



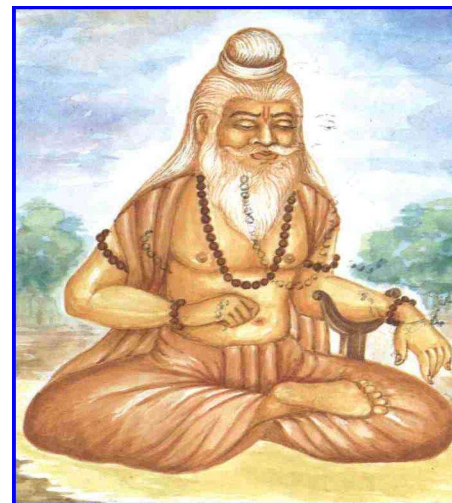
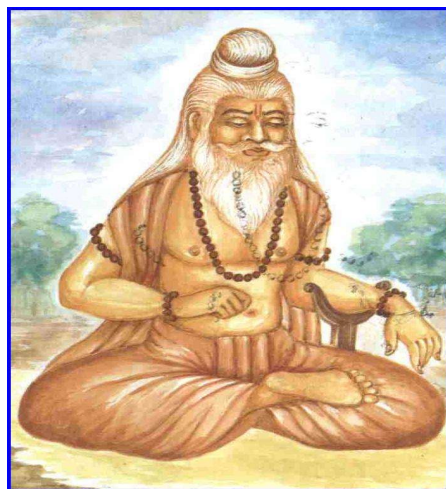
Promoting Rameswaram Tourism

Nambu Nayaki Amman Temple



Mythological story:

About 700 years ago, the sages Patchinaduruwan and Dakshinaduruwan came to Rameswaram. They went to Thazhai forest on the way to Dhanushkodi. Speaking on it, Amman ordered them to perform penance in the forest. Accordingly they sat there and meditated and did poojas. She appeared on the 48th day as a result of severe penance, as the virgin girl as Dakshina Kali. She commanded the saints who worshiped her to dig in the lowland in Thazhai forest. The sages, too, struggled and reached the place. They dug a thicket of shrubs. With a little digging, the blood suddenly oozed out and a wonderful idol of Ambal came before them. When they took that incidence with reverence, they rubbed the turmeric on the left hand of the idol from where the blood was oozing and then they found Ambal with the bowl on the right hand and the knife on the left hand. Since then, she was worshiped as a Kannika goddess.



Nambu Nayaki temple in olden days





Till 2009 it was only a tile roofed temple. People believe that Nambunayaki amman has given permission to do the renovation of her temple in that year. They have the practice of putting Thiruvula chittu for permission and afterwards the temple was renovated.

Nambu Nayakiamman today's
concrete structure



Parivar Gods of the Temple



Infront of Amman left side Bala Ganapathy is there

Infront of Amman Right Side Shenbagaperumal is blessing everybody





Santana Karuppasamy



Ayyanar



Raakatchi, Petchi, Irulayee and Karuppayee

Left Side Parivar Gods





Aalamuneeswarar in a
500 yr old Banyan Tree



It is believed that if tie a cradle in the
tree the childless couples will get child

Left Side parivar God

It is believed that childless couples will get a child by offering prayer to Nambu nayaki amman. It is presumed that the child will get conceived if the couple grind the paste of turmeric in the temple and offer it to Amman and then take back the turmeric paste as prasadam from the poojari and consume it. Similarly, people tie a cradle to the nearby banyan tree for getting a child.





Front Side Parivar Gods
Sangili Karuppanasamy



Front Side
Parivar Gods
Palm Tree
Kali





Front Side
Parivar Gods
Rettai Thalai
Muneeswarar





**Right Side Parivar Gods
Irulan and Maadan**





Entrance of Nambu Nayaki amman Temple





Main Deity of Nambu nayaki amman





Main Deity of Nambu nayaki amman

Festivals:

Tamil month of Audi and Thai Fridays are celebrated every year with special poojas.

Navratri

The festival is held every night for ten days. On the last day of the Navaratri festival, the biggest milk pot festival will take place. On that day the seeds sprouts will be grown in a pot and taken and worshiped by the people and dissolved into the Deva Teertham nearby.

Maha Shivaratri

People who have accepted Nambunayaki as their ancestral goddess will come on this day and worship the Amman and stay in the temple for the whole night and do pooja in the next morning before returning back to their homes.





Nambu nayaki amman



Healing Amman

It is believed that Chicken pox is the most common disease in the region and the consuming turmeric that is offered by Amman is curing this disease. Even now people who are affected by Chicken pox will immediately worship this Amman and take the leaves of the neem tree in-front of her temple and consume the turmeric paste as prasadam to cure the chicken pox. This practice is now being commercially sold even in overseas by Dr.Pillai Center in the United States by nambu herbals. (turmeric as medicine). In the month of February or March every year 200-300 foreigners will come to worship from different countries. Interestingly many people have Nambu attached to their first name.

All family functions

It is seen that all the rituals such as marriage ceremony, ear piercing ceremony and naming ceremony are performed in the temple. People believe that everything that happens in front of her eyes will get better and the best will be attained by them.



Amutha Teertham was renovated by Green Rameswaram Trust with the support from City Union Bank Ltd (CSR funds).

Amutha Teertham is sweet in taste and cures several diseases hence it is known sarvaroga nivarani

Temple Teerthams – Amutha Teertham





Deva Teertham before renovation.

It is near to Amuta Teertham and considered as original Holy Teertham



Deva Teertham after renovation

Temple Teerthams – Deva Teertham





In ancient times, the Devas performed Maheshwara Yaga at Gandhamadhanaparvatham. At the end of the Yagam, Lord Brahma Deva appeared and made the Yaga Kundam a Teertha Kundam. He looks at the gods there and say, “Oh! Devas, this is wonderful, this is the result of the Maheswara Yagam we have got this Teertham” All those who have a dip in this Teertha kundam will get the benefit of performing Maheshwara yagam.

Temple Teerthams – Deva Teertham





This Teertha is known as Deva Teertham. Gods are called Devas in puranas and vedas. This is an ancient Teertha. Whoever comes to Nambu Nayaki temple will always have a dip in the Teertham and worship the goddess. Unfortunately, this Teertha, was in a dilapidated state for number of years and so this practice was abandoned. Now this Teertham been renovated by the Green Rameswaram Team and so the practice will restart.

Temple Teerthams – Deva Teertham

Don't miss out having an darshan of Nambunayaki Amman temple during your next visit to Rameswaram.

Location: It is on the way to Dhanushkodi

Details: You can get more details from <https://www.greenrameswaram.org/news/2020/02-feb-6-revival-renovation.pdf>