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A #story from #Thiruvilayadal puranam-one of divine leelas of Bhagwan Shiva

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Story 17- it is about Bhagwan Shiva as merchant selling precious navaratna stones



Veerapandian was happily ruling the Pandya kingdom. Apart from the queen, he had many wives. Though he had children born to him from his other wives, but the queen was not blessed with a child. Queen was sad due to this & urged Veera

pandian to do Shiva puja & Vrathams along with her.

After following several rituals & Vrathams they were blessed with a son. He named him as SelvaPandyam & taught him vedas & sastras. Once when veerapandian went to forest for hunting, he was attacked by a tiger & was killed.

The sudden demise of Raja brought sorrow to family & people.

The other sons of Raja used this opportunity to loot the riches from treasury, took away precious jewels, crowns & many other treasures. Ministers unaware of this decided to swear in young prince as the Raja. They were shocked when the treasury was opened. The crown was not there.

Enough Gems were not there to make a new crown. With great worry, ministers along with prince SelvaPandyam decided to go to Alayam of Bhagwan Shiva & Meenakshi devi to guide them on next <https://t.co/v5UhkQnxv6> they nearing Alayam, a charming jewel trader walked towards them.

The jewel trader was Bhagwan Shiva in disguise. He enquired the ministers & told them he had very precious collection of gems & will show them.

He laid a carpet & showed them rubies, pearls, diamond, sahipre..navaratnams. Ministers were baffled on seeing such precious collection.

The jewel trader added that these gems were body parts of an asura named Valan.

They were amused hearing this & asked the jewel trader to narrate the story of Valan. Asuran Valan was great devotee of Bhagwan Shiva & he did severe tapas. Bhagwan Shiva was pleased, appeared before him.

Valan asked Shiva a boon that he should not die in wars, if he happens to die then his body should turn into Navaratna stones/gems. Bhagwan Shiva granted him this boon. Valan soon attacked & defeated Indra Dev. Indra dev knowing about this boon, thought about a way to get rid of him.

Indra Dev started praising Valan & congratulated him for the victory & told him to ask for any boon. Valan told off Indra dev that he is blessed by Bhagwan Shiva, doesn't need any other boon. Valan asked what Indra Dev wanted from him. Indra was happy to hear these words from Valan.

Indra told Valan that he is going to perform a yagna. Asked Valan if he could come as sacrifice cow for that Yagna. Valan agreed to come & thanked Indra Dev. Indra was shocked. Then Valan crowned his son as king & he turned into a beautiful cow & came to Yagna.