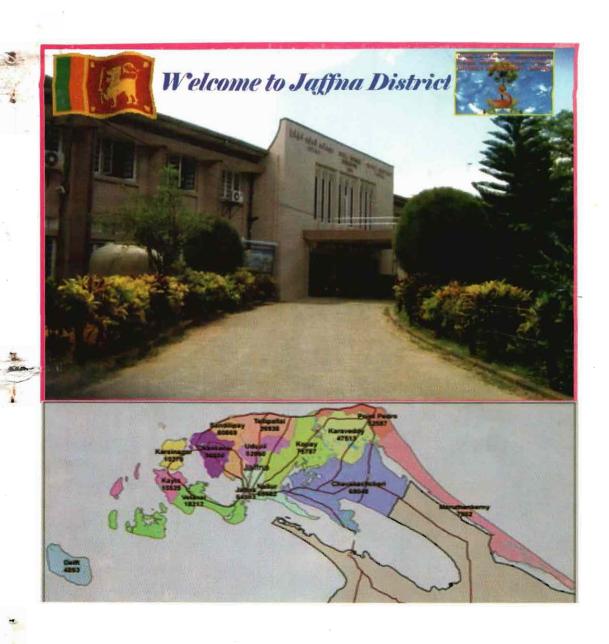


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Forward

I am very pleased to write the Forward for this Tourist Guide which carries the concise Information of Tourist Places in Jaffna District. This guide is intended for all tourist and other visitors who visit Jaffna District for various reasons to make use their spare time during their holidays by visiting the tourist places of interest in Jaffna District.

Take in to account the interest of visitors visiting Jaffna District it is high time for me to initiate the release of this publication which provides the concise information and ideas about the important Historical, Religious, Cultural, Archaeological sites and Famous Beaches etc.

Further in this guide the comprehensive index shows the page details Division by Division where each places and its information such as Path way, Back ground and Festival Seasons can be found.

I would like to extend my special thanks to Deputy Director Planning and her Staff of this District Secretariat who have taken time out of very hectic schedule and worked day and night hard and made enormous contribution to the clarity, accuracy and completeness of the finished guide.

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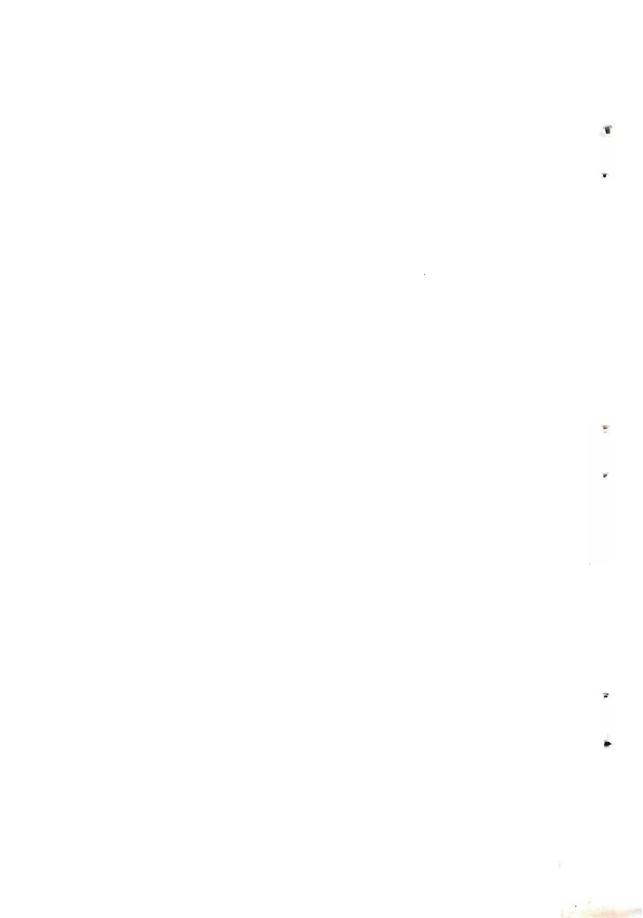
Any suggestions and advices are welcome from the users for the Improvement of our future Tourist Guide.

We hope you enjoy this guide.

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Tourism is the most Important Sector in our country which promotes the income of the country and provides employment to the public. Tourism will support for Local Productivity and help to Promotes the livelihood.

There are many Tourists, Foreign Delegates and Journalists etc. are visiting Jaffna Peninsula after the end of abnormal situation prevailed in this district. They are very keen and anxious to visit the Historical, Religious Places and Cultural Centers. To promote the Vision of Tourism the Guidance of those places are to be pointed out and explained. The preparation of this Hand Book is to help the tourists and guide them to easily identify the places and to know the information.

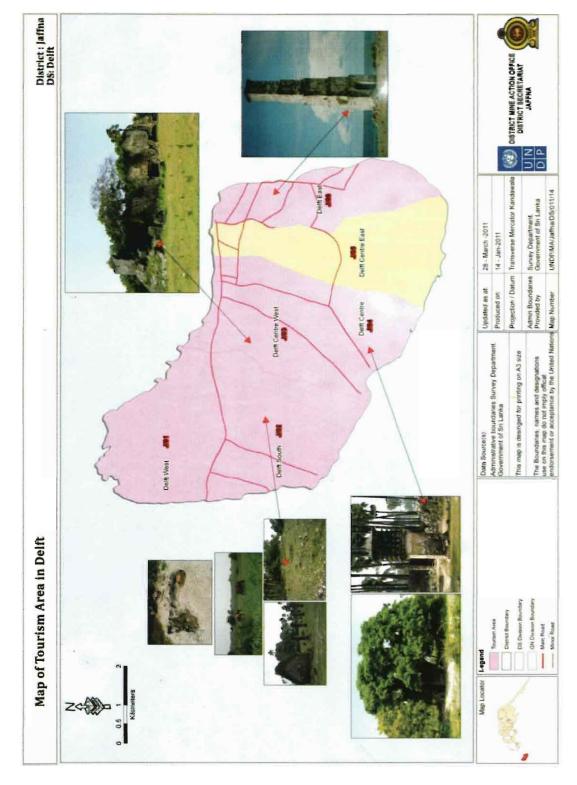
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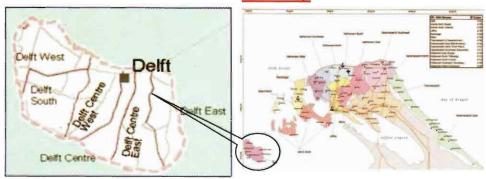


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Delft - Assistant Government Agent Office

Road Map



1. Pigeon's Nest



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand →35 Km→ On Pannai Road → Kurikadduvan → 07Km → Delft

Background

This Nest was built by the Dutch when they ruled Sri Lanka. The historical books say that those pigeons were used as Messengers.

2. Meehaman Fort



Travel Path

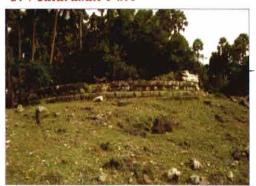
Jaffna Bus Stand →35 Km→ On Pannai Road → Kurikadduvan → 07Km → Delft

Background

This Fort was built by the Dutch who ruled Delft.



3. Vediarasan Fort



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand →35 Km→ On Pannai Road → Kurikadduvan → 07Km → Delft

Background

This Fort was built by a Tamil King named Vediarasan who ruled Delft. The ruins only left now.

4. Horses Stable (Layam)



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand \rightarrow 35 Km \rightarrow On Pannai Road \rightarrow Kurikadduyan \rightarrow 07Km \rightarrow Delft

Background

This Stable was built by a Tamil King named Vediarasan who ruled Delft. The ruins only left now.



5 . Foot-Print of a Forty Feet Height Man



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand →35 Km→ On Pannai Road → Kurikadduvan → 07Km → Delft

Background

This Foot Print is visible on a rock.



6. Queen Tower



Travel Path
Jaffna Bus Stand →35 Km→ On Pannai Road →
Kurikadduvan → 07Km → Delft

Background

This Tower was built on the Sea-Shore by the British when they ruled Sri Lanka.

