

## Sri Kula Shaekara Azhwar (ஸ்ரீ குலசேகர ஆழ்வார்):

This Azhwar was a Chera king born on the புனர்பூசம் (*Punarvasu Nakshatram*) day in month of மாசி (*Masi*). He was the *amsa* (incarnation) of *Kaustuba* or the Gem of the Lord. He was a great Sri Rama *Bhakta*. His *paasurams* form the பெருமாள் திருமொழி (*Perumaal Thirumozhi*). Even in his *paasurams* on the Lord of திருக்கண்ணபுரம் (*Thirukkannapuram*), his bhakti towards Lord Sri Rama is evident as his *paasurams* on this shrine starts with “மன்னுபுகழ் கோசலைதன்மணிவயிறு வாய்த்தவனே.” referring the Lord as the precious son of the famous *Kausalya*. In தில்லை நகர் (*Thillainagar-Chidambaram*), the Azhwar visualizes Sri Rama to be reclining as *Sri Govinda Raja Perumaal* along with *Maaruthi* who is considered an *amsa* (incarnation) of Lord Siva. In the last ten verses of பெருமாள் திருமொழி (*Perumaal Thirumozhi*), the Azhwar describes the entire Ramayanam beautifully. In his verses on Lord Srinivasa of *Thiruvenkatam*, he craves to be born in the *Thiruvenkata* hills just to have constant joy of being with the Lord of *Thiruvenkatam*. He says that he would be happy to be born as an insentient entity like a door step at the entrance of the Lord's sanctum. (“படியாய்க் கிடந்து உன் பவளவாய் காண்பேனே”). To honour the desire of the Azhwar, in *Thiruppathi*, the door step at the inner sanctum of the Lord is called “குலசேகரப்படி” (“*Kulashaekara*” door step”)