಸಿಕಾಗ್ರೇಸರೋ ಧ್ರುವಂ ।

ಕಥಮಾತ್ಮವಧೂಶ್ಲಾಘ್ಯಕಾಂಚೀದೇಶೇ ನ ಚೇದ್ವಸೇತ್ ॥ ೩೧ ॥

ಯಾಚೇ ವರದರಾಜ ತ್ವಾಂ ಕಾಂಚೀಶೇಹ ನ ಕಿಂಚನ ।

ಚೇತನಾಚೇತನಜಗದ್ವರಂ ತ್ವಾಮೇವ ದೇಹಿ ಮೇ ॥ ೩೨ ॥

ದ್ವಿಜೇಷ್ಟದಾತೃತ್ವಮಜಾರ್ಚಿತತ್ವಮಜನ್ಮತಾಂ ಸ್ವಾಂ ಮಖಭೋಕ್ತೃತಾಂ ಚ ।

ವ್ಯನಕ್ತ್ಯಯಂ ಶ್ರೀಪತಿರಗ್ರಹಾರಪರಿತಧಾತೃಕ್ರತುವೇದಿಜಾತಃ ॥ ೩೩ ॥

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चेतनाचेतनजगद्धरं त्वामेव देहि मे ॥ ३२ ॥

द्विजेषदातृत्वमजार्चितत्त्वमजन्मतां स्वां मखभोक्तां च ।

व्यनक्त्ययं श्रीपतिरग्रहारपरीतधातृक्रतुवेदिजातः ॥ ३३ ॥

There are two kanchis. One is Vishnukanchi and the other one Shivakanchi. Srihari in his roopa of Varadaraja is staying in Vishnukanchi. The idol had come out of the yajna which was performed by Brahmadeva, as per the sthala purana. As he came out of the Yajna bhoomi it indicates his Brahmavandya, Yajna bhoktrutva, vedijaatattva, and janmaraahithya.

Srihari is the shresta among those who give boon, that is why he is called as “varadaraja”. Vadirajaru here says in utprekshalankara that Varadaraja is a “rasika” that is why he is staying in bhoodevi’s Kaanchi.

The idol is very beautiful. Sri Vyasara jaru stayed here for many years and it is here that Sri Vyasara jaru wrote :

श्रीमन्मध्वमते हरिः परतरः सत्यं जगत्तत्त्वतो ।

भेदो जीवगणाः हरेरनुचराः नीचोच्च भावंगताः ।

मुक्तिर्नैज सुखानुभूतिरमला भक्तिश्च तत्साधनं ।

ह्यक्ष्यादित्रितयं प्रमाणमखिला म्नायैक वेद्यो हरिः ॥

He explained the entire contents of Madhwa Philosophy in a single prose, after defeating so many stalwarts of Advaita philosophy at a very young age.