



Entrance to Navagrahas

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Devi Pattinam is a small coastal calm village near Ramanathapuram city in Tamil Nadu. It is 14 Kms from Ramanathapuram through a straight road. The place is very famous for its association with SreeRam's life.

This is also celebrated as **Rathnakara shetram** and **Nava baa shaa nam**.

The village is located at the shore of Bay of Bengal. Sea is very calm without waves. The main occupation is fishing and tourism.

The name is derived from the Devi maa haath miyum - Durga Devi fought with Mahishasoora here. Pattinam refers to coastal town in Tamil language. The presiding deity is Badra Kaali here.

How it is linked with SreeRam?

When Ram was confused about his voyage to SreeLanka saint Agysathya met him in Devi Pattinam.



He listened to Ram's situation and predicts his **sal energy** level.

He predicts the position of planets and suggests Rama to perform Navagraha pooja at the sea shore.

Immediately the Vaanara Nala [one who laid the Rama Bridge] brought 9 stones and installed at sea shore. Now we can see them inside the sea. We can reach them through a bridge. We can touch them and offer poojas also. These stones representing navagrahas are known as "nava baashaanam" - mixture of 9 toxins which works as medicine.

[Wooden Clubs of Karupu - Shiva gana]

9 features of human mind have to be tamed and given proper energy to have a good life.

Rama knew that Sitha is in Lanka. But he does not know how to cross the sea. This is our situation also. We need to perform proper rituals to 9 planets.

In this auspicious occasion Agasthya rendered "**Aadhithya Hridhayam**" - the Sanskrith sthuthi upon Sun and asked Rama to chant with true awareness.

Agasthya performed the rituals and also Rama and Laxmana with vaanara army observed Navarathry poojas at Devi Pattinam.

After this Agasthya asked people to perform regular navagraha poojas and ancestral worship here. This is the only temple where we can see and worship for 24 hours.

SreeRama also worshipped the Vishnu deity - Jaganatha and Thaila Kesava Perumal here. He is known as "**kadalai adaitha perumal**" - One who erected bridge across the ocean.

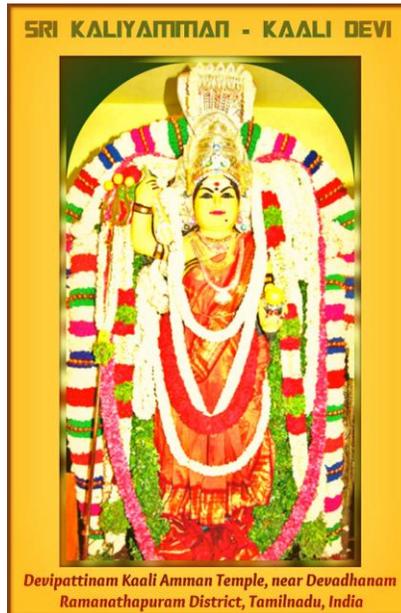
At the entrance of the temple we can see the **Karupu swamy - Shiva gana** represented with wooden clubs. Vaanara army performed kalabali - ritual sacrifice to erect bridge to this Shiva gana and took his blessings for the protection while crossing the sea.

People need to cultivate more civics sense in maintaining the sea without littering.

The place gives us the real vibrations of SreeRam.



Navagrahas in sea water installed by SreeRama



Badra Kali worshiped by SreeