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Anyone who has been to Kozhikkode (Calicut) know about the Prosperity of the Businesses in the Kozhikkode Angadi (Market). It is still a place buzzing with activity enjoying high level of turnover and tremendous cash flow.

There is a story behind this 1/n



Samoothiris (Zamorin) ruled Calicut from 12th to 18th Century. One of the Samoothiris Chief Minister was the legendary Mangattachan

Once the Samoothiri got a severe pain on his right shoulder, so much so that he was not able to lift his arm. 2/n

He complained to Mangattachan, who asked him to ignore/live with it, without telling the reason.

Mangattachan was forced to be away from Calicut.

Samoothiris pain increased. Many a Vaidyan (Ayurvedic Doctor) from places near & far tried to cure him but in vain 3/n

Kolathiri was a nearby Kingdom, who had a love hate relationship with Samoothiri. As a royal gesture he sent his Chief Physician to treat Samoothiri.

Kolathiri's physician asked Samoothiri to apply a wet towel on his right shoulder continuously. 4/n

Miraculously his condition improved dramatically in a few days.

Samoothiri was delighted, showered gifts on the physician and thanked Kolathiri.

When Mangattachan came back, Samoothiri gloated and told him his pain was gone. 5/n

A clearly worried Mangattachan asked how and Samoothiri narrated what has happened

“Chathichallo Thirumanasse” (You have been betrayed Highness!), cried Mangattachan in anguish and immediately took off, leaving a bewildered Samoothiri behind 6/n

Mangattachan knew it was Lakshmi Devi (The Goddess of Prosperity and Wealth) playing her joyful dance on Samoothiri's shoulder that caused his shoulder ache. 7/n

Her blessings on Samoothiri had ensured that his kingdom remained prosperous and wealthy.

It was her satisfaction with the Samoothiri's rule that had caused her to start a dance on his shoulders. 8/n

By placing a Wet Towel on his right shoulder, Lakshmi Devi felt insulted and left Samoothiri

On her moving out, she was automatically replaced by her elder sister Jyeshta Devi (Moodevi).

It was to prevent this Mangattachan asked Samoothiri to live with the pain 9/n

Mangattachan set out in search of Goddess Lakshmi.

Finally with the sun setting he found a lady with a brilliant radiance around her walking through the streets of Kozhikode Angaadi (Calicut Bazaar). 10/n

Despite the repeated entreaties of Mangattachan, Goddess Lakshmi was adamant on leaving Samoothiri and Calicut. 11/n

But she was pleased with the devotion of Mangattachan to Samoothiri and the Country, asked him to seek a boon other than going back to Samoothiri's shoulder.

Mangattachan sought the boon that she would not leave until he came back.

Lakshmi Devi Agreed. 12/n

Mangattachan then went one of the nearby temple pond, removed his sword and stabbed himself.

He sacrificed himself to ensure that the Goddess of Prosperity never left the Kingdom of Calicut. 13/n

But Samoothiri had to pay for his folly. Their rule came to an end soon

But Kozhikkode Angadi and Kozhikkode remained prosperous to the day, due to Lakshmi Devi's presence. 14/n

PS: This is why elders advise you not to put the wet towel over your shoulders after you have bathed. This will drive away Lakshmi Devi and allow Moodevi to reside in you. n/n

The Story is adapted from Aithiyamala by Kottarathil Sankunni which is a treasure chest of Stories from Kerala