7. Peruku Tree



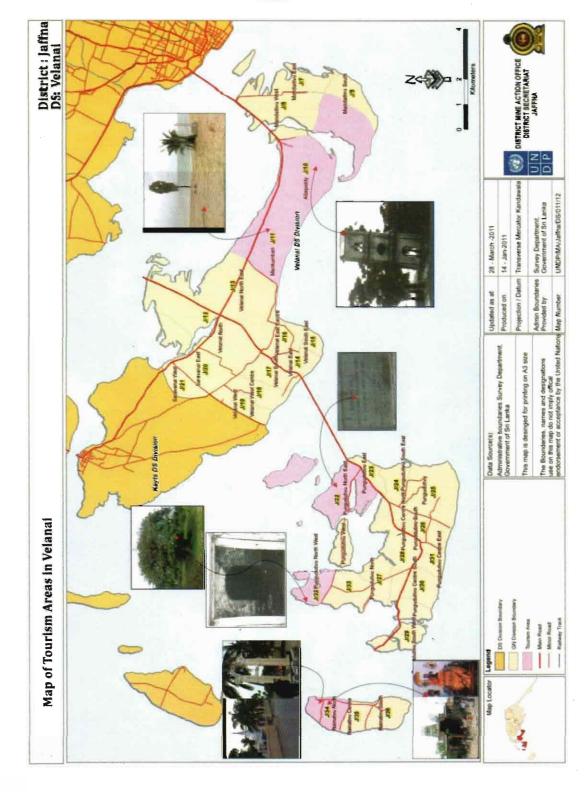
Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand →35 Km→ On Pannai Road → Kurikadduvan → 07Km → Delft

Background

This Tree was planted by the Dutch when they ruled Sri Lanka. They used this leaves to feed the horses.





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Velanai - Divisional Secretariat

Road Map



1. Bell Tower St James Church - Allaipiddy



Travel Path

Jaffna bus Stand → On Pannai Road → Allaipiddy

Background

This Bell Tower founded by British government in 1910.

Festival Season May

2. Base of Light House -Pungudutivu

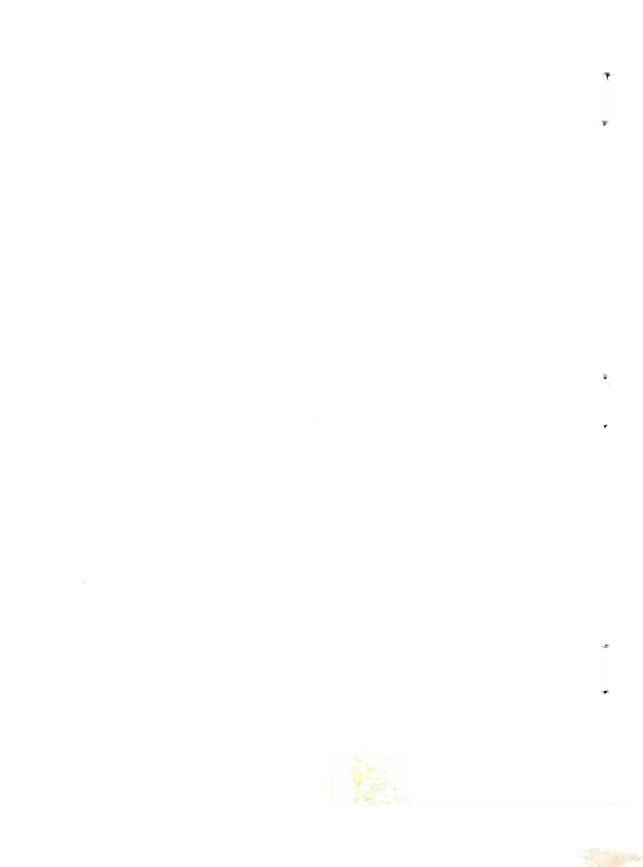


Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand→ On Pannai Road → Araly Junction → Thuraiyoor → Pungudutivu .

Background

This Base was built several years ago near the sea and founded during the Dutch period. The height is 50 feet and encircled by a small wall.





3. Peruku Tree at Iruppiddy - Pungudutivu



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand→ On Pannai Road → Araly Junction → Thuraiyoor → Pungudutivu

Background

This Tree was planted several years ago near the old Jetty during the Dutch period. The height is 30 feet and the width around 15m.

4. Chaddy Beach - Mankumban



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand→ On Pannai Road →Mankumban Junction →Caddy

Background

This Beach is part of Natural Heritage in Velanai division near Chaddy Mary Church. The beach called White Sea Shore located in a beautiful surrounding.

5. Rural Development Society Urativu opened by SOULBURY PIRABU



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand→ On Pannai Road → Araly Junction → Thuraiyoor → Pungudutivu

Background

This Rural Development Society building was opened by Honorable Lord SOULBURY PIRABU on 27.11.1953



6. Nainativu Sri Nagapooshani Amman Temple



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand→ On Pannai Road →Araly Junction →Thuraiyoor → Pungudutivu →Kurikadduvan→Nainativu

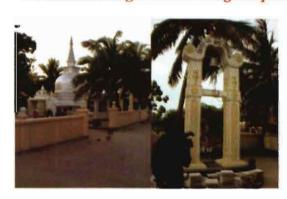
Background

This is a Famous and Ancient Temple .It is one of the Hindu Cultural Heritages in the island

Festival Season

June - 15days

7. Nainativu Naga Vihara / Nagadeepa Raja Mahavihara

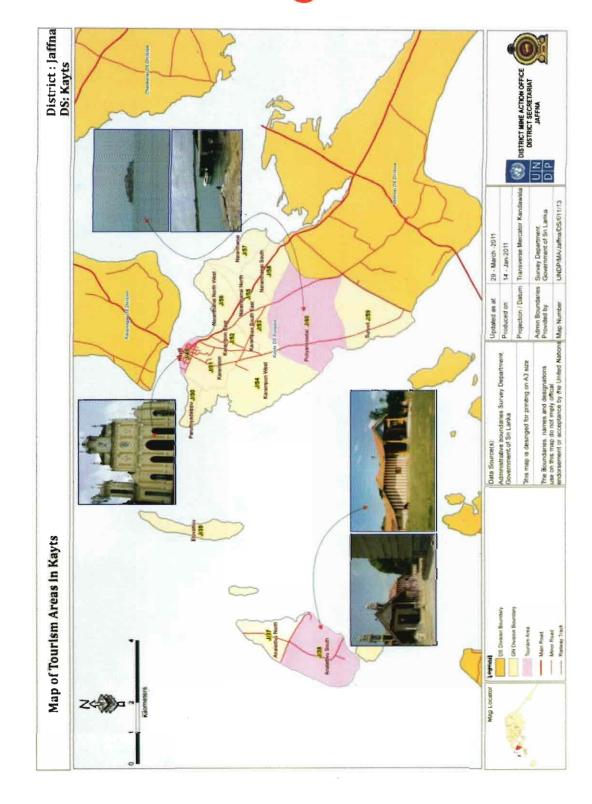


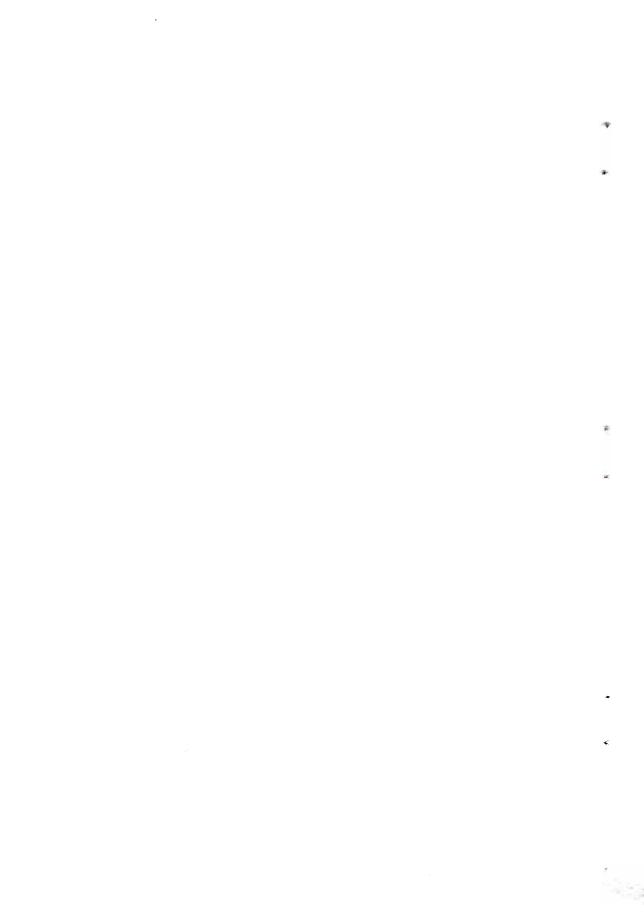
Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand \rightarrow On Pannai Road \rightarrow Araly Junction \rightarrow Thuraioor \rightarrow Pungudutivu \rightarrow Kurikadduvan \rightarrow Nainativu

Background

This Vihara was built in the year 1944. During BC 523-483 Lord Buddha came here and performed Naga Prayers. It is one of the Buddhist Cultural Heritages in the Island.

