



## A Rare book - Dhevaiula on Ramanathaswami



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This classical work on Sri Ramanatha Swami of Rameswaram was composed by "Palapattadai Chokkanatha Pillai". This work was discovered by Sri U.Ve. Saminatha Iyer after comparing multiple versions. He also wrote a commentary on this rare text.



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In the above verses, the poet enlists the Devis, who had assembled to witness the Lord and Divine Mother in the chariot, the presiding deities of Rameswaram. They are:

1. Bhoo-devi, the consort of Lord Vishnu
2. Gayathri Devi
3. Saraswathi Devi
4. Sapta-Nadhi Devis
  - Ganga
  - Yamuna
  - Godavaru
  - Saraswathi
  - Narmada
  - Sindhu
  - Kaveri
5. Devis of Sapta-Rishis
  - Atri Maharishi - Anasooya devi
  - Bharadvaja Maharishi - Sushila Devi
  - Gautama Maharishi - Ahalya Devi
  - Jamadagni Maharishi - Renuka Devi
  - Kashyapa Maharishi- Aditi Devi
  - Vasistha Maharishi – Arundhathi Devi
  - Viswamitra Maharishi- Menaka Devi

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