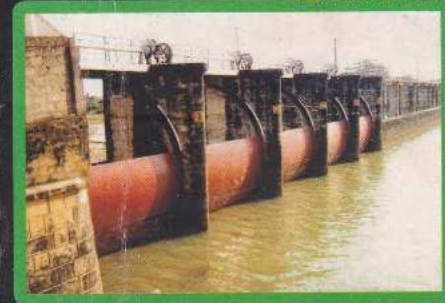
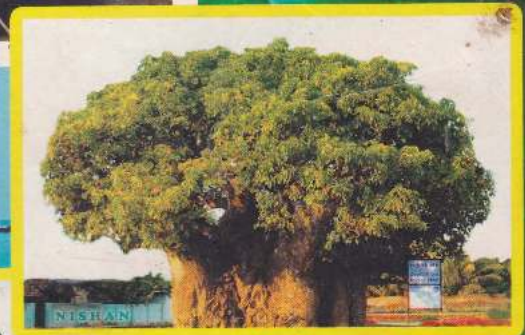




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Message of the Hon. Governor, Northern Province



The tourist industry is one of the fast developing sectors in our country noted for its natural beauty. It is no doubt that foreign tourists are attracted by the white sandy beaches, the large plains, the lovely mountains, the rivers and the natural growth of foliage and most importantly the hospitality of the people of the nation.

The Northern Province has also commenced to contribute its share to the tourist industry after a lapse of three decades. The items that attract the tourist to this area are the sea beaches, the works of art at the places worship (temples), the cultural programmes, and religious congregations and parades.

Several programmes are being implemented by the Ministries and Departments of the Northern Province for the development of the tourist industry. This publication offers a lead towards this endeavour. As this publication gives adequate publicity to places of importance to tourist which exist in the Northern Province, I am of the strong belief that it will induce tens of thousands of tourists to visit this area.

This booklet would be of value to most of our distinguished guests, as it dwells into the afore mentioned areas in as brief a manner as presentable.

Thank You.

**GA Chandrasiri
Governor,
Northern Province.**

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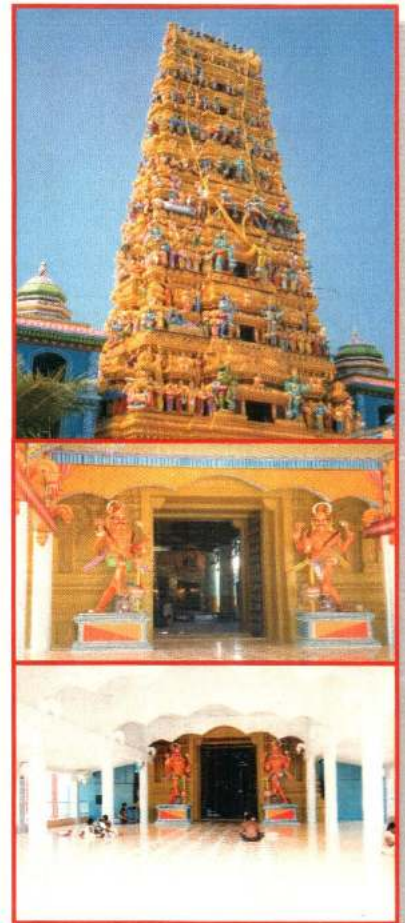
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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – CHANKANAI

Ponnalai Varatharaja Perumal Kovil ✓



✚ **Background:** - One of the ancient temples dedicated to Lord Thirumal situated in Ponnalai in the Jaffna district is called Varatharaja Perumal Kovil. The holy "Theertham" of this temple is the oceanic sea. The Vanni tree growing in the temple premises is believed to bear some divine significance. A special feature of this temple is that annual high festivals are held on two different occasions. The Brahmotsavam (annual high festival) is held in such a manner that the Ther or car festival which is the 9th day of the high festival falls on the Krishna Jayanthi (Birthday of Lord Krishna) day and the total number of days of the annual high festivals is ten. The frontal tower (Raja Gopuram) of this temple is 108 feet high.

✚ **Travel Path:-** Jaffna town 16.1 km → (AB016 road) Maviddapuram Kanthaswamy Kovil Junction turn left to Maviddapuram – Keerimalai Road (B277 road) 2.94Km → Point Pedro – Ponnalai Road (AB 21 road) turn left to 14.4 km → on right to Ponnalai Varatharaja Perumal Kovil

✚ **Contact Name:** - The Chief Priest, Ponnalai Varatharaja Perumal Kovil, Ponnalai.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – CHANKANAI

Rubbing Stone “Aavuranchukal”



- ✦ **Background:-** A lime stone piece, made into a tapered cylindrical shape of about 3 feet and 6 inches high, can be seen erected near a resting place, water tank and shady trees, and it is meant for the cattle to rub their body on it for soothing effects against skin itching . This is referred to as "Aavuranchi kallu" in Tamil. Naturally large shady trees are ideal and comfortable resting places for humans and cattle. The shady trees continue to remain part of the resting complex, as they are useful in keeping the environment cool and pleasant and they still provide the much needed shade for animals to rest.

- ✦ **Travel Path:-** Bus Stand → Right side 150m → Kasthuriyar Road 100m → turn left to Stanly Road 150m → Jaffna Manipay Karainagar road (AB17) 4.7Km → Turn left to Vaddukoddai -Kokuvil Road (B230) 4.4Km → Aavuranchukal.

- ✦ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Saba (Valikamam West) 021-3212465/0212250144

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – CHANKANAI

Chankanai Fort ✓



- ✿ **Background:-**Chankanai fort was built by the Dutch in compliance with their unique architectural style. This Dutch fort is situated along the Jaffna – Manipay – Karainagar highway near Chankanai town. The walls of the fort currently in a dilapidated condition stand testimony to the Dutch architectural skills. Some researchers attempt to maintain that this building was a Protestant Church functioning during that Dutch period.

- ✿ **Travel Path:-**Bus Stand —→ Right side 150m→ Kasthuriyar Road 100m→ Turn left to Stanly Road 150m→ Jaffna Manipay Karainagar Road (AB17) 14.6Km→ Chankanai Fort.

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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – CHANKANAI

Pillaiyar Kovil & Murugan Kovil



- ✿ **Background:** - There are two temples one dedicated to Lord Pillaiyar and other dedicated to Lord Murugan situated close to each other in the Chulipuram village. These two temples are lavishly surrounded by paddy fields. The annual high festivals of Pillaiyar Temple are held for twelve days ending on Uththaram (position of star) during the month of June. The annual high festivals of Murugan Temple are held for twelve days during the month of May. The Chariot festival is held on Vishagam (star). It will be wonderful sight to witness the patrons of the temples and worshippers performing Kavadi dance and other forms of penance in fulfillment of their vows. The daily Poojas are also performed regularly.

- ✿ **Travel Path:** - Bus Stand → Right side 150m → Kasthuriyar road 100m → Turn left to Stanly road 150m → Jaffna Manipay Karainagar road (AB17) 15.2Km → Chulipuram junction → Inner road 2.1Km → Pillaiyar Kovil & Murugan Kovil.

- ✿ **Contact Name:** - The Chief Priest, Pillaiyar Kovil & Murugan Kovil, Chulipuram.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – CHANKANAI

Sangarathai Madam (Resting Place)



✿ **Background:** - Several resting places were found along all major roads in the Jaffna region. Many of these are now in ruins or demolished. Many place names such as "Ottumadam", "Aarukal madam", "Saanthaiyar madam", "Madaththadi", "Maruthanar madam" etc., still remind us the way-side rest lobbies which once stood there.

In those days, when many people used to travel even long distances by foot, sometimes with their agricultural products on their heads, these resting places provided them with comfort and relaxation. Many others who use bullock carts for traveling and transportation of goods also needed such places to feed their animals and give them some rest on the way specially during hot summer months. A resting place in Jaffna consisted of the following features: a resting place, well, water tank and large shady trees around the place.

✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus Stand → Right side 150m → Kasthuriyar road → Turn left to Stanly road Junction → Turn Right Side → KKS road (AB16) 3.8Km → Kokuvil junction → turn left → travel alone Kokuvil-Vaddukoddai road (B230) 5.9Km → Saanthaiyar madam.

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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – CHAVAKACHCHERI

Varivananathar Sivan Kovil



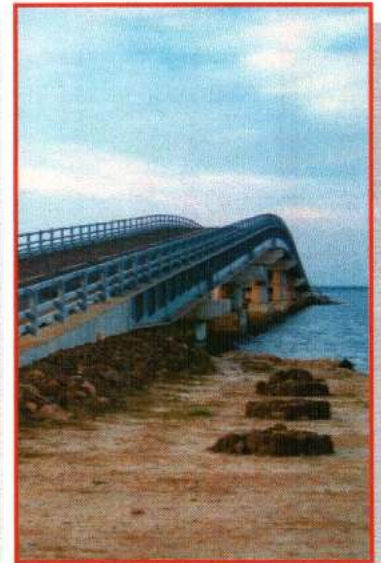
- ✚ **Background:** - This Sivan temple is situated in Chavakachcheri to the West of the town on the road stretching from the Rest house junction to the Railway station. This road leads towards the South. It is learnt that the Maha Kumbhabhishekam ceremonies of this temple were held in the years 1948 and 1971 customarily. The Chief Deity of this temple "Sri Santhirasegara Varivananathar" and his consort is "Sri Amirthabashini Ambal". The annual high festivals last for 10 days and on the penultimate day the "Ther" or car festival is held and on the final day "Theertham" or water cutting ceremony is conducted in the lotus pond on the West of the said temple. Auspicious days affiliated to Lord Siva, Goddess Ambal, Lord Vinayagar and Lord Murugan are observed and rituals performed in this temple regularly.

- ✚ **Travel Path:-** Travel along A9 road from Chavakachcheri junction towards Jaffna 100m from Chavakachcheri junction turn Left along Station Road 1.2 Km → Varivananathar Sivan Kovil.

- ✚ **Contact Name:-** Urban Council (021-2270041)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – CHAVAKACHCHERI

Sangupiddy Bridge ✓



- ✚ **Background:** - The Sangupiddy Bridge at Pooneryn which connects Jaffna peninsula to the mainland is the shortest distance. This bridge is Two hundred and eighty eight meter long with two lanes for transportation. This is one of the second land access routes to the Jaffna Penninsula.

This bridge connecting A-32 road from Mannar to Jaffna across the lagoon is the shortest land route to Jaffna from Colombo.

- ✚ **Travel Path:**-Travel along A9 road from Jaffna town → Turn right at Navatkuli junction travel along Jaffna-Mannar (A32) 12 Km → Sangupiddy Bridge.

- ✚ **Contact Name:-** Urban Council (021-2270041)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – CHAVAKACHCHERI

Pandrithalaichchi Amman Kovil



✿ **Background:** - This temple is situated in Madduvil North in the Chavakachcheri division. The latest Maha Kumbhabhishekam or consecration ceremony of this temple was held on 04.07.1991 followed by 45 days of Mandala Abhishekam ceremonies. The annual high festivals commence on the Margali (December), and the Thiruvembavai day terminates on the 10th day. In the Hindu month of Panguni special Poojas and Abhishekams and offering of milk rice prepared in the temple courtyard by thousands of devotees have been performed since historical times. The devotees from all parts of Jaffna gather at this temple on these days. Special Poojas are held on Vaikasi Visakam day, Aadi Pooram day, Navarathiri (nine days) and on the four Mondays in the Hindu month of Karthikai. The Chakra Pooja is performed on the full moon day of each month.

✿ **Travel Path:** - Travel along A9 road from Chavakachcheri junction towards Jaffna, near the 308th Km Post turn Right → Inner road 5.1 Km → Pandrithalaichchi Amman Kovil.

✿ **Contact Number:- 021-3735259**

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – CHAVAKACHCHERI

Siddiveram Kannakai Amman Kovil



- ✿ **Background:** - This temple is found in the midst of old trees near the village of Varani on Point Pedro-Kodikamam main road. The annual high festivals are held for 14 days commencing from the Vaikasi Pongal day. This terminates on the full moon day in the month of Vaikasi. Subsequently certain days of religious significance are observed and special Poojas held in this temple regularly during the course of the year. Such days are Panguni Thingal, Karthikai Thingal, Navarathiri (9days), Ketharagowri Viratham (21 days), Varaluxmi Viratham, Aadi Pooram, Beginning of the month of Aadi, Aani Uttaram, Thaipoosam, Masi Maham, Maha Sivarathiri, Vinayakar Viratham and Thiruvembavai (10 days).

- ✿ **Travel Path:** - Travel along A9 road from Kilinochchi to Jaffna, at Kodikamam junction turn Right → Kodikamam Point Pedro road 3.5 Km → Siddiveram Kannakai Amman Kovil.

- ✿ **Festival Season:** - Annual Grand Festival celebrated for 14 days in May

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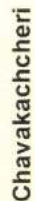
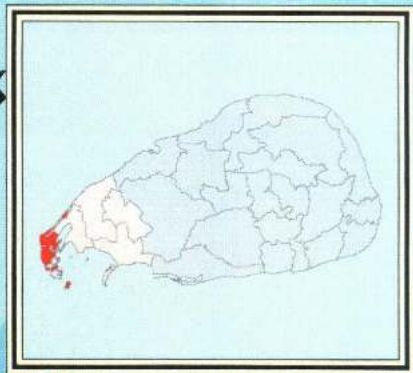
Cholai Amman Kovil



✿ **Background:** - This is an ancient Kovil dedicated to Cholai Amman, located at Manduvil in Chavachcheri division. This Amman Kovil is surrounded by large shady trees which gives more attraction. This Kovil is located along the Dutch road stretching from Chavakachcheri junction. The annual grand festival of this temple is celebrated for ten days in the month of June. Special ceremonies like Ketharagowri festival, Navarathiri and Vijayathasamy are also celebrated in this temple. Special festival to offer Pongal (Specially cooked rice) is held annually on "Vissagam" (full moon day) in the month of May.

✿ **Travel Path:** - Travel along A9 road from Kodikamam junction to Jaffna, near the Maduvil junction turn Right 3.5 Km ➔ Cholai Amman Kovil.

✿ **Festival Season:** - The Annual Grant Festival Celebrated for 10 Days in June.



1. Pandri Thalaichchi Amman Kovil
2. Sangupiddy Bridge
3. Chuddivaram Amman Kovil
4. Chollai Amman Kovil
5. Varivanathar Sivan Kovil

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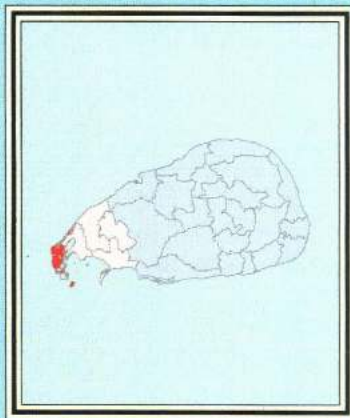
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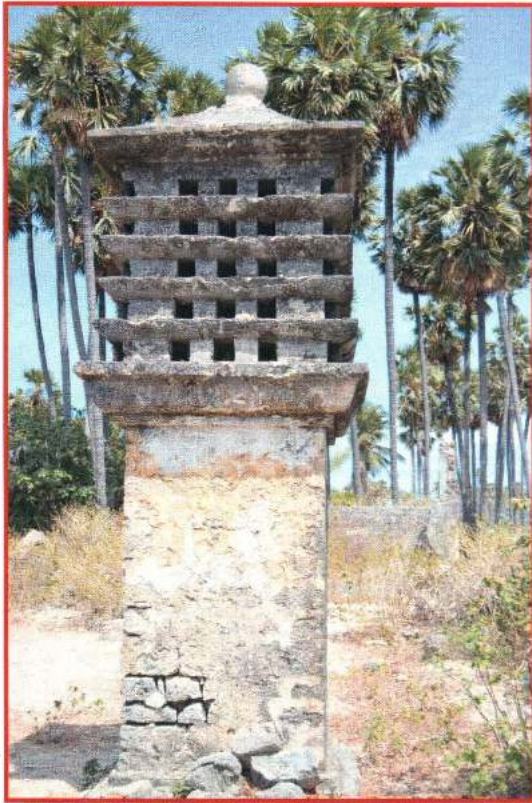
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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – DELFT

Pigeons' Cage ✓



✿ **Background:** - There are many archeological monuments in the Delft Island. Pigeons cage is one such archeological sites which has a history of more than three hundred years. Of history. This was constructed during the Dutch period. It is tall and constructed of cement. It has observation peepholes in the cage. This is one of the ancient structures which attract more tourists to this Island.

✿ **Travel Path:-** Jaffna Bus Stand → Turn Right to Hospital road 700m → Turn left to KKS road turn left and travel along(AB19) 15.8km → Araly Junction. Travel along (AB39) 3.6km → Madathuvali Pilliyar kovil → Turn left 12.6Km → Kurikadduvan → Boat Service (1Hour & 20 minutes) → Delft Island.

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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – DELFT

Meehaman Fort (Dutch Fort) ✓



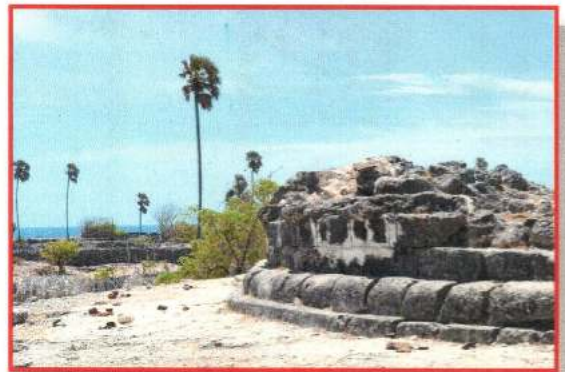
✚ **Background:** - Remains of the Dutch can be seen in 300 year old fort along the coast in Delft. This was built by the Dutch adopting their own architecture pattern.

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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – DELFT

Vediarasan Fort✓



🗑 **Background:** - This is an ancient Fort situated in the Koddaiyadu area in the West of the islet of Delft. At present only the ruins of the above Fort can be seen. According to history King Vedyarasan had constructed this Fort and had ruled from there. It is believed that many items of archaeological value discovered in this area.

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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – DELFT

Horse's stables ✓



- ✚ **Background:** - It is well known that the Dutch who occupied Delft during their rule at that time bred horses there and sold them for good return. The climatic conditions of this area proved to be quite – convenient for the rearing of horses. The pillars that were constructed by the Dutch for tethering the horses can be found though in ruins in the area called Sarapiddy, in Delft.

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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – DELFT

Foot of the man of forty feet height✓



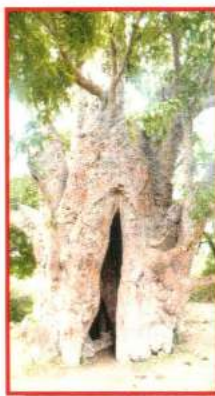
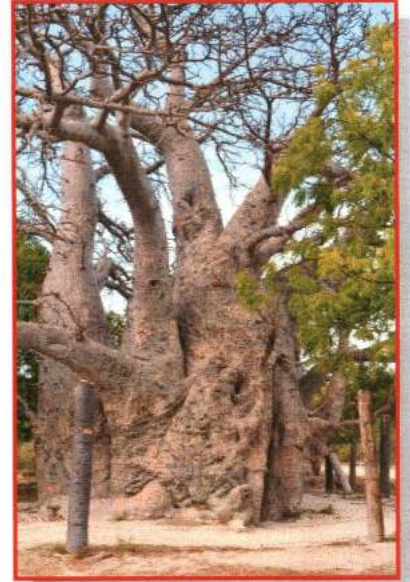
✿ **Background:** - A large foot print which appears to be that of a very big or giant sized man is found in the midst of the lime stone heaps in the Sarapiddy area of Delft West. Compared to the foot print of an average sized man, this particular foot print is extra large. Therefore it is believed to be that of a man who would have been forty feet tall.

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Bao Bab Tree ✓



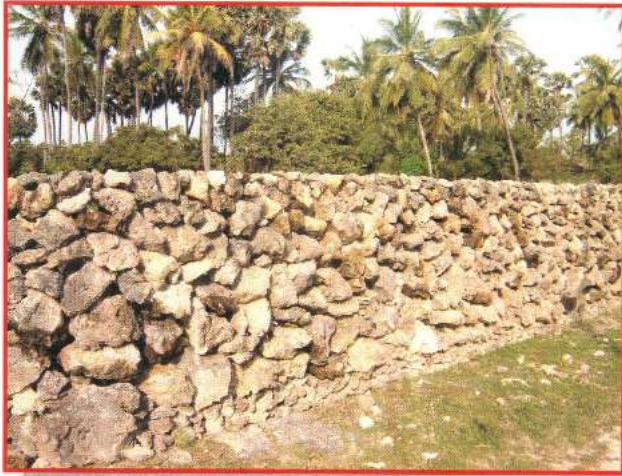
- ✦ **Background:** - This huge ancient tree called “Perukku Maram” in Tamil and known as the Baobab tree is found in the Eastern section of Delft. It is believed that this tree would have been planted centuries ago by the Arabs. The bottom of the tree is very large in circumference. This tree is the biggest tree in the Jaffna district. Only a few trees of this variety (Perukku Maram) are found in Sri Lanka at present. The flowers of this tree are white and the berries are round and green.

- ✦ **Travel Path:-** Jaffna Bus Stand → Turn Right to Hospital road 700m → Turn left to KKS road turn left and travel along (AB19) 15.8km → Araly Junction. Travel along (AB39) 3.6km → Madathuvali Pillaiyar kovil → Turn left side 12.6km → Kurikadduvan → Boat Service (1Hour & 20 minutes) → Delft Island.

- ✦ **Contact Name:** - Pradeshiya Saba (021-3216476) / Divisional Secretariat.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – DELFT

Stone Fences ✓



✿ **Background:** - The stone fences called 'Baheer' found in Delft are another attraction of all concerned. These stones structures are the boundary fences of the houses and the garden plots in most parts of Delft. These stone fences have been erected using both small sized and large sized stones which are stacked one over the other. The entrances are made up of Palmyrah logs.

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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - JAFFNA DS DIVISION



JAFFNA

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Chundikkoli

Colombuthurai West

Pasayur

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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

Jaffna Library ✓



- ✚ **Background:-**The Jaffna Library was inaugurated initially in 1934 as a Central Library with 844 books and 36 periodicals. Soon with the help of primarily local citizens, it became a full fledged library. The Library also became a repository of archival material written in Palm leaf manuscripts, original copies of regionally important historic documents and newspapers that were published hundreds of years ago in the Jaffna peninsula.

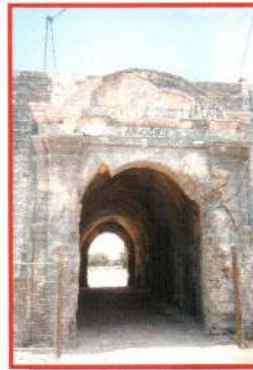
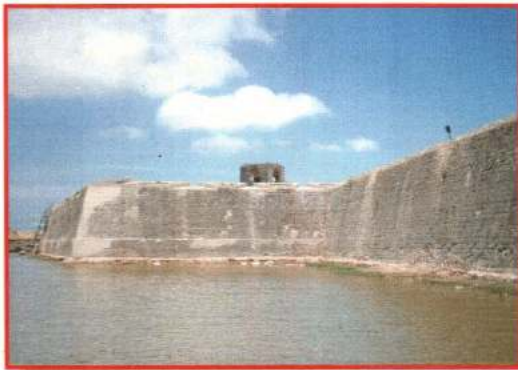
Eventually the first major wing of the library was opened in 1959 by then Jaffna Mayor Alfred Duraipappah. The architect of the Indo-Saracenic style building was Narasimhan from Madras, India. Prominent Indian librarian S.R. Ranganathan served as an advisor to ensure that the library was built to international standards. The library became the pride of the local people as even researchers from India and other countries began to use it for their research purposes.

- ✚ **Travel Path:-**Bus Stand → Travel through Hospital road 700 m → Turn left to KKS road (AB16) on left side 650 m → Jaffna Library.

- ✚ **Contact Name:-** Municipal Council(021-2222275)/Librarian

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

Jaffna Fort ✓



- ✚ **Background:** - Jaffna Fort is a fort built by Portuguese at Jaffna, Sri Lanka in 1618 under Philip De Olivera when the Portuguese invaded Jaffna. This was captured by the Dutch under Raiclop Van Goins in 1658 and expanded it into pentagonal shape. In 1795 it was taken over by the British, and remained a British garrison till 1948.

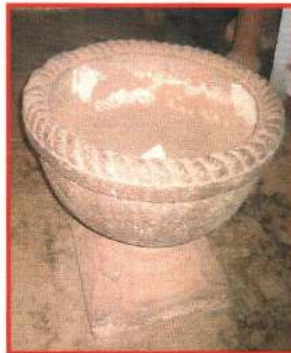
Found inside the fort was the Queen's House, the Garrison Parade Ground, Police quarters and administrative buildings.

- ✚ **Travel Path:** - Bus stand → Travel through Hospital road 700 m → Turn left to KKS road (AB16) 900 m → travel along Jaffna Kayts road 200 m → Jaffna Fort.

- ✚ **Contact Name:-** Municipal Council (021-2222275)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

Archaeological Museum ✓



✦ **Background:** - The Museums bring about a sound and widespread understanding of people's life by impartial presentation, raises the level of art appreciation throughout the Northern Province, encourages living artists by exhibiting their work and promote understanding through art. The articles and tools used by the people of ancient times are kept for view of the public in the Museums of the Northern Province.

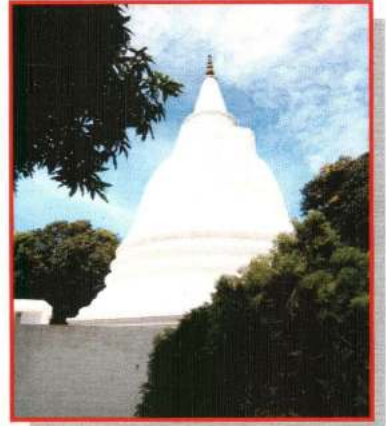
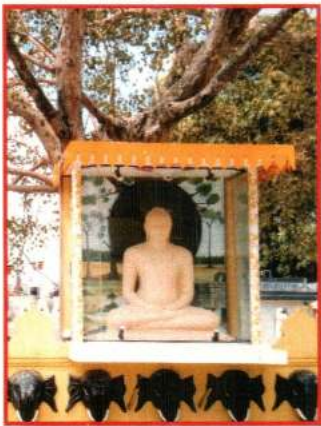
The articles and tools which were used by the people of ancient eras (ancient years) are kept for the view of the public in the Museums of Northern Province. These items are being preserved carefully for posterity.

✦ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand → Travel through Hospital road 600m → Turn left and travel along Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB20) 2.1Km → (turn right side) travel along Navalar road 350m → Navalar Archaeological Museum.

✦ **Contact Name:-** Municipal Council (021-2222275) / Museum – (0212224125)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

Naga Vihara ✓



- ✿ **Background:** - The Naga Vihara of Jaffna is located near to the Stanely road –Point Pedro road junction. Many devotees visit this Vihara to invoke blessings. Annual Katina pooja of Sri Naha Vihara is celebrated in Ill full moon poya day in November. The colorful procession with Elephants, Cultural dancers and devotees walked along the main streets of Jaffna city. All night pirith chanting, alms giving also held during this Pooja.

- ✿ **Travel Path:-**Bus Stand → Travel through Hospital road 600m → Turn left to Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB20) on left side 350m → Near to Aariyakulam Junction → Naga Vihara.

- ✿ **Contact Name:-** Chief Priest (Sri Naga Vihara)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

Six Pillars Choultry



- ✚ **Background:-** This Choultry was constructed in close proximity to Jaffna town during the period where 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.
- ✚ **Travel Path:-** Bus Stand → Travel through Hospital road on turn right side travel along 120m → Kasthuriyar road (turn left) 300m → travel along Stanly road 150m → then, travel along Jaffna Manipay Karainagar road (AB17) 4.1Km → Six Pillars Choultry.
- ✚ **Contact Name:-** Municipal Council (021-2222275)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

Grand Mosque ✓



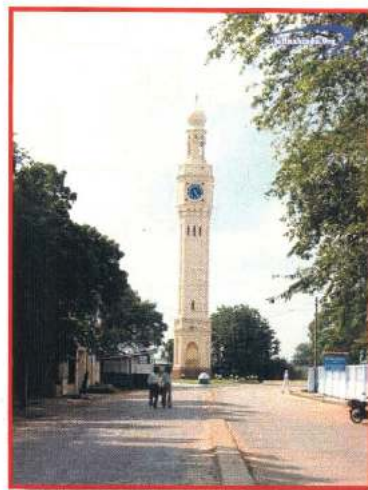
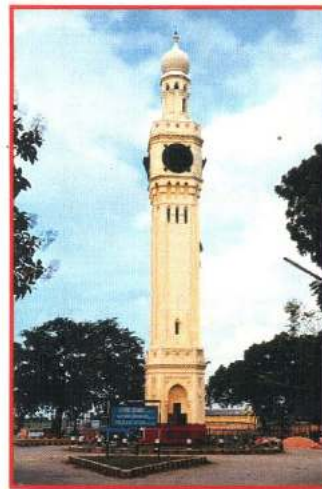
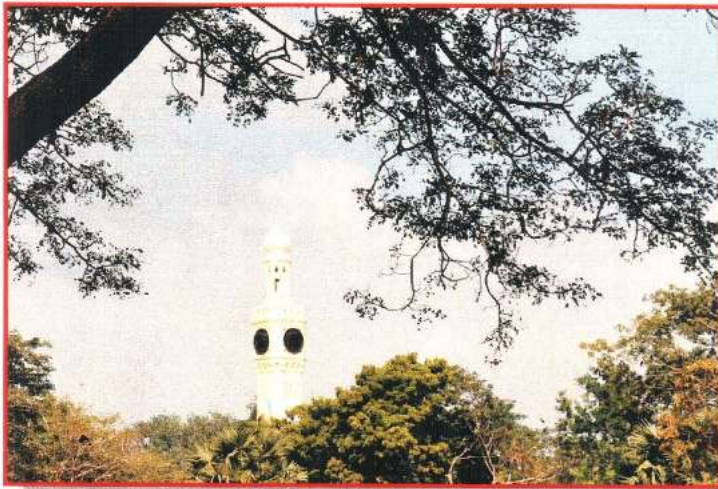
✦ **Background:-** This Mosque is situated on the Manipay Road in Jaffna town. Prayers are conducted five times a day at this mosque. Special prayers are conducted along with religious discourses on Fridays. Special prayers are also held during the fasting season on month of Ramazan.

