

**A Workshop On  
Pancha Bhuta Linga Kshetra Kritis**

**For Aradhana-NH**

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# Pancha Bhuta Linga kshetra Kritis



In Sanskrit

**Pancha:** Means five

**Bhuta:** Elements of Creation

**Linga:** a representation of Lord Shiva

**Kshetra:** sacred place

**Kritis:** Songs

# Pancha Bhuta Linga Kshetra Kritis..

## Pancha Bhuta

- Per early thinkers all creation is made up of five elements
  - Ether, Air, Fire, Water and Earth.
- Per Taittiriya Upanishad these elements came from the Supreme Being.

## Pancha Bhuta Kshetras

- Refers to the five Shiva temples dedicated to Lord Shiva
  - Each representing the manifestation of these five prime elements.
  - The five elements are believed to be enshrined in the five lingams.
  - Lingams symbolize the divinity of Shiva.
  - Each of the five lingams representing Shiva in the temple have five distant names based on the elements they represent.

## All these temples are located in South India

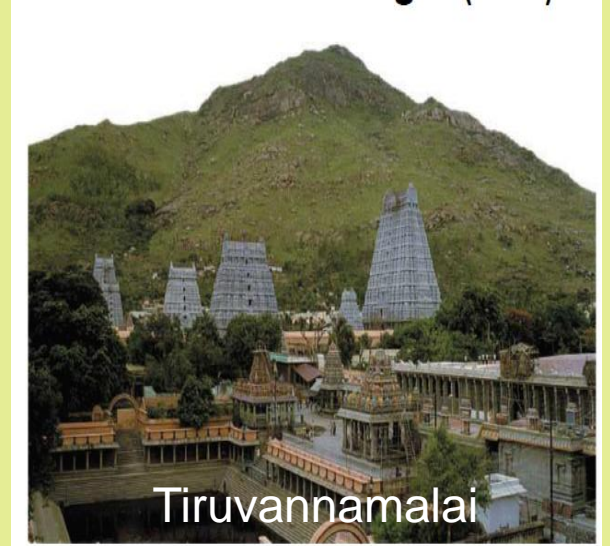
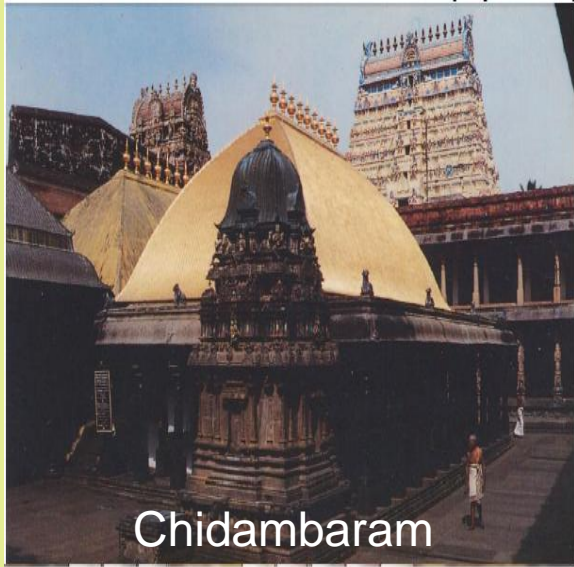
- Four of these temples in Tamil Nadu and
- One in Andhra Pradesh.

# Pancha Bhuta Linga Kshetra Kritis..



Muttusvami Dikshitar (1775 -1835), visited these shrines and dedicated songs to them.

These songs are referred to as the Pancha Bhuta Linga Kshetra Kritis (songs on the five elements)





# Chidambaram



**Nataraja Temple**



**Akasha ( Ether )  
Linga**



**pallavi**

*Ananda naTana prakAsham  
rAga - kEdAram, tALa - mishra cApu*

**Ananda naTana prakAsham citsabhesham  
AshrayAmi shivakAmavalllsham**

**anupallavi**

**bhAnu koTi koTi sankAsham  
bhukti mukti prada daharAkAsham  
dIna jana samrakshaNa caNam  
divya patanjali vyAghrapAda darshita kuncitAbja caraNam**

**caraNam**

**shItAmshu gangAdharam nllakandharam  
shri kEdArAdi kshEtrAdhAram  
bhUtesham shArdUla carmAmbaram cidambaram  
bhUsura trisahasra munlshvaram vishveshvaram  
navanIta hRdayam sadaya guruguha tAtamAdyam veda vedyam  
vIta rAgiNamaprameyAdvaita pratipAdyam  
sangIta vAdya vinoda tANDava jAta bahutara bheda codyam**