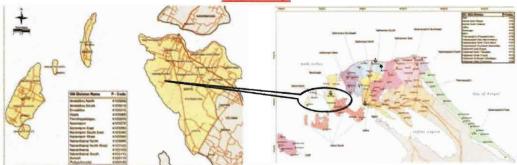






Kayts - Assistant Government Agent Office

Road Map



1. Analaithivu Iyanaar Kovil



Travel Path

Jaffna Town $\rightarrow 21 \text{Km} \rightarrow \text{On Pannai Road}$ $\rightarrow \text{Kayts Town} \rightarrow 5 \text{Km} \rightarrow \text{Kannaki}$ Amman jetty $\rightarrow 7 \text{Km} \rightarrow \text{Analaithivu jetty}$ $\rightarrow 1.5 \text{Km} \rightarrow \text{Analaithivu lyanaar Kovil}$

Background

The main statue of this temple reached the coastal area in a wooden box 350 years ago. This temple was built and the main statue erected.

Festival Season

July

2. Pulianthivu Nageswaran Temple



Travel Path

Jaffna Town →21Km→ On Pannai Road → Kayts Town→5Km →Kannaki Amman jetty→7Km Analaithivu jetty → 4Km →Pulianthevu Nageswaran Temple

Background

This is a Historical Hindu Temple and the surrounding area various types of herbal plants are available.

Festival Season

August





3. St. James Church



Travel Path

Jaffna Town →21Km→ On Pannai Road → Kayts Town → 0.4km→ St. James Church

Background

This is the Oldest Church in Kayts area. The base stone was built in January 1ST 1815. Ministry of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage documented the church as a memorial batch.

Festival Season — July 25

4. St.Sinna Madhu Matha Shrine



Travel Path

Jaffna Town →21Km→ On Pannai Road→ Kayts Town → 4Km→ St.Sinna Madhu Matha Shrine

Background

This shrine was built during the Portuguese period. Government documented as annually visiting site for Christian Pilgrims.

Festival Season / Feast

July 27 - August 5

5. Fort Hammenhiel



Travel Path

Jaffna Town \rightarrow 21Km \rightarrow On Pannai Road \rightarrow Kayts Town \rightarrow 1 Sea mile \rightarrow Fort Hammenhiel

Background

This Sea Fort is a Historical Fortress built by the Holland **Note**

This Fort located in the High Security Zone. The tourist cannot visit now.

6. Kayts Harbour



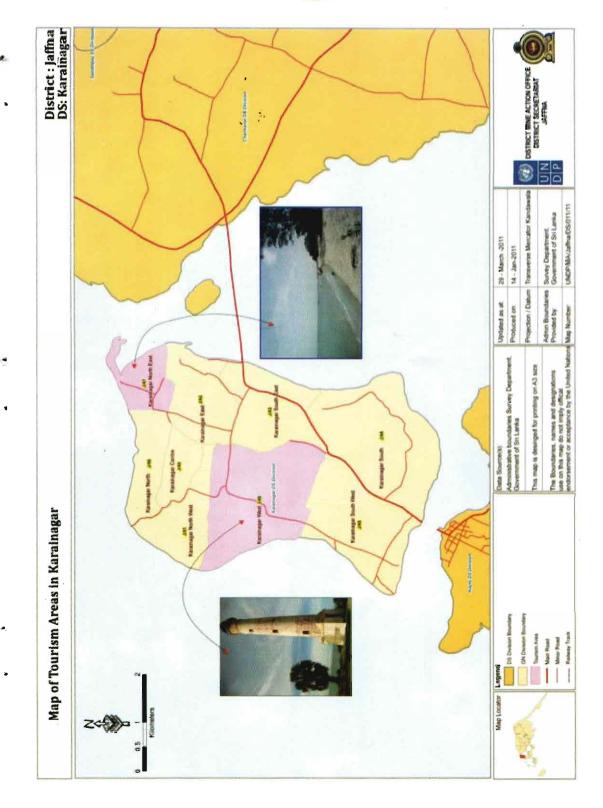
Travel Path

Jaffna Town →21Km→ On Pannai Road →Kayts Harbour

Background

This Harbour has the features of a Natural Harbour and suitable anchorage for small ships or boats.

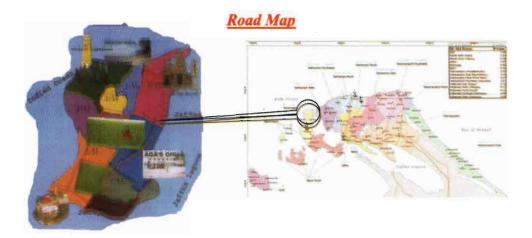




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Karainagar - Assistant Government Agent Office



1. Casuarina Beach



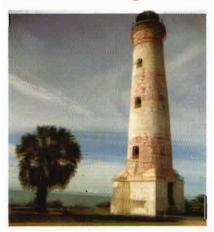
Travel Path

Jaffna Town →33Km→ On Karainagar Road →Valanthalai Junction → 3Km→ Casuarina Beach

Background

This Beach located at Karainagar. It is one of the Famous Beaches in Jaffna district.

2. Kovilan Point Light House



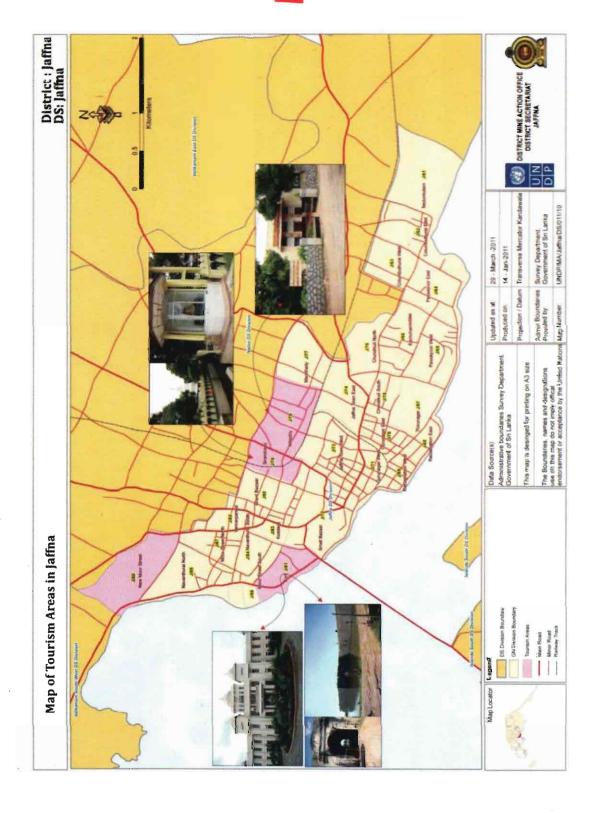
Travel Path

Jaffna Town →33Km→ On Karainagar Road→ Valanthalai Junction → 7Km → Light House

Background

Built in 1916 at the North Western corner of Karainagar Island and about 25 km North West of Jaffna. This light house marks a cape on Palk Bay which divides Northern Sir Lanka from India. The height is 30m white masonry tower and Light Flashes every 10 seconds and visible up to 11 nautical miles.



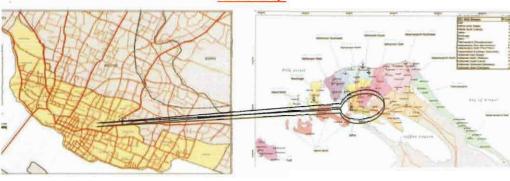






Jaffna - Divisional Secretariat

Road Map



1. Public Library - Jaffna



Travel Path

Jaffna Town →0.35 km→ On Main Street

Background

This Library was initially established as a Central Library in 1935 to render its yeoman service free of charge to the public. At the beginning there were 844books in the library. Since 1935 this library was upgraded as a Public Library Jaffna. The whole building was

set ablaze into ashes during the unrest in 1981. This was renovated and ceremonially declared open for public on 23-02-2004.

1. Jaffna Fort



Travel Path

Jaffna Town $\rightarrow 0.5$ km \rightarrow On Main Street

Background

During the Portuguese period work had begun on the construction of this fort in 1622AD and completed in 1625 AD. The final out come was a square building in appearance. The Dutch had overrun this fort in 1658 AD and later reconstructed into a pentagonal shape building.

Lately, the British had overrun this fort. Prison, Church, King's House and Administration unit were seen within the fort precincts.



3. Sri Naga Viharaya - Jaffna



Travel Path

Jaffna Town \rightarrow 0.5 km \rightarrow On Point Pedro Road

Background

This is situated in front of "Aariyakulam" Tank and at the Junction where Stanley Road and Jaffna —Point Pedro Road meets. This is next to Nagadeepa in Jaffna Peninsula.

4. Navalar Archaeological Museum - Jaffna



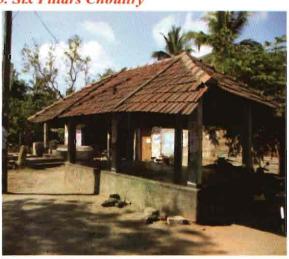
Travel Path

Jaffna Town \rightarrow 1.3 km \rightarrow On \rightarrow Main Street

Background

This Museum is located on Navalar road adjoining Navalar Cultural Hall. Many Historical important ancient documents were being kept here and well maintained.

