

24. The story of Atipad Nayanar

At the coast of Nagapattinam in the Cholawala country, Adipatha Naya Naar appeared in Nulaypadi in the Bharatavar clan. He is the leader of the Bharatavas. He lived by taking part of the fish caught by the Bharatas. He is a great lover of



God. Among the fish caught, he left a beautiful fish in the ocean saying, "This is for Paramashiva". Even if he caught only one fish in a day, he would leave it for Paramashiva. In the following days, he left the catch in the sea to catch a fish for several days. This reduced his income. The relatives regretted the food. He did not regret a bit and continued his

commitment day by day. One day the netmen came to catch a priceless fish. The fish appeared like Katiravan and shone brightly. Its organs were made of nine kinds of beads. The king was surprised to see the fish. This fish belonged to Emperor. "Suck" and released it into the sea . Due to this, he got a good life.

Agapadu manfish is also released* (Sivathondu)

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