



## காண்டகை and ரிஷை காவேரி



During the wedding of Siva with Parvathi in the Mount Kailas, the entire population, Devas and Rishis had gathered & hence the Northern land dipped down, unable to bear the weight.

Lord Siva asked Sage Agasthiar to go to the Podhigai ranges in the Southern land in order to balance the weight. (Agasthiar was very short in stature but his might was so great). Agasthiar was sad that he could not stay & witness the

Siva granted that he would still be able to see the wedding from the South. From within his matted locks, he took river Kaveri & filled it in Agasthiar's kamandalam (spouted pot), bidding Kaveri to flow wherever Agasthiar pointed. Agasthiar reached the south & travelled to various Siva Sthalams



Surapaduman was an asura, who had immense power. Indra had run away in fear from his Indralogam, reached Sirgazhi in the southern regions of India & prayed to Lord Siva. He created a beautiful garden & worshipped Lord Siva with the flowers from his garden.



But soon, Lord Varuna in fear of Surapaduman did not shower rains & Indran's garden & in fact the whole land suffered from lack of water. Sage Narada, told Indran of the river Kaveri that Lord Siva had once filled in Agasthiar's kamandalam. Indran prayed to Lord Ganesha for his help

Ganesha took the form of a crow & sat on Agasthiar's kamandalam & toppled it. Agasthiar lifted his hands to shoo off the crow. River Kaveri, took it as a signal for her & began to flow, which become Kaveri river.

The crow took the form of a small boy. Agasthiar started chasing the boy trying to strike him on his head with his knuckles. Ganesha took his original form. Agasthiar was saddened that he had tried to strike Lord Ganesha. He started striking his forehead with his knuckles. Ganesha stopped him & granted that everybody who worshipped him in this manner would be blessed with wisdom.



This river is considered to be sacred and also know as Talakaveri.

Images from tamil movie Agathiyar

