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annually re-grows the historic little kingdom of Vizianagaram,

regenerating its kingship. All three studies point to the need to rethink

cosmology in South India.