

1. Agathiyar story



Agathiyar is the best of sages. As he appeared in a pot, he is also called Kudamuni. His glory is special enough to be respected even by Lord Shiva. He also made Tirumala Lord Shiva. Tirupati is where Tirukkutalam was made. At Indra's request he once drank the ocean too. On that day Lord Shiva and Umadevi got married in Thirukailai. Sages and Devas gathered together at Thirukailai. So the north line of the earth is tilted. The south line is elevated. The gods and sages were afraid. Lord Shiva wanted to balance the world. Seeing the great Akathiya sage in pride. He sent him to Potiyamalai saying, 'If you go to Potiya and stay like that, the world will stand in perfect condition'. He also reached Potiya Hill and stayed. The world also stood flat like a ball. Seeing this, they were greatly surprised and celebrated the glory of sage Agathiya. Thus the pride of the saints is immeasurable. Everyone realized that if they started acknowledging their pride, they would try to count the dead in the world with such a name.

(Saints Pride)