



VARIOUS TITLES OF RA:MA:NUJA

We are celebrating the 1,004th birth anniversary of Bhagavad Ra:ma:nuja on April 28th. Ra:ma:nuja is popularly known by various names, each of which is based on a quality or a pastime of Ra:ma:nuja. Let us try to understand a few in this article.

EMBERUMA:NA:R

One of the most popular and beloved names of Ra:ma:nuja is Emberuma:na:r. The circumstances behind Ra:ma:nuja getting this title are as follows.

Go:shti:pu:rna was one of A:lawanda:r's highly learned disciples living in the village of Go:shti:puri, in the present day Tamilna:du. Ra:ma:nuja was instructed by His a:cha:rya to learn the meanings of Na:ra:yana Manthra from Go:shti:pu:rna. In those days, the sacred knowledge was guarded very tightly and many tests were given to ascertain the worthiness of the recipient. Ra:ma:nuja too, was tested many times. After 18 trips to Thirukko:shtiyu:r, Go:shtipu:rna finally set the time to pass on the sacred knowledge he was trusted with by his own a:cha:rya, A:lawanda:r. Filled with pleasurable anticipation, Ra:ma:nuja sat