# Srikalahasti



Sri Kalahastishvara svami Temple

Vayu (Air) Linga





**pallavi**

*shri kAlahastIsha  
rAga - Huseni, tAla- Jhampa*

**shri kAlahastIsha shrita janAvana  
samIrAkAra mAm pAhi rAjamaule ehi**

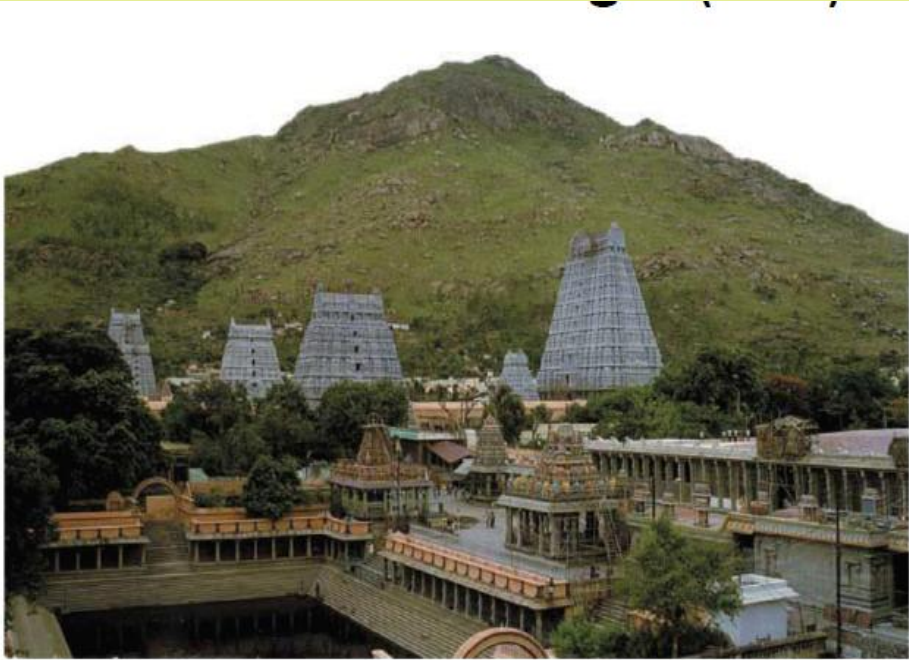
**anupallavi**

**pAkAri vidhi hari prANamaya koshAnilAkAsha  
bhUmi salilAgni prakAsha shiva**

**caraNam**

**jnAnaprasUnAmbikA pate bhaktAbhimAna dakshiNa kailAsa vAsa  
abhIShTa dAna catura karAbja dlina karuNAnidhe  
sUna shara sUdaneshAna bhava pashupate  
jnAna guruguha saccidAnandamaya mUrte  
hIna jAti kirAtakena pUjita klrte**

# Tiruvannamalai



Arunachaleshvara Temple



Agni (Fire) Lingam

**pallavi**

*aruNAcalanAtham  
rAga - sArangA, tALa-rUpakam*

**aruNAcalanAtham smarAmi anisham  
aplta kucAmbA sametam**

**anupallavi**

**smaraNAAt kaivalya prada caraNAravindam  
taruNAditya koTi sankAsha cidAnandam  
karuNA rasAdi kandam sharaNAgata surabrndam**

**caraNam**

**aprAkrtA tejomaya lingam  
atyadbhuta kara dhrta sArangam  
aprameyam aparNAbja bhrngam  
ArUDhottunga vrSha turangam  
viprottama vishEShAntarangam  
vlra guruguha tAra prasangam  
svapradlpa mauLi vidhrta gangam  
svaprakAsha jita somAgni patangam**

# Tiruvanaikkaval



**Jambukeshvara Temple**



அருள்யிரு சம்புககவரர்

அன்வன அகிலாண்டகவரி

**Ap (Water) Linga**



**pallavi**

**jambUpate mAm pAhi nijAnanda amrta bodham dEhi**

**anupallavi**

**ambujAsanAdi sakala dEva namana  
tumburu nuta hRdaya tApopashamana  
ambudhi gangA kAvEri yamunA  
kambu kaNThyakhilANDEshvarI ramaNa**

**caraNam**

*jambUpate  
rAga - yamunA kalyANi, tALa - rUpakam*

**parvatajA prArthitAplinga vibho  
panca bhUtamaya prapanca prabho  
sarva jlva dayAkara shambho  
sAmajATavi nilaya svayambho  
sharva karuNASudhA sindho  
sharaNAgata vatsalArta bandho  
anirvacanIya nAda bindo  
nitya mauLi vidhrta gangEndo  
nirvikalpaka samAdhi nishTha shiva kalpaka taro  
nirvishESha caitanya niranjana guruguha guro**

# Kanchipuram



**Ekamreshvara Temple**



**Prithvi (Earth) Linga**

**pallavi**

*cintaya mAkanda mUla kandan  
rAga - bhairavi, tALa - rUpakam*

**cintaya mAkanda mUla kandan  
cetasshri sOmAskandan**

**anupallavi**

**santatam akhaNDa saccidAnandan  
sAmrAjyaprada caraNAravindam**

**caraNam**

**mangaLakara mandahAsa vadanam  
mANikya maya kAncl sadanam  
anga saundarya vijita madanam  
antaka sUdanam kunda radanam  
uttunga kamanlya vrSha turangam bhairavi prasangam  
guruguhAntarangam prthvi lingam**