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Chandeshwara gave importance to Shiva Puja&protection of cows.

His bhakti for Bhagwan Shiva elevated him as one of foremost among 64 Nayanmars.

He is regarded as custodian of Shiva Temple's wealth& most of Shiva temples in South India has separate sannathi for him
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There are series of paintings, illustrating the #story of Chandikeshwar in the premises of Sri Sathiyagireeswarar #Temple - Seinganur,near Kumbakonam,TN

Chandikeshwara's birth name is Vichara sarman.He was born in the village Seinganur on the banks of River Manni.



His Parent names were Yajna Thatan and Pavithrai.
Vichara Sarmar was gifted child and he learnt the Vedas and agamas at a very young age.
He was very devout and would always think about Bhagwan Shiva.

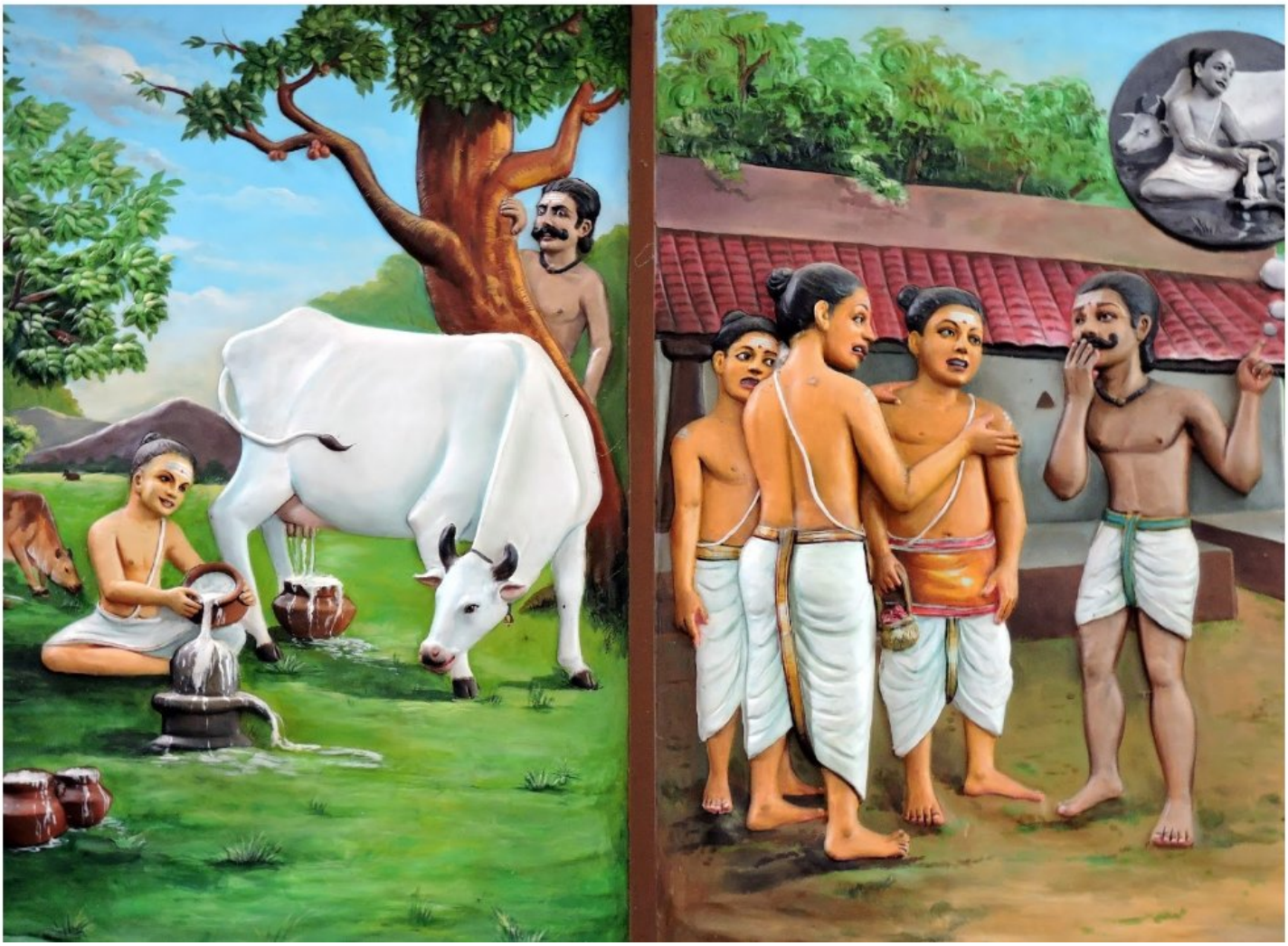
One day he saw a cowherd brutally assaulting a cow,Vichara Sarmar could not tolerate this. He spoke to cowherd: ‘Do you not know that the cow is worshipful and divine? All gods & devas reside in https://t.co/ElLcI5ppsK it is our duty to protect cows,not to harm them.