✦ **Travel Path:-** Bus Stand ———> Travel through Hospital road on turn right side travel along 120m Travel along Kasthuriyar road (turn left) 150m Travel along Inner road 100m Grand Mosque.

✦ **Contact Name: -** Chief Priest (Grand Mosque)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

Jaffna Clock Tower✓



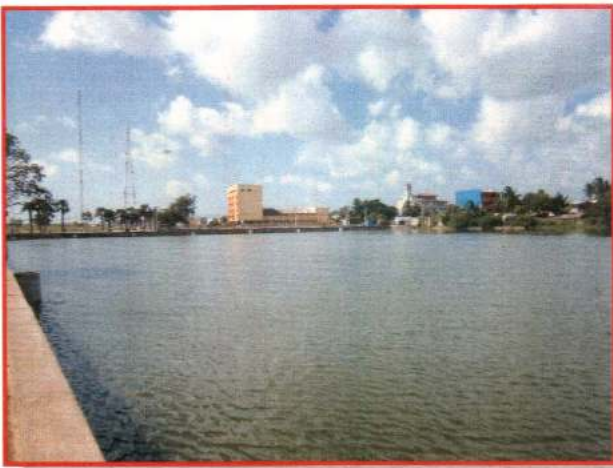
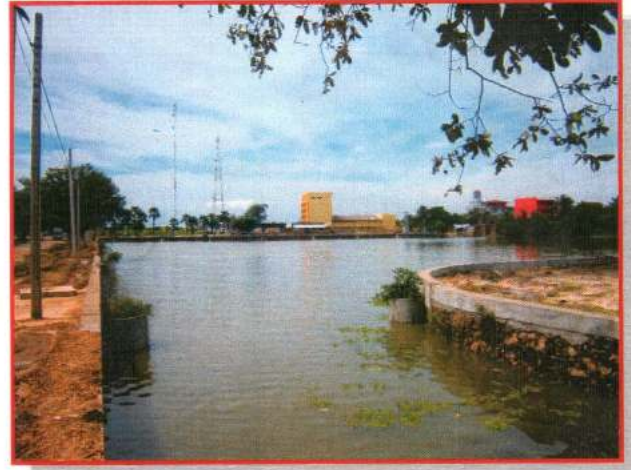
✿ **Background:-** The Jaffna Clock Tower is about 135 years old and situated near the old sector of Jaffna Town. In 1875, the son of the then British Queen "Victoria", His Highness the Prince of Wales who later became the King with the name Edward VII, visited Sri Lanka. Jaffna citizen collected money to celebrate this occasion and to give a present to him. After the occasion they were left with some balance and a decision was made to build a clock tower to commemorate the visit of The Prince. The government Architect Mr. Srihar designed the Tower. The tower had been renovated with the help of Prince and opened by British High Commissioner on 19th June 2002.

✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus Stand → Travel through Hospital road 300m → on turn right side and travel along Mahadma Gandhi road 200m → Clock Tower.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Municipal Council (021-2222275)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

Pullukulam ✓



✿ **Background:** - This tank is situated near the Durayappah stadium and the Public Library, in the centre of Jaffna city. As it is found in the heart of the city the local and foreign tourists are attracted towards it, in large numbers. Keeping in mind this salient point, works connected with deepening of the tank and beautifying the boundaries of the structure are being carried out under the “Vadakkinn Vasantham” programme of H.E. the President. It will be a pleasant sight to see the sunset in the late evening from the edges of this tank.

✿ **Travel Path:** - Bus Stand → Travel through Hospital road 900m → on turn left side to KKS road (AB16) 400m → Pullukulam.

✿ **Contact Name:** - Municipal Council (021-2222275)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

Aariyakulam ✓



✿ **Background:** - This tank is situated on the other side of the road of the Naga Vihara in Jaffna city on the road leading to Point Pedro. In the city of Jaffna which is crowded with buildings on all sides, the presence of this tank is a boon to the lovers of nature. The worshippers who visit the Naga Vihara and the tourists invariably take rest under the shades of the huge trees that abut the said tank. It will be a pleasant sight to view the sunrise from the edges of this tank in the mornings.

✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus Stand → Travel through Hospital road 600m → Turn left to Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB20) on right side 350m → near to Naga Vihara → Aariyakulam.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Municipal Council (021-2222275)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

Durayappah Stadium



✚ **Background:** - The Durayappah Stadium is situated in the heart of the Jaffna city, near the Jaffna fort and the Public Library. This Stadium is patronised by the adults who work hard during the day and spend the evenings by performing various exercises, and the children who enjoy running around in the open land. Seating accommodation is provided to enable large numbers of sports fans and spectators to view the events that take place in the stadium.

✚ **Travel Path:-**Bus Stand → Travel through Hospital road 900m → on turn left side to KKS road (AB16) 850m → Durayappah Stadium.

✚ **Contact Name:-** Municipal Council(021-2222275)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

O.L.R. Church ✓



✚ **Background:** - Rev.Father J.Aloysius laid the foundation of 142'x 56' for the Church which was finally constructed in 1928. The nine day annual high festivals start on the 30th day of August each year with the flag hoisting ceremony. The three day festival which falls in April or May is conducted regularly.

✚ **Travel Path:**-Bus stand → Travel through Hospital road pass Point Pedro road junction 1.1Km (turn left side) travel along 4th Cross street 150m → OLR Church.

✚ **Contact Name:-** Chief Priest (OLR church) / Festival Season – Oct 8th (9days Novena)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

Vannai Vaitheshwaran Kovil



✿ **Background:** - The Sri Vaitheeswara kovil is situated at Vannarpannai in Jaffna city. This is also called by the names of “Chettiar Sivan Kovil” and “Paddanaththu Sivan” (Sivan of the city). The principal Deity of this huge temple is Vaitheeswaran Swamy and his consort is Thaiyalnayaki Amman. The tradition goes that on the instructions of his Guru Koolangaithambiran the benefactor Vaithilinga Chettiar laid the foundation stone for this temple in 1787. The consecration or Maha Kumbhabhishekam ceremony took place on an auspicious day in the month of Siththirai (April/May) 1790. Six Poojas are held to schedule at this temple. The first annual high festivals for Lord Siva are held terminating with the Theertham festival on the Hindu month of Panguni on “Utththaram” day. The annual high festivals of Goddess Thayalnayaki Amman is held in the Hindu month of Aadi terminating on the Aadi Pooram Day with the Theertham festival being held on the above day. Other important religious days like Pirathoshm, Thiruvembavai and Navarathri festival are observed with special Poojas being held on such days. The “Thiruvonjal” festival is also celebrated here.

✿ **Travel Path:** - Bus Stand → Travel through Hospital road 200m → Turn right side then travel along KKS road (AB16) 400m → Vannai Vaitheshwaran Kovil.

✿ **Contact Name:** - Chief Priest (Vannai Vaitheshwaran kovil)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

Vannai Perumal Kovil



✿ **Background:-** This temple is devoted to the God Vishnu and popularly known as “Thirupathy in Illangai”. Vannai Vengadesa Varatharaja Parumal kovil was constructed in 1665. The first grand festival was celebrated in 1878. The Kumbhabhishekam of the Rajakopuram was held in 1978. The grand festival of this temple is celebrated for 10 days during the month of September. There are several special festivals such as monthly Egathasi, Ramar padapisegam in March, and special Poongavanam festival in Thiruvonam in April and special Pooja during each Saturday in month of September are held annually.

✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus Stand → Travel through Hospital road → travel along (on turn right side) 120m → Kasthuriyar road 300m → Turn Right to Stanly road 400m → Wellington Junction (turn left) travel along Clock tower road 400m → Vannai Perumal Kovil.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Chief Priest (Vannai Perumal Kovil)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

Muneshwaran Temple



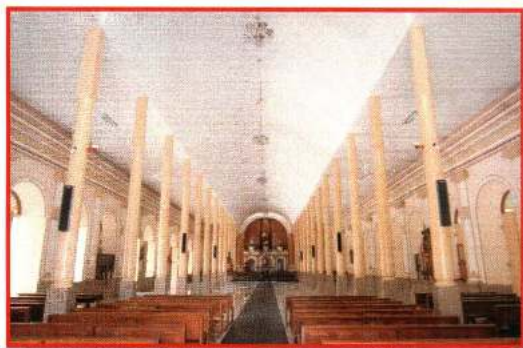
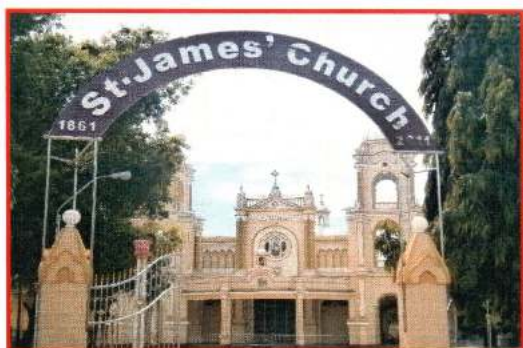
✿ **Background:-** This shrine is also called Muniappar kovil of the Fort. This temple is situated to the East of the Dutch Fort in the esplanade. Daily three Poojas are held. Annual high festivals are also held. The significant tree of this temple is the Bo tree (Arasamaram).

✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus Stand → Travel through Hospital road $\xrightarrow{900m}$ Turn left to KKS road (AB16) $\xrightarrow{650m}$ on right side → Muneshwaran Temple.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Chief Priest (Muneshwaran Temple)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – JAFFNA

St. James Church

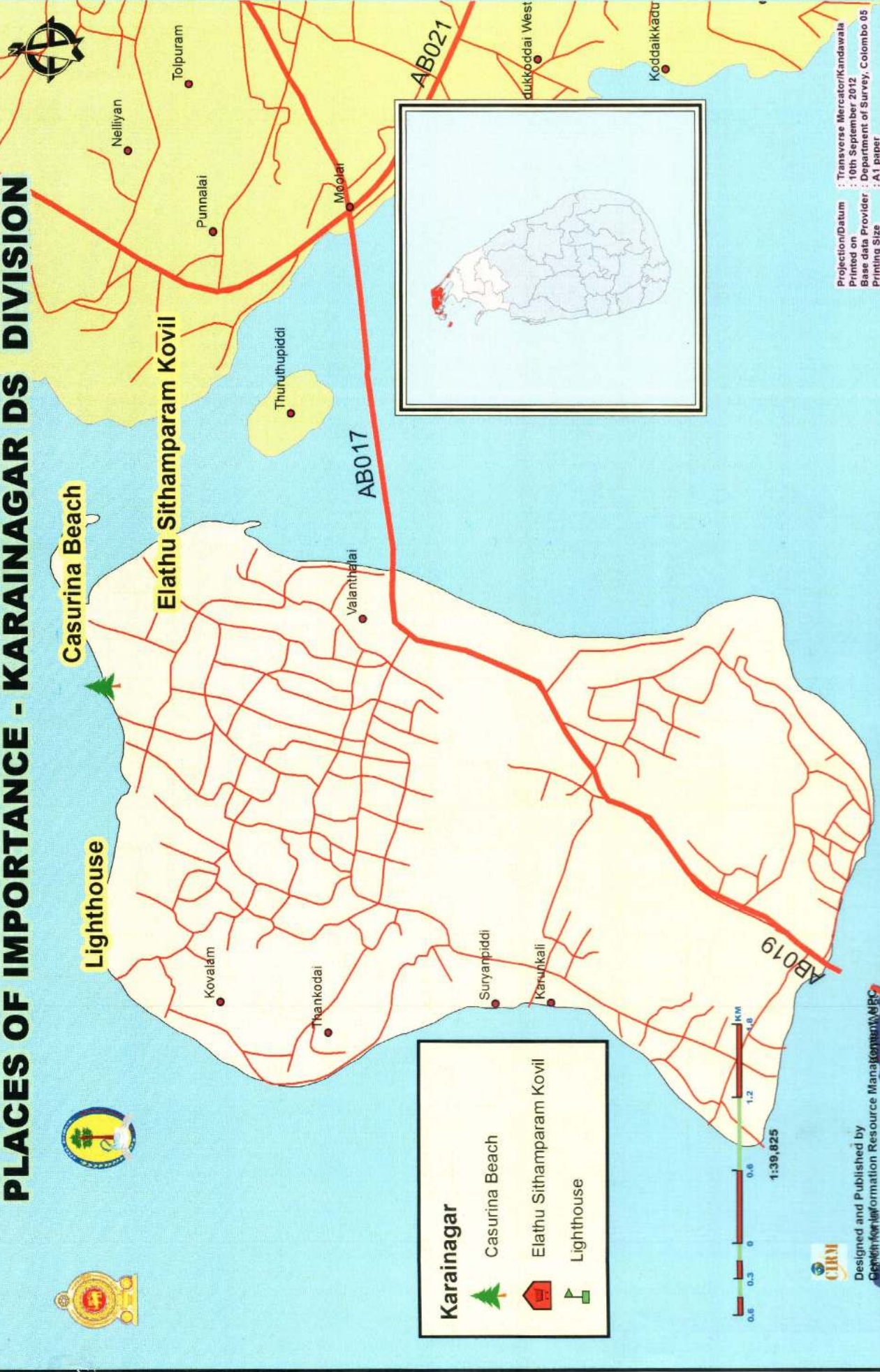


✦ **Background:** - The foundation for the present Church was laid in 1861 by Rev.Father Muruwa at the same spot where the previous Church stood before 1783. The Church of St.James was the outcome of the immense faith the people of Gurunagar who professed Christianity as their faith.

✦ **Travel Path:** - Bus Stand → (turn left side) travel through Hospital road 200m → (turn right side) travel along 1st Cross street 250m → then turn left and through Kandy – Jaffna road (A9) 400m → St.Jame's Church.

✦ **Contact Name:-** Chief Priest (St.Jame's church)/ Festival Season – July 25th (9days Noveva)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - KARAINAGAR DS DIVISION



Karainagar

Casurina Beach

Elathu Sithamparam Kovil

Lighthouse

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Casuarina Beach ✓

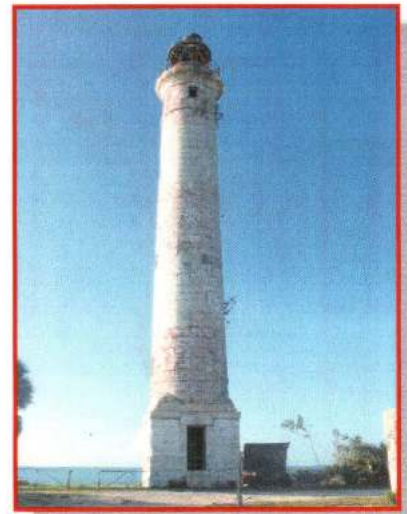
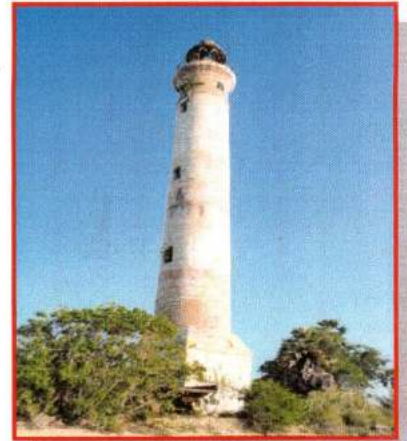
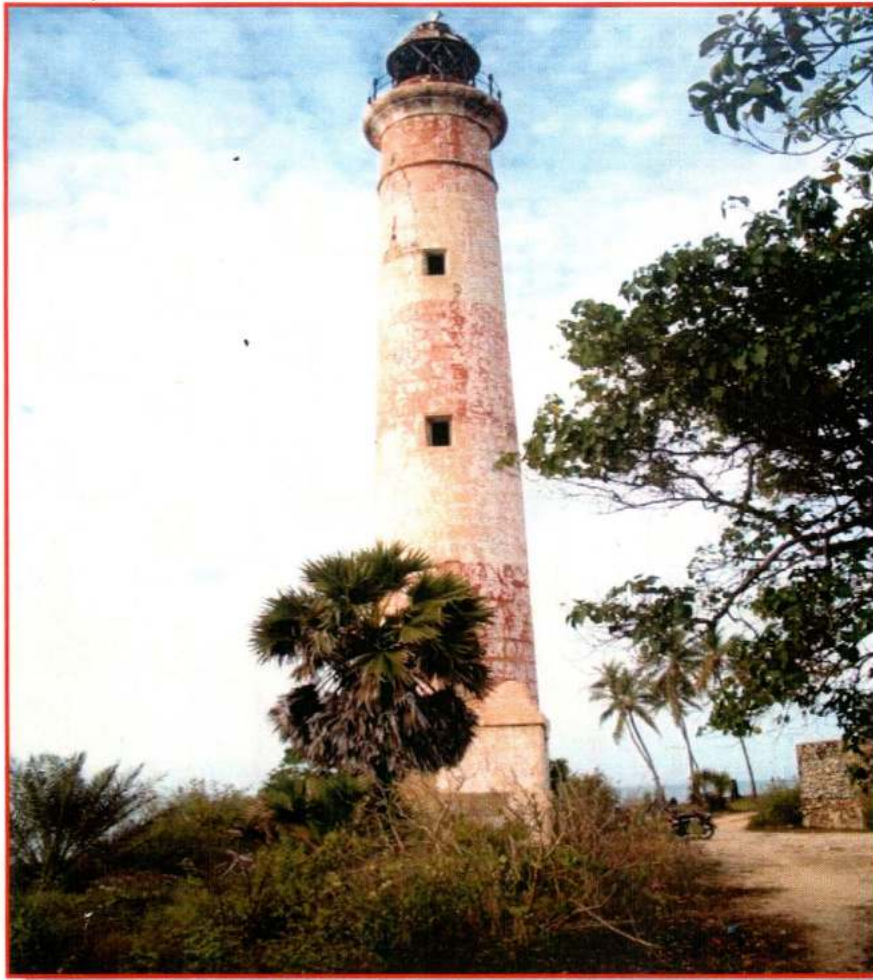


- ✿ **Background:-** It is a popular tourist destination in Northern part of Sri Lanka. This is said to be the best beach in this region. One can walk a long way in the deep blue water with gentle waves moving towards the land. The beach probably got its name due to the dense growth of Casuarina Trees along the beach.
- ✿ **Travel Path:-** Jaffna bus stand turn right side travel along Hospital road 700m → Turn right side travel along KKS road 200m → Turn left travel along Jaffna-Karainagar road (AB17) 18.4Km → Karainagar to Valanthalai junction 950m → Puthu road junction 1700m → Tharavaikulam junction 500m → Casuarina Beach.
- ✿ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Saba (021-3216447)



PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – KARAINAGAR

✓ Lighthouse at Kovalam, Karainagar



✿ **Background:** - This lighthouse provides tremendous guidance for active navigation. The Kovalam Lighthouse was built in 1916 and is about 30 meter high. This lighthouse used for active aid for navigation.

✿ **Travel Path:-** Jaffna bus stand turn right side travel along Hospital road 700m → Turn right side travel along KKS road 200m → Turn left travel along Jaffna-Karainagar road (AB17) 18.4Km → Karainagar to Valanthalai junction 950m → Puthu road junction 1700m → Tharavaikulam junction 500m → Lighthouse.

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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – KARAINAGAR

Eelathu Chithambaram

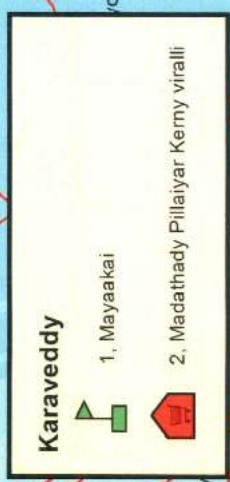


✦ **Background:** - This outstanding shrine dedicated to Thillai Chithambaram (of South India) Nadarajar has no parallel in any other part of Sri Lanka. This temple is appropriately bestowed with MOORTHY, THALAM and THEERTHAM. The Indian Ocean lies to the North of this temple and the Ponnalai lagoon is on its East. At the entrance there are two majestic towers (Raja Gopuram) constructed with granite slabs. The Chief Deities of this temple are Lord Sunthareswarar and His consort Savuntharambikai. The trees of this temple are Bo tree (Arasamaram) Illuppai and Vanni are considered sacred. The 39 feet high temple chariot (or Ther in Tamil) consists of the carved out figures of 108 Siva thandavam, 63 images of Saiva saints and 25 forms of Maheswara Moorthams (Godly images) in its five ascending bases of artful architecture. The dry run of this Ther was conducted on 10.01.2006.

Annually three high festivals are conducted. The Thiruvathirai festival is conducted grandly with hundreds of thousands of worshippers in attendance at the Arudhra Dharshan and the procession of the five chariots. Annually six special festivals are observed and Abhishekams performed to invoke the blessing of Lord Nadarajar. A special high festival is conducted to seek the grace of Goddess Savuntharambikai on Aadi Pooram day and another special festival is conducted to glorify Lord Somaskadar on Panguni Uththaram day.

✦ **Travel Path:-** Jaffna bus stand turn right side travel along Hospital road 700m → Turn right side travel along KKS road 200m → Turn left travel along Jaffna-Karainagar road (Ab17) 18.4Km → Karainagar to Valanthalai junction 950m → Puthu road junction 1700m → Tharavaikulam junction 500m → Eelathu Chithambaram.

✦ **Contact Name:-** 021-32185363



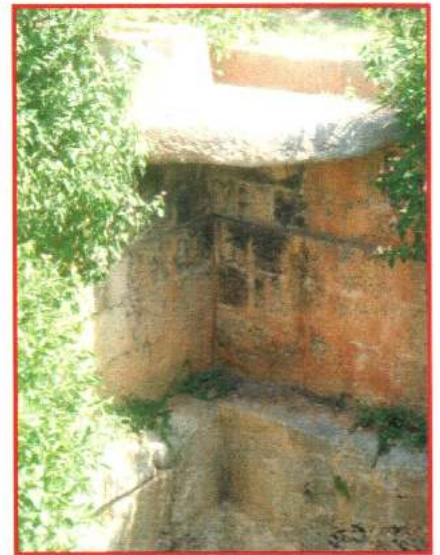
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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – KARAVEDDY

Madathady Pillaiyar Kerny (Viralli)



✿ **Background:** - This natural spring well or kerney is situated along Jaffna-Point Pedro road near Malaichanthi. This beautiful natural spring with aquamarine colour is very attractive and contains natural spring water.

✿ **Travel Path** : - Jaffna to Point Pedro road 29.5Km → Virali Natural Spring

✿ **Contact Name:**-Pradeshiya Sabha – Vadamaradchi South West(Karaveddy)- 021 2263271

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - KAYTS DS DIVISION



Kayts

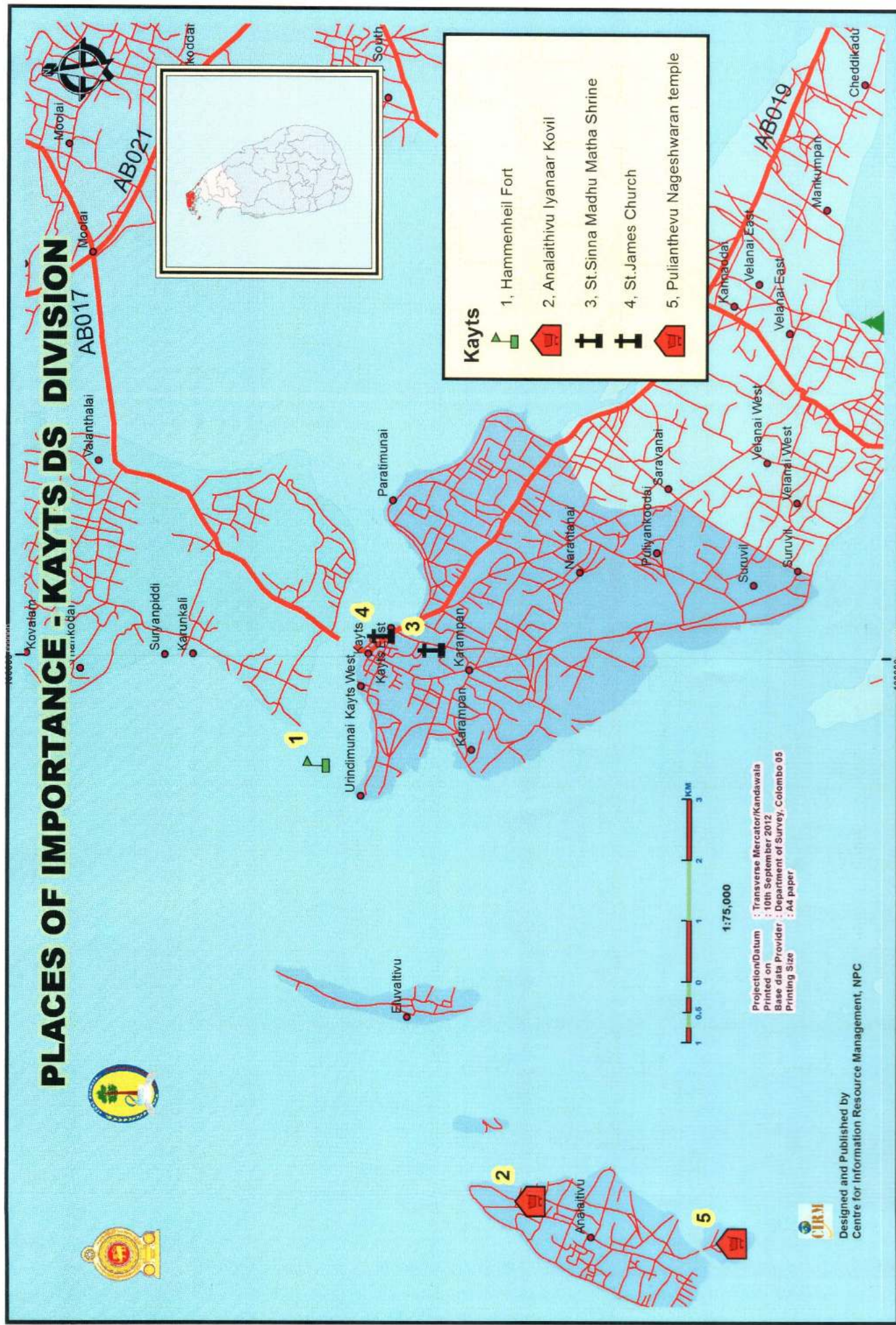
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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – KAYTS

Analaitivu Iyanaar Kovil



✚ **Background:** - Analaitivu is one of the islets that abut the peninsula of Jaffna. The guardian deity of this islet is Lord Aiyanaar whose temple is found there. This temple is supposed to be the biggest temple dedicated to Lord Aiyanaar in Sri Lanka. The significant tree of this temple is the KOOLA tree. "Theerththam", sacred water used for ceremonial purposes is a portion of the Indian Ocean. Although this is a rural temple, the Poojas are held in accordance with the agamic rules. The annual high festivals are held for ten days commencing on the fifth day from the New Moon (day) (Sukkila Padcham 5th day) to the Full moon day.

It will be a wonderful sight to witness the worshippers performing Kavadi dance and other forms of penance in fulfillment of their vows. On the car festival day, Lord Aiyanaar is carried in a car with artistic carvings and Godly images on it.

✚ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand → turn right side 1.7Km → through Hospital road 200m → KKS road and turn left side 300m → Passed by Jaffna Fort then, travel along Jaffna – Kayts road (AB19) 12.7Km → Turn left at Araly junction and travel along (AB39) 14.5Km → Pungudutivu Mahavidiyalayam 2.7Km → (AB39) Kurikattuvan Jetty then Ferry service 40minutes → Analaitivu Jetty 1.4Km → Analaitivu Iyanaar Kovil.

✚ **Contact Name:** - Chief Priest- Analaitivu Iyanaar Kovil & Festival Season – 10days.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – KAYTS

Puliantivu Nageshwaran Temple



- ✚ **Background:** - This temple is situated in the small islet of Puliyantivu which lies to the South of Analaitivu and is separated by a stretch of brackish water marshy land. The Chief Deity of this temple is Nageswaran accompanied by his consort Sri Rajarajeswary. The temple was constructed with mortar and rubble when it was consecrated (Kumbabhishekam) in 1950. The committee of management renovated the temple once again and consecrated it in 1960. The significant tree of the temple is the Bo tree (Arasamaram). The holy well dedicated to Nagabhooshanai is found here. The main festivals that are observed in this temple are the Thiruvembavai Poojas and the Arudhra Dharsan festivals. Another special festival of the temple is the "Pittu Pooja" related to an episode in "Thiruvilaiyadal" (divine prolich of Lord Shiva) in which Lord Siva assigned the role of a labourer carying basket of sand. The Maha Sivarathri festival is observed with four Poojas being held throughout the night with the observance of the water cutting ceremony (in the samudhra) in the morning of the following day. The six Poojas dedicated to Lord Nadaraja Peruman are held on the respective days in the year. Three Poojas namely morning, noon and evening Poojas are held daily.

- ✚ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand → turn right side 1.7Km → through Hospital road 200m → KKS road and turn left side 300m → Passed by Jaffna Fort then, travel along Jaffna – Kayts road (AB19) 12.7Km → Turn left at Araly junction and travel along (AB39) 14.5Km → Pungudutivu Mahavidiyaliam 2.7Km → (AB39) Kurikattuvan Jetty then Ferry service 35minutes → Puliyantivu Jetty 400m → Puliyantivu Nageshwaran Temple.

- ✚ **Annual Festival:** - Thiruvempavai festival for 10 days is celebrated in December.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – KAYTS

St.James Church



- ✿ **Background:** - This old church with its large courtyard, though ravaged by the war, still holds its charm and miraculously the faces of the sculptures have not been damaged. Written on the facade of the church is 1716 but the first stone, it was noted, was laid on 1st January 1815 by Father Dalgado, a Goanese Oratorian, to replace a more ancient mud building.

Upon reaching the centre of town in Kayts, you arrive at a T-junction. Take the right, and then immediately left. The St James' Church is at the end of this street, about 100 m away, and can be seen from the junction.

- ✿ **Travel Path:**-Bus stand → turn right side 700m → through Hospital road 200m → KKS road and turn left side 300m → Passed by Jaffna Fort then, travel along Jaffna – Kayts road (AB19) 20.7Km → Kayts junction 300m → St.Jame's Church.

- ✿ **Contact Name:-** Chief priest.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – KAYTS

St.Sinna Madhu Matha Shrine



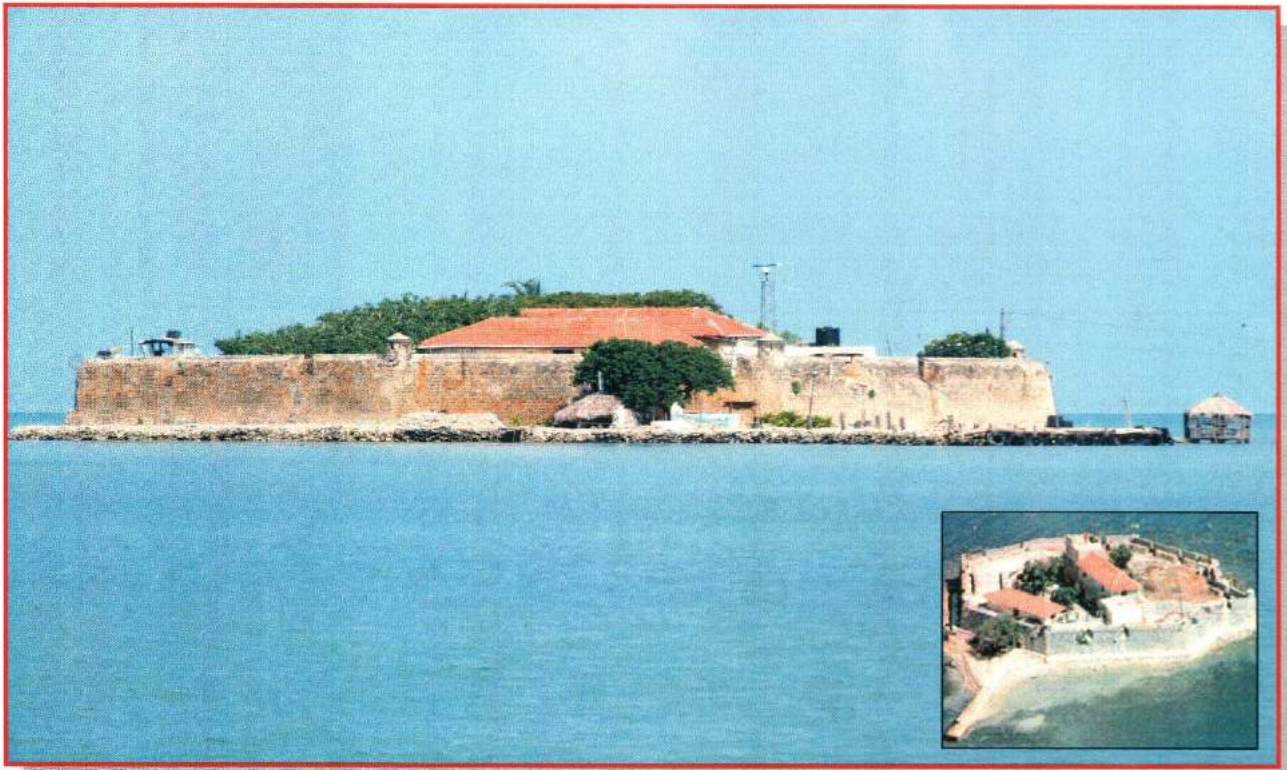
✿ **Background:** - This Church is situated in the village of Chaddy which abuts the sea and is in the Velanai area of the Islands in the Jaffna district. This Church is having a long history of nearly 450 years behind it. This was built in 1544 A.D. by the Portugese. Then it was destroyed during the regime of the Dutch. However, the statue of Our Lady of Madhu was found intact in a well and then installed in the new Church that was built in 1928. The annual high festivals start from the 6th of September each year and goes on for nine days and ends up with the 9th day festival. You find infant Jesus in one hand and a ship in the other hand in the statue of Our Lady of Madhu.

✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand → turn right side 700m → through Hospital road 200m → KKS road and turn left side 300m → Passed by Jaffna Fort then, travel along Jaffna – Kayts road (AB19) 20.7Km → Turn left at Araly junction and travel along (AB39) 2.3Km → Velanai junction then, Travel along Chatty – Vangalavadi road 1.4Km → Chatty Sinna Madhu matha shrine.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Chief priest

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – KAYTS

Fort Hammenhiel



- ✿ **Background:-** The attractive little fort was constructed by the Portuguese and named Fortaleza do Caes. It is built in an unusual circular design from solid coral stonework and has two internal levels. The height of the walls is approximately four and a half metres. The fort stands on a small sand bank between the small islands of Karainagar and Kayts and the sole navigation channel from the sea to the lagoon on which Jaffna stands.

The fort came under Dutch control during the siege of Jaffna in 1658 when, after a fortnight of bombardment from the shores, their wooden rain water tank was smashed. Hammenhiel was regarded by the Dutch as the key to Jaffna and it was specified that the garrison of 30 should all be Dutch. Aware of its weakness, the Dutch built a huge reservoir which they paved with bricks from their homeland. The fort was surrendered without resistance to the British in 1795.

- ✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand → turn right side 700m → through Hospital road 200m → KKS road and turn left side 300m → Passed by Jaffna Fort then, travel along Jaffna – Kayts road (AB19) 20.7Km → Kayts junction 100m → Kayts Harbour (obtain boat service) 15minutes → Hammenhiel Fort.

- ✿ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Sabha (Islanad North Kayts) -021 3212398

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - KOPAY DS DIVISION

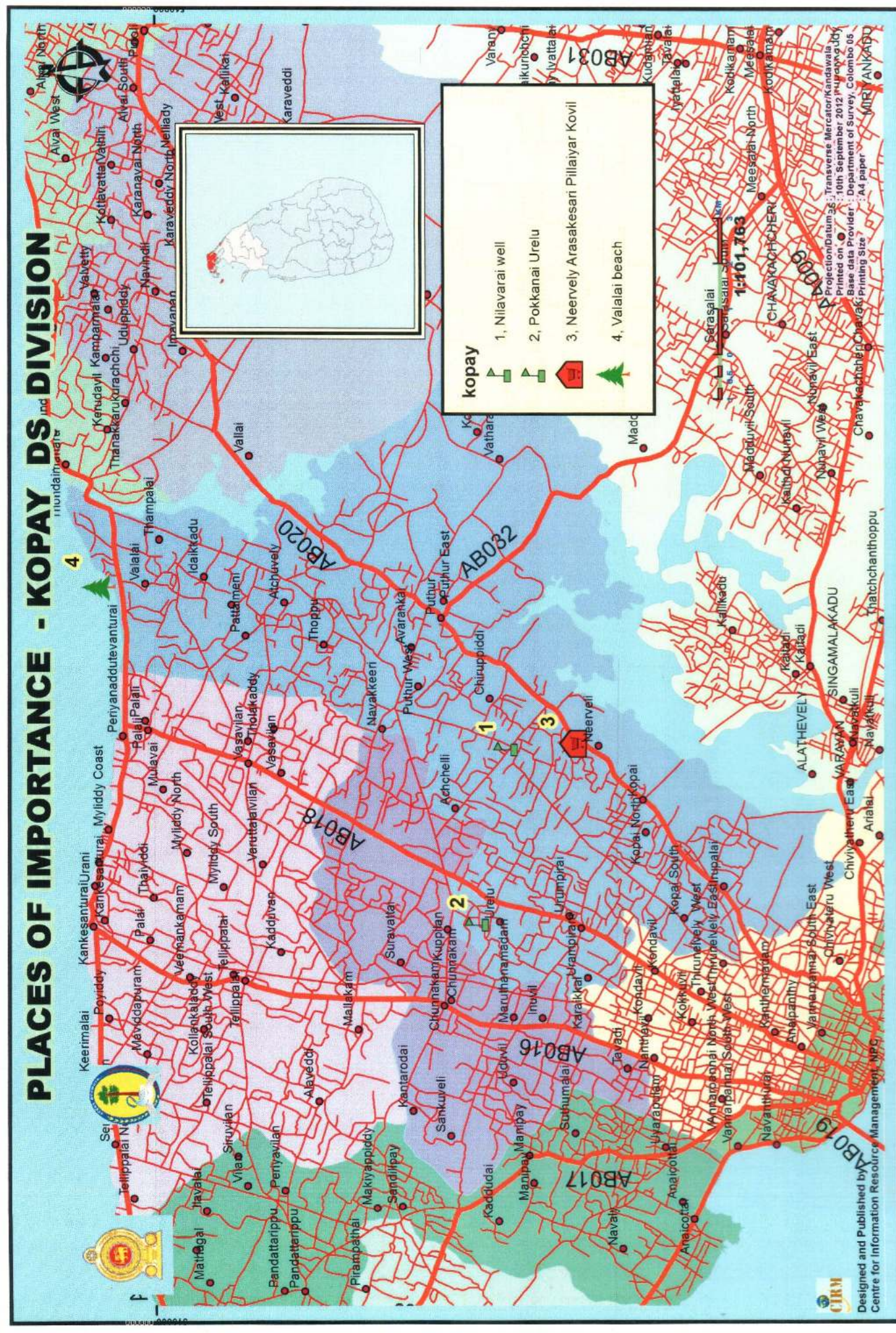


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kopay

- 1, Nilavarai well
- 2, Pokkanai Urelu
- 3, Neervely Arasakesari Pillaiyar Kovil
- 4, Valalai beach



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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – KOPAY

Nilavarai well✓



✚ **Background:-** This well is situated at Nilavarai, Achchuvely. This amazing natural well with its aquamarine colour is said to be bottomless, with salt water in its depths attesting to its connection to the sea. This square shaped well of unknown depth is quite popular among the local people. The water never gets depleted and it serves sufficiently the irrigation purposes of the neighbouring areas.

✚ **Travel Path:-** Jaffna Bus stand → turn left and Travel through Hospital road 600m → turn left Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB20) 14.6Km → Puthoor junction → turn left travel along Kantharodai road 2.6Km → Nilavarai well.

✚ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Sabha (Vali East- 0213212475)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – KOPAY

Valalai Beach



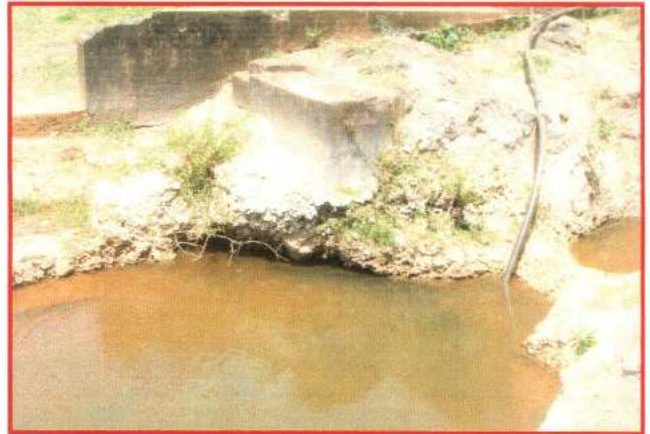
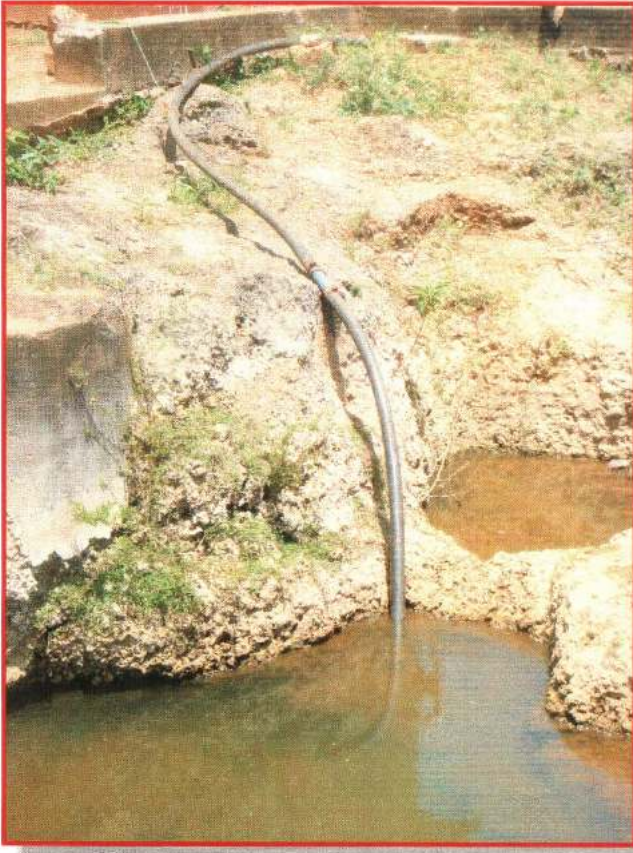
✿ **Background:** - The Valalai beach found by the turquoise waters of the Indian ocean is one of Northern Province pristine spots. The oceanic waves lash on this shore which is crystal – white or golden. The land along the shore plantated with Coconut and Palmyrah_trees. This adds to the scenic beauty of the spot. More local tourist nowadays visit this place regularly with their family members and friends.

✿ **Travel Path:**-Jaffna Bus stand → turn left and Travel through Hospital road 600m → turn left Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB20) 20.5Km → at Vallai Junction turn left 700m → and travel along Vallai Thunalai road → then travel along 2.9Km → turn left and travel along Ponnalai to Point Pedro road 2.1Km → Valalai Beach.

✿ **Contact Name:** - Pradeshiya Sabha (Vali East- 0213212475).

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – KOPAY

Pokkanai Urelu



✚ **Background:** - This spring is found at Urelu Grama Niladhari's area. It looks like a cave externally. This spring is never drought. The spring supplies water to irrigate fields at Sankuveli, a village. The spring never gives dry even in hot weather. A legendary tale says that Rama, hero of the epico of Ramayana set his foot at this place an shot an arrow resulting in the creation of a water spring which has developed in to the present, in course of time.

✚ **Travel Path:-** Jaffna Bus stand —→ Turn left and Travel through Hospital road 600m → turn left Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB20) —→ pass Aariyakulam Junction travel along Palaly road 8.1Km → turn left Inner road 1.3Km → Urelu Pokkanai.

✚ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Sabha (Vali East- 0213212475)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – KOPAY

Kuthiyadi Kulam

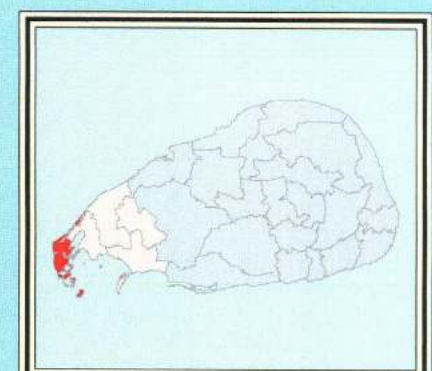


- ✿ **Background:-** This is a fresh water tank situated in Kopay which lies to North of Nallur the capital of Jaffna in the olden days. The Branmins and King Sangilian maintained very cordial relationship and it is believed that King Sangilian used to take safe abode in the tenements adjoining this Kuthiyady Kulam (tank) for his security purpose and he used to have bath at this tank (or Kulam) also.

- ✿ **Travel Path:** - Jaffna Bus stand → Turn left and Travel through Hospital road 600m → turn left Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB20) 8.7Km → passed Kopay Junction turn right 100m → Kuthiyadi Kulam.

- ✿ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Sabha (Vali East- 0213212475)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - MARUTHANKERNY DS DIVISION



1, Manalkadu Sea shore

2, Bird's sanctuary-Chundikkulam

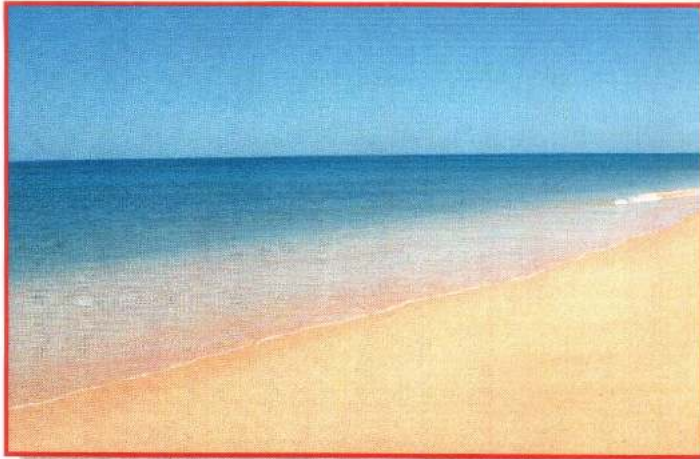
3, Nagar Kovil



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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MARUTHANKERNY

Manalkadu Beach ✓



- ✚ **Background:** - With several kilometers of sandy coastline along Northern coast, and year round summer with two different weather systems, visitors will always find the beach with sunshine and calm seas. When the South West monsoon experienced from April to October blows tranquil waters and a steady supply and sunshine can be enjoyed in this beach.

Dreams of a tropical beach fringed by coconut palms, where the Indian Ocean sighs gently on to soft sand, really do come true in this beach. The warm sea bathes reefs where vivid tropical fish dart among the coral waiting to be explored.

- ✚ **Travel Path:**-Jaffna to Point Pedro road 31.5Km → Manthigai junction along Manthigai road 2.3Km → Point Pedro to MaruthanKerny road junction (B371) 5.1Km → Manalkadu junction along Manalkadu road 4.1Km → Manalkadu Beach.

- ✚ **Contact Name:**-Praeshiya sabha- Vadamaradchy East / DS secretariat – 021-3205533.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MARUTHANKERNY

Bird's Sanctuary - Chundikulam ✓



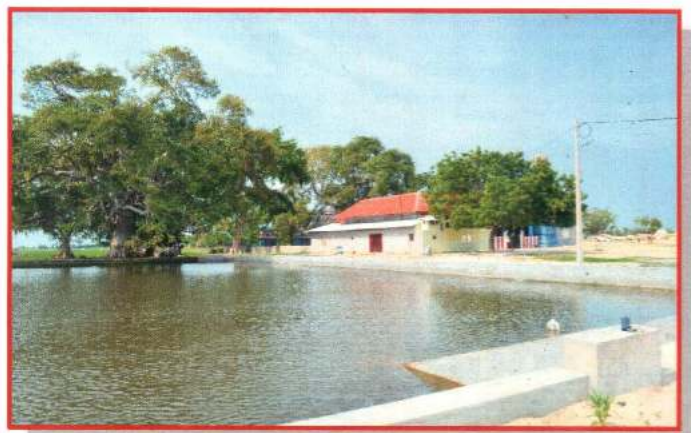
- ✚ **Background:** - Large herds of sociable and highly intelligent creatures can be seen in this area, specially where fresh young grass spring up around the edges of the ponds as the water receives during the dry season. In this area more bird species including resident migrants can be seen in a surprising number and several beautiful birds can be spotted while travelling near paddy fields and in open areas. In the dry season, and specially near the coastal area, some of the most elegant birds to be watched include Peacock, Cloraus, Pigeons, Doves and Woodpecker. Large flocks of glorious pink Flamingous are among the most striking migrants to this area.

- ✚ **Travel Path:-** Jaffna bus stand → Turn right side and travel along Hospital road 700m → turn left side and travel along KKS road pass by Duraiaappa Stadium → Turn left Travel along A9 road → Paranthan Junction → Turn left side → Chundikulam Bird's Sanctuary.

- ✚ **Contact Name:-** DS secretariat- Vadamaradchy East- 021-3205533

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MARUTHANKERNY

Nagar Kovil

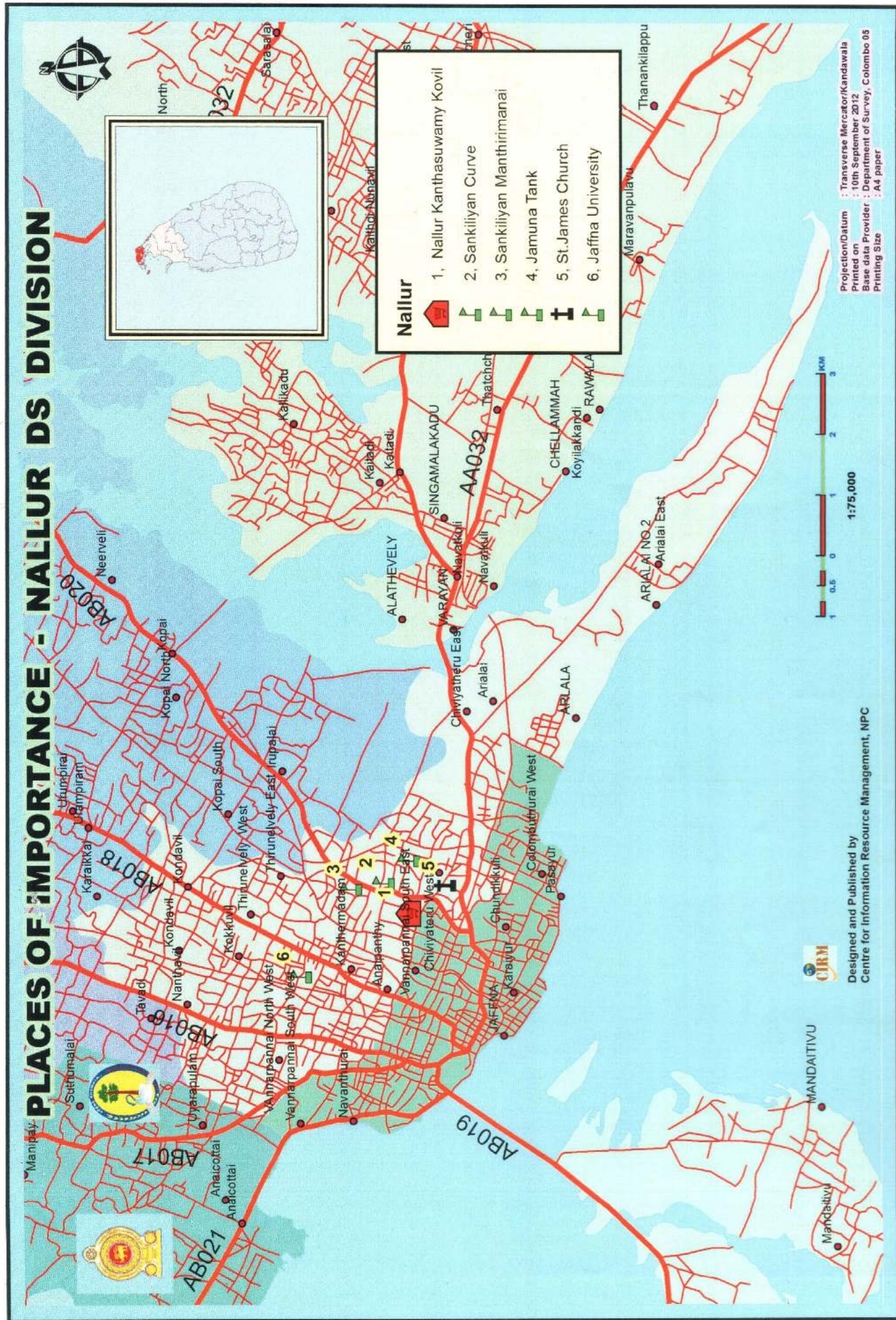


✦ **Background:** - Humble though in architecture standing high as a 'Citadel' of Hindu Tamil rural tradition in the Northern Jaffna Peninsula's uniquely sandy village of Nagarkovil, is the Nagathambiran Temple. This Hindu shrine, dedicated to Lord Shiva, is believed to be worshipped, and more importantly, guarded by Cobras and hence prefixed by the word 'Naga' the Tamil equivalent for Cobra. The water in the special wells (theerthakerny) five in number around the temple, dug for the water-cutting ceremony on the last day of the annual festival is believed to contain miraculous healing effects for snake bites. 'Kappal thiruviza', one of the annual festival sessions too has a legendary context.

✦ **Travel Path:-** Jaffna bus stand → Turn right travel along Hospital road → Turn left travel along KKS road pass by Duraiappa stadium → Turn left and travel along A9 Jaffna Kandy road 38Km → Turn left travel along Inner road 6.4Km → Turn right and travel along Point Pedro maruthankeny road 17.1Km → Turn left and travel along Inner road 2.2Km → Nagar kovil.

✦ **Contact Name:-** President – Kovil Development Board 0776145409
Secretary- Kovil Development Board 0779934285

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - NALLUR DS DIVISION





PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – NALLUR

✓ King Sankiliyan's Palace Entrance ✓



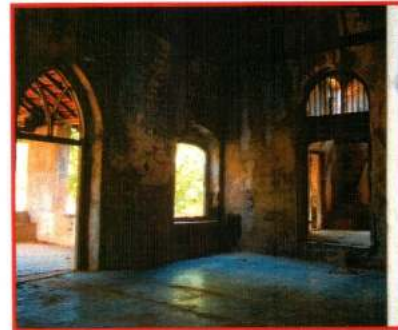
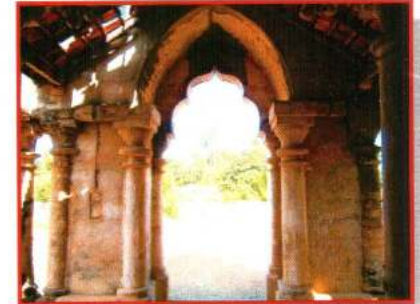
✿ **Background:** - This was the entrance to the palace of king Sankiliyan, the last king of Nallur. This entrance structure has been presently converted into a monument to commemorate the glory of Nallur kingdom. This is located in Nallur along Jaffna – Point Pedro road and nearly away from the Jaffna town.

✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand → Travel through Hospital road (600m), Turn left to Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB20) on right side 3.7 Km → King Sankiliyan's palace Entrance.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Saba (021-2222700)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – NALLUR

✓ King Sankiliyan's house for Minister ✓



- ✦ **Background:** - Nallur is located 3.5 km away from Jaffna town. Originally known by its royal name "Singainagar" Nallur was the capital of the ancient Jaffna Kingdom. This was the official residence of the Minister of king Sankiliyan. This is located in Nallur along the Jaffna Point Pedro road. This is one of the ancient buildings still found in Nallur area. It is believed that this building was the residence of the Minister to the King Sangilian whose Kingdom had Nallur as its capital. This building had been constructed in conformity with a popular architectural design.

- ✦ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand → Travel through Hospital road (600m), Turn left to Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB20) on left side 3.8 Km → King Sankiliyan's house for Minister.

- ✦ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Saba (021-2222700)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – NALLUR

✓ Jamuna Tank ✓



✚ **Background:** - It is located closer to the official residence of the Minister of king Sankilian. It was built by the 1st king of Jaffna. This tank was built in “U” shape and the rim of the tank is covered by bricks. There are steps leading down the tank.

✚ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand → Travel through Hospital road (600m), Turn left to Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB20) 3.6 Km → turn right side on Inner road 150m → Jamuna Tank.

✚ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Saba (021-2222700)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – NALLUR

✓ Nallur Murugan Temple



- ✿ **Background:** - Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil is one of the most significant Hindu temples in the Jaffna district. Its history goes back to several centuries. The temple has the main entrance facing the East. It has an ornately carved five-storied tower or Gopuram in the Dravidian architecture style at the main entrance. In the Northern side a big holy garden is found. The *Kalas Abhishekam* (a King of religious ceremony) of the newly built nine-storied Gopuram at Southern entrance was held on 21st August 2011.

The annual festival of the famous Nallur Kanthaswamy Kovil is usually celebrated in August every year. The importance given to the festival is so unique that it creates the impression of a national festival for the Tamils living in the North. The festival goes on for 25 days and each day has its own significance. Nallur annual festival is well known for its religious rituals and the way these are done to utmost perfection keeping to a strict time schedule.