5. Six Pillars Choultry



Travel Path

Jaffna Town \rightarrow 2.km \rightarrow On Manipay road.

Background

(Tamil Name – Aaru kaal Madam)

This choultry was constructed in close proximity to Jaffna town during the period there were no modern transport. Six Pillars were constructed with three different heights and the people used as a Weight Rest and called by the name Six Pillars Choultry. The damaged choultry was renovated in 1998.



6 Grand Mosque - Jaffna



Travel Path

Jaffna Town →2.km → On Manipay Road & Navalar Road junction → 300m→
Navanthurai Road → Grand Mosque.

Background

This Grand Mosque is an Ancient Mosque in Jaffna District in 1713.

7 Clock Tower - Jaffna

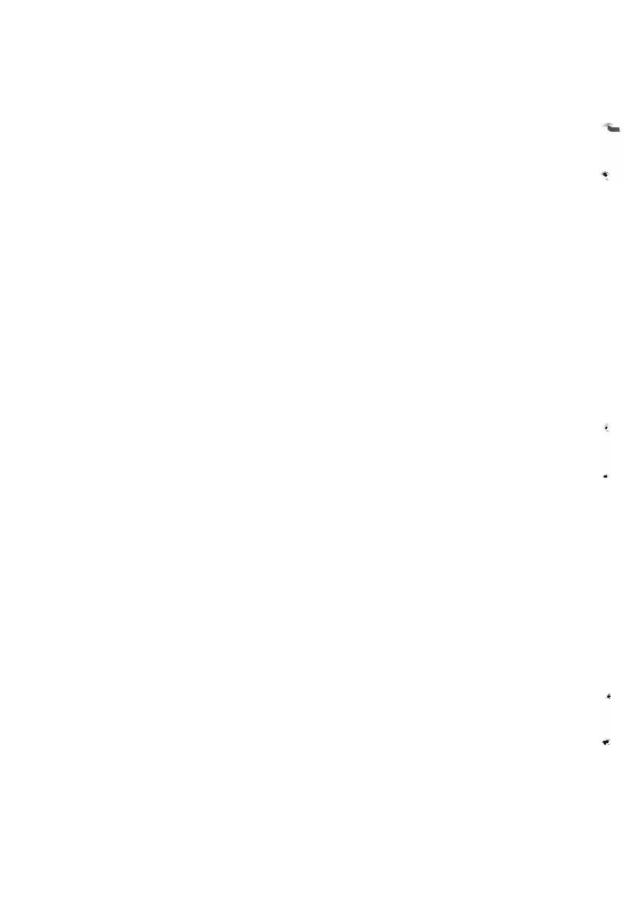


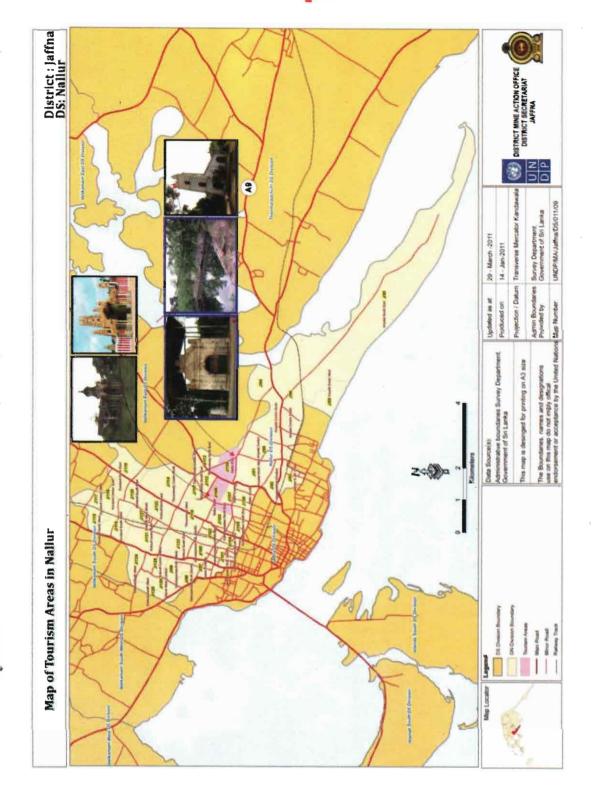
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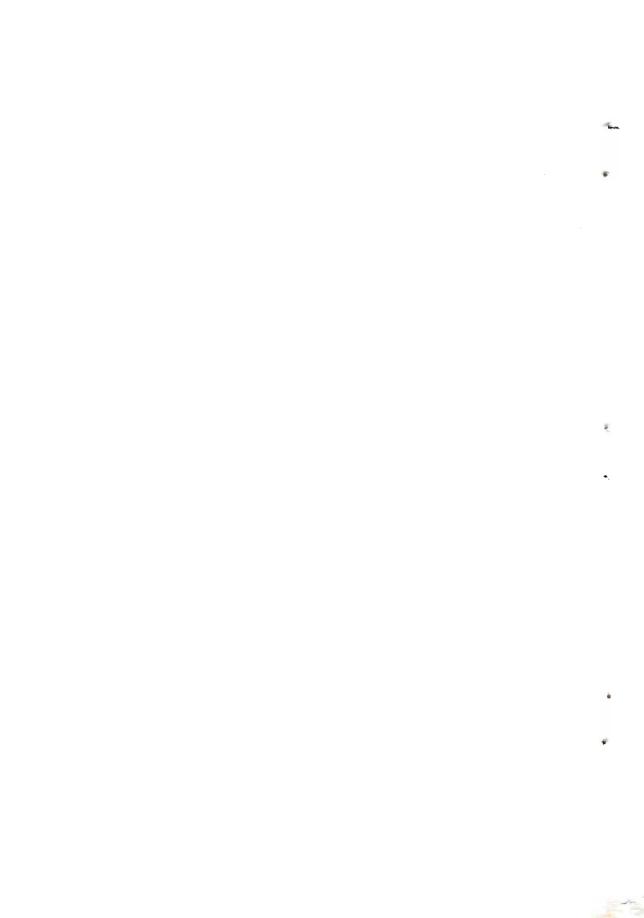
Jaffna Town →0.35 km→ clock Tower Road

Background

This Tower was built during the British period and later renovated with the New Digital Clock donated by Prince Charles and installed in February 1998.



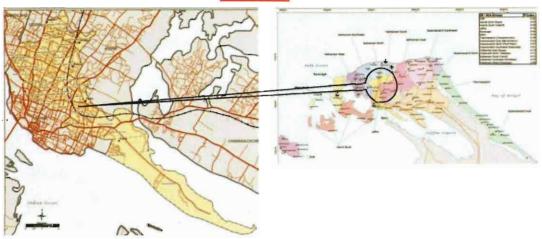






Nallur - Divisional Secretariat

Road Map



1. Sangilian Thoppu



Travel Path

Jaffna Town →3.5km → On Point Pedro Road

Background

This is conserved as a monument to remember the Nallur Kingdom and called by the name "Sangilian", the Last King who ruled Nallur Kingdom.

2. Manthirimanai (King's Palace)



Travel Path

Jaffna Town \rightarrow 3.5km \rightarrow On Point Pedro Road.

Background

Nallur is historically remarkable place among the ancient towns in the Northern Sri Lanka.

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3. Jamuna Pond



Travel Path

Jaffna Town →3.5km→ On Point Pedro Road

Background

"The Jamuna Pond" is historically significant place during the Nallur Kingdom. This is in close proximity to "Sangilian Thoppu" There were paddy fields and coconut groves around this pond during the early period when Nallur was the capital of Tamil Kingdom that controlled the areas in the Northern Srilanka .There are certain novelty values in the structure of the construction and wood works as well.

4. Nallur Skandan Temple.



Travel Path

Jaffna Town →3km→ On Point Pedro Road.

Background

There are arguments on the establishment of this incomparable temple. The question is who had constructed this temple and when it was constructed. Recent studies confirmed that this temple was established during the 10thcentury. This temple is considered as a Peculiar Symbol to Jaffna in all parts of world.

