

sacred hill;’ but really, the central shrine, generally of a Śiva temple.

*śrī-mālikā*, cf. Tamil *tiru-māṭigai-ppatti* (SITI), small shrines or niches in the *prākāra* of a temple on the inner side of the compound wall. Cf. *tiru-māṭigai-ppillai*, the temple executive.

*śrī-mandira*, cf. Tamil *tiru-mandiram* (SITI), a temple; also *tiru-mandira-kkoḍi*, cloth threaded round the flag-staff of a temple during festivals. See also *Tiru-mandirav-olai*, a secretary of the government; an officer entrusted with the duty of communicating the decisions of the king in writing; also *Tiru-mandirav-olai-nāyakam*, the chief secretary to the government; chief of the *tiru-mandirav-olai* department.

*śrīmat* (CII 3; IA 13), prefixed, like *śrī*, to names of persons and also of places; often used before names beginning with a vowel.

*śrī-mukha* (SII 12; SITI), royal order or charter; a letter from the king or a chief. Cf. Tamil *tiru-muga-kkāṇam*, expenses as wages, etc., paid to the person who brings the *tiru-mugam* (royal order) to the village.

*śrī-nakṣatra*, cf. Tamil *tiru-nakṣatra* (SITI), natal star; annual birthday; a year.

*śrī-nāman*, cf. Tamil *tiru-nāma-kkāṇi*, *tiru-nāmattu-kkāṇi* (SITI), literally, ‘the hereditary right of enjoyment in the sacred name’; actually, land or village, generally tax-free, endowed to a Śiva temple.

*śrī-nayana*, cf. Tamil *tiru-nayanam* (SITI), an ornament made of gold or silver resembling the eye and put on the eyes of the idol; same as Tamil *kaṇ-malar*.

*śrī-ni* (IE 8-1), abbreviation of *Śrīhastā-nirikṣita*, ‘examined by the king’. See *ni* and *Śrī-hastā*, etc.

*Śrīpāda* (IE 8-8), used to indicate ‘the king’; cf. *Śrī-carāṇa*, etc.; also Tamil *Śrīpādaṅgal* (SITI), an exalted personage; used as an expression of respect.

Cf. Tamil *śrīpādatāṅgikaḷ* (SITI), vehicle-bearers attached to a temple, as supporting the feet of the god.

*śrī-pāścima-mandira*, cf. Tamil *tiru-meṇ-koyil* (SITI), sacred temple in the west; a Viṣṇu temple which is situated to the west of a village.

*śrī-paṭṭa* (EI 15), royal charter or seal.

(EI 2), diadem bestowed [upon a favourite] by the king.