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VAMANA MOORTHY MANDIR, THRIKKAKARA (Ker)

Thrikkakkara means the place where Prabhu placed His foot. Thiru-kal-kari later became Thrikkakara. The Mandir is dedicated to Vamana.

During Onam, Mahabali is said to visit his land. Onam celebrations begin at the Thrikkakara Mandir.



It is said that once a farmer prayed to Thirukkakarayappa that he would present him with a bunch of golden bananas if his plantation yielded fruits. When there was a heavy yield of Kadalipazham, the farmer got golden bananas made and left the bunch outside the Sreekovil.

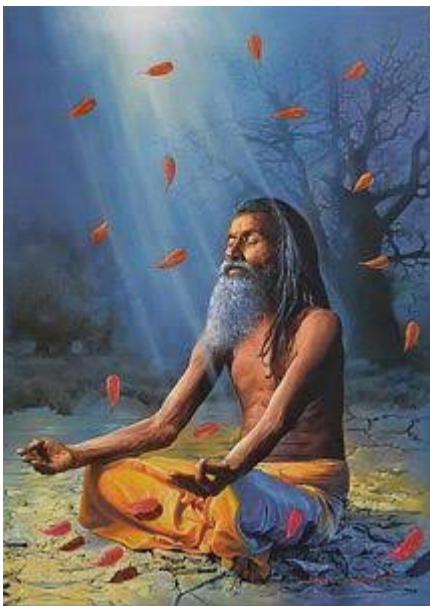


When the pujari came, he saw the bananas missing. Only a yogi was seated near the Mandir. So the pujari complained against him to King.

Next day, while doing abhishekam, the pujari saw that water was not getting drained. He found the bunch of golden bananas blocking the drain.



The pujari and the King realised their mistake but the humiliated yogi committed suicide. Before dying, he cursed that they would lose their wealth and that his curse would end only after the town lost all its wealth.



The yogi became a brahma rakshasa due to untimely death. A small mandir was built and prayers were offered to him. Even today, after nivedyam is offered to Thirkakkarayappa the same is offered to the brahma Rakshasa too.

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