Festival Season

August -25 consecutive days

5. St. James Church



Travel Path

Jaffna Town \rightarrow 3.3 km \rightarrow On Point Pedro Road \rightarrow Right side 200m

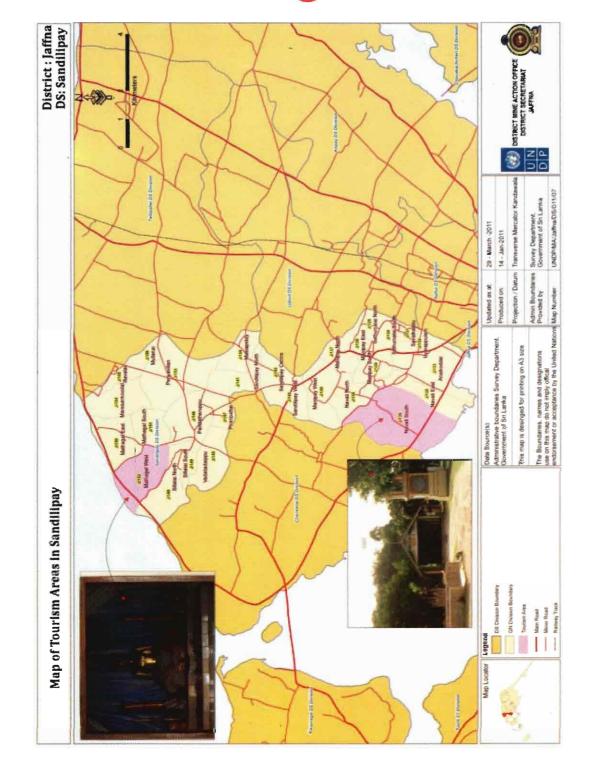
Background

St .James Nallur began with small congregation of 25 and this church was dedicated on the 25th July 1828 (Over 180 years) Rev. Joseph Knight spent many years in Nallur as a Missionary

Festival Season

July 25, 26, 27

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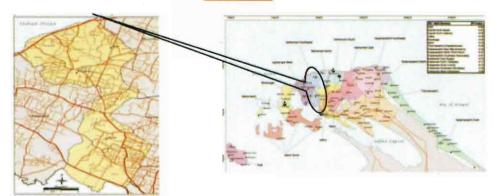


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Sandilipay - Divisional Secretariat

Road Map



1. Sambil thurai -Mathagal



Travel Path

Jaffna Town \rightarrow 26km \rightarrow On Manipay Rd \rightarrow Keerimalai Road

Background

Sambilthurai is a Historical Place where Saint Sanga Mitta landed. This building called Sampu Mandapam and used as fishing harbour by the fishermen.

2. Navaly Kalaiodai Kannaki Amman Kovil



Travel path:

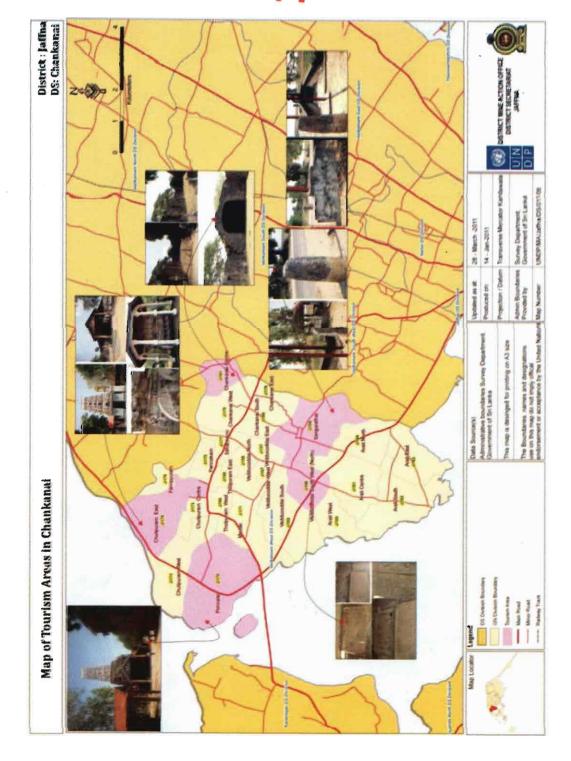
Jaffna Bus Stand → 5 km → On Manipay Road

Background

This Temple has an Ancient Historical Value. The Temple has separate buildings for Lord Ganesha, Lord Siva and Lord Kannaki Amman.

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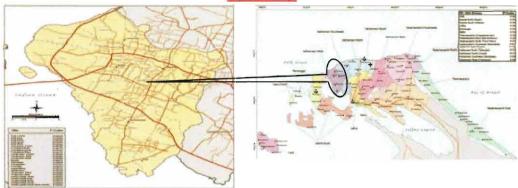




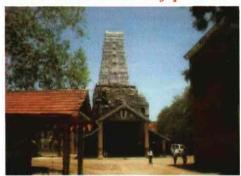


Chankanai - Divisional Secretariat

Road Map



1. Ponnalai Varatharajaperumal Kovil



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stands → On Manipay→ Karainagar Road → 17km→ Ponnalai

Background

This is a Hindu Temple. One side is surrounded by Sea.

Festival Season

August & December

2. Sangaraththai choultry Rubbing Stone for Cattle



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand →On K.K.S Road → Anaikoddai Junction → 9 km→Sankarathai

Background

This Structure was constructed 250 Years ago

*Structure used to unload Burden on Head



* Trench with Water (Kerny)







3. Vaddukoddai Kalveddu



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand → On K.K. S Road →Anaikoddai Junction → 12 km Vaddukoddai. Junction

Background

These were constructed five Hundred Years ago

4. Chulipuram Paralai Murugan Kovil and Pillaiyar Kovil



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand → On Manipay→ Karainagar Road → 17 km Chulipuram

Background

This Hindu Temple has an Ancient Chariot

Festival Season

May, June

5. Chankanai Dutch Fort



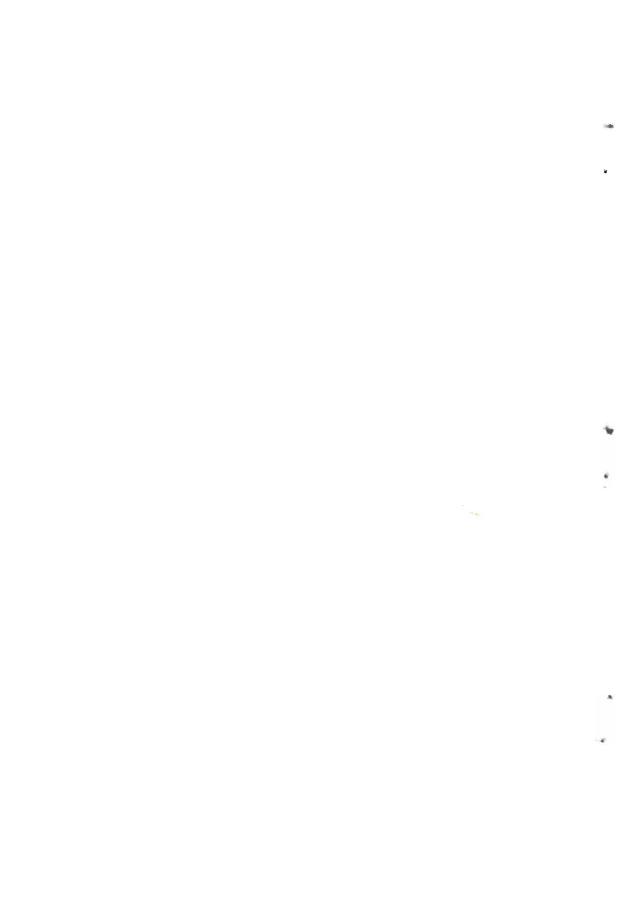
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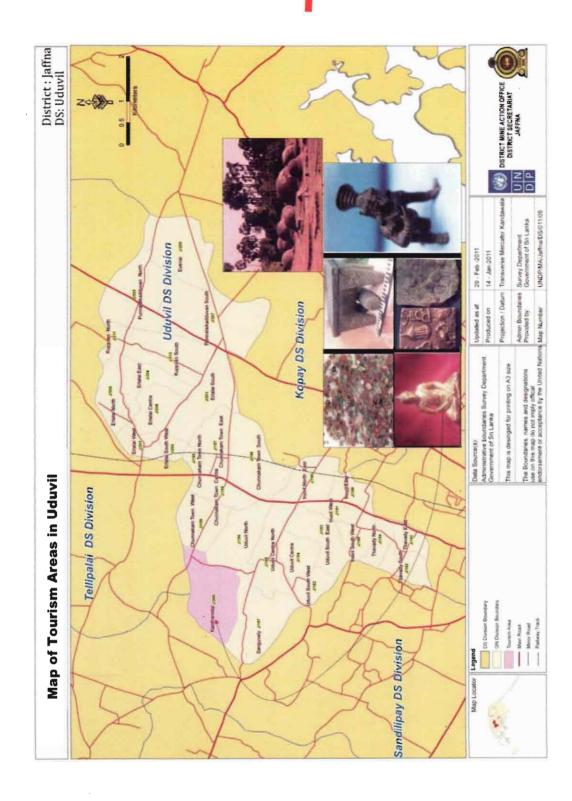
Jaffna Bus Stand → On Manipay→ Karainagar Road → Chankanai

Background

This Fort was Constructed In 17th Century during the Dutch Ruling.











