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The Varisya of Penugonda in Medieval Andhra

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1. To rise a caste created a "prast'asti" or mythical origin → show divine origin. Usually associated with a number - eg
"74-community", "1000 community" = (Teliki caste)
102 = Varisya
24 community = Domava
pante kapu = 14 community etc.

Vithisya - Lords of Penugonda - worshipped Nagarajeswara

PANETHANAMUVARU - "Vava Penlota - "Kamateswara

Telikis - "Beswada - "Mallereswara

Balzujas - "Aggavali - "Gangeswara

2. Penugonda - town in W. Godavari.

3. "Kamati" used by 11th cent.

Possibly originated in Canarese country - migrants to Vengi

4. Trace lineage to Kobera. 102 lineage, not Brahmanical
but Dravidian - following "menarikam"

Vārshya parana - lineage traced to animal, plant & divine ancestors.

5. Divisions $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Vēgria} = \text{Jungles with Vāsava} = \text{Gāva} \text{ Kamate} \\ \text{~ mantana prastha} \\ \text{Bēri} = \text{did not jump.} \end{array} \right.$

Geography No. 1) Penugonda k

2) Kamate k

3) Venginadu

4) Kaligra

5) Tazavarika, Lingadhari, Sija, Vashara, Madhura ~ Keligra

6) None. Nethi. Pudi. Ura ~ occupation

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