The fort was named Sadashivgad by Basavlingraj after his father Sadashivlingraj in 1715. They were chieftains of [Sonda](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sonda,_Karnataka" \o "Sonda, Karnataka) who assumed the title of 'Raja' after incorporating Chittakula, Simveshwar (Angadi), [Kadra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kadra" \o "Kadra), [Kadwad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kadwad" \o "Kadwad), [Ankola](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ankola" \o "Ankola) and some other parts of Canara. The old Karwar fort was pulled down and its material used to build Sadashivgad.