

# **PONNIYIN SELVAN**

#### Story of the Most Popular Chozha (Chola) Ruler

The Historical Novel Ponniyin Selvan originally written by 'Kalki' Krishnamurthi, is considered as one of the most popular and perhaps one of the largest Historical Work in Tamil Literature which later has been reproduced in several formats and media.

Kalki in his own unique way has portrayed the events of history during the Chozha Dynasty, considered as major, salient or main events, into a sensational and interesting literary novel in simple yet most enchanting way.

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These idols, besides attempting to convey the story briefly to some significant extent, can also be means to display as decorative show pieces at cultural events, homes, educational and corporate institutions and, for entertainment as well!

We at **GIRI** firmly believe that this maiden attempt will receive appreciable welcome from all!

#### SUNDARA CHOZHAR alias Parantakar II

The emperor of Chozha / Chola empire. Well known for his physical beauty that gave him his name 'Sundara'; Later became paralysed with rapidly deteriorating health is moved from Pazhayarai to Thanjavur for better safety. After the sad and untimely death of his eldest son Aditya Karikalan, spends his last years in the golden palace built by Aditya Karikalan.



# PERIYA PAZHUVETTARAIYAR

The chancellor and treasurer of the Chozha kingdom; respected for his valor, well known for having fought 24 wars and had 64 battle scars on his body.



# NANDINI

**Marries Periva Pazhuvettaraivar** and assumes the title and position as Pazhuvoor Oueen: Birth and origin questionable in the beginning; Foster sister of Azhwarkadiyan Nambi; Nandini and Prince Aditya Karikalan develop a liking for each other early in their lives; but Nandini profoundly hated Aditya Karikalan after he mercilessly beheaded the injured Veerapandiyan whom Nandini was believed to have a strong bond; joins Pandya conspirators and is considered as the prime accused of Prince Aditya Karikalan's brutal killing.

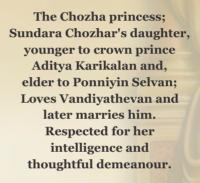


## VALLAVARAIYAN VANDIYATHEVAN

Brave and adventurous warrior: Prince of the Vaanar clan, bodyguard and close friend of the crown prince Aditva Karikalan who sends him as a messenger to Sundara **Chozhar at Thanjavur** to invite Him to the prince's newly built golden palace at Kanchi; Princess Kundavai's lover and, later marries her. Later becomes the Commander for Southern Troops under the reign of Paraanthaka Utthama Chozhar.



### KUNDAVAI alias Ilaya Pirattiyar





#### PONNIYIN SELVAN alias Arulmozhivarman

Sundara Chozhar's youngest son; Princess Kundavai's very affectionate brother; Later becomes most famous as Raja Raja Chozhan; Travels to Sri Lanka at the age of 19 for battle; Attains the title "Ponniyin Selvan" ("Son of Kaveri") as having saved by the sacred Kaveri river.





Kodumbalur princess. Princess Kundavai Devi's close friend and associate; loves Ponniyin Selvan and later marries him; Well known for her modesty.

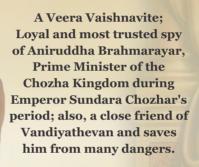


### CHINNA PAZHUVETTARAIYAR alias Kalandhagakandar

The chief in-charge of Thanjavur fort. Periya Pazhuvettaraiyar's younger brother; extremely loyal to the Chozha kingdom.



### AZHWARKADIYAN NAMBI alias Thirumalaiappan

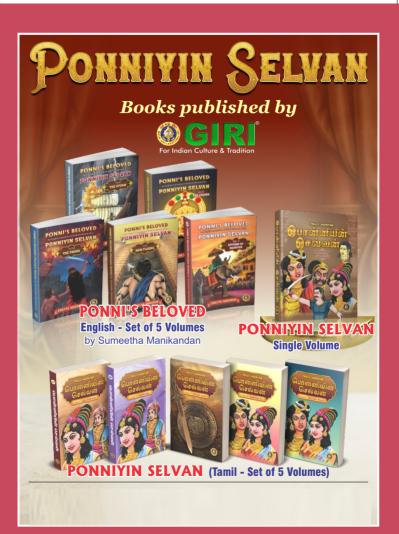




# ADITYA KARIKALAN

Sundara Chozhar's Eldest son, crown prince and the commander of Northern troops during Sundara Chozhar's reign. Extremely valorous warrior, fought wars at the tender age of 12; also known for his ferociousness; meets with early and untimely death at the hands of the treacherous Pandya plotters supported by Nandini.







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