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## śrī arunagirināthar swāmīgal's thiruppugal pathigams (introduction)

By Sri N.V. Karthikeyan

As Arunagirinathar was ordained by Lord Murugan to sing His glories, the Saint's main work is the Thiruppugal songs. Thiru is "God" or "Divine" and Pugal is "glory." Hence, true to the title, Thiruppugal is primarily the glory of God that is sung in these verses which are 16,000 in number, though only about 1,300 are available now. Even from these one can get a glimpse of the extraordinary capacity of Saint Arunagirinathar. These Thiruppugal songs contain information on different subjects like religion, art, music, and literature; the different systems of Yoga, like Bakthi, Jnana, Raja, Kundalini, Hatha, etc.

Though Lord Murugan is the sole object of praise, each Thiruppugal being addressed to Him and ending with "perumāLE (my Lord)," etc., Arunagirinathar so dexterously brings in all other deities like Vinayaka, Vishnu, Siva, Lakshmi, Saraswathi, Parvathi, Kali, Rama, Krishna, etc. in the capacity of their relation to Skanda as this or that, and thus, glorifies everyone of them. In so doing, Arunagirinathar brings in innumerable anecdotes, incidents, and episodes from the Ramayana, Mahabharata, Srimad-Bhagavata, Periya Puranam, Skanda-Purana, etc. It is believed that, apart from the purpose of turning the minds of people from sensuality to religion and devotion, Arunagirinathar heralded a new era of religious unity, tolerance, and understanding between the Saivites and Vaishnavites, through his Thiruppugal songs which, in glorifying Lord Skanda, praise Him as the Son of Siva, Uma Devi, etc., as also the son-in-law of Vishnu, Lakshmi, etc., thus bringing about a compromise between the two sects. Indeed this is no small achievement. This praise of all Gods and Goddesses is one of the outstanding features of Arunagirinathar's Thiruppugal songs, and is rarely seen in the works of any single saint or poet of the Tamil country.

Another salient feature is the free employment of Sanskrit words, phrases, and even complete lines in Thiruppugal and also in Kandar Alangāram, which exhibits not only Arunagirinathar's mastery over that language but also his skill to blend it with Tamil, and thus, show that the two languages are not incompatible with each other.

The Thiruppugal songs are in Santham metre and Arunagirinathar is the pioneer of this type of poems in the Tamil language.

If the available 1,300 and odd Thiruppugals themselves disclose so much of the superhuman skill of Arunagirinathar and his vast range of knowledge in different fields, we can imagine the mine of information and wisdom that could be inherited by us if all the 16,000 songs were to become available to us. The cadence and rhythm, the elegance of his diction, the meaning and sweetness, the lilt and dance of his words have even today such a magical effect. Arunagirinathar is always living with us. His works — Thiruppugal, Kanthar Anubhuthi, Kanthar Alangāram, Kanthar Anthādi, Thiru Vaguppu, Vel Viruththam, Mayil Viruththam, Seval Viruththam, Thiru Velu Kootrirukkai, and other divine literary works have survived centuries and are still sung in temples today! Long live the fame and works of Arunagirinathar!



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## Guide to pronunciation

- From “Sri Suktam with Samputita Sri Suktam.”  
(Karunamayi, Sri Sri Sri Vijayesari Devi. *Sri Suktam with Samputita Sri Suktam*.  
Bangalore: Sri Matrudevi Viswashanthi Ashram Trust, 2004.)

This guide is based on American pronunciation of words, and is therefore not a perfect representation of Sanskrit sounds.

### Sanskrit Vowels

<b>a</b>	like <b>a</b> in nap
<b>ā</b>	like <b>a</b> in father
<b>ē</b>	like <b>ay</b> in may
<b>i</b>	like <b>i</b> in pin
<b>ī</b>	like <b>ee</b> in sweet
<b>ō</b>	like <b>o</b> in rose
<b>u</b>	like <b>u</b> in put
<b>ū</b>	like <b>oo</b> in food
<b>ha</b>	pronounce as a faint echoing of the previous vowel; e.g. <b>ah:</b> would be pronounced “aha”; <b>ih:</b> would be pronounced “ihi”; <b>uh:</b> would be pronounced “uhu”; etc.
<b>ai</b>	like <b>ai</b> in aisle
<b>au</b>	like <b>ow</b> in cow

### Sanskrit Consonants

<b>b</b>	like <b>b</b> in bird
<b>bh</b>	like <b>b h</b> in job hunt
<b>ch</b>	like pinch
<b>d</b>	like <b>d</b> in dove
<b>dh</b>	like <b>d h</b> in good heart
<b>g</b>	like good
<b>gh</b>	like <b>g h</b> in log hut
<b>h</b>	like <b>h</b> in hot

<b>j</b>	like <b>j</b> in job
<b>jh</b>	like <b>dgeh</b> in hedgehog
<b>jñ</b>	like <b>ng y</b> in sing your
<b>k</b>	like <b>k</b> in kite
<b>kh</b>	like <b>ck h</b> in black hat
<b>l</b>	like <b>l</b> in love
<b>m</b>	like <b>m</b> in mother
<b>ñ</b>	like <b>n</b> in pinch
<b>p</b>	like <b>p</b> in soap
<b>ph</b>	like <b>ph</b> in up hill
<b>r</b>	rolled like a Spanish or Italian “r”
<b>s</b>	like <b>s</b> in sun
<b>ś</b>	sometimes like <b>s</b> in sun, sometimes like “sya” sound
<b>t</b>	like <b>rt</b> in heart
<b>th</b>	like <b>t h</b> in fat hat
<b>v</b>	like <b>v</b> in love, sometimes like <b>w</b> in world
<b>y</b>	like <b>y</b> in yes

\***t, th, d, dh,** and **n** should be pronounced with the tongue placed against the protruding slightly beyond the upper teeth.





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தானந்த தானத்தம் ..... தனதான

நீலங்கொள் மேகத்தின் ..... மயில்மீதே  
நீவந்த வாழ்வைக்கண் ..... டதனாலே

மால்கொண்ட பேதைக்குன் ..... மணநாறும்  
மார்தங்கு தாரைத்தந் ..... தருள்வாயே

வேல்கொண்டு வேலைப்பண் ..... டெறிவோனே  
வீரங்கொள் சூரர்க்குங் ..... குலகாலா

நாலந்த வேதத்தின் ..... பொருளோனே  
நானென்று மார்தட்டும் ..... பெருமானே.



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## śrī arunagirināthar swāmīgal's thiruppugal pathigam - song 1296 (“nee-lan-gol”)

**nee-lan-gol – mega-thin ..... mayil-meethē  
nee-vantha – vāl-vaik-kan ..... tatha-nālē**

*Mounting the peacock of the hue of blue cloud,  
You set out on a majestic procession. Looking at that beautiful sight,*

**māl-konda – pē-thaik-kun ..... mana-nārum  
mār-thangu – thā-rai-than ..... tharul-vāyē**

*this girl is passionately in love with You.  
Would you not graciously give her the garland that sways on Your fragrant chest?*

**vēl-kondu – vēlai-pan ..... teri-vōṇē  
vee-ran-gol – soorar-kum ..... kula-gālā**

*Once, You wielded the spear, and the sea was completely dried up.  
You are the God of Death for the entire clan of the brave demons.*

**nā-lantha – vētha-thin ..... poru-lōṇē  
nān-enru – mār-thattum ..... perū-mālē**

*You are the substance of all the four fine scriptures, namely Rig, Yajur, Sāma and AtharvaNa.  
You proudly beat Your chest declaring that You are the one inherent in all lives, Oh Great One!*



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