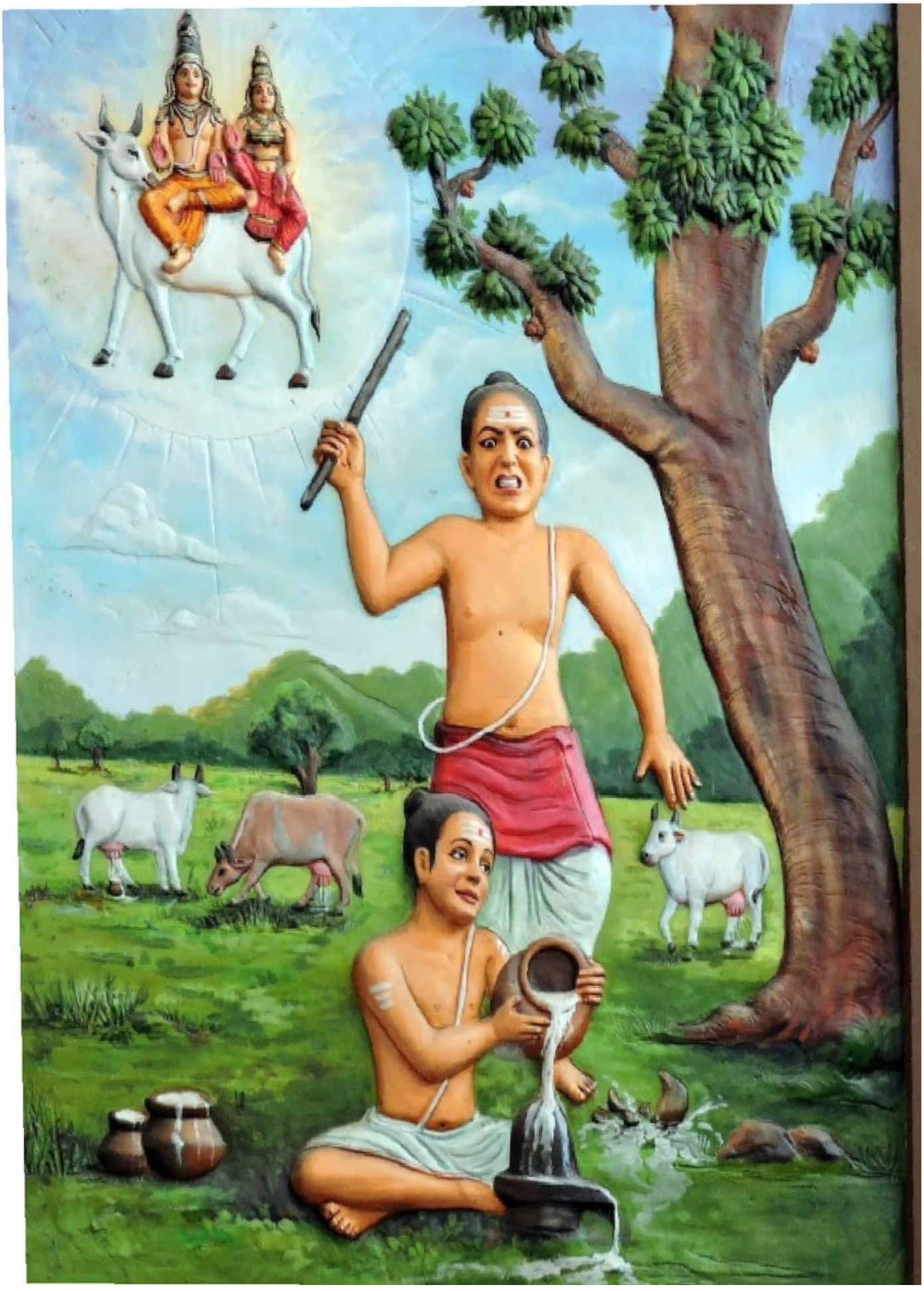
He was very angry on seeing the rude behaviour of the cowherd, Vichara sarma took up the duty of tending the cows himself.From that day onwards,the cows looked happier and yielded more milk.Cows grew healthier due to care showered by him on them.



After supplying milk to villagers, Vichara Sarma decided to offer milk to Bhagwan https://t.co/728aePG0EV he built Shiva Linga on banks of river Manni with mud&offer abhishek with milk https://t.co/ZB0gQxRLBB villager saw this&complained to his father abt wastage of milk on mud.



Next day,his father followed him at a distance.When Vichara sarman started pouring milk on the lingam,his father hit him with a stick &knocked down the milk pot.Vichara Sarma took the stick, prayed to Shiva & hit his father's leg.Stick transformed to an axe &cut his father's leg.



Vichara Sarma was engrossed in the worship,that he did not mind what had happened to his father& continued the worship.

Shiva was pleased with his devotion & he appeared along with Parvati Devi & blessed. Named him as 'Chandikeshwar'& crowned Chandesa with a garland of flowers.



Chandesh-anugraha Murti - One of the Sculpture in Brihadishwara Temple at Gangaikonda Cholapuram - Sculpture depicts Bhagwan Shiva along with Devi Paravathi blessing Chandeshwara one of the 63 Nayanmars.

