Samayapuram Temple
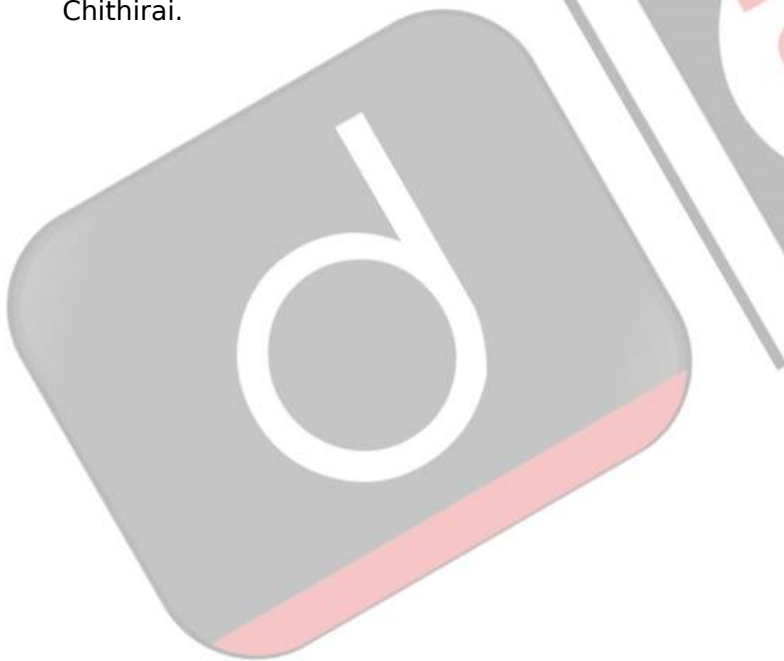
The Hindu Group of Publications has released a coffee-table book titled **'Samayapuram - The Sacred Seat of Shakti,'** authored by **Vrinda Ramanan**, which explores the history and cultural significance of the **Samayapuram temple dedicated to Goddess Mariamman.**

- The temple located in Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu is over 1,200 years old, is associated with legends of Goddess Mariamman, believed to be an incarnation of Goddess Durga, Mahakali, Adi Shakti, or Nishumbha Sudhini.
- The Mariamman temple has no historical evidence of its construction date, but is considered that it existed during the **Chola period.**
- The current Temple Complex was built by **Vijayanagara** King Vijayaraya Chakkaravarthi in the 18th century. It is also one of the wealthiest temples of Tamil Nadu.
- The **Chithirai Ther Thiruvizha (Chariot Festival in the month of Chithirai - April)** is a major festival celebrated annually at this temple for 13 days, starting on the 1st Tuesday of Tamil month Chithirai.

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Temples in India

Kandariya Mahadev Temple (11th Century)
Lakshmana Temple (10th Century)

Kamakhya Temple (8th-17th Century)

Dashavatara Temple (5th Century)
Chausath Yogini Temple (9-11th Century)
Dilwara Temple (12th Century)
Modhera Sun Temple (11th Century)

Lingaraj Temple (10th-11th Century)
Mukteswara Temple (10th Century)
Konark Sun Temple (13th Century)
Jagannath Temple (12th Century)
Rajarani Temple (11th Century)

Kailasa Temple (8-10th Century)

Arasavalli Sun Temple (7th Century)

Lad Khan Temple (5th Century)
Badami Cave Temple (6-7th Century)
Doddabasappa Temple (12th Century)
Virupaksha Temple (7th Century)

Vittalaswami Temple Complex (15th Century)

Venkateswara Temple (4th Century)
Kailashnath Temple (7-8th Century)
Shore Temple (8th Century)

Hoysaleswara Temple (11-14th Century)
Chennakeshwara Temple (11-14th Century)

Gangaikondacholapuram Temple (11th Century)
Brihadisvara Temple (11th Century)

Meenakshi Temple (16th Century)

Nagara Style

Dravidian Style

Vesara Style

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