Uduvil - Divisional Secretariat



1. Kandarodai Archeological Site



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand →On K.K.S Road →Chunakam Junction → 22Km→ Kandarodai Archeological Side

Background

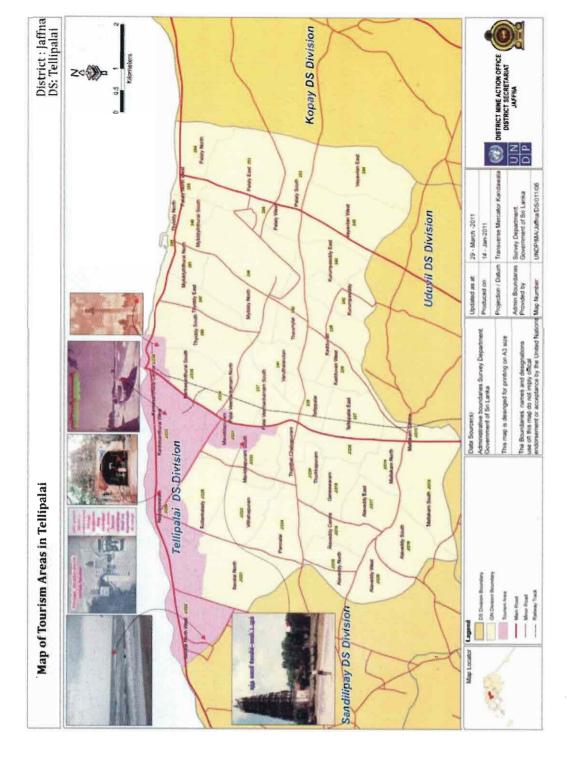
This is a Historical Site with Archeological interest.





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Tellippalai - Divisional Secretariat





1. Keerimalai Naguleswaram Temple



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand \rightarrow 25 Km \rightarrow On K.K.S Road.

Background

Keerimalai is a holy place of pilgrimage for Hindus. This is an Ancient Sivan Temple. There are eleven madams (Pilgrim Rest)

Festival Season

February – Mahasivarathri July – Aadi Amavasai

2. Maviddapuram Kandasamy Temple



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand \rightarrow 23 Km \rightarrow On K.K.S Road.

Background

This is one of the Historical Temples with Five Chariots. It was built by Chola Princess Maruthapuraveehavalli in the 7th century. The Temple Tower is the Tallest Hindu Temple Tower in Srilanka.

Festival Season

July



3. Light House Harbour



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand \rightarrow 26 Km \rightarrow On K.K.S Road.

Background

This Harbor in Kankesanthurai is the biggest in Jaffna District. Jetty was built in early eighties.

4.Kankesanthurai Light House



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand $\rightarrow 26 \text{ Km} \rightarrow \text{On K.K.S Road.}$

Background

Kankesanthurai light house built in 1893 located on the water front. The height is 25m round masonry tower Flashes every 15 seconds and visible up to 13 Nautical miles.

5. Senthankulam Beach



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand →26Km → On Ilavalai Road

Background

This is a White Sand Beach famous for tourism.

6. KKS Cement Factory



Travel Path

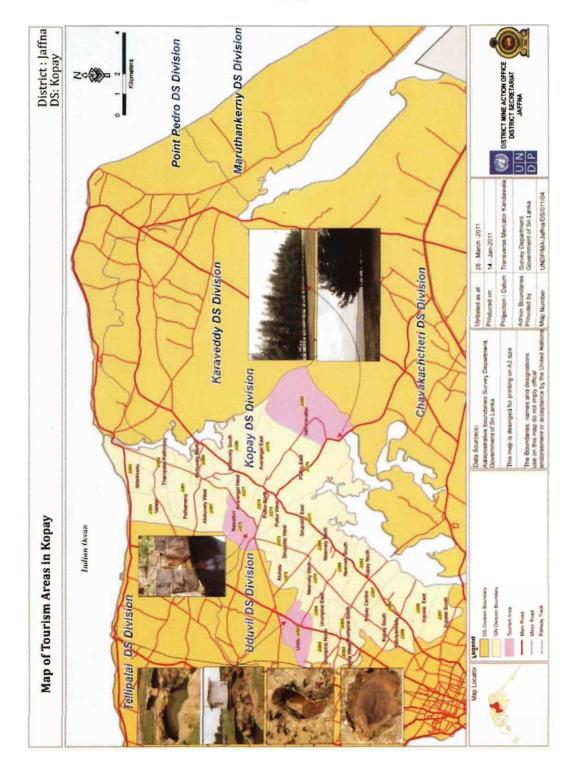
Jaffna Bus Stand →28Km → On K.K.S Road

Background

This factory has been Established with Modern Technology and Not in Operation for long time due to unavoidable circumstances.

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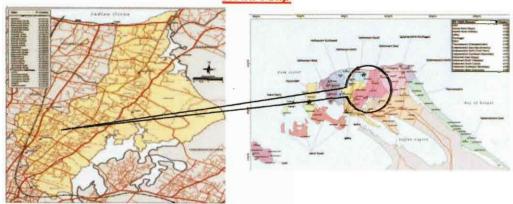


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Kopay - Divisional Secretariat

Road Map



1. Sea at Vatharawathai



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand → On Point Pedro Road→ Puttur Junction →13km→ Vatharawathai



This is a Shallow Water Area of the sea at Vatharawathai.

Particular season Migratory Birds are frequently seen in this area.



2. Nilavarai Well



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand → Raja Veethy → 10Km→ Nilavarai

Background

This is a Natural Fresh Water Tank (Identical to a well) in Puttur area called "Nilavarai Well". It is said that lord Shri Rama had rested his Bow against the surface of this land. The depth of the water is not yet measured and being utilized for agricultural purpose.



3. Pokkanai Tank



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand → On Palaly Road → Urelu Amman Kovil → Thileepan Veethy → 12Km→ Pokkanai Tank

Background

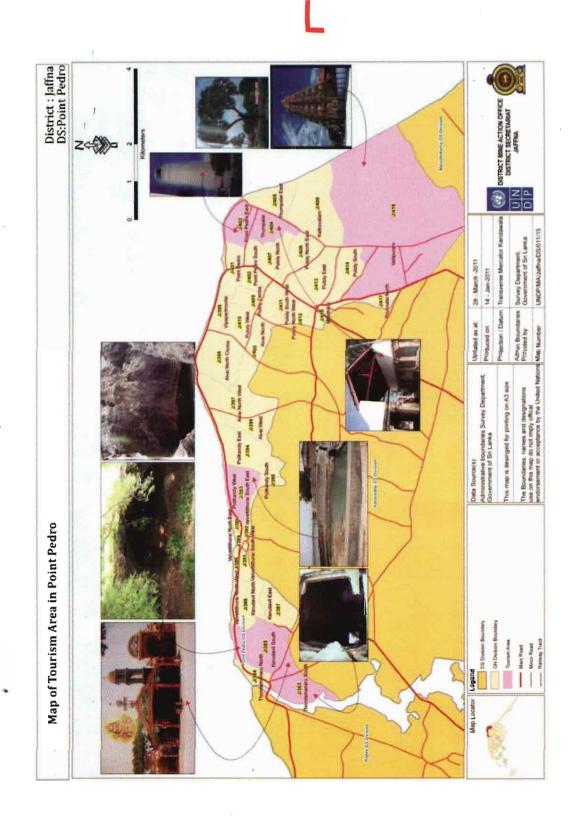
It is said that the lord Shri Rama have rested his Bow on the surface of this area and quenched his thirst by drinking water from the pit. The Foot Print of Lord Shri Rama and the impression mark of his Knee on the stone are still seen in this area. Potable water is supplied from this area.