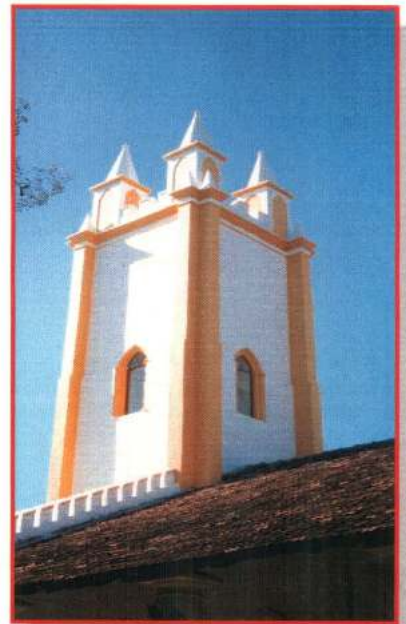
The Religious Festival of Kandha Sashti Viratham celebration and significance Lord Murugan is worshipped in a significant and grand manner in Nallur. The Sashti falling in on the waxing moon period in the Hindu lunar month of Aippasi (October-November) is the day on which Lord Murugan is believed to have killed a super-demon called Sura Padman.

- ✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand → Travel through Hospital road (600m), Turn left to Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB20) 2.9 Km → Nallur Murugan Temple.

- ✿ **Contact Name:** - Kovil Office.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – NALLUR

St.James Church



- ✦ **Background:** - St James' Church is said to have been built on the original site of the Nallur Kandaswami Temple destroyed by the Portuguese in the seventeenth century. The church was erected in 1827 and belongs to the Church of England. The St James' Church is about 800 m east of the Nallur Kandaswamy Temple, just behind the recreational park.

- ✦ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand —→ Travel through Hospital road (600m), turn left to Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB 20) 3.5Km → turn right at Muththerai Junction, travel along Chemmani road (on left side) 300 m → St. James Church.

- ✦ **Contact Name:** - Chief Priest.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – NALLUR

Jaffna University



- ✦ **Background:** - Jaffna University has two campuses, in Thirunelveli and Vavuniya. The Arts, Science and Medical Faculties are sited in Thirunelveli near Jaffna. The nucleus of Jaffna University were two colleges: Parameswara College and Ramanathan College, constructed by a philanthropist and statesman Sir Pon. Ramanathan. Madam Sirimao Bandaranayake's government took these two colleges and started the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science. The University of Jaffna, the seat of learning reputed for its academic excellence is located in Thirunelvely, Jaffna. Two Schools, i.e. Parameswara College and Ramanathan College founded by the Late Sir Pon. Ramanathan a leading statesman and a philanthropist were taken over by a former Government, the prime Minister of which was the late Mrs. Sirimao Bandaranayake, to conduct the academic programmes of this University.

- ✦ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand → Travel through Hospital road (600m), Turn left to Jaffna - Point Pedro road (AB 20) 500 m → turn left and travel along Jaffna Palali road (AB 18) 2.1K m → Parameswara Junction → Turn left 250 m → Jaffna University.

- ✦ **Contact Name:** - Registrar University of Jaffna.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - POINT PEDRO DS DIVISION



Point Pedro

1. Thondaimanaru Selva Sannithi Kovil
2. Vallipuram Azalvar Kovil
3. Lighthouse
4. Valvetty sivan temple
5. Mandapakadu in Kerudavil
6. Therumoodimadam
7. Hole Water Well
8. Urani Spring

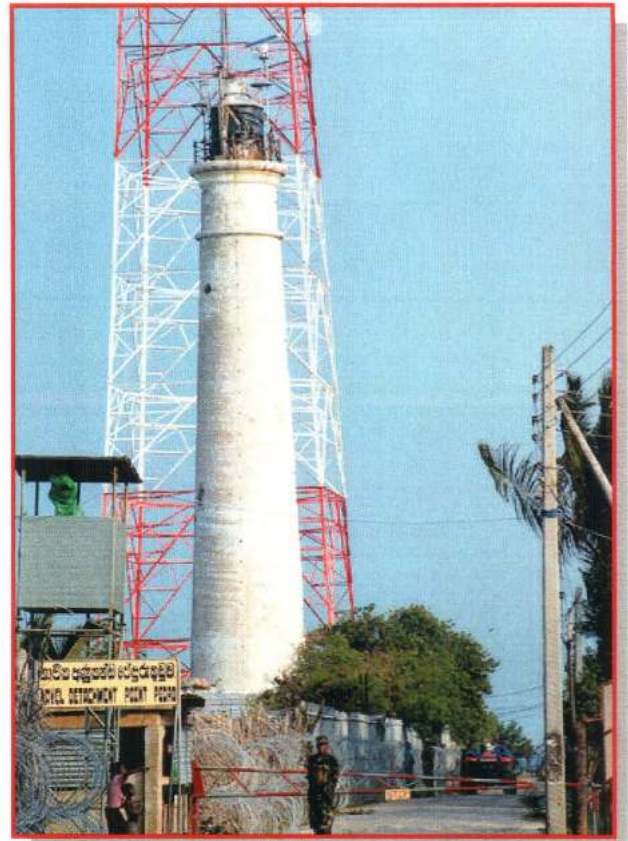
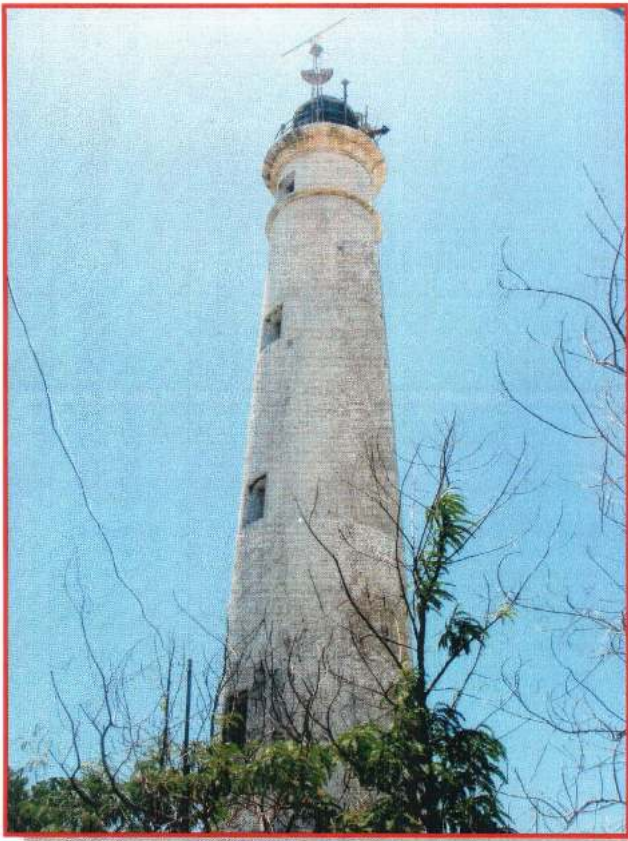


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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – POINT PEDRO

Lighthouse



✿ **Background:** - The topmost tip of Sri Lanka is where Point Pedro is located. Point Pedro is the Northernmost town of the Island. Point Pedro lighthouse was built in 1916 and is located at Northeastern corner of Sri Lanka and the Southern entrance to Palk Strait. The 31m height white conical masonry tower displays one white flash visible up to 10 nautical miles every 5 seconds. This has round masonry tower with a beacon and light gallery, painted white. The tower contains a beacon light guiding ships and fishermen.

✿ **Travel Path:**-Bus stand → Travel through Hospital road 900 m → (turn left) travel along Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB21) 32.2Km → Thumpalai road junction along Thumpalai road 250 m → Inner road 300 m → Beach road 400 m → Point Pedro Lighthouse.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Saba(021-2263276)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – POINT PEDRO

The underground tunnel of Kerudavil (Mandapakadu)



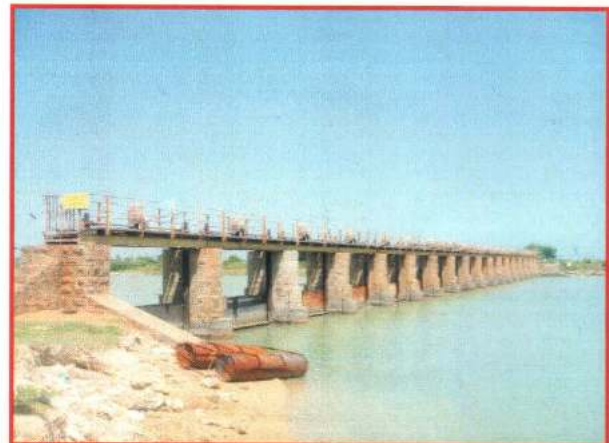
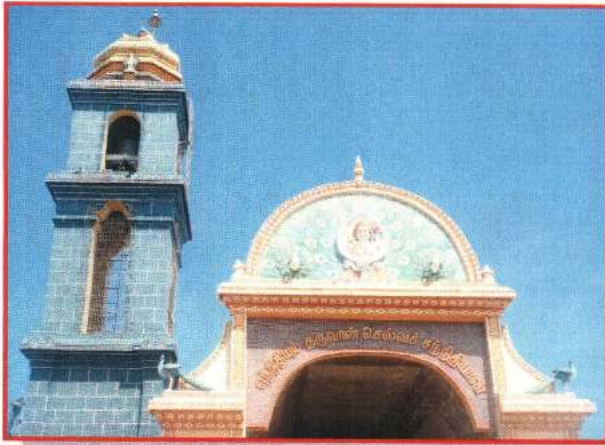
- ✿ **Background:-** Several underground tunnels are found in the limestone belt area of Kerudavil. This underground hall like structure has entrances on four sides and spreads out for over 12 miles. One can watch during the rainy season water flowing through the underground tunnels and entering the sea. According to people of the area there are number of similar hall like structures in the sub – terranean surface of this area.

- ✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand → Travel through Hospital road 900 m → (turn left) travel along Jaffna to Point Pedro Road (AB020) 21.4Km → Vallai junction along Valvettithurai road (B438) 700 m → Thunnalai road Junction (B417) 2.8Km → Ponnalai Point Pedro road 300 m → Kerudavil road 1.1Km → Mandapakadu

- ✿ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Saba (021-2263276)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – POINT PEDRO

Sri Selvasannathy Murugan Kovil



✚ **Background:** - This temple is situated at the side of the Thondaimanaru lagoon in the village of Thondaimanaru in Vadammaradchy North division in the Jaffna district. The chief deity of the temple is dedicated to Lord Murugan. The Vel is placed in the Moolasthanam or sanctum sanctorum. The annual high festivals which last for fifteen days terminate on the full moon day of the Hindu month of Aavani. The poojas of this temple are held in accordance with distinct saivistic norms, devoid of the Veda or Agamic precepts. There are a number of Madams (Inns) adjacent to this temple which provide free rice meals specifically to the poor and orphans. Hence God Murugan enshrined in this temple is addressed as "Annathaana Kanthan ", the god by whose grace charity is practiced lavishly.

✚ **Travel Path:** - Bus stand → Travel through Hospital road 900 m → (turn left) travel along Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB21) 21.4Km → Vallai junction along Valvettithurai road (B438) 700 m → Thunnalai road junction (B417) 2Km → Kovil road junction 800 m → Selvasannathy Murugan Kovil

✚ **Contact Name:** - Kovil trustee.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – POINT PEDRO

Vallipuram Aazlvaar Kovil



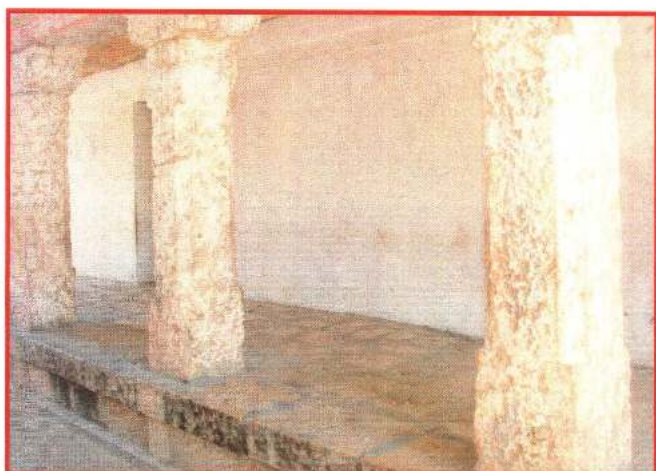
✚ **Background:** - The principal deity of this temple is Maha Vishnu. It is situated at the village of Thunnalai in Vadamaradchy and it is a very famous temple in the North. This temple is situated in the midst of Palmyrah groves in a sandy stretch. The annual high festivals last for 17 days. The Samudhra Theeratham (water cutting ceremony) is held on the full moon day of the Hindu month of Puraddathi (September/October) each year. The three divine attributes i.e. Thalam (srie environment), Moorthy (Deity) and Theerththam (Holy pond), with which the temple is graciously endowed add to the uniqueness.

✚ **Travel Path:** - Bus stand → Travel through Hospital road 900 m → (turn left) travel along Jaffna Point Pedro road (AB21) 31.5Km → Manthigai junction along Manthigai road 2.3Km → Point Pedro to Maruthankerny road (B371) 1.3Km → Vallipuram Aazlvar kovil.

✚ **Contact Name:** - Kovil trustee board.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – POINT PEDRO

Inn (Madam in Tamil) covering the roadway ✓



✿ **Background:-**An inn which covers a small section of the road is situated near the Sivan temple on the Point Pedro – Thumpalai road. The foundation (DPC) pillars and walls have been constructed giving with an architectural elegance. The pillars have been erected using sculptured hard lime stones and the artistic carvings on the pillars add to its beauty. There are a total of 16 pillars on both sides of the road over which the roof rests. As the roofs are very high the traffic below moves on without hindrance. During the hot season, people and passersby relax in this wayside lobby, and then move on.

✿ **Travel Path:-**Bus stand → Travel through Hospital road 900 m → (turn left) Jaffna to Point Pedro road (Ab20) 32.2Km → Thumpalai road junction along Thumpalai road 150 m → Inn (Madam in Tamil) covering the roadway

✿ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Saba (021-2263276)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – POINT PEDRO

The springs of Oorani (Valvettiturai)



✿ **Background:** - This is a natural fresh water spring. This is situated on the seafront to the North of the Oorani hospital in Polikandy. The spring is separated from the edge of the sea by a concrete structure. It's indeed joyous to watch the water springing out of the surface during the rainy days. People of the locality believe that the spring water has the miraculous property of healing skin ailments and rheumatic complaints and people suffering from such diseases do have regular bath in this amazing spring water.

✿ **Travel Path:** - Bus stand —→ Travel through Hospital road 900 m → (turn left) Jaffna to Point Pedro road (Ab20) 32.2Km → Thumpalai junction 150 m → along Ponnalai to Point Pedro road (AB021) 2.7Km → Urani Natural Spring.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Saba(021-2263276)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – POINT PEDRO

Hole Water Well



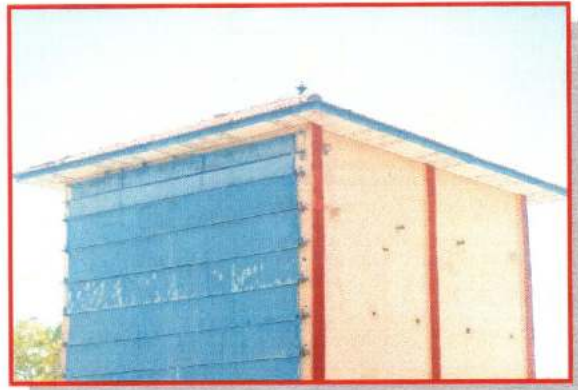
✿ **Background:** - This tidal well situated adjacent to the Thondaimanaru Veerakathipillai Maha Vidhyalayam is quite famous. A huge thunderbolt that heavily struck the area is said to have created this deep strange well. This well yields a perennial supply of water and never goes down from its surface level. This well is enclosed and is maintained by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board. On the average about 45000 litres of water is drawn out from this well daily and supplied as drinking water to the residents of Urban Council area of Valvettiturai and the village of Polikandy

✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand —→ Travel through Hospital road 900 m → (turn left) travel along Jaffna to Point Pedro Road (AB020) 21.4Km → Vallai junction along Valvettithurai road (B438) 700 m → Thunnalai road Junction (B417) 2.8Km → Ponnalai Point Pedro road 300 m → Kerudavil junction to Udupiddy road (B418) 2.9Km → Valvettithurai road (B438) 900 m → Ponnalai to Point Pedro road (AB21) 2.5Km → Inner road 500 m → Valvetty Sivan Kovil towards 100 m → Inner road 100 m → Hole Water Well

✿ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Saba (021-2263276)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – POINT PEDRO

Valvetty Sivan Temple



✿ **Background:** - The Sivan temple of Valvettithurai is situated to the South of the Valvettithurai Sri MuthumaraiAmman temple abutting the Valvettithurai Kankesanturai Road on the land called "Rasinthan Kaladdy". The "Lingam" (The image of lord Siva representing the mundane realities of life) of Lord Siva titled "Panalingam" which was brought from Benares (Kasi) in North India together with the idols of Lord Nadarajar and Lord Santhirasegar were duly installed and the Kumbhishekam (consecration) ceremony had taken place on 8.6.1883. Recently on 7.5.2003 the Balasthapanam ceremony and enshrining of the deities were conducted and the Kumbhishekam ceremony for Lord Vaitheeswarar and other deities was held on 4.2.2004. The annual high festivals of this temple are held in the Hindu month of panguni (March/April). Some of the important festivals are the 'Oodal festival', "wedding (re-enactment) festival" and the Theertham (Water cutting ceremony) held at the Oorani seafront in Valvettithurai.

✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand → Travel through Hospital road 900 m → (turn left) travel along Jaffna to Point Pedro Road (AB020) 21.4Km → Vallai junction along Valvettithurai road(B438) 700 m → Thunnalai road Junction(B417) 2.8Km → Ponnalai Point Pedro road 300 m → Kerudavil junction to Udupiddy road(B418) 2.9Km → Valvettithurai road(B438) 900 m → Ponnalai to Point Pedro road(AB21) 2.5Km → Inner road 500 m → Valvetty Sivan Kovil.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Saba(021-2263276)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – POINT PEDRO

Tidal Tank



✚ **Background:-**The Mayakkai tidal tank is situated in the village of Alvai in the Point Pedro Divisional Secretariat division. The area surrounding this tank consists of large tracts of farm lands. The tank is replenished with water that erupts from the underground springs. The houses surrounding this tank are supplied with drinking water from the fresh water well constructed next to the said tank. There are terrains of rock adjoining this tank. It is believed that the terrain of rocks is found over a large area and that rain water finds its way into this tank through the capillaries in the rocks.

✚ **Travel Path :** - Jaffna Bus stand → Turn right side through Hospital road → turn right side Jaffna – Point Pedro road 29.7Km → Point Pedro Junction → travel along Point Pedro-Ponnalai road 1.7Km → Vijaparaimolai road Junction → turn left travel along Vijaparaimolai road 1.5Km → Inner road 300m → Tidal tank Mayakkai.

✚ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Saba(021-2263276)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - SANDILIPAY DS. DIVISION



Sandilipay

- 1, Manipay Church
- 2, Sambilithurai
- 3, Maruthady Vinayakar Kovil
- 4, Seerani Nagapoosani Amman Kovil

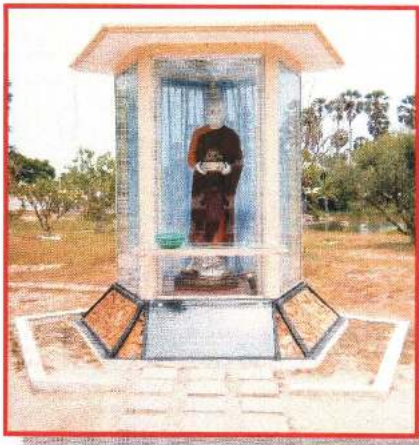


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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – SANDILIPAY

Sambilithurai (Dambakolapatuna)



✿ **Background:-**Dambakola Patuna was a famous port in the North of Jaffna. Theri Sangamitta arrived in Sri Lanka with the Bo-sapling of the tree under the shade of which Lord Buddha attained enlightenment. They landed at Dambukola (Sambilithurai) near Mathakal. A sapling of the Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi in Anuradhapura which is the most sacred tree in the Buddhist faith was brought to Dambakola Patuna in a grand procession on 09th February 2011.

✿ **Travel Path:-**Bus Stand —→ Travel through Hospital road and turn right 150m→ travel along Kasthuriyar road (turn left) 100m→ travel along Stanly road 150m→ then, travel along Jaffna Manipay Karainagar road (AB17)15.4Km→ Sandilipay junction—→ Sandilipay Senthankulam road(B398) 2.9Km→ Sethankulam junction —→ Jaffna Ponalai Point Pedro road(AB21)3.2Km→ Sambilithurai.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya sabha (Sandilipay)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – SANDILIPAY

Maruthady Vinayagar Kovil



- ✚ **Background:-** This famous Hindu kovil devoted to Lord Pillaiyar is located along Jaffna Karainagar road near Manipay junction. The annual festival of this Kovil is celebrated for 18 days during April. The Chariot festival is held on beginning of Tamil new-year day 14th or 15th April, each year.
- ✚ **Travel Path:-** Bus Stand —→ Travel through Hospital road and turn right 150m→ travel along Kasthuriyar road (turn left) 100m→ travel along Stanly road 150m→ then, travel along Jaffna Karainagar road (AB17) —→ Pass Manipay road junction —→ Maruthady Vinayagar
- ✚ **Contact Name:-** Kovil trustee.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – SANDILIPAY

Seerani Nagapoosani Amman Kovil



✚ **Back ground:-**The most famous two Nagapooshani Amman temples that are found in the Jaffna District are the Nainativu Nagapooshani Amman temple and the Seerani Nagapooshani Amman temple. The name Nagapooshani is believed to have been derived on account of the fact that the Goddess chose to adorn herself with a Cobra (serpent) which had worshipped her, as a jewel on her holy physical body. The regular poojas began on the auspicious New Moon day of the Hindu month of Aadi in the year 1896. At the start people who suffered from various ailments worshipped the God at this temple, to seek recovery from such illness. People who are not blessed with children worship the Goddess Amman at this temple in fulfillment of their vows to beget children. This is believed to be for the appeasement of the ill effects caused by some curse on victims .

✚ **Travel Path:-**Bus Stand ———> Travel through Hospital road and turn right 150m→ travel along Kasthuriyar road (turn left) 100m→ travel along Stanly road 150m→ then, travel along Jaffna Manipay Karainagar road (AB17) 8.2Km→ the Seerani Nagapooshani Amman Kovil.

✚ **Contact Name: -Kovil trustee.**

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – SANDILIPAY

Navaly Kalaiodai Kannaki Amman Kovil

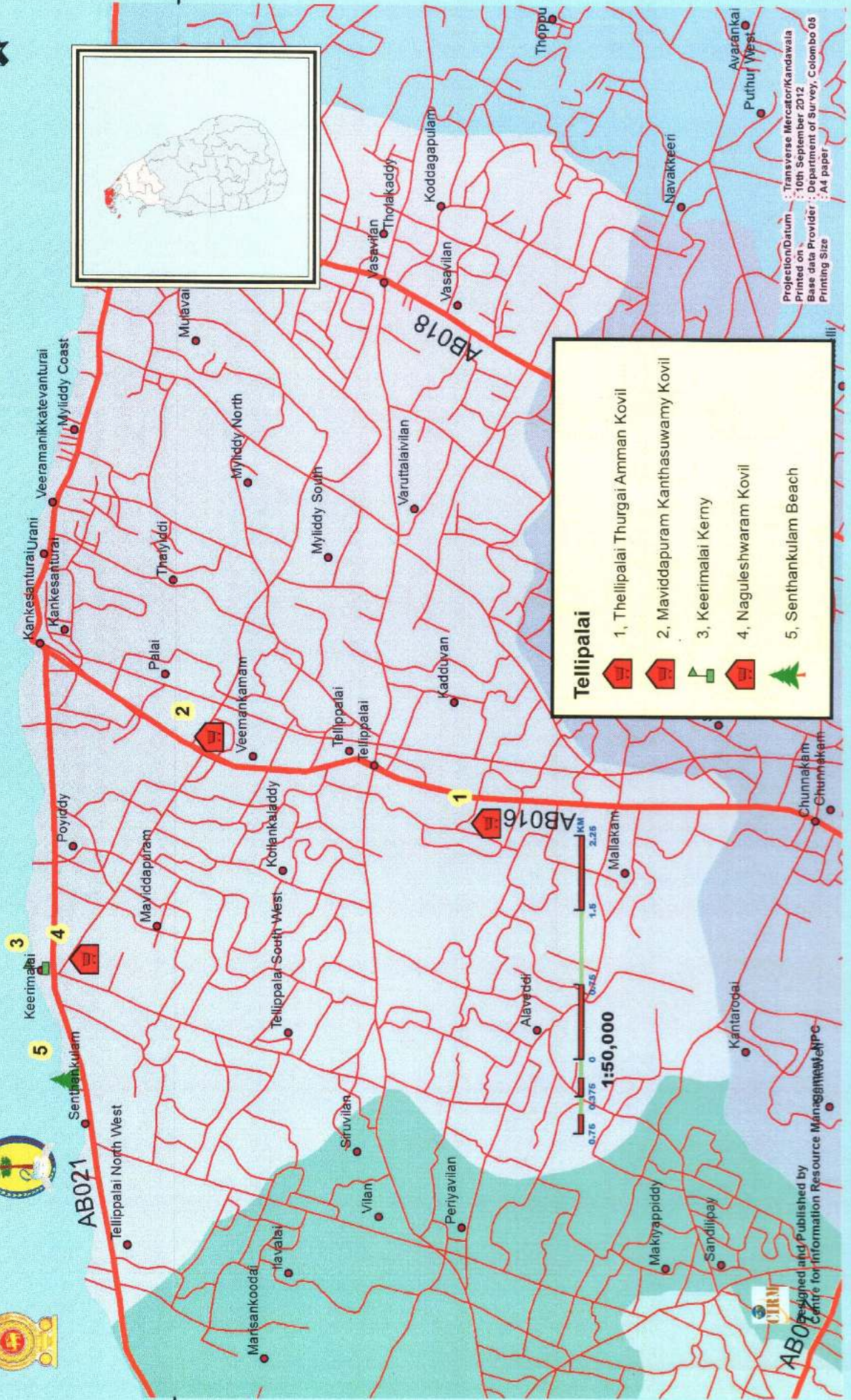


✚ **Background:** - This ancient Kannakai Amman kovil is situated in the Navaly area. There are small temples scattered to large distance. There is a Kerny located in front of the temple and Kerny located at backside of the temple centrally located highly elevated land among paddy fields. The annual festival is celebrated for 10 days during the month of July.

✚ **Travel Path:**-Bus Stand → turn right side 150m → Kasthuriyar road 100m → travel along left side through Stanly road 150m → then, travel along Jaffna Manipay Karainagar road (AB17) 4.7Km → turn left Vaddukoddai Kokuvil road (B230) 2.8Km → Inner road 100m → Navaly Kalaiodai Kannaki Amman Kovil.

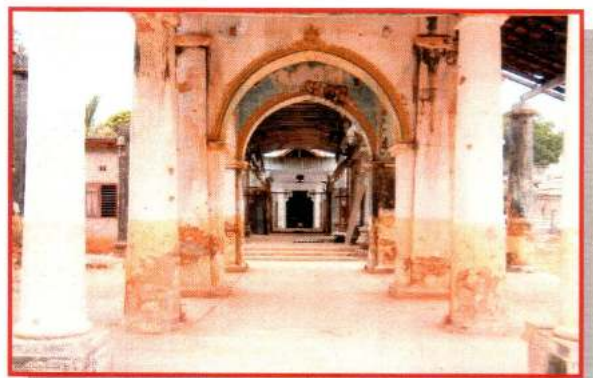
✚ **Contact Name:** - Kovil trustee.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - TELLIPALAI DS DIVISION



PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – TELLIPALAI

✓ Maviddapuram Kandaswamy Kovil ✓



✿ **Background:** - The Maviddapuram Kandaswamy temple is dedicated to Lord Muruga and has a historical background. According to religious myth, a South Indian Princess named Maruthapuraveegavalli was afflicted with a face similar to that of a horse and was subject to leprosy due to a curse of a Saint. To get rid of the curse and the effects of it she came to Keerimalai and bathed in the holy pond and worshipped Lord Muruga at the Mavaddapuram Kandaswamy temple and she had her face changed into human form. Way back in 1795 idols were brought to this temple from Chithambaram in South India and the consecration or Maha Kumbhabhishekam ceremony took place then. The annual high festivals last for 25 days terminating on the Aadi Amavasai (the new moon day of the Hindu month of Aadi). The five deities are taken around the courtyard on the "Ther" festival day in five different thers (cars). This temple has three portions of courtyards. The ancient Raja Gopuram (main tower) is found erected on the Western entrance to the temple. The significance of this temple is the Kanchi Mango tree.

✿ **Travel Path:** - Bus Stand → Travel through Hospital road 150m → Turn right to KKS road (AB16) 16.1Km → Maviddapuram Kandaswamy Kovil.

