

## **HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT PANDYA TEMPLE IN CHINNAMANUR**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*There is a saying of the famous Tamil Poetess Auvaiyar that ‘men ought not to live in places where there are no temples’ and Devaram also mentions that ‘places without temples are unfit for the purposes of residence, as they are merely deserts’. Hence the popular saying is “No temple, no village”. So in ancient India each place of habitation, whether a hamlet or a city, had to maintain its own temple for the prosperity of the inhabitants. The Poolanandeswarer temple is no exception to the richness in history and architectural elements that are indigenous to any temple in the country. It’s establishment and the town’s background thus traced out also reassures the same.*

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