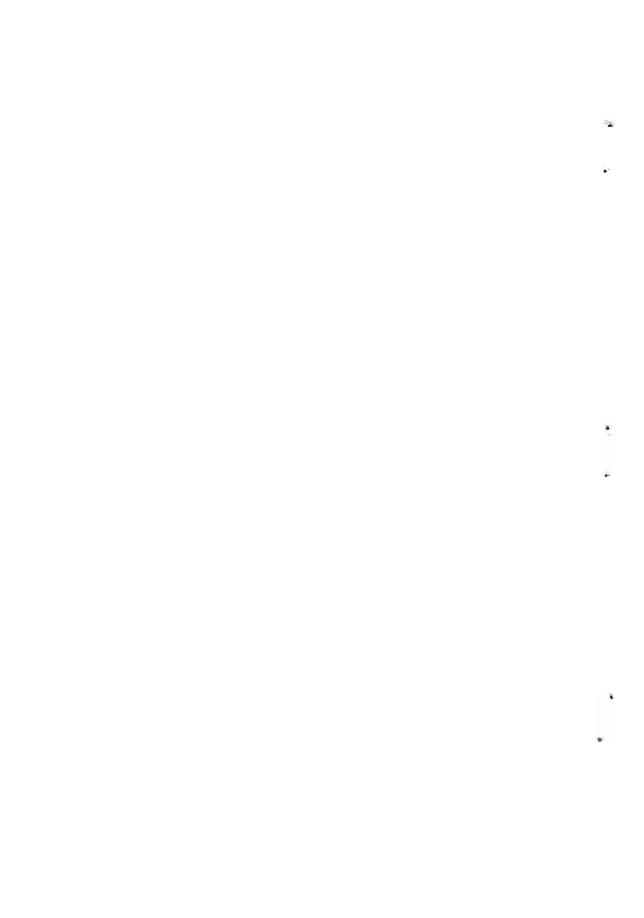






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Point Pedro - Divisional Secretariat

Road Map



1. Sri Selva Sannathy Lord Murugan Temple-Thondamanaru



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand →23km → On Point Pedro Road → Thondamanaru (751→Point Pedro Bus Route)

Background

The village Thondamanaru is situated on the Northern coast of the Jaffna Peninsula in Srilanka. Originally it was called Manaloor in the 11th century AD. This is a Historical

Temple of Lord Murugan. The Sri Selva Sannithy Temple is one of the famous temples situated on the Northern Coast of Sri Lanka. It is said that one of the Murugans Warriors Veeravagu Thevar set foot in the vicinity of this temple and his foot print is on the same rocks. The disty in this temple is also called "Annathanakkanthan". The devotees who visit this temple are always served with rice and curry.

Since Thondaman constructed the canal opening for valli river to the sea the village took the name Thandamanaru (Thondaman river). Sea water enters in to the lagoon and salt beds formed in places like Karanavai. Thondaman brought the salt and store it on the western bank for bulk shipment to India. Those days Thondamanaru was a transit point for king. The salt harvested was sent to India and to Beruwela in Srilanka. Ship from India brought earthen parts and cargo and returned with salt and lime stone from Mandapakadu in Kerudavil.

Festival Seasons

August

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2. Mandapakadu - Kerudavil



Travel Path

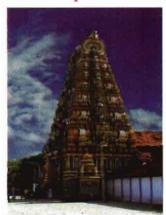
Jaffna Bus Stand→ 30 Km → On Point Pedro Road → Kerudavil (751→Point Pedro Bus Route)

Background

There is an underground path which is approximately ½ Km leading to the sea shore & Sinnamalai the terminal point of the mandapakadu at beach site. This is treasured as much Archaeological important through unknown History. They kept out the intruders in to the village who came to break lime stone rocks lies along the under ground path way. This under ground pathway is called as "Mandapakadu" in Kerudavil South.

There is another historical story that, The Ariya king of Jaffna built a special refuge "Pilathuvaram" and under ground building with halls for appointment at Kerudavil and also take shelter in times of emergency. The underground refuge is still in existence to this day. Occasionally cow herd and some daring school boys go under ground to the halls etc.

3. The Vallipuram Kuruchchi Temple of Lord Vishnu.



Travel Path

Jaffna Town→ On Point Pedro Road→ Point Pedro Bus Stand → 05 Km → Vallipura Kuruchchi

Background

 $(755 \rightarrow \text{Bus Route})$

The Vallipuram Kuruchchi is situated in the North East part of Jaffna Peninsula in the border village of Vadamaradchchi North. There is also a historical story that there was a Kingdom called Singai Nagar in existence some thousand years back. This is a Historical Temple of Lord Vishnu supported to be pre Portugues Era Temple. According to Puranas, this temple appeared on its own when Lord Vishnu reincarnated as a small child carried from the Kovalam Sea beach towards Thunnalai. The temple is about 5Km from the Kovalam Beach where the Bengal meet Palk Striat. This is the most famous temple in the Northern coastal area in Srilanka.

Many devotees from all over the Peninsula and other part of Sri Lanka come here and worship Lord Vishnu. There is a Palmyrah Tree with Two Branches.



Festival Seasons

October





4. Therumoodimadam - Point Pedro.



Travel Path

Jaffna Town \rightarrow On Point Pedro Road \rightarrow Point Pedro Town \rightarrow 0.250 KM

Background

→ Thumpalai Road

Therumoodimadam is situated on Thumpalai road at Point Pedro. Jetty area is the Ancient Sea Port for loading, unloading of goods to Jaffna District from Colombo, India, Indonesia, Thailand and Burma. This area has a historical background for job opportunities for

labourers (Porters) who load & Unload the heavy weight sack of items from ship. Many people got the employment when Cotton exported from this Harbour. At that time porters required a resting hall for their relaxation in their off time. This resting hall called Therumoodimadam Constructed in lime stone 200 years ago. The porters took rest in this hall when they had off time.

5.Light House- Point Pedro



Travel Path

Jaffna Town→34.5Km → On Point Pedro Road →Point Pedro Bus Stand → 1Km→ Munai (Beach Road)

Background

The Light House is near sea shore at Munai. This village is surrounding by sea on three sides North, East and west respectively and called as Munai also known as point. The coral base in the sea naturally formed as a sea platform where the fishes multiply their generation and densely living. This is a starting land mark point of Srilanka from Palk strait in Northern side of Srilanka. In this point a light house was constructed in 1916 for the purpose of helping the fishermen & ships to reach the sea shore and harbour. The 75 feet high white conical masonry tower was constructed in this place about hundred years ago. A beacon light at the top of the light house Flashes every 5 seconds and visible up to 10 nautical miles.

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6. Urani Spring



Travel Path

Jaffna Town \rightarrow 32 Km \rightarrow On Point Pedro Road \rightarrow Point Pedro Bus Stand \rightarrow 6 KM \rightarrow Polikandy (751 \rightarrow Bus Route)

Background

The name Polikandy meant more yield in cash crops, fishing & sweet Toddy. The Polikandy Kanthavanam Temple is an ancient temple

located closer to the border of the village. Many devotees from various places in Srilanka, India visited and created hymns and Thevaram especially for God Murugan. Deity is takes in procession for water cutting ceremony called "Theertha Thiruvila" to Urani Kerni which is called "Urani Spring". This spring appeared on its own at Urani. The name Urani meant spring in Tamil and the village was called as Urani. This area people believe this water prevent many skin diseases. Even though the Urani spring located close by the sea the water is fresh, clean, no salince and good for drinking. This area has a historical background for Palmyrah Sugar called Seeni (sugar) Company which started in the early sixteenth century by German.

7. Hole Water Well - Thondamanaru



Travel Path

Jaffna Town→30Km→ On Point Pedro Road →Point Pedro Bus Stand → 12 Km → Thondamanaru (751 Bus Route)

Background

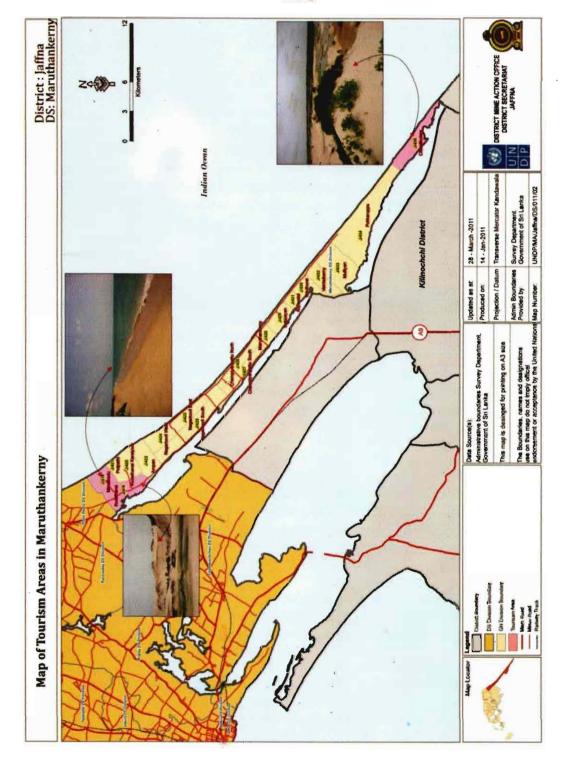
It is at the point where river Thondamanaru meets the Sea at Park Strait. Although the village was in existence from time immemorial but gained prominence in the eleventh century. It was Thondaman who constructed the canal out let for Vadamaradchchi lagoon to the sea. The village

has ever since been known as Thondamanaru i.e "The river of Thondamanaru"

A well is situated near J/ Thondamanaru Veeragathy Vinayagar Vidyalayam . The water is fresh and good for drinking. The people of this area believe that this well was created by Thunder Falls. A water supply scheme was established by Department of National Water Supply and Drainage through GTZ project. Daily 42000 liters of water pumped from this well and supplied to Thondamanaru, VVT town, Polikandy & Urani etc.

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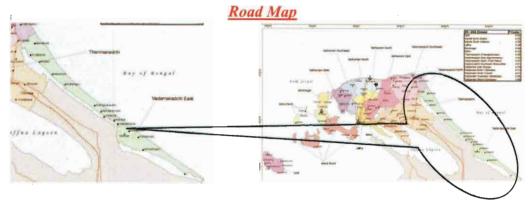


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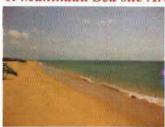
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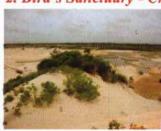
Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand→ On Point Pedro Road → Manthikai Junction→ 10 Km Manlkadu Sea site

Background

This is a beautiful spot with Sand Heaps and Kajurna Trees along the beach

2. Bird's Sanctuary - Chundikulam.



Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand \to 30km \to On A9 Road \to Iyakkachchi Junction \to 23 km \to Vettelaikerney \to 12km \to Chundikulam

Background

Chundikulam area has a birds Sanctuary. Many varieties of birds live here permanently. Many birds migrate to this Sanctuary in changes of seasons and in the months of

November, December and January because of cold. This area has enough eats such as worms and fishes for the birds with adjoining jungle for shelter. The extent of this Sanctuary is about 25 SQ km. The visit of Migrant Birds and the environment look Majestic, Magnificent and Eye Catching.

3. Ancient ruins of Pottery- Kudaththani.



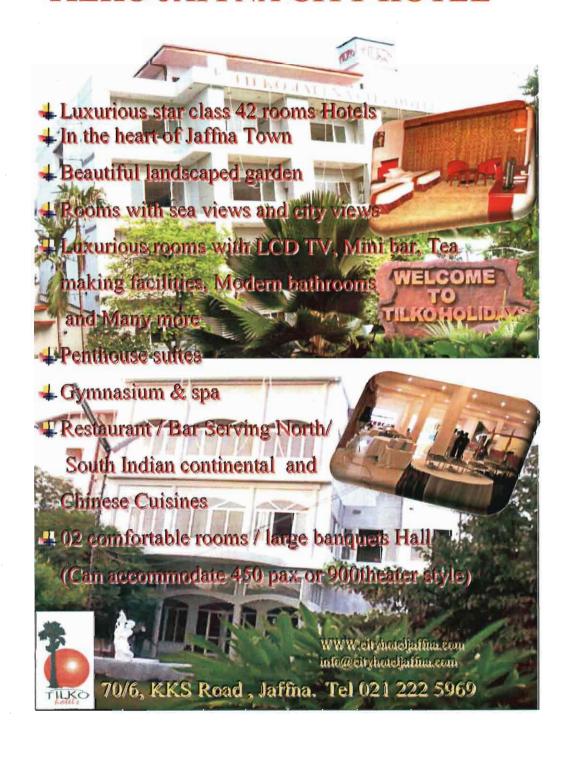
Travel Path

Jaffna Bus Stand→ On Point Pedro Road →Manthikai Junction→ 09Km →Ancient ruins of Pottery at Kudaththani

Background

Ancient ruins of Pottery (earthen ware) found here

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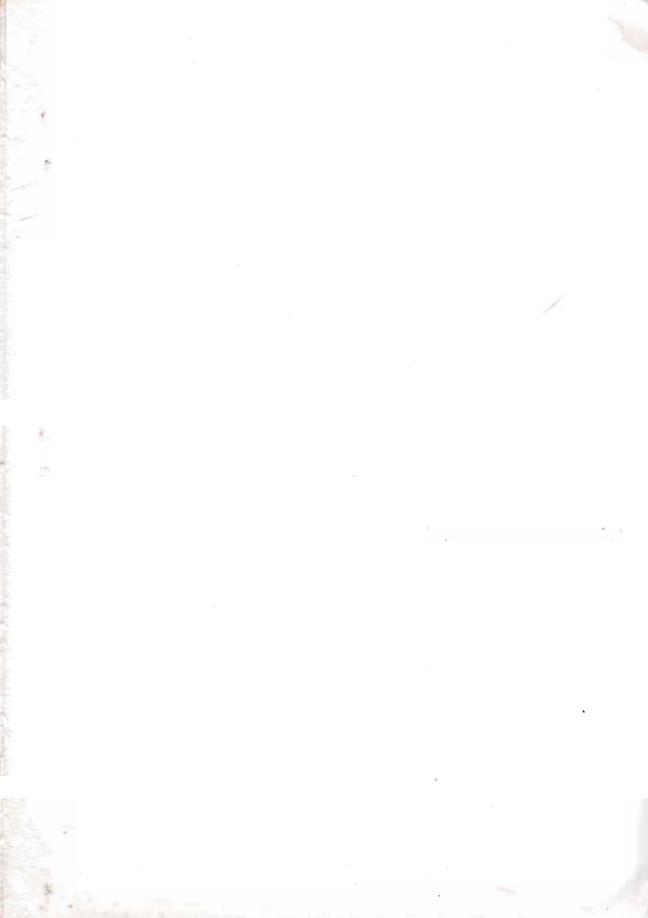
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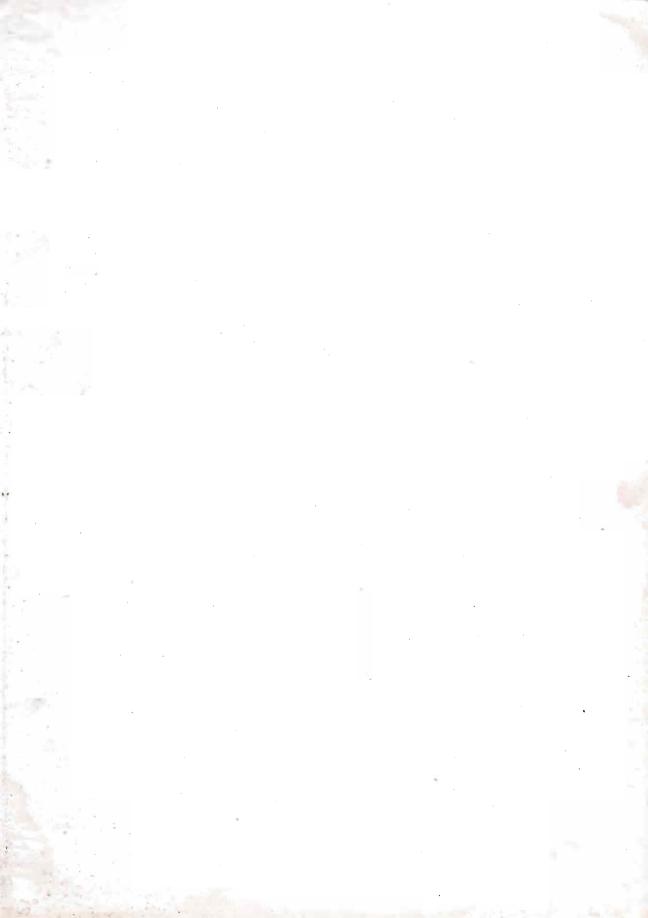


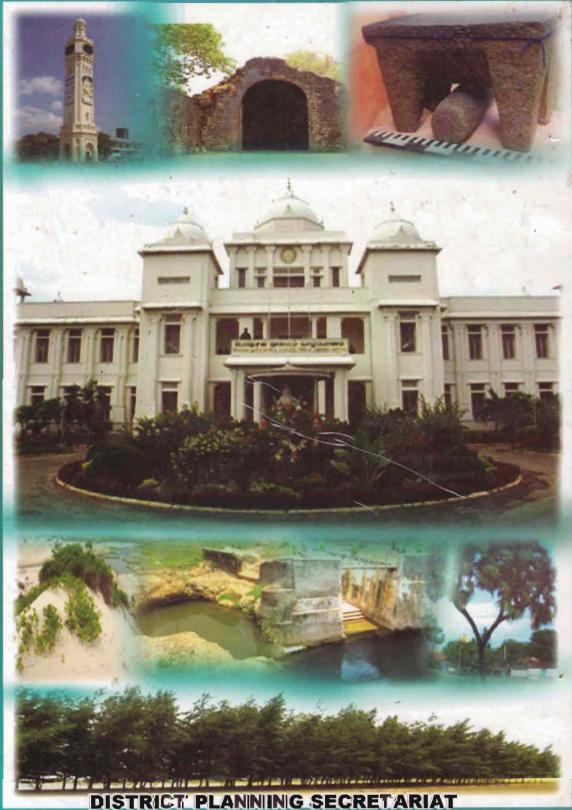
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