✿ **Contact Name:** - Chief Priest (021 3210349)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – TELLIPALAI

✓ Naguleshwaram Kovil ✓



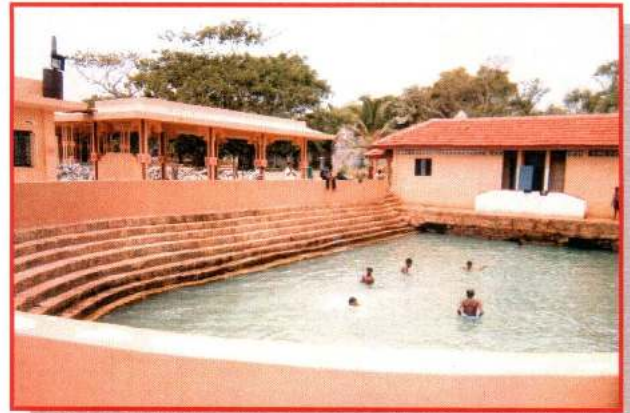
✚ **Background:** - Naguleswaram is an outstanding holy shrine situated in the North of Sri Lanka and it is bestowed with MOORTHY, THALAM and THEERTHAM in glorious stead. The Chief Deity of this temple is Lord Naguleswarar. According to historical records, saint Nagulamunivar arrived here and observed a penance and had a bath in the holy water to get rid of his mongoose face he had suffered owing to a curse. Lord Naguleswarar's consort is Goddess Nagulambikai. The consecration ceremony of this temple (Maha Kumbhabsishekam) was conducted in June 1895. Another Maha Kumbhabsishekam was held out in 1953 by learned Hindu priests who came from South India. The annual high festivals are conducted in such a manner that the 15th and final day of the festival falls on Maha Sivarathiri day. The high festivals of the Goddess Nagulambikai take place in the Tamil (Hindu) month of Panguni and the chariot or car festival falls on the Hindu New Year day the water cutting ceremony ("Theertham" festival) also takes place on the same day. The six sessions of Poojas (in accordance with the Hindu Agamic) are held in this temple daily, regularly.

✚ **Travel Path:-** Bus Stand → Travel through Hospital road 150m → Turn right to KKS road (AB16) 16.1Km → Turn left side & travel along Keerimalai road 2.9Km → Naguleswaram Temple.

✚ **Contact Name:-** Chief priest (021 3212440)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – TELLIPALAI

✓ Keerimalai Tank



✿ **Background:** - Keerimalai spring is rich in mineral substances and reputed for its curative properties. It is situated very close to Keerimalai Naguleswaram Kovil one of the five ancient Sivan temples in Sri Lanka. There is also a cave complex nearby believed to have been used for meditation by a mythical sage called Nagula Muni.

Tamil word “Keeri” and its Sanskrit equivalent “Nagulam” mean a Mangoose. The antiquity of this temple is well established as it is mentioned in many Indian religious scripts such as Dakshina Kailasa Puranam and Skanda Puranam with details that it was a pilgrimage centre for South Indian Hindus.

✿ **Travel Path:** - Bus Stand —→ Travel through Hospital road 150m → Turn left to KKS road (AB16) 16.1Km → Turn left side & travel along Keerimalai road 3Km → Keerimalai Tank.

✿ **Contact Name:** - Pradeshiya Sabha (Valikamam North) - 021 3212350

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – TELLIPALAI

Senthankulam Beach



✚ **Background:** - The Jaffna Peninsula is surrounded by sea and nature has provided it with several beautiful sea beaches on its coastline. Particularly the coastline which faces the Indian Ocean is resplendent with white sand dunes and beaches. These sights are of immense tourist attraction. One of these stretches is found next to Keerimalai along the AB 21 road which stretches from Point Pedro to Jaffna via Ponnalai. This beach is called the Senthankulam beach. As this beach is full of white sand and free from any coarse rock, tourists patronize this beach to a great extent. From here it is a pleasant sight to view the Indian Ocean which appears dark blue.

✚ **Travel Path:**-Bus Stand → Travel through Hospital road 150m → Turn left to KKS road (AB16) 16.1Km → Turn left side & travel along Keerimalai road 3Km → Jaffna-Ponnalai-Point Pedro road 1.9Km → Senthankulam Beach.

✚ **Contact Name:-** Pradeshiya Sabha (Valikamam North) - 021 3212350

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – TELLIPALAI

Tellipalai Durkai Amman Temple



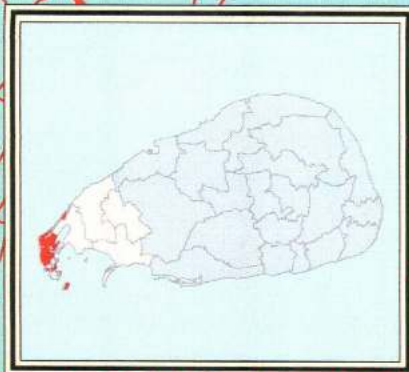
❖ **Background:** - This temple is located in Tellipallai in Jaffna. Due to the unstinted efforts of the late Sivathamil Chelvi Thangamma Appakutty who was the chairperson of the Committee of Management of this temple, a majestic Raja Gopuram (main tower) and a good number of lobbies (prakarams) were built and decorative Ther (chariot) was also constructed (with Godly images and carvings on it) for this temple. On completion of the above activities the Maha Kumbhabhishekam ceremony was held on 17.04.1981 under her patronage. The annual high festivals which commence in the Hindu month of Aavani last for 12 days and large number of devotees throng at this temple during these days. Special Poojas are held on the full moon days. Other important religious days on which special Poojas are held at this temple are the Aadi pooram, Aadi sevvai (The Tuesdays of Aadi), Navarathiri (9days), Ketharagowri Viratham (21days), Thiruvembavai (10 days) and Masi Maham respectively.

❖ **Travel Path:-** Bus Stand ———> Travel through Hospital road 150m —> turn right to KKS road (AB16) 13.1Km —> Tellipalai Durkai Amman Temple.

❖ **Contact Name:-** Board of Trustees (021 3213151)



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UDUVIL

- 1, Kantharodai Vihara
2, Aanjaneyar Kovil

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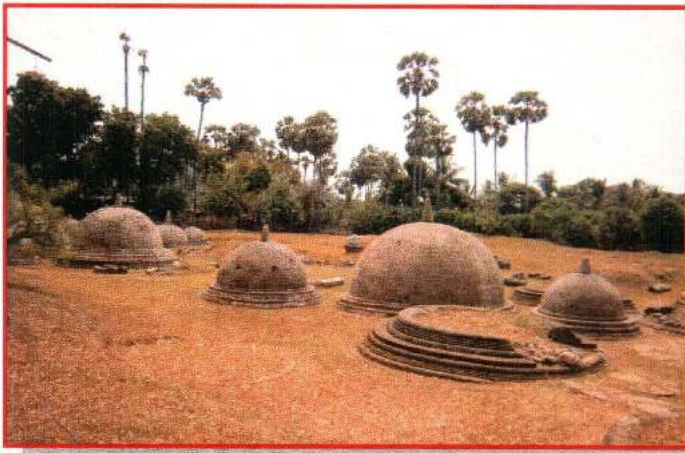
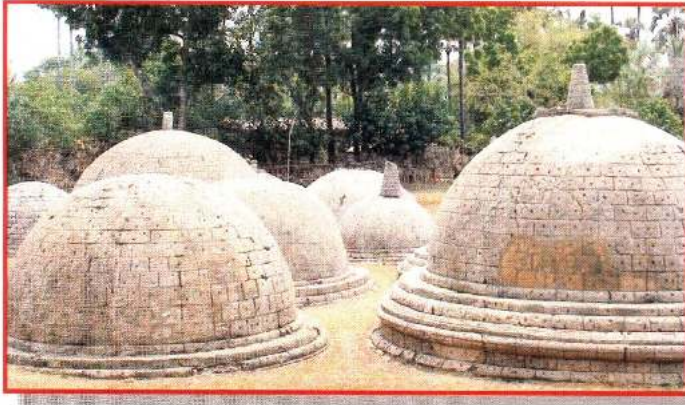
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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – UDUVIL

Dagobas at Kantharodai ✓



- ✿ **Background:** - Kantharodai is a suburb near Chunnakam in the Jaffna Peninsula. A group of Dagobas situated with in close proximity of each other.

The site was discovered in 1916 by Sir Paul Pieris who conducted the first excavations there. During the course of excavation, more than 50 small size stupas were unearth. A slap of stone with a sacred foot print on it was also found in this site. The diameter of the base of each is about 2.5 m and the height about 3.5 m. The finials of the stupas are made of limestone. This has been identified as the Kadurugoda Temple.

- ✿ **Travel Path** :- Jaffna town 9.2Km → (AB016 road) Chunnakam Junction and Turn left Chunnakam Kantharodai road 2Km → Inner road 1.1Km → Kantharodai Viharai area

- ✿ **Contact Name:-Pradeshiya Sabha (Uduvil)- 021 2240017**

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – UDUVIL

Aanjaneyar Kovil ✓



✚ **Background:** - The temple dedicated to Lord Anjaneya (Hanuman) is situated near the Maruthanarmadam junction on the Jaffna- Kankasanturai main road. The tower of this temple is 18 feet high. The Kumbhabhishekam ceremony of this temple was held on 29.01.2001 (i.e. on a Monday of the Hindu calendar month of Thai under the Uttaraddathi Nakshatra (star)). The routine poojas are held in the morning, noon and evening daily. Special poojas are held on Saturdays.

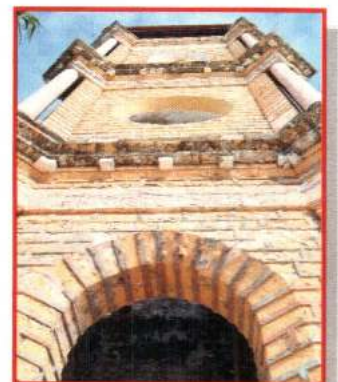
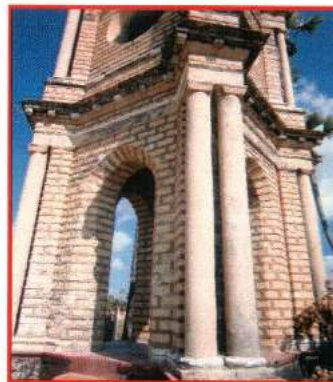
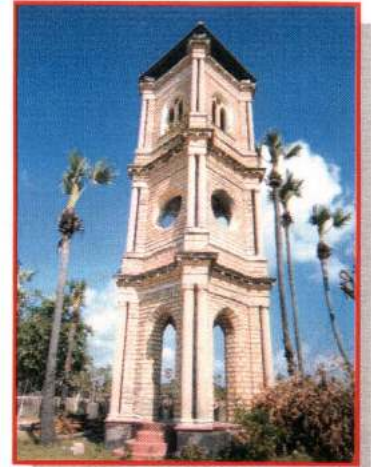
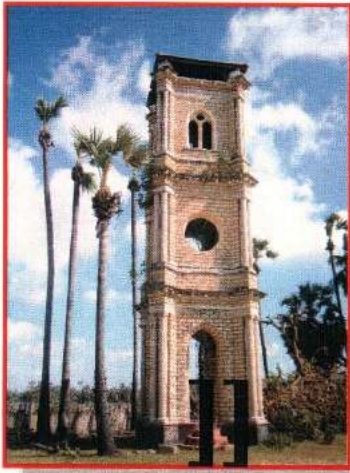
✚ **Travel Path:** - Jaffna bus stand —→ turn right and travel along Hospital road 900m —→ turn right and travel along KKS road (AB 16) —→ on left side —→ Aanjaneyar Kovil.

✚ **Contact Name:-**Chief Priest

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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – VELANAI

St. John Church & Bell Tower (Allaipiddy)



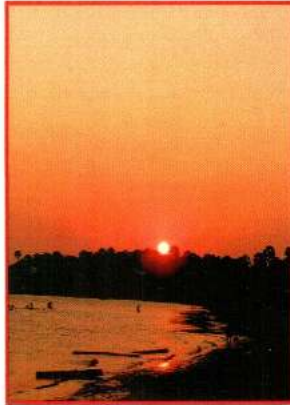
✿ **Background:** - A good number of Christians living in the North congregate in the churches in this region for worship. They attend the annual Christian festivals and prayers, with a high sense of adoration and discipline. There are number of Churches where they congregate for worship. This Church is are of such and located at Allaipiddy. This Bell Tower founded by British Government in 1910.

✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand → turn right side 700m → through Hospital road 200m → KKS road and turn left side 300m → Passed by Jaffna Fort then, travel along Jaffna – Kayts road (AB19) 8.2 Km → Turn left towards Allaipiddy 1.7Km → Allaipiddy St. John Church.

✿ **Festival Season:** - August 20 – 29th - (10days Noveva)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – VELANAI

Chatti Beach (Mankumban)



- ✿ **Background:** - This beach is located in the West part of Jaffna Peninsula in Velanai DS Division, conveniently close to Jaffna town. This is a popular beach with small huts constructed for the relaxation of tourists. This beach is renowned for its soft white sand. The South West monsoon from April to October blows the tranquil waters against the rocks to create a magnificent scene. Enjoying is a pleasant experience.
- ✿ **Travel Path:** - Bus stand → turn right side travel through Hospital road 700m → KKS road and turn left side 200m → passed by Jaffna Fort then, travel along Jaffna – Kayts road (AB19) 12.7Km → Turn left at Araly junction (AB39) Turn left side 2.3Km → Velanai junction then, travel along Chatti – Vangalavadi road 2.1Km → Chatti Beach.
- ✿ **Contact Name:** - Pradeshiya Sabha – Velanai (021-3212741)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – VELANAI

Nainativu Sri Nagapoosani Amman Kovil ✓



Background: - The Sri Nagabhooshani Amman temple which has a noteworthy traditional background and history is situated in Nainativu which is centrally positioned among the seven islets off the Jaffna mainland. The annual high festival lasts for fifteen days and terminates with the “Theertham” ceremony which held on the full moon day in the Hindu month of ‘Aani’. Tens of thousands of devotees arrive at this temple on the first day of the annual high festivals (flag hoisting ceremony), Sapparam, Ther (car) festival and Theertham festival. Other notable features are the Ther (car) festival day when goddess Nagabhoosanaï is taken on the Ther which has exquisite carvings depicting mythological stories on it. Likewise Lord Vinayaga and Lord Muruga too are taken around in highly decorated “Thers.”

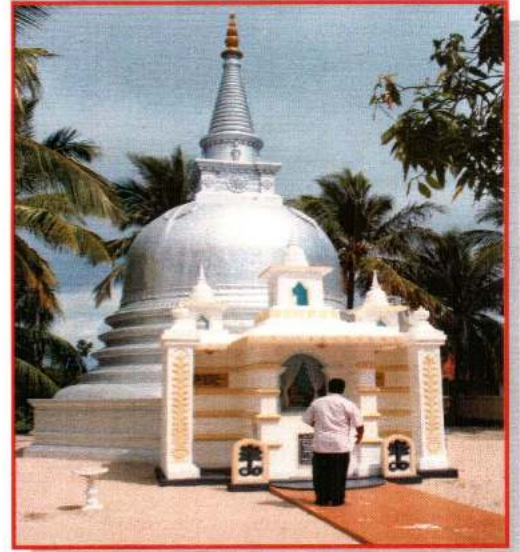
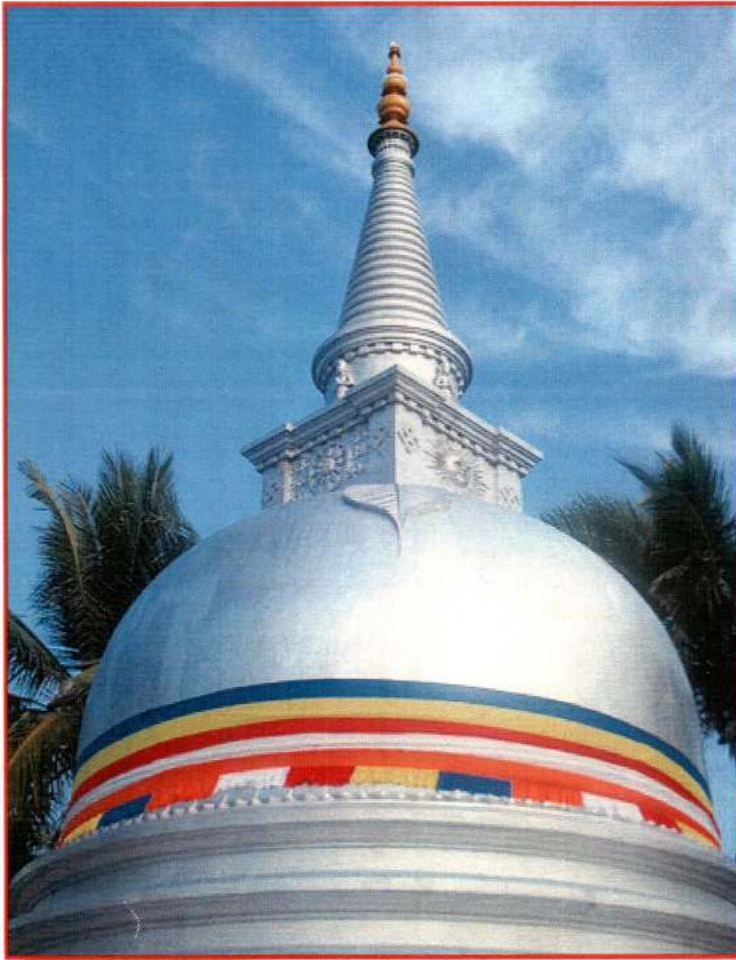
Several halls which are used as pilgramis’ rests are found here. In the interest of worshippers who go there from far away places the temple authorities have arranged for the free supply of rice meals to them in the noon.

✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand turn right side through Hospital road 700m → KKS road and turn left side 200m → Passed by Jaffna Fort then, travel along Jaffna – Kayts road (AB19) 12.7Km → Turn left at Araly junction and travel along (AB39) 14.5Km → Pungudutivu Mahavidyalayam 16.9Km → (AB39) Kurikattuvan Jetty then, use Ferry service 20minutes → Nainativu Nagapoosani Amman Kovil.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Kovil Office- 021 3213024, 021 3207785

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – VELANAI

Nainativu Nagadeepa Vihara ✓

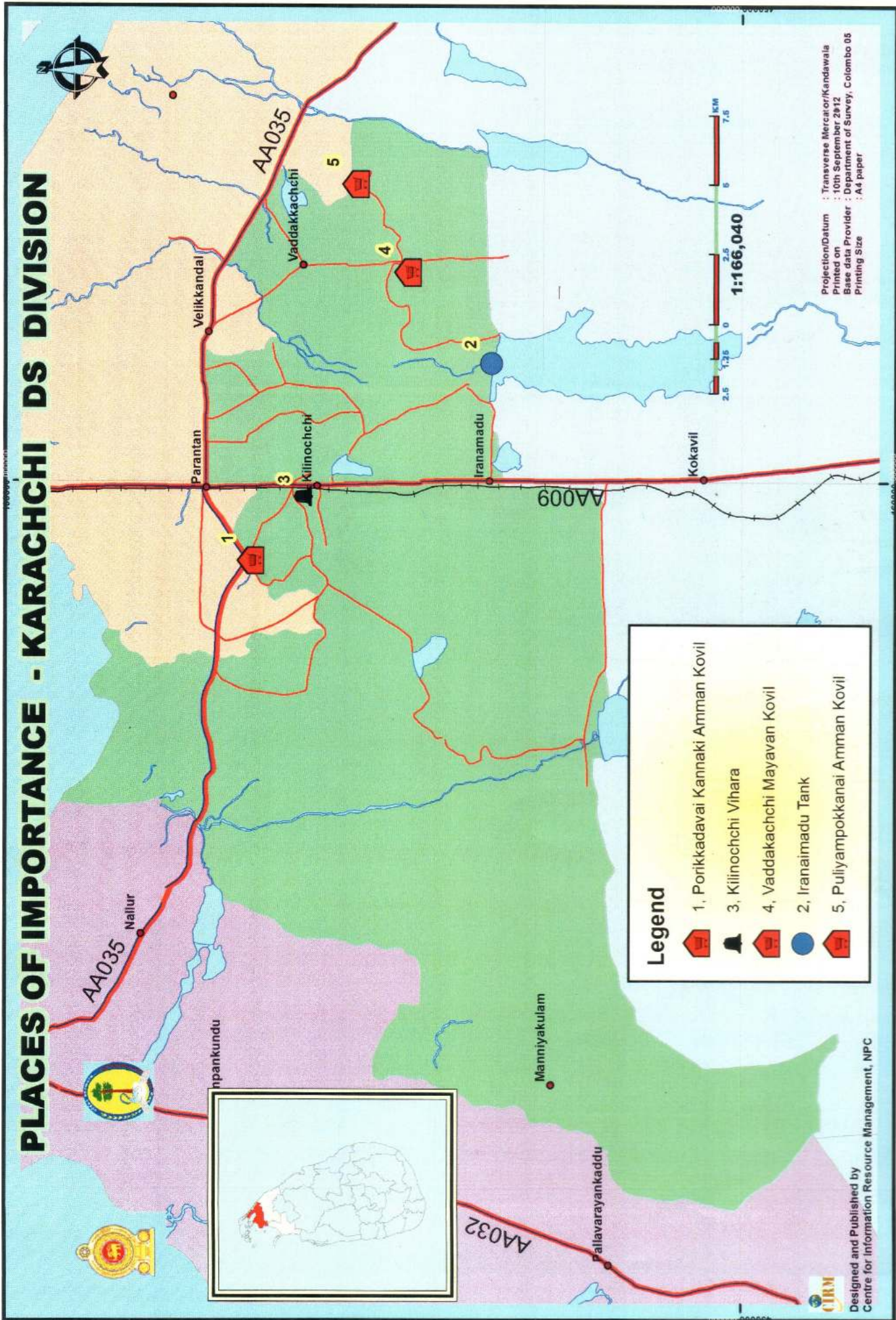


✿ **Background:** - This temple, located in the Nainativu Island, is one of 16 hallowed by visits of the Buddha places of veneration in Sri Lanka. Purana Vihara were constructed by the two warring Naga kings, Mahodara and his nephew Chulodara, at the site where Lord Buddha during his second visit to Lanka - five years after attaining Enlightenment - intervened and mediated in settling a dispute over the possession of a gem-studded throne; This precious throne which was offered to the Buddha, was returned by him to the Naga Kings and was later enshrined in stupa located next to the temple.

✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand turn right side through Hospital road 700m → KKS road and turn left side 200m → Passed by Jaffna Fort then, travel along Jaffna – Kayts road (AB19) 12.7Km → Turn left at Araly junction and travel along (AB39) 14.5Km → Pungudutivu Mahavidiyaliam 16.9Km → (AB39) Kurikattuvan Jetty then, use Ferry service 20minutes → Nagadeepa Vihara

✿ **Contact Name:-** Chief Priest – 021 3213356, 072 8033730

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - KARACHCHI DS DIVISION



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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE –KILINPOCHCHI TOWN

Kilinochchi Town Vihara



- ✿ **Background:** - Buddhist who resided in the Kilinochchi district regularly attend religious observation held in this Vihara which is located at the heart of the kilinochchi town. Religious ceremonies on full moon Poya days of each month are of great significance to them. They earnestly follow the precepts and philosophical teachings of Lord Buddha in leading a disciplined life. Many devotees visit this Vihara to invoke blessings.
- ✿ **Travel Path :** - Bus stand 200m → travel along Market road, turn left travel along Kandy – Jaffna Highway road (A9) 1.2Km → on left → Kilinochchi Town Vihara.
- ✿ **Contact Name:** - Chief priest, Kilinochchi Vihara.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE –KILINNOCHCHI TOWN

Puliyampokkanai Nagathampiran Kovil



✿ **Back ground** :- This Hindu shrine is located at Puliyampokkanai, dedicated to Lord Shiva, is believed to be worshipped, and importantly guarded by Cobra's. Two Kovils which are adjancely located one for lord Shiva and another for Nagathampiran. Annual high festivals held for 10 days concluding on "Utththaram star" on the month of May. On the last day many devotees from all parts of Kilinochchi gather at this temple and offering of milk rice prepared in the temple Courtyard.

✿ **Travel Path** :- Bus stand 200m → travel along Market road, turn left travel along Kandy – Jaffna Highway road (A9) 6.4Km → Paranthan junction → Turn right side and travel along Paranthan – Mullaitivu Highway(A35) → Puliyampokkanai junction 11.7Km → turn left and travel along Inner road 5.1Km → Puliyampokkanai Nagathampiran Kovil.

✿ **Contact Name:** - The Manager Kovil Committee – 0778959490

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE –KILINOCHCHI TOWN

Vaddakachchi Mayavan Kovil



🔸 **Back ground:** - This temple is situated at the village of Vaddakachchi in the Kilinochchi district in North Sri Lanka. The principal deity of this temple is Sri Ranganatha Perumal who is in a reclining posture accompanied by his consorts Sri devi and Boothevi. The principal deity faces the Southern entrance. The Vimanam or Tower above the sanctum sanctorum consists of beautiful architectural sculptures. There are two beautiful towers on the Southern entrance. Siththamirthatheertham is the holy water pond attached to this temple. The high festivals which are conducted annually last for 12 days. These are scheduled in such a manner that the chariot or Ther festival falls on the Krishnajananthi (Lord Krishna's birthday) which should be the 9th day of the series of the festivals. The festivals commemorating the breaking of the pots of butter (Uriyadi utsavam) is held on the same day as the chariot or Ther festival. The Theertham festivals held on the 10th day which is held in the temple pond called Siththamirthatheertham. The Thiruppavai festival held in the month of Marghazi and the Vaikunda Ekathasi are conducted with religious fervour with a large gathering of devotees. Special Poojas are held during the noon and evening of every Sunday.

🔸 **Travel Path:-** Bus stand 200m → travel along Market road, turn left travel along Kandy – Jaffna Highway road (A9) 6.4Km → Paranthan junction → travel along Paranthan – Mullaitivu Highway (A35) 2.4Km → turn right and travel along Vaddakachchi road 5.5Km → Vaddakachchi junction and turn left, travel along Inner road 2.5Km → Mayavan Kovil.

🔸 **Contact Name:** - Chief Priest, Mayavan Kovil.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE –KILINNOCHCHI TOWN

Iranaimadhu Tank ✓



- ✚ **Back ground:** - Iranaimadu kulam is the largest water reservoir in the Northern Province. This tank was initially constructed in 1902 by utilising the assistance of the villagers of Kunchuparanthan. The first stage of the Iranaimadu tank was completed in 1920. At that time the contents of that tank was 44000 acre feet and depth 22 feet. The capacity of the tank was increased to 82000 acre feet in 1954 and the height was increased to 30 feet. The third stage of improvements took place in 1975 and was duly completed in 1977. Now it contains 1006500 acre feet of water. The depth is 34 feet. The sluice gates that are now seen at Iranaimadu were fixed in 1977. This tank receives its supply of water from a catchment area of 227 square miles through the two rivers called Kanagarayan Aru and Karamari Aru. The bund of this tank is 2kms long. The tank irrigates an extent of 20882 acres. There are channels covering a distance of 32.5 miles composed of both the right and left banks, which has converted Killinochchi as a fertile area.

- ✚ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand 200m → travel along Market road, turn left travel along Kandy – Jaffna Highway road (A9) 8.6Km → turn left Iranaimadu junction → travel along Iranaimadu road 4.2Km → Iranaimadu Tank.

- ✚ **Contact Name:-** Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, Kilinochchi – 021 2285867

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - POONAKARY / DS DIVISION



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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – POONAGARY

St.Mary's church



- ✦ **Background:** - A good number of Christians living in the Kilinochchi district congregate in the churches in this region for worship. This St. Mary Church is located at Poonagary along the Jaffna-Mannar (A-32) highway and is very famous among Christians in this area. They attend the annual Christian's festivals and prayers, with a high sense of adoration and discipline. Many devotees attend the prayers which are held on every Sunday.

- ✦ **Travel Path** :- Kilinochchi Bus stand 200m → travel along Market road, turn left travel along Kandy – Jaffna Highway road (A9) 6.4Km → Paranthan junction → turn left, travel along Paranthan – Poonagary road (B357) 24.7Km → Poonagary junction → turn left travel along Jaffna – Mannar Highway (A32) 1.2Km → St.Mary's Church.

- ✦ **Contact Name:** - Chief priest, St.Mary's Church.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – POONAGARY

Poonagary Fort



✚ **Background:** - Poonagary fort was built by the Dutch in compliance with their unique architectural style. This Dutch fort is situated along the Jaffna – Mannar highway (A32) near Poonagary town. The walls of the fort currently in a dilapidated condition stand testimony to the Dutch architectural skills

✚ **Travel Path :-** Kilinochchi Bus stand 200m → travel along Market road, turn left travel along Kandy – Jaffna Highway road (A9) 6.4Km → Paranthan junction → turn left, travel along Paranthan – Poonagary road(B357) 24.7Km → Poonagary junction → Poonagary Fort.

✚ **Contact Name:-** Pradashiya Sabha, Poonagary - 0243243493

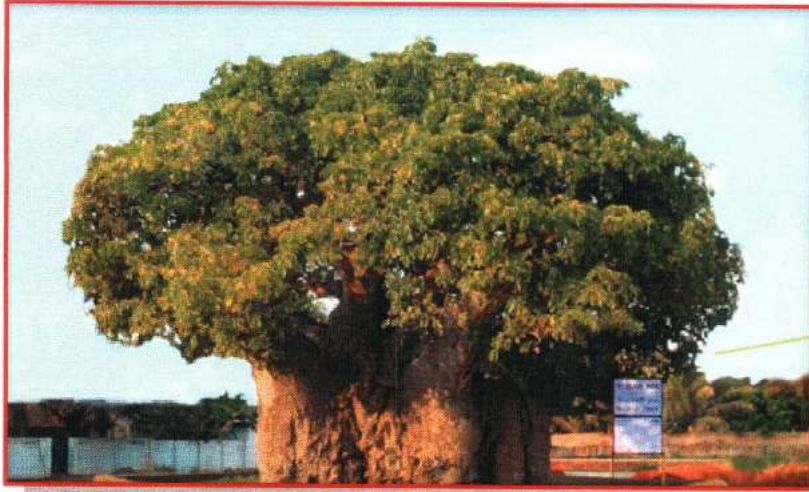
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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MANNAR TOWN

Bao – Bab tree at Pallimunai



✿ **Background:** - The Bao-bab tree grown at Pallimunai is the widest and oldest in the Mannar district. It is said that it counts more than 750 years. It is believed that it was brought by Arab raders. The tree at Pallimunai grown with the height of 7.5 meters and width of 19.51 meters.

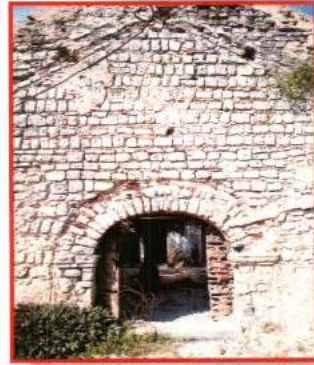
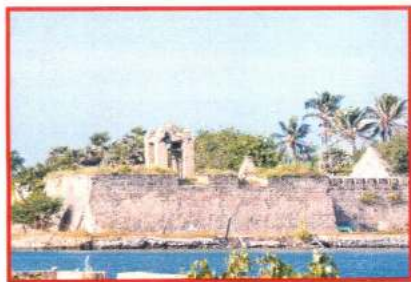
✿ **Travel Path:** - Mannar Bus Stand $\xrightarrow{100m}$ Pallimunai Road $\xrightarrow{1Km}$ Bao-Bab Tree.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Parish priest, Pallimunai, Mannar- 023 2222057

✿ **Maintenance by:** - St. Lucia's Church Committee, Pallimunai, mannar.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MANNAR TOWN

Mannar Fort (Near the Bridge)



✦ **Background:** - At the entrance to the town of Mannar you find the Fort that was constructed by the Dutch when they conquered that area. Although this was initially constructed by the Portugese in 1560 A.D. it was reconstructed by the Dutch in 1658 A.D. Now large numbers of tourists visit this place of interest and they hail both from Sri Lanka abroad.

✦ **Travel Path:** - Mannar bus stand 200m → near the Mannar Peace bridge.

✦ **Contact Name:** - Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar.

Tele No: - 023-3230806.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MANNAR TOWN

Mannar Peace Bridge



- ✿ **Background:** - The Bridge was reconstructed with a span of 157.1 m in length and 10.4 m in width, and improve the causeway up to 3.14 km in length, and 11m in width on the Madawachchy – Mannar – Talaimannar (A14 road).

The earlier bridge and the causeway were the only access roads to the Mannar Island from the mainland. This earlier bridge was in an unstable state, a week temporary bailey bridge of narrow width causing immense hardship to the people, and their daily transportation. The reconstruction work has been completed in early 2010. The Road Development Authority, under the supervision of the Highways and Road Development implemented the project.

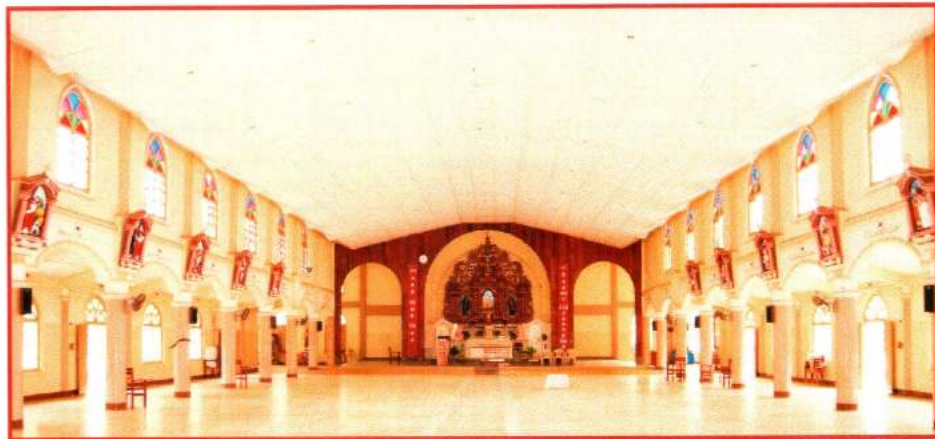
- ✿ **Travel Path:** - Mannar Bus stand 200m → near the Mannar Fort.

- ✿ **Contact Name:** - Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar.

Tele No: - 023-3230806.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MANNAR TOWN

Church of Lady victory



✦ **Background:** - This huge Church which is situated at Pesalai was constructed about 200 Years ago by Oratorian priests in Oratorian style and design. The principal object seen at this Church then and now is the attractive throne. It is said that a box which was found floating in the Pesalai sea contained three statues and a note. It was stated that the statue of the Lady of Victory carrying infant Jesus in her arms was meant for the aforesaid Church, that the Rosaille Matha statue was meant for the Church in Mannar and the decorative Matha statue was meant for the Thoddakadu Church respectively. On the 8th December each year the high festival in remembrance of Virgin Mary is celebrated in a grand manner. You can find an almost two hundred years old 'Mahila' tree with rich foliage in the Church compound.

✦ **Travel Path:** - Mannar Bus Stand —————→ Stadium Junction —————→ TalaiMannar Road — 8Km —→
 5th Mile post Junction — 100m —→ Thoddaveli Junction — 8Km —→ Vankalaipadu Junction — 4Km —→
 Pesalai Junction —————→ There is a by lane in right side — 200m —→ Church of Lady Victory.

✦ **Contact Name :-** Fr. Augustine (023 3232646)

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MANNAR TOWN

Thirukketheeswaram Temple



✿ **Background:** - This shrine is situated 36 kms away from Talaimannar pier in Mannar district abutting the Palavi tank. This temple was subjected to destruction during the times of the Portugese and the Dutch. The people of the Hindu faith were aroused by the preachings of Srila Sri Arumuganavalar and restoration of this temple was undertaken and Mahakumbhabhishekam was consecrated in 1903 which was repeated in 1910 also. Lot of propaganda evinced support from the people and the restoration continued and another Maha Kumbhabhishekam was performed in 1948 which was the result of a Saiva religious conference. The Wannai tree is the sacred tree of this temple. The annual high festivals are conducted for 17 days every year. The Maha Sivarathri festival and the Ketharagowri fast are observed in a very grand manner. On the Maha Sivarathri day, worshippers and devotees are allowed to take the Palavi tank water in pots and perform abhishekam by pouring it over the huge Lingam enshrined in the inner courtyard. Apart from above, other Guru Poojas and special Poojas are held on important days. There are five chariots (Thers) at this temple and the deities are taken around on the Vaikasi Visakam day (on the date of the chariot festival) Thousands flock to witness this event.

✿ **Travel Path:** - Mannar Bus Stand $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Thalladi junction $\xrightarrow{600\text{m}}$ Vankalai Junction (Left Side Road) $\xrightarrow{2\text{km}}$ Thirukketheeswaram Junction (There is a road in the Left side Thirukketheeswaram Arch) $\xrightarrow{5\text{km}}$ Manthai junction $\xrightarrow{2\text{km}}$ Thirukketheeswaram Temple.

✿ **Contact Name & No:-** Temple Restovation Society- 023-2230032

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MANNAR TOWN

St. Sebastion's Church



✦ **Background:** - Many of followers of the Christians faith are also living the Mannar District. There are number of Churches where they congregate for worship. The followers of the Christian faith attend the annual high festivals and religious parades with a high sense of devotion. This Church had been built around in 1800. Later this Church was re-built by Rev.Fr.S.Petter & Catholic people of Mannar in 1953. It is also named as St.Sebastion Cathedral.

✦ **Travel Path:** - Mannar Bus stand → Hospital road → St.Sebastion's Church.

✦ **Festival Season:-** The Church feast celebrates usually in January 20 (9 days Novena)

✦ **Contact Name & No:-** Fr. Theveraja
Tele No: - 023-2222142

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MANNAR TOWN

Earukalampity Mosque



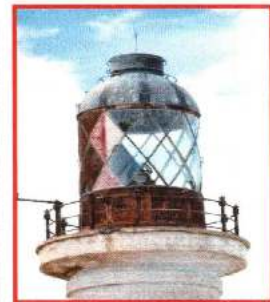
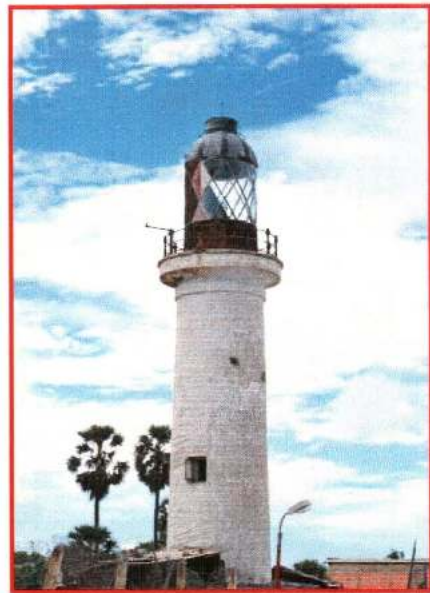
✿ **Background:** - A substantial number of Muslims occupy the Mannar district. They are involved in regular observance of their religious obligations. They are very strict in the observance of the fast during the relevant season with purity of mind. The Erukkalampity Mosque is famous for Muslims in this respect. This is a fairly old place of worship. This mosque is said to have been constructed by the Muslims of this area about 150 years ago.

✿ **Travel Path:** - Mannar Bus Stand $\xrightarrow{500m}$ Stadium Junction $\xrightarrow{8\text{ km}}$ Talaimannar Road
5th Mile post Junction \longrightarrow There is a by road in right side $\xrightarrow{800m}$ Earukalampity Mosque.

✿ **Contact Name & No:-** Mahamad Azmi - 0714484846

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MANNAR TOWN

Talaimannar Lighthouse, Tower & Jetty



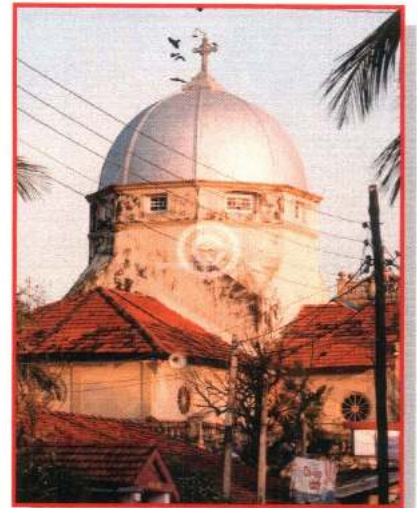
✚ **Background:** - Sri Lanka is an Island in the midst of the Indian Ocean and therefore number of lighthouses have been constructed along the coastline of Sri Lanka. There is an old light house in Talaimannar. It is learnt that the Britishers who ruled Sri Lanka then have constructed this light house in 1915 to facilitate the seafarers to locate the anchorages. The foundation had been laid in concrete and this portion is painted white in colour. The height of this lighthouse is 17 metres. The Talaimannar jetty abuts this lighthouse.

✚ **Travel Path:** - Mannar Bus stand $\xrightarrow{32 \text{ km}}$ Talaimannar pier

✚ **Contact Name:** - Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar.
Tele No: - 023-3230806.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MANNAR TOWN

St. Lucia Church (Portuguese Church)



✚ **Background:** - A good number of Christians living in the Mannar district congregate in the Churches in this region for worship. They attend the annual Christian festivals and prayers, with a high sense of adoration and discipline. The Church had been built by Dutch and later this Church was re-built by the Catholic people of Pallimunai in 1996. The Church Feast celebrates usually in December 13 (9 Days Novena).

✚ **Travel Path:** - Mannar Bus stand $\xrightarrow{100m}$ Pallimunai Road $\xrightarrow{3 km}$ St.Lucia Church

✚ **Contact Name & No:-** Fr.Peter Manokaran
Tele No: - 023-2222057

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MANNAR TOWN

Mannar Birds Sanctuary

(Boundary- vankalai, Mannar sea, Pallimunai, Puliyantivu, Thirukketheeswaram)



- ✿ **Background:** - This sanctuary, partly a Wetland, comprises Puliyantivu Island, Thirukketheeswaram, Pallimunai, Vankalai and the strips of land on either side of the causeway connecting the island of Mannar to the mainland. Covering about 4,800 hectares, it consists of arid-zone thorn scrubland and pastures, waterholes and tanks, sand dunes, mangroves, salt marshes, lagoons and sea-grass beds and maritime grasslands. The sanctuary declared through a Gazette notification dated September 9, 2008.

Many birds including very rare migrants the Spot-billed Duck, the Comb Duck and the Gadwall; the rare migrant Long-toed Stint and the uncommon migrants the Peregrine Falcon, the Common-ringed Plover, Temminck's Stint and the Red-necked Phalarope have been spotted at Vankalai.

- ✿ **Travel Path:** - Mannar bus stand → South bar
Mannar Bus stand → Pallimunai & Puliyanthivu

- ✿ **Contact Name:** - Pradeshiya Sabha, Mannar.
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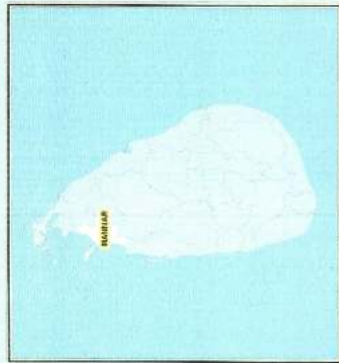
Mannar Birds

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - NANADDAN DIVISION

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Manthai West



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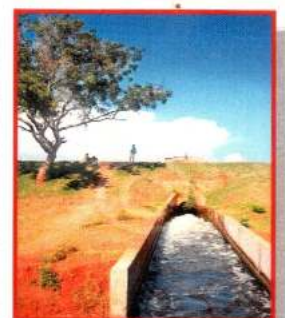
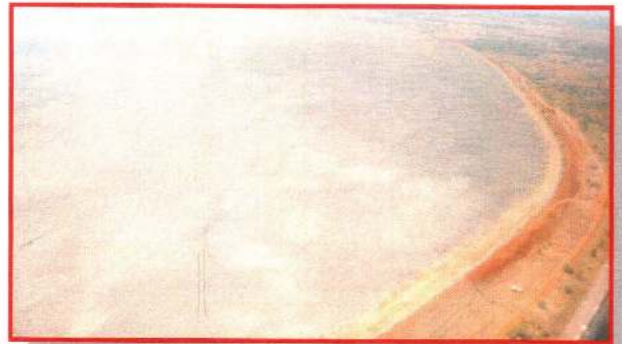
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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – NANADDAN

Giant Tank



- ✚ **Background:** - There is major irrigation system called Giant tank is available in the Mannar district which has the capacity to irrigate to 24,400 acre land. This tank is the major source of water for paddy cultivation.

The Giant tank which actually is in Mannar Town, Nanattan and Manthai West divisions is administered by the Central Irrigation Department. This Tank feeds 162 feeder tanks that are fed by the 10 main channels 61 of them are in Manthai West division Giant's tank is one of the oldest tanks in the country.

Its physical structure was first developed by the Public Works Department under the colonial government in 1892 and later improved by the Irrigation Department in 1957. The Giant's tank which gets water from its own catchments is augmented by feeder canals along the right bank of the Malwathu Oya from the diversion weir viz. Thekam Anicuts across AruviAaru. There are 10 Number of sluices from the tank 3 branch off from the inlet channels and the balance 7 is from the tank.

- ✚ **Travel Path:** - 55th -56th Mile post (Isaimalaithalvu Village) from Madawachchy-Mannar Road.
- ✚ **Including Area:** - From 55 km-56 km (Isaimalaithalvu Village) up to 65 km - 66 km (Uyirtharasankulam Village) from Madawachchy. Entirely 11 km Area.
- ✚ **Contact Name & No:** - Pradeshiya Sabha, Nanaddan - 0233232686

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – NANADDAN

Vankalai Birds Sanctuary



Background: - There are lots of shrubs and small trees in this area. Especially in the rainy season, this area is covered by rain water. In these periods migrants birds can be observed. So, this area is a suitable place for bird watching.

The bird sanctuary area is coming under three Divisional Secretariat areas such as Mannar Town, Nanattan and Manthai West. Especially in Nanattan, it covers 0.8Km to 5Km on both sides of the Thalladi-Vankalai -Nanattan Arippe road.



Travel Path: - Vankalai "Y" junction through Thalladi - Vankalai -Nanattan Arippe road.



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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – NANADDAN

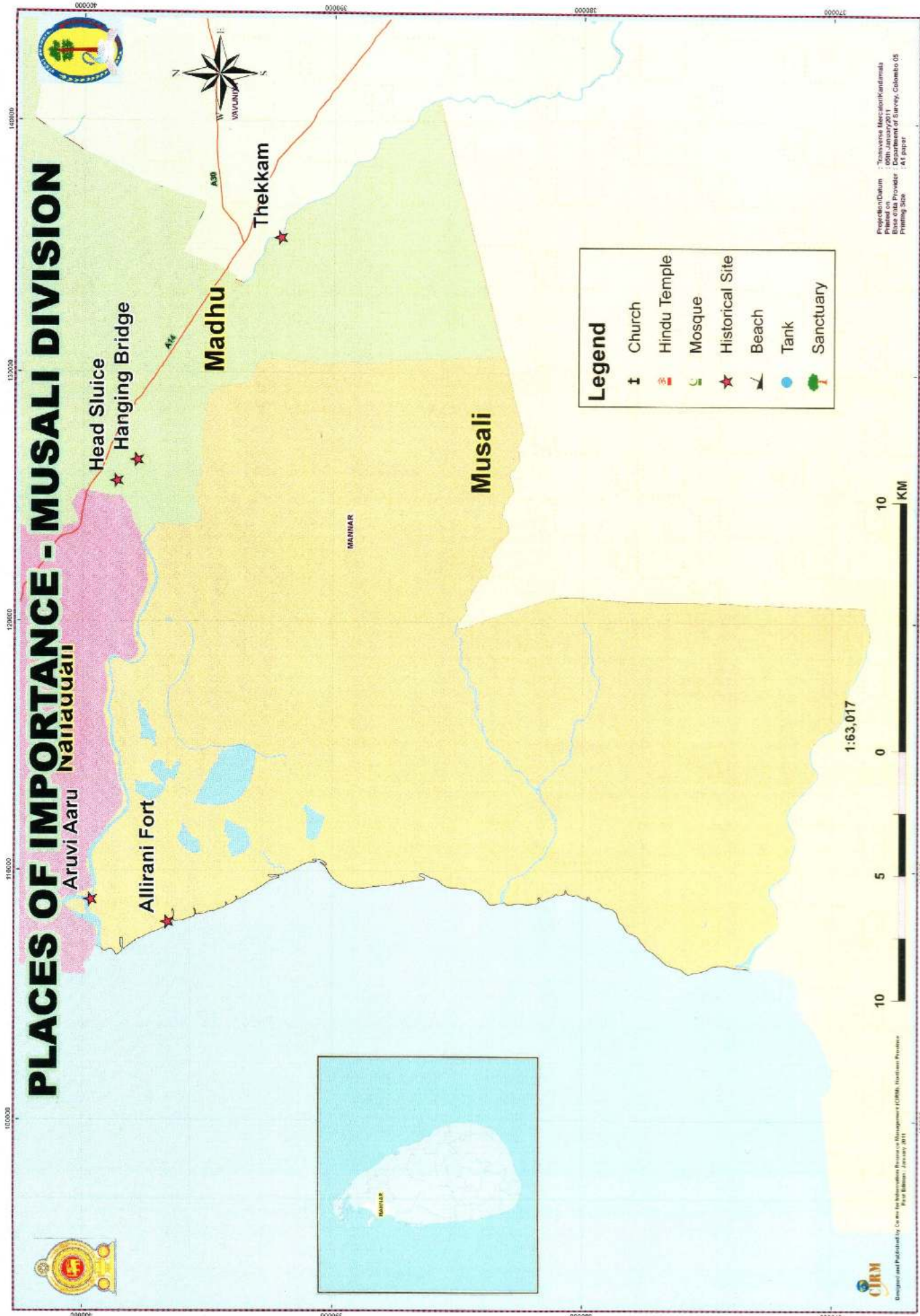
Achchankulam Lagoon



- ✚ **Background:** There are number of tanks and lagoons in Mannar district. You find the beautiful lagoon at Achchankulam and the water level in it is fairly high during most part of the year. It will be a pleasant sight to witness the sunset over this lagoon. As this lagoon is fairly deep, it is possible for the tourists to take rides in mechanized fiberglass boats.
- ✚ **Travel Path 1:** - Murunkan post office junction (through RDD road) $\xrightarrow{2\text{km}}$ Nanattan junction (Nanattan Achchankulam road) Karukkamuripu $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Karukkamuripu junction $\xrightarrow{8\text{km}}$ Achchankulam Lagoon.
- ✚ **Travel Path 2:** - Uyilankulam junction (71st Mile post from Madawachchy to the left side of the road) $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Ilanthamoddai junction $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Nanattan junction $\xrightarrow{2\text{km}}$ Nanattan – Achchankulam road through Karukkamuripu junction $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Achchankulam Lagoon.
- ✚ **Contact Name & No:** - Pradeshiya Sabha, Nanaddan. Tele No- 0233232686



PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - MUSALI DIVISION



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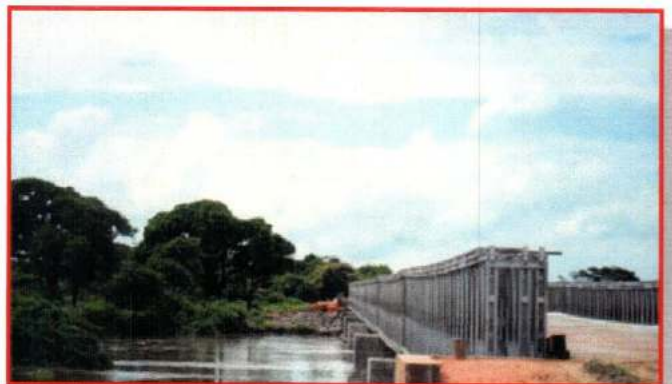
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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MUSALI

Aruvi Aaru, Rasamadhu



✚ **Background:** - The AruviAaru is originated from Nachcheyaar Theevu in Anurathapuram. The total length of AruviAaru is 153.6 Km. This river run through Cheddikulam Divisional Secretariat area in Vavuniya district and feed water to "Thekam Anicuts" which situated in the Madhu division. This river is divided into two parts at "Thekam Anicuts." One feed water to Giant tank and the other through Nanattan area to Achchankulam.

✚ **Travel Path 1:** - Murunkan post office junction (through RDD road) $\xrightarrow{8\text{km}}$ Nanattan junction- Nanattan Arippu Road $\xrightarrow{2\text{km}}$ Eruvidan-Achchankulam junction $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ bank of the AruviAaru.

✚ **Travel Path 2:** - Uyilankulam junction (71st Mile post of Madawachchy Talaimannar road) $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ llanthamoddai junction $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Nanattan junction $\xrightarrow{2\text{km}}$ Eruvidan-Achchankulam junction $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Bank of the AruviAaru.

✚ **Contact Name & No:** - Pradeshiya Sabha, Nanaddan. Tele No- 0233232686

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MUSALI

Aripu Allirani Fort



Background: - The Historical famous Allirani fort is situated 500 meters away from the village of Muththaripputhurai in the East. Tamil history even says that the marriage of the prince Arujunan with Queen Alli was held here.

Further there are evident information says that this was a palace of a Governor who came from South India for the Pearl business around the year 1803. The history says that there is a channel which goes under the sea from here to Ramesvaram (a place in South India)



Travel path: - Mannar Bus stand $\xrightarrow{20\text{km}}$ Murunkan junction $\xrightarrow{18\text{km}}$ (Murunkan to Chilawaththurai road) Chilawaththurai junction $\xrightarrow{5\text{km}}$ Aripu road $\xrightarrow{50\text{m}}$ Allirani fort.

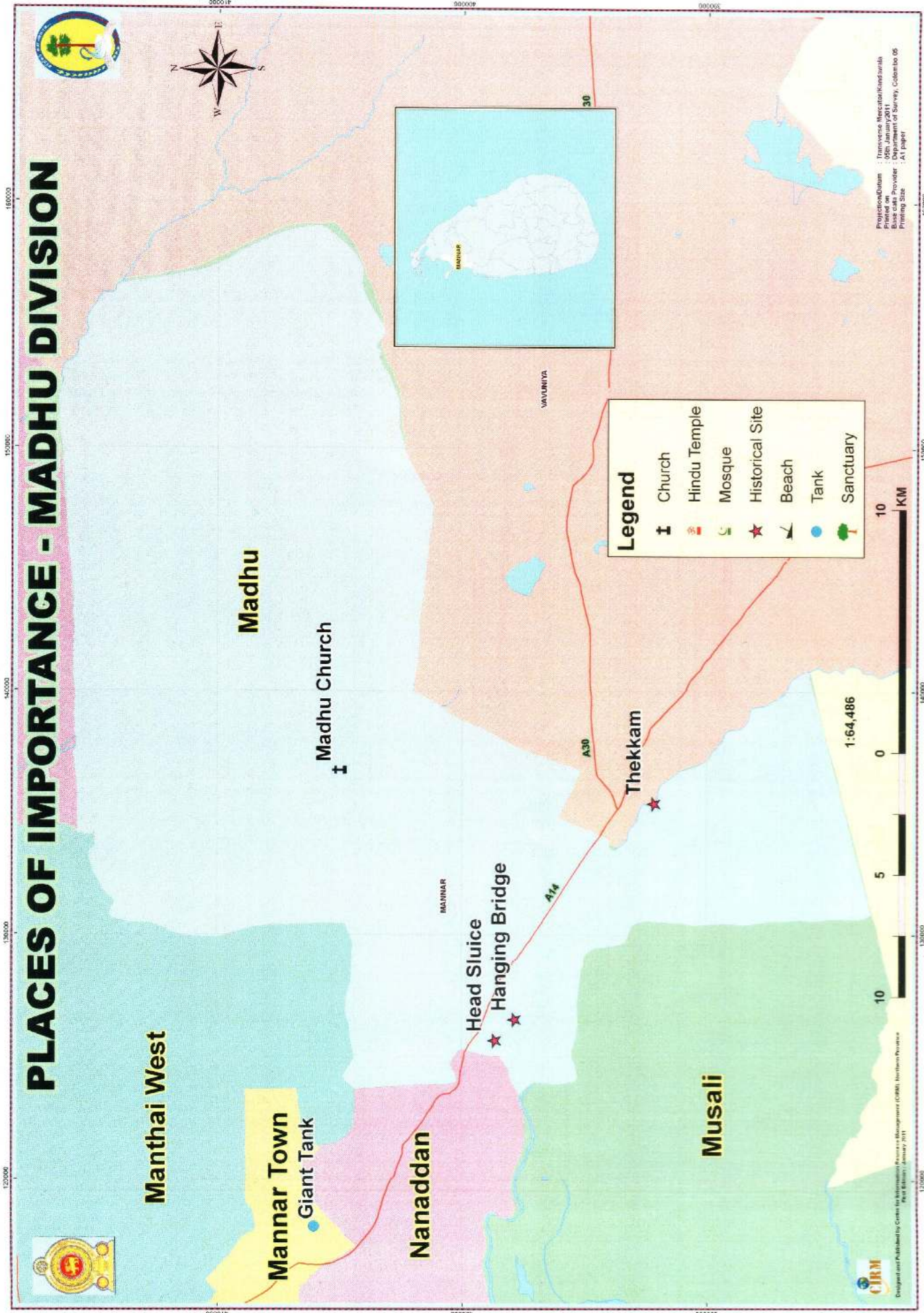


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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - MADHU DIVISION



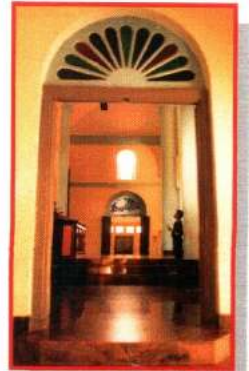
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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MADHU

Madhu Church



- ✿ **Background:** - The Madhu Matha statue was at Manthai in early days. In the order to save the statue in the year of 1670, the people brought it to the thick jungle at Maruthamadhu. It was hidden under a tree. Slowly a small shed was put up for the statue. Gradually it became a very famous shrine. People came to this shrine as pilgrims. Now, every year many thousands of pilgrims are coming to this shrine to receive the plentiful blessings of our Lady in Madhu. Festival is celebrated July 02nd and August 15th.

- ✿ **Travel Path 01:-** Mannar Madawachchiya road → Parayanalankulam junction $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Mathakiramam junction $\xrightarrow{2\text{km}}$ Madhu road junction $\xrightarrow{10.8\text{km}}$ Madhu Church.

- ✿ **Travel Path 02:-** Mannar Bus stand → Thalladi Junction → Vankalai Junction (Left side road) Madawachchiya Road → Uyilankulam Junction → Murunkan town → Madhu Junction → Turn Left at Madhu arch → Madhu Church.

- ✿ **Contact Name & No:-** Madhu Church Administrator

Tele No: - 023-3230248 & 023-3231815

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MADHU

Head Sluice



- ✦ **Background:** - There are several tanks in Mannar district which is on the West of Sri Lanka. There are number of lagoons too in Mannar district. With a view to utilise the water that gets stored in the tanks, number of sluice gates are provided. In the village called 'Matha Gramam' there is a big sluice gate to facilitate the water to flow out through the chennels. As the flow of water is controlled by suitable preventive dams it is safer for the tourists to have their baths in the irrigation channels. The large amount of trees that stand around this tank add beauty of the site.

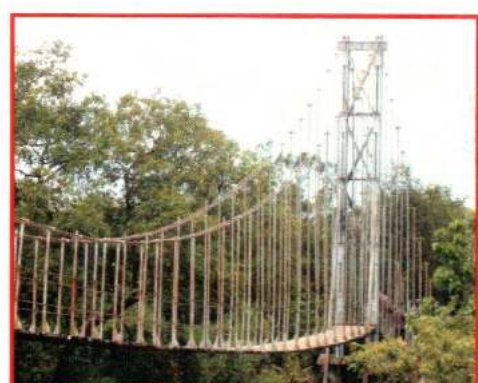
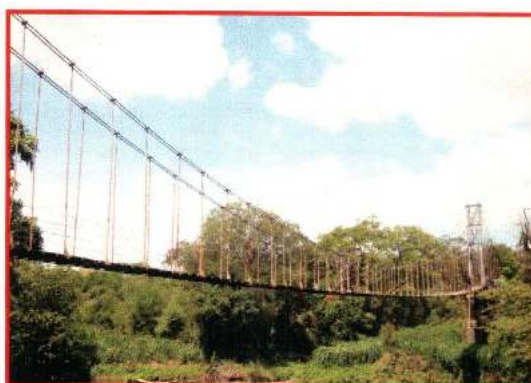
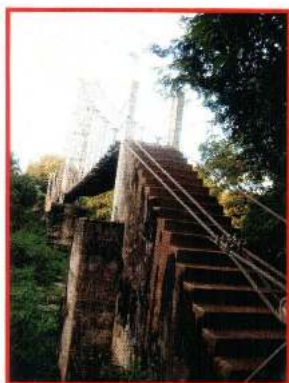
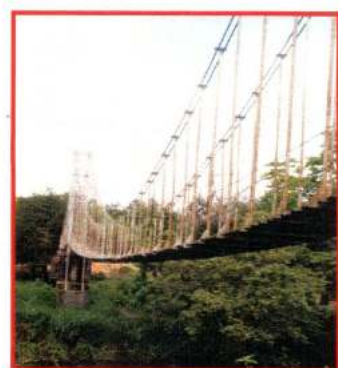
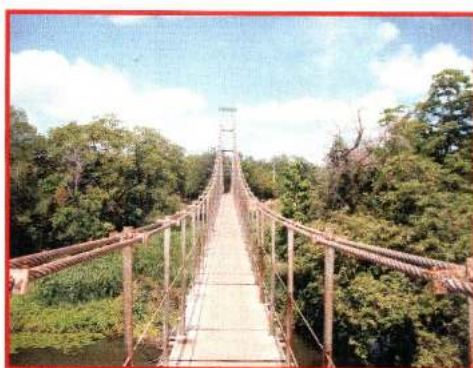
- ✦ **Travel Path 01:-** Mannar Madawachchiya road → Parayanalankulam junction $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Mathakiramam junction $\xrightarrow{1\text{km}}$ Head Sluice.

- ✦ **Travel Path 02:-** Vavuniya Mannar road → Parayanalankulam junction $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Mathakiramam junction $\xrightarrow{1\text{km}}$ Head Sluice.

- ✦ **Contact Name & No :-** Irrigation Engineer (Central)
Murunkan
Tele No: - 023-323276

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MADHU

Hanging Bridge



✦ **Background:** -The Hanging bridge is a tourist attraction in Madhu division. This bridge hangs above Aruvi Aru. The Aruvi Aaru is originated from Nachcheyaar Theevu in Anurathapuram. The total length of Aruvi Aaru is 153.6 Km. This river run through Cheddikulam Divisional Secretariat area in Vavuniya district. There is a hanging bridge which is constructed over the Aruvi Aru to enable the people to pass the Aruvi Aru. It also add more beauty to watch in the evenings, while the Sun settles down.

✦ **Travel Path 01:-** Mannar Madawachchiya road $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Parayanalankulam junction
Mathakiramam junction $\xrightarrow{1\text{km}}$ Head Sluice $\xrightarrow{1\text{km}}$ Hanging Bridge.

✦ **Travel Path 02:-** Mannar Bus stand \longrightarrow Thalladi Junction \longrightarrow Vankalai Junction (Left side road) Madawachchiya road \longrightarrow Uyilankulam Junction \longrightarrow Murunkan Town \longrightarrow Madhu Junction \longrightarrow Parayanalankulam junction $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Mathakiramam junction $\xrightarrow{1\text{km}}$ Head Sluice $\xrightarrow{1\text{km}}$ Hanging Bridge

✦ **Contact Name & No:-** Irrigation Engineer (Central)
Murunkan.
Tele No - 023-3232768.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MADHU

Thekkam



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- ✚ **Travel Path 01:-** Mannar Madawachchy road —→ Parayanalankulam junction $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Mathakiramam junction $\xrightarrow{1\text{km}}$ Head Sluice $\xrightarrow{3\text{km}}$ Thekam.

- ✚ **Travel Path 02:-** Vavuniya Mannar road —→ Parayanalankulam junction $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Mathakiramam junction $\xrightarrow{1\text{km}}$ Head Sluice $\xrightarrow{3\text{km}}$ Thekam.

- ✚ **Contact Name and No:-** Irrigation Engineer(Central)
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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - MANTHAI WEST DIVISION



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Church of Lady Victory

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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MANTHAI WEST

Periyamadhu Tank



✿ **Background:** - There are number of tanks in Mannar district. There is a big tank in Periyamadu area. There are number of paddy fields surrounding this tank. Birds from inland as well as migratory birds are found in plenty in this area during the paddy cultivation season. It would be a pleasant sight to witness the sunset from this place, as well as to see the vast acreages of paddy lands in bloom. Favorite Season September to December.

✿ **Travel path:** - Mannar Bus stands $\xrightarrow{9\text{km}}$ Thirukketheeswaram $\xrightarrow{15\text{km}}$ Pallamadhu Junction $\xrightarrow{12\text{km}}$ Periyamadhu Junction $\xrightarrow{2\text{km}}$ Periyamadhu Tank.

✿ **Contact Name:** - Grama Niladharai, Manthai West.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MANTHAI WEST

Vidaththaltheevu Bay



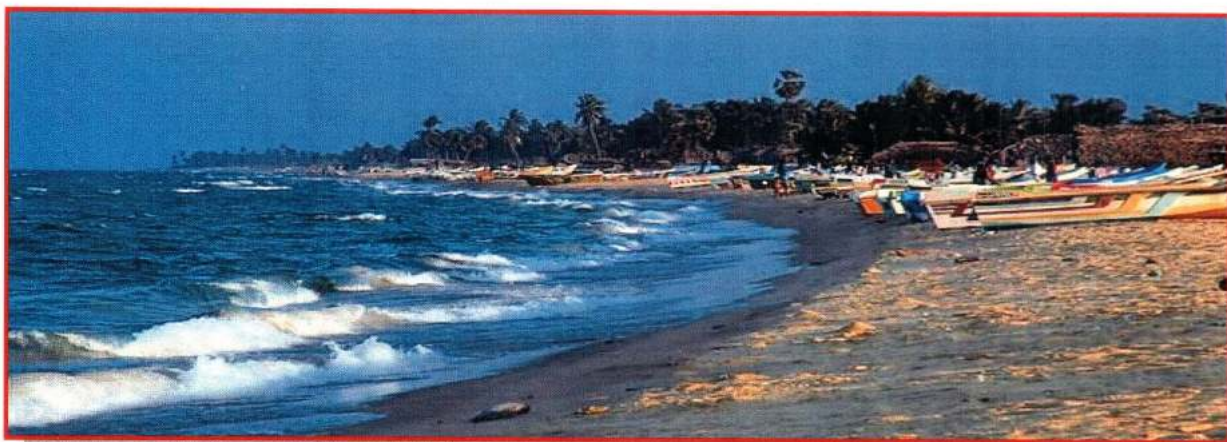
✚ **Background:** - The oceanic waves lashing the golden sandy beaches add to the panoramic beauty. Palms such as Coconut, Palmyrah and Casurina growing along the shore are a scenic adornment. Visitors who patronize the beaches are marveled by its splendor.

✚ **Travel Path:** - Mannar Bus stand $\xrightarrow{9\text{km}}$ Thirukketheeswaram $\xrightarrow{15\text{km}}$ Pallamadhu junction $\xrightarrow{3\text{km}}$ Vidaththaltheevu junction $\xrightarrow{1\text{km}}$ Vidaththaltivu bay.

✚ **Contact Name:** - M.Robert (Grama Niladharai) Manthai West
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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MANTHAI WEST

Anthonyarpuram Costal Area



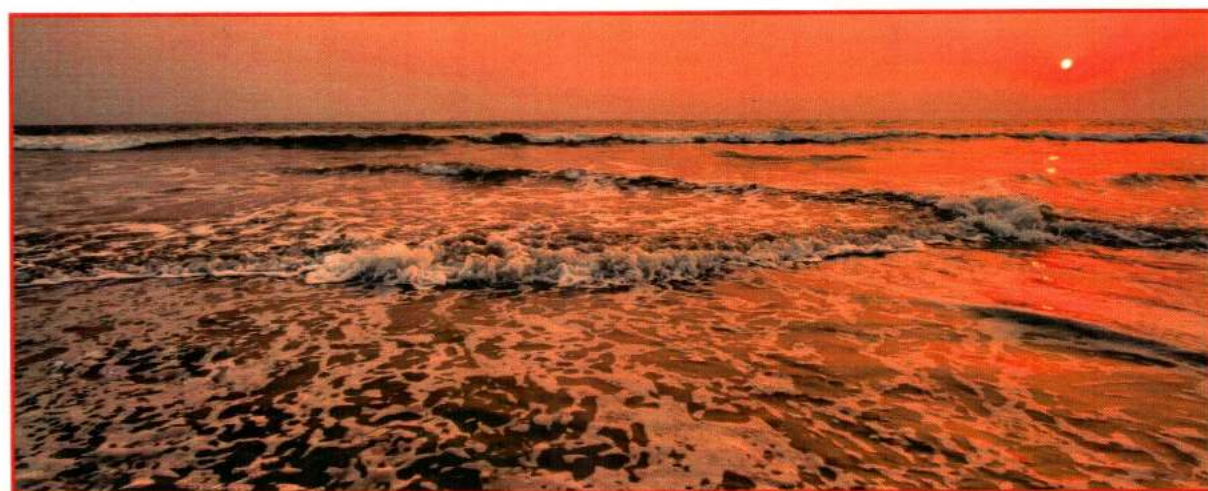
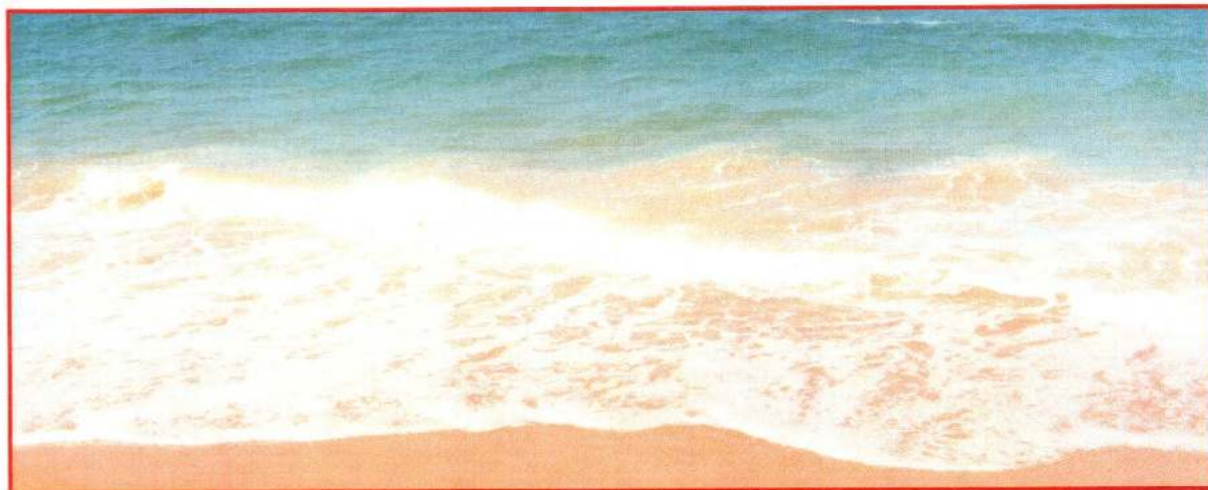
✚ **Background:** - The picturesque beaches that lie scattered across the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean are some of Mannar districts pristine spots. The sea of the Indian Ocean lashes on these sea shores and beaches which are crystal white or gold in colour. The lands along the shores are planted with Coconut, Palmyrah and in some places with Casuarinas. This offer a picturesque sight to the visitors who patronize the beaches of spend their leisure hours.

✚ **Travel Path:** - Mannar Bus Stand $\xrightarrow{9\text{km}}$ Thirukketheeswaram $\xrightarrow{15\text{km}}$ Pallamadhu junction $\xrightarrow{8\text{km}}$ Kalliyaddy junction $\xrightarrow{4\text{km}}$ Illuppaikadavai junction $\xrightarrow{2\text{km}}$ Anthonyarpuram junction $\xrightarrow{2.5\text{km}}$ Anthonyarpuram costal area.

✚ **Contact Name:** - S.S.Stanlis (Grama Niladharai) Manthai West.
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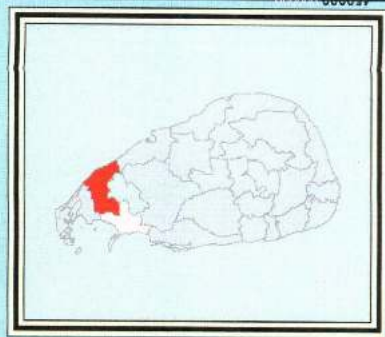
PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MANTHAI WEST

Nayattuveli Sea-shore beach



- ✿ **Background:** -This sea shore area has peaceful waves for a longer period in every year, which facilitates for swimming.
- ✿ **Travel Path:** - Mannar Bus stand 9km → Thirukketheeswaram 15km → Pallamadhu junction 3km → Vidaththaltheevu junction 4km → Nayattuveli Sea shore.
- ✿ **Favorable Season:** - January to October.
- ✿ **Contact Name & No:** - M.Robert (Grama Niladhar
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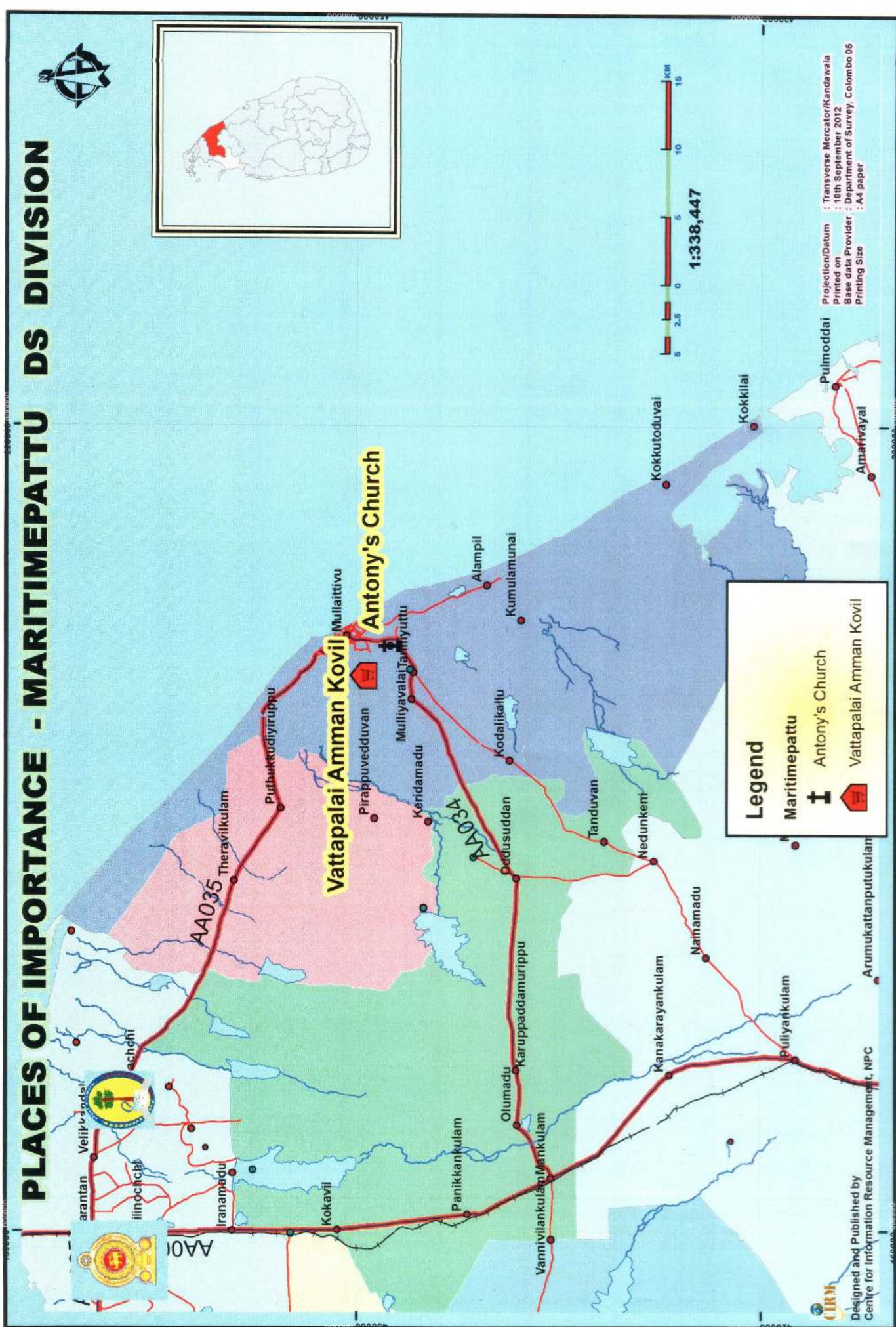


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Vattapalai Amman Kovil
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- Maritimepattu
- Antony's Church
- Vattapalai Amman Kovil





PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – MARITEMPATTU

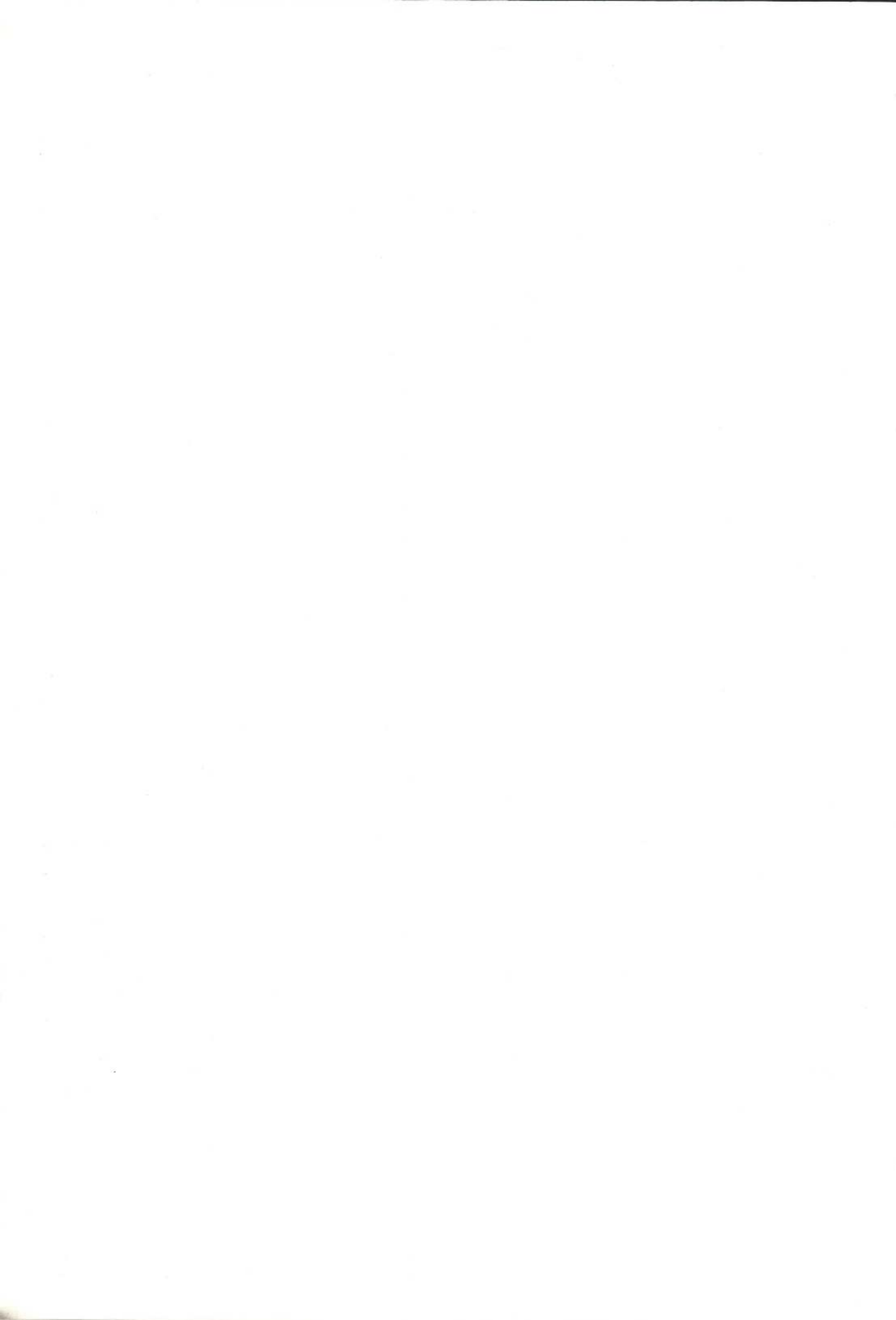
Vattrapalai Kannakiamman Kovil



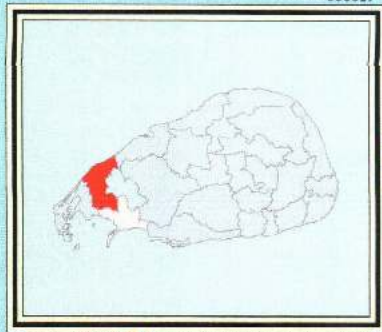
- ✿ **Back ground:** - This temple is situated in the village of Vattrapalai in Mullaitivu District in North Sri Lanka. This Kannakiamman temple had been established during the time that similar temples in honour of Goddess Kannaki were established in Tamilnadu in South India. This temple was administered by the Kings who ruled the wanni sector. It is learnt from the religious hymns of this temple that the “Pannichchai” tree which stood in the temple courtyard strew its fruits violently all over the area when the Portugese attempted to lay hands on this temple with a view to destroy it and that they had to withdraw from the area. Although it was expected to completed work on the main tower (Rajagopuram) in 2006, it was not completed to schedule. The principal deity is kannakiamman and the idols of Lord Vinayagar and Nagathambiran are also seen there. In the Tamil month of Vaikasi (May / June) on Visakam day to the astonishment of everyone, similar to an oil lamp a flame is lit on sea water (as a substitute for oil). Special Poojas are held at this temple on the Mondays of the months of Panguni and Karthigai for Navarathri and Shivarathri. The Manjam festival takes place on the final day of the month of Panguni.

- ✿ **Travel Path:** - Puthukkudiyiruppu Bus stand —→ travel along Vattrapalai road 16.1Km → turn left, Inner road 150m → Vattrapalai Kannakiamman kovil.

- ✿ **Contact Name:-** Chief priest, Vattrapalai Kanakiamman Kovil



PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - ODDUSUTTAN - ODDUSUTTAN DS DIVISION



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Thirumurukandi Kovil

AA035

Muthaiyankattu

Oddusuttan Thanthontreecharam Kovil

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Legend

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Oddusuttan Thanthontreecharam Kovil

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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – ODDUSUDDAN

Thanthonreswaram Kovil



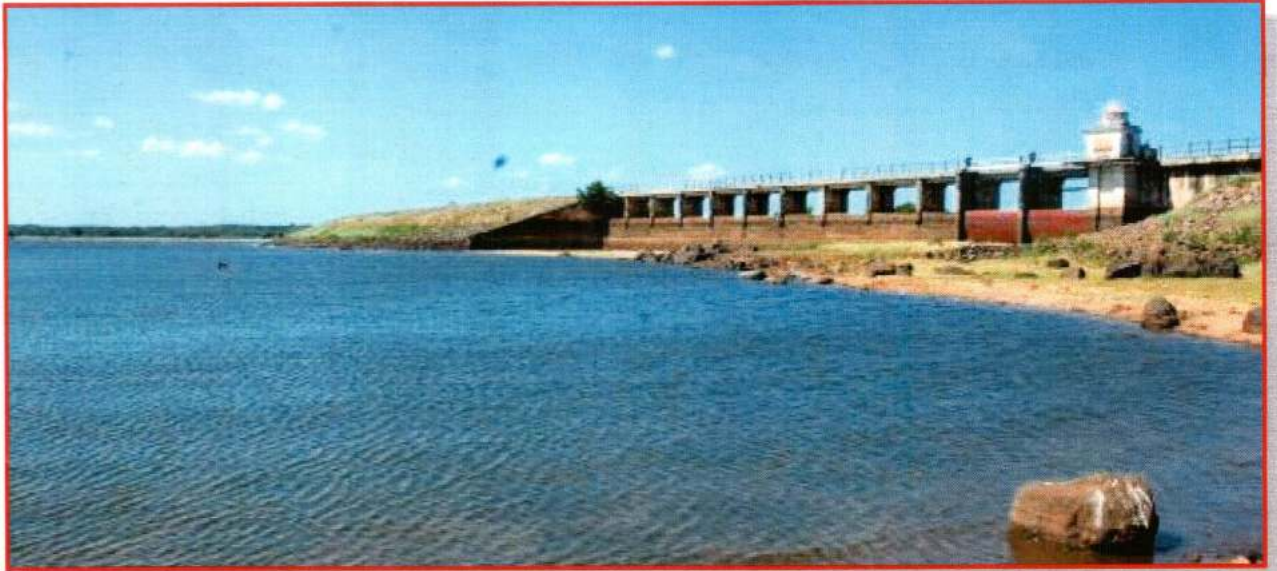
❁ **Back ground:** - This Hindu shrine is known as Thanthonreswarar Kovil as the Lingam that is in the sanctum sanctorum came at that spot on its own. This temple was rehabilitated recently and the Maha Kumbhaabishekam ceremony (consecration) was held on the 13th July 2005.

❁ **Travel Path:** - Puthukkudiyiruppu Bus stand → travel along Mankulam – Mullaitivu Highway (A34) → Oddusuddan junction 9.4Km → turn left 200m → Thanthonreswaram Kovil

❁ **Contact Name:-** Chief priest, Thanthonreswaram Kovil

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – ODDUSUDDAN

Muttiankaddu



✿ **Background:** - The name Muttiankaddu had been derived from the original name of Muttaraiankaddu. This is a big tank. It is said that one Muttaraian had constructed this tank in the past. The extent that is cultivated under this is 40000 acres. The furthest village that could be reached by the irrigation channel from this tank is called Mannakandal which is situated on the Puthukudiruppu – Oddusuddan road. This tank has sluices on the right bank and the left bank and the water channels that lead out from the above sluices are called accordingly. That is the right bank and the left bank. There is a large lotus tank below the Muttian kaddu tank.

✿ **Travel Path:** - Puthukkudiyiruppu Bus stand —→ travel along Mankulam – Mullaitivu Highway (A34) —→ Oddusuddan junction —→ Inner road 4.7Km —→ Muttiankaddu.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Deputy Director,Irrigation , Mullativu - 0243248145

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – ODDUSUDDAN

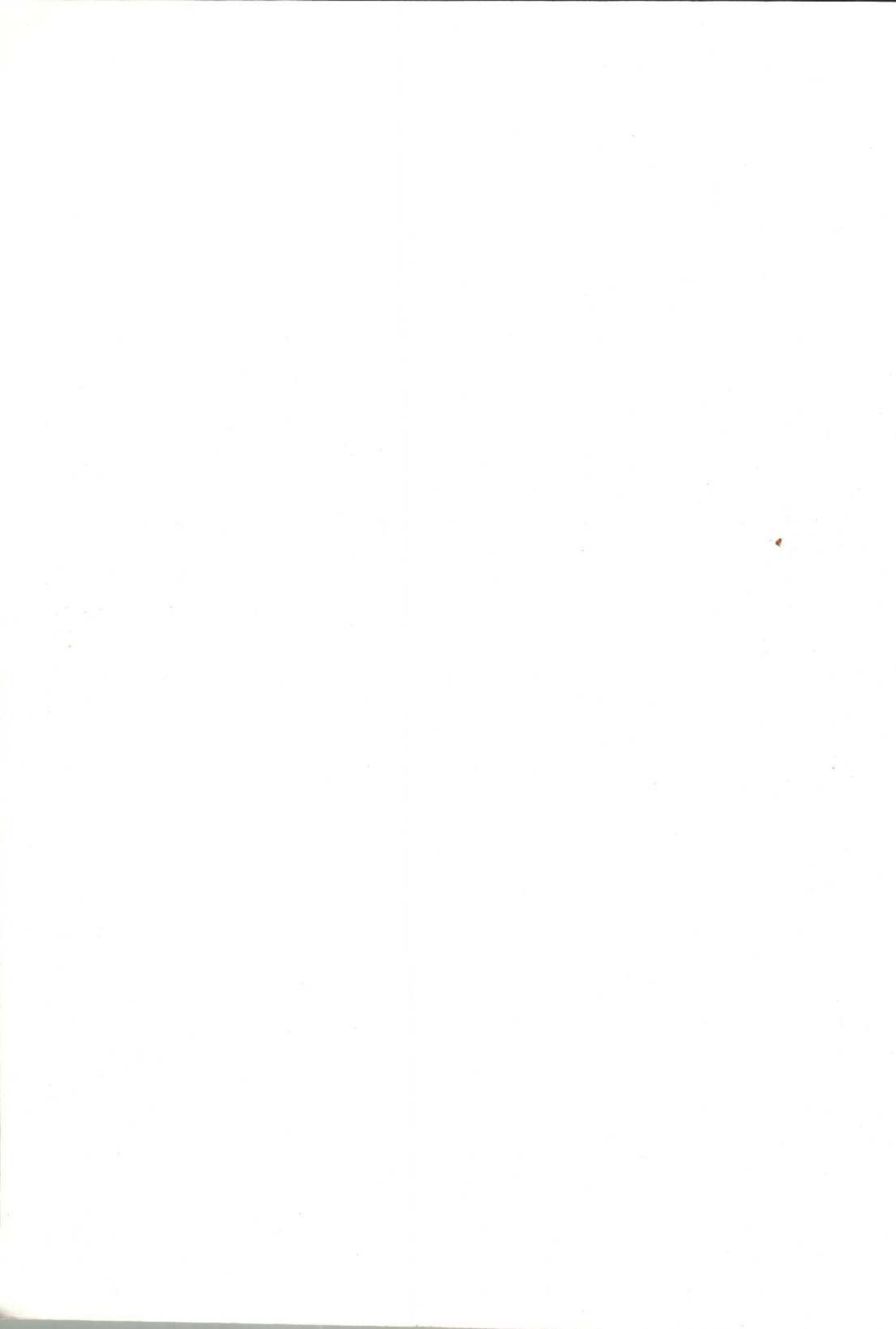
Murukandy Kovil



✚ **Background:** - Several thousands of followers of the Hindu faith reside in the Mullaitivu district. Hindu temples are essential in shaping the life of the people by installing an ethical and moral spirit in their minds. This Murukandy temple is dedicated to Lord Vinayakar. This temple is found on the Vavuniya- Jaffna highway (A9) between Mankulam and kilinochchi. The people who travelling this highway stop at this temple and worship Lord Vinayakar for betterment of their journey. Many significance days like Vinayakar Sathurthy and Perunkathai are observed and special Poojas held in this temple regularly during the course of the year.

✚ **Travel Path:** - Vavuniya Bus stand 200m → Kathiresu street, turn at round about → travel along Kandy – Jaffna Highway (A9) 6.34Km → Murukandy Kovil.

✚ **Contact Name:-**Chief priest, Murukandy Kovil.



PLACES OF IMPORTANCE -VAVUNIYA DS DIVISION



Palampiddi

Vavuniya

- 1, Madukantha Vihara
- 2, Urban Council Park
- 3, Archaeological Museum
- 4, Kaali Kovil



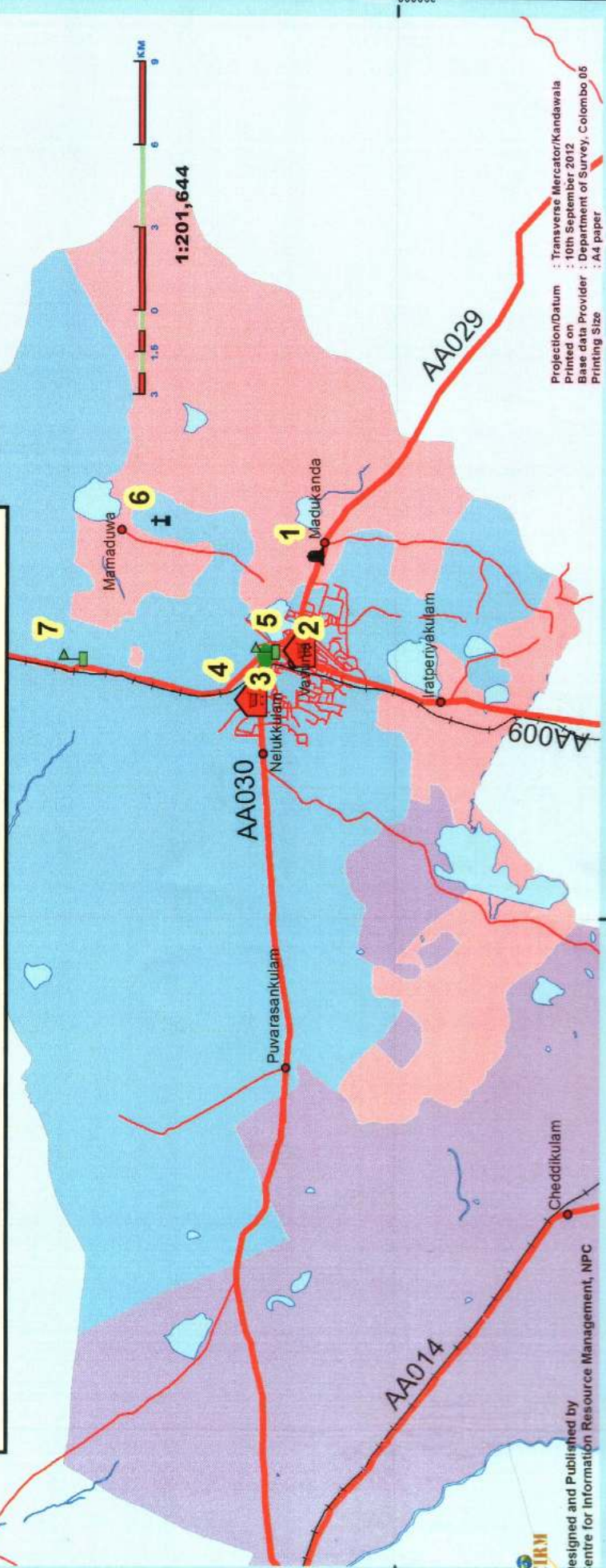
5, Sivan Kovil

6, Kalvari malai

7, Vavuniya Agricultural farm

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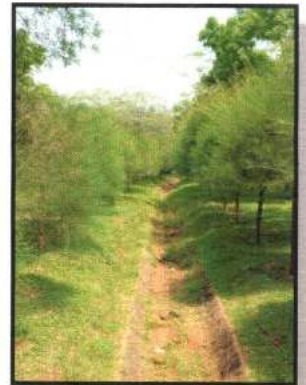


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Urban Council Park



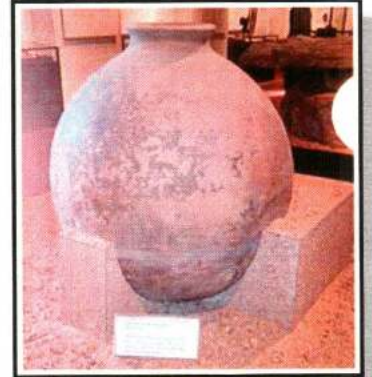
✿ **Background:** - This Park is situated in the centre of the Vavuniya town in front of the Public Library. This is considered as an important venue in the aspect of tourism. Because many local and foreign tourists patronise this park to spend their valuable time. Those who want to spend their leisure hours and who want to enjoy the nature's bounty visit this park. Children gather in large numbers in the evenings. It will be a pleasant sight to witness the sunset from this park. This park contains various plants both inland and foreign.

✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand 100m → Turn to Kathiresu road → turn at roundabout travel along Vairavar kovil 4th lane 250m → turn left travel along Park road 150m → U.C. Park.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Urban Council – 024 2222736

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – VAVUNIYA TOWN

Archaeological Museum



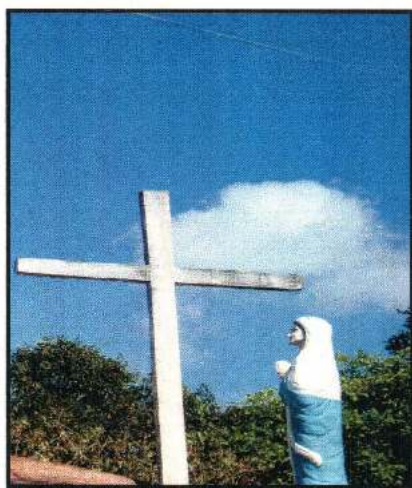
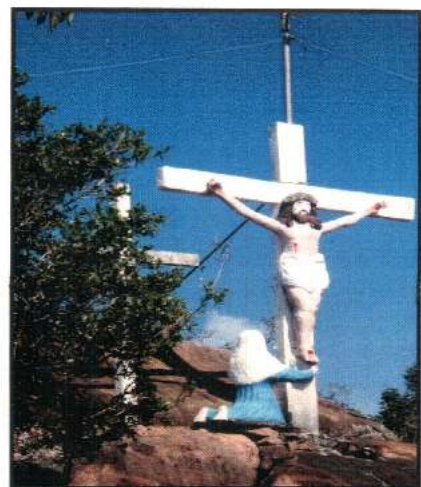
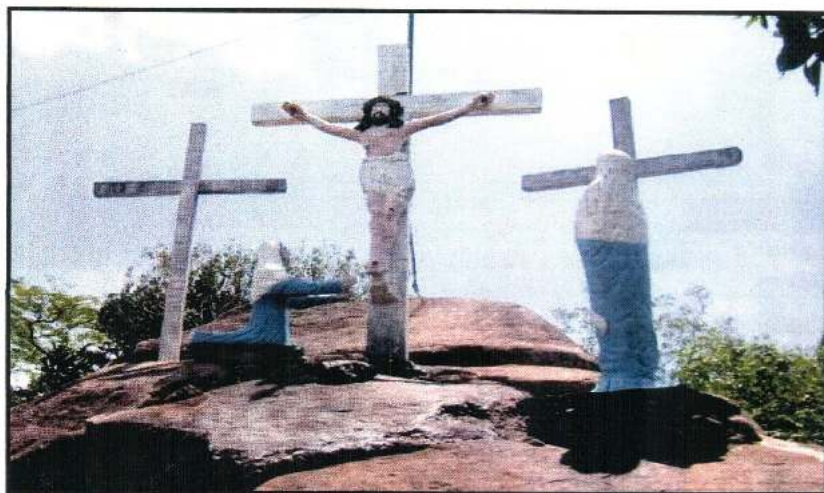
✦ **Background:** - Similar to the museums found in other districts of the Northern Province, you find such a museum in Vavuniya too. In it you find statues belonging to ancient periods which were found in Vavuniya district along with other objects of vintage. The tourists who are anxious to look for architectural finds patronise this museum to have a glimpse of the past. These are treasured in a fitting manner.

✦ **Travel Path:** - Bus stand 100m → Turn to Kathiresu road → turn at roundabout travel along Vavuniya – Jaffna Highway (A9) 200m → Archaeological Museum.

✦ **Contact Name:-** Urban Council – 024 2222736

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – VAVUNIYA TOWN

Kalvari Malai



✚ **Background:** - There are thousands of followers of Christianity in Vavuniya district. There are number of Christian churches in various parts of Vavuniya. The Calvary Hill is one such place of worship of the Christians. Number of carvings (sculptures) of Lord Jesus Christ depicting some of the stages of his life could be seen in this Calvary Hill in Vavuniya. The faithful who turn up at this Calvary Hill express their unstained devotion to Lord Jesus Christ. People of the Christian faith from all over Sri Lanka visit this Calvary Church in large numbers regularly. The retreat prayers that are conducted for 40 days during the months of March and April are considered as very important here. The other important occasions that are observed here are the Death and Regaining of life by Lord Jesus.

✚ **Travel Path:** - Bus stand 100m → Turn to Kathiresu road → turn at roundabout travel along Vavuniya – Horowapadana road(A29)6.8Km → turn right and travel along Madukanta – Iretperiyakulam road 2.8Km → turn right Inner road 350m → Kalvari Malai.

✚ **Contact Name:** - Chief priest, Kalvari Malai Church.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – VAVUNIYA TOWN

Town Mosque



✚ **Background:** - A good number of Muslims are also living in Vavuniya district, with a view to afford them the necessary facilities to enable them to observe their religious obligations like prayers number of mosques are found in Vavuniya. The grand Mosque that is found in Vavuniya town is an important Mosque. The Muslim merchants who do business in town gather in this mosque at the time of their prayers. On important festival days and on the days of the FAST, the Muslims gather at this mosque in large numbers to offer their prayers.

✚ **Travel Path:** - Bus stand 100m → Turn to Kathiresu road → turn at roundabout travel along Vavuniya – Horowapadana road (A29) 400m → Vavuniya Town Mosque.

✚ **Contact Name:** - Chief priest, Town Mosque.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – VAVUNIYA TOWN

Kaali Kovil



- ✿ **Background:** - Several thousands of followers of the Hindu faith reside in the Vavuniya district. Hindu temples are essential in shaping the life of the people by installing an ethical and moral spirit in their minds. This temple is located at Kurumankadu in Vavuniya along the Vavuniya-Manner highway. The Chief Deity of this temple Goddess Kaali. Special Poojas are held on important religious days such as Aadi Pooram, Aadi Chevvai, Navarathiri (9days), Ketharagowry(21days) and Thiruvembavai respectively.
- ✿ **Travel Path:** - Bus stand 100m → Turn to Kathiresu road → turn at roundabout travel along station road 1.8Km → turn left and travel along Vavuniya - Mannar road(A30) 800m → turn right → Kaali Kovil.
- ✿ **Contact Name:** - Chief priest, Kaali Kovil.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – VAVUNIYA TOWN

Sivan Kovil



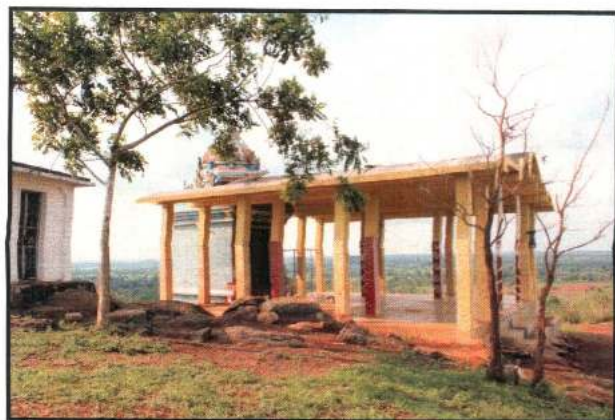
- ✦ **Background:** - This Sivan kovil or temple is situated on the Asikulam road which leads Southwards from the Rambaikulam junction on the Trincomalee road in Vavuniya district, Sri Lanka. This temple stands on 5 acres of land with the huge Kanchi Siva Mandapam (hall) on the Northern courtyard and the Amirthavarshani Theertham (tank) on the Southern courtyard. The latest kumbhabhishekam was consecrated on 9.7.2008. The Principal deity is Akilandeswarar while his consort Akilandeswaray is positioned in the Paraivara Sabha. The sacred tree of the temple is konrai tree (Thirukonrai Viridsham). The annual high festivals lasts for 15 days with the final day falling on Panguni Uttaram day. This temple which is situated in very peaceful surroundings offers peace of mind to those who go in search of it to this temple.

- ✦ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand 100m → Turn to Kathiresu road → turn at left 700m → travel along Vavuniya – Mannar road(A30) 3.7Km → turn left and travel along Nelukulam - Neriyaikulam road(B325) 10.9Km → turn left and travel along Inner road 400m → Sivan Kovil.

- ✦ **Contact Name:** - Chief priest, Sivan Kovil.

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – VAVUNIYA TOWN

Katkulam Palani Murukan Kovil



✿ **Background:** - Several thousands of followers of the Hindu faith reside in the Mullaitivu district. Hindu temples are essential in shaping the life of the people by installing an ethical and moral spirit in their minds. Katkulam Palani Murukan Kovil is one of the most significant Hindu temples in the Vavuniya district. This temple is dedicated to Lord Muruga and has a historical background.

✿ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand 100m → Turn to Kathiresu road → turn at roundabout travel along Vavuniya – Jaffna Highway(A9) 5.7Km → turn left and Thaandykulam junction 6.5Km → along Vappankulam road → turn left and travel along Inner road 3.2Km → Katkulam Palani Murukan Kovil.

✿ **Contact Name:-** Chief priest, Katkulam Palani Murukan kovil

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – VAVUNIYA TOWN

Agriculture Farm

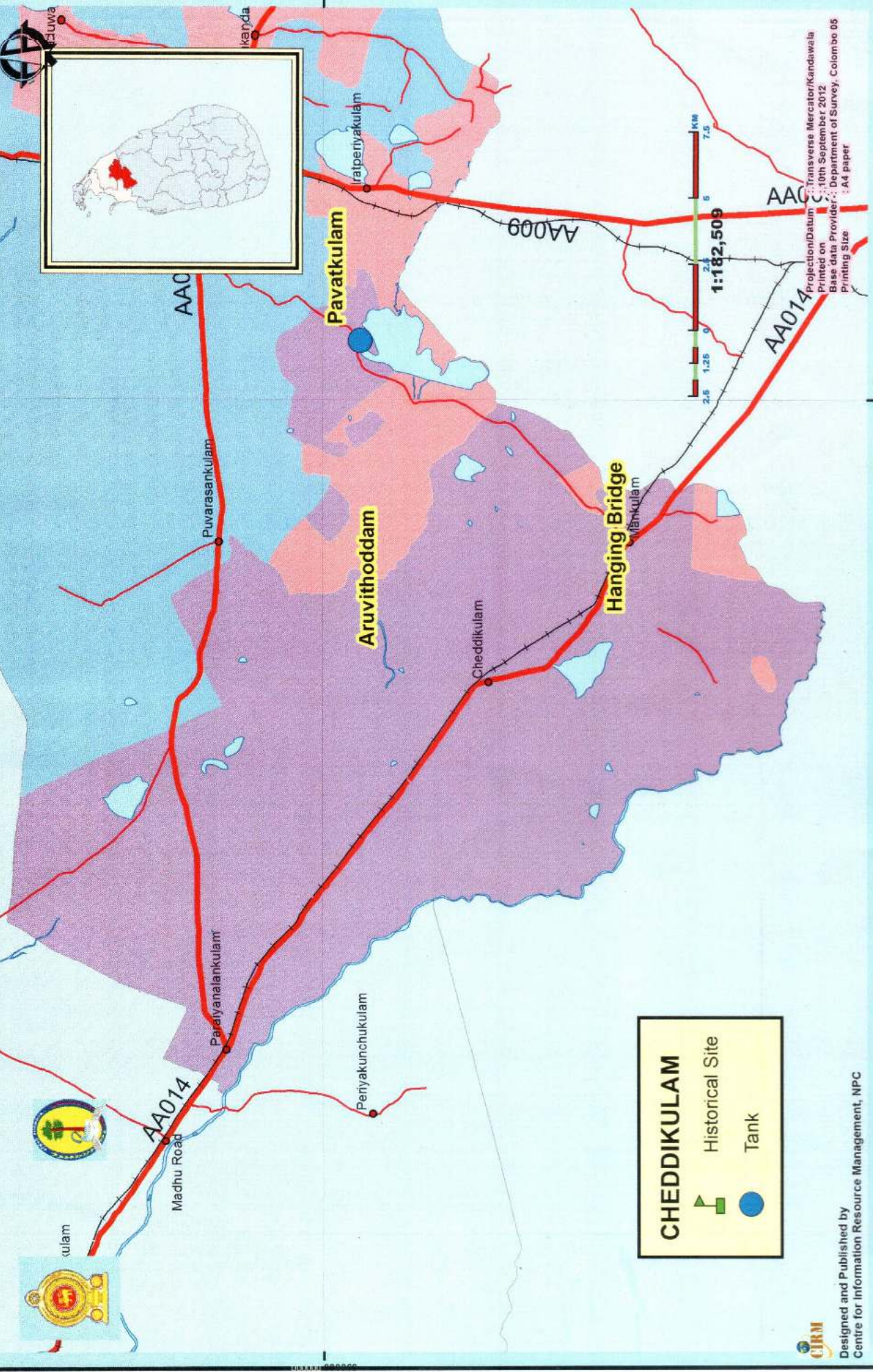
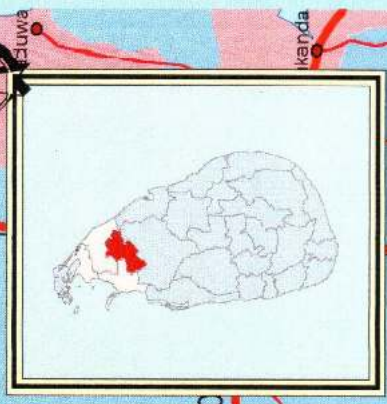


✚ **Background:** - This Govt. Agricultural Farm is situated along the A9 road that is Vavuniya – Jaffna highway. This was started in 1989. Important agricultural activities are undertaken here. Crops that could be easily grown in the Northern Province are planted on an experimental basis and are available for demonstration to those interested in cultivation of different types of crops. Those cultivators who have lot of initiative and imagination can learn a lot by visiting this model agricultural farm. Lot of information regarding methods of cultivation is disseminated here apart from the demonstrations that are shown to cultivators who have an urge to learn new methods in this sector.

✚ **Travel Path:** - Bus stand 100m → Turn to Kathiresu road → turn at roundabout travel along Vavuniya – Jaffna Highway (A9) 2.5Km → Agriculture Farm.

✚ **Contact Name:-** Deputy Director, Agriculture, Vavuniya - 024 2222324


PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - VENGALACHEDDIKULAM DS DIVISION



CHEDDIKULAM



Historical Site



Tank

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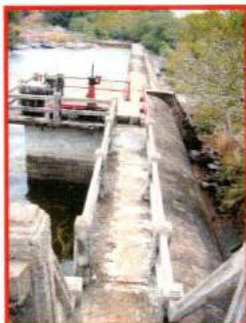
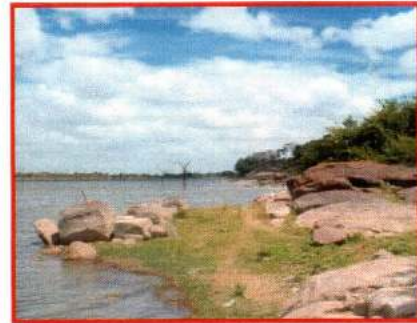
Aruvi Thoddam



- ✚ **Background:** - There are several tanks and water bodies in Vavuniya district. With a view to utilize the water that gets stored in the tank, numbers of Sluice gates are provided. As the flow water is controlled by the suitable preventive dams it is safer for the tourists to have their baths in the channels. Aruvithodam is one of such channels which is located in the Cheddi kulam division in Vavuniya district.
- ✚ **Travel Path:-** Bus stand 100m → Turn to Kathiresu road → turn at left 700m → travel along Vavuniya – Mannar road(A30) 3.7Km → turn left and travel along Nelukulam - Neriyaikulam road(B325) 21.7Km → Madawachchiya – Talaimannar road(A14) 2.8Km → turn left and travel along Inner road 3.6Km → Aruvi Thoddam.
- ✚ **Contact Name:-** Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department – 024 2222584

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – CHEDDIKULAM

Pavatkulam (Tank)

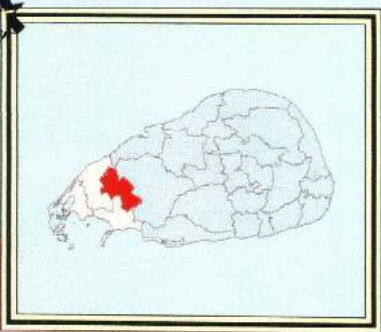


🗳 **Background:** - Number of tanks could be seen in the Vavuniya district. Some of the tanks are large and some of the tanks are small. Pavatkulam is an important tank out of these. It contains 27000 acre feet of water. The height of this tank is 19.4 feet and the acreage that comes under it is 4134 acres of cultivable land. There are four sluice gates for this tank. The bund of this tank is 10364 feet long and the catchment area of this tank is 115 square miles.

🗳 **Travel Path:-** Bus stand 100m → Turn to Kathiresu road → turn at left 700m → travel along Vavuniya – Mannar road(A30) 3.7Km → turn left and travel along Nelukulam - Neriyaikulam road(B325) 10.9Km → turn left and travel along Inner road 700m → Pavatkulam.

🗳 **Contact Name:-** Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department – 024 2222584

PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - VAVUNIYA SOUTH DS DIVISION



Madukantha Vihara

Madukanda

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Puvarasankulam

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Buddhist Temple



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Madukantha Vihara



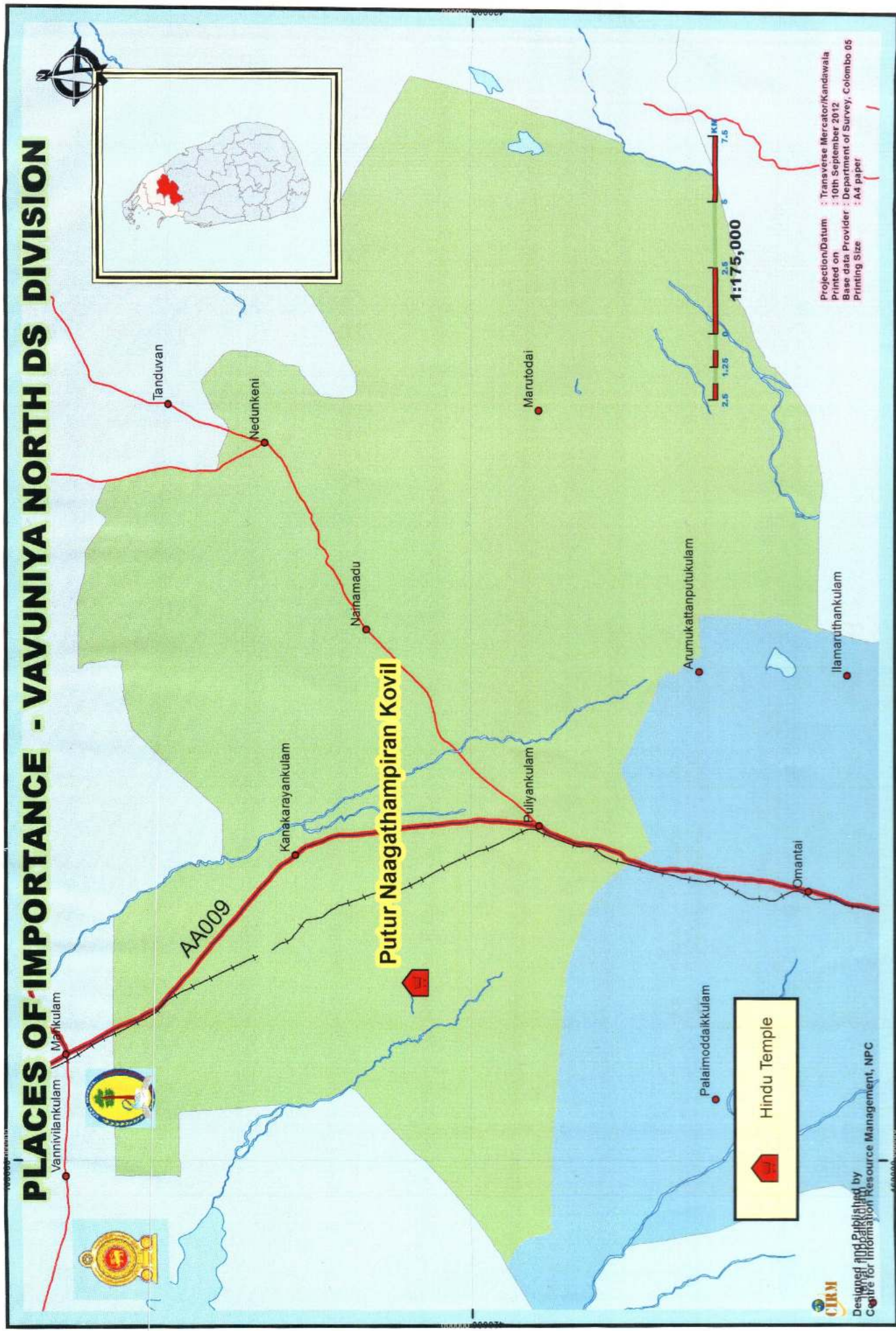
✿ **Background:** - Buddhist who resided in the Vavuniya district regularly attend religious observation held in this Vihara which is located at the heart of the Madukantha town. Religious ceremonies on full moon Poya days of each month are of great significance to them. They earnestly follow the precepts and philosophical teachings of Lord Buddha in leading a disciplined life. Many devotees visit this Vihara to invoke blessings.

✿ **Travel Path:** - Bus stand 100m → Turn to Kathiresu road → turn at roundabout travel along Vavuniya – Horowapadana road (A29) 4.2Km → Turn left → Madukantha Vihara.

✿ **Contact Name:** - Chief priest, Madukantha Vihara.



PLACES OF IMPORTANCE - VAVUNIYA NORTH DS DIVISION



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Hindu Temple




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PLACES OF IMPORTANCE – VAVUNIYA NORTH

Puthur Nagathampiran Kovil



- ✚ **Background:** - This Hindu shrine is located at Puthur, dedicated to Lord Shiva, is believed to be worshipped, and importantly guarded by Cobra's. The main deity of this temple is Lord Shiva. On the full moon day..... Many devotees from all parts of Northern region gather at this temple and offering of milk rice prepared in the temple Courtyard.
- ✚ **Travel Path:** - Bus stand 100m → Turn to Kathiresu road → turn at roundabout travel along Vavuniya – Jaffna Highway (A9) 17.9Km → turn left → travel along Inner road 1.8Km → Puthur Nagathampiran Kovil.
- ✚ **Contact Name:** - Chief priest, Puthur Nagathampiran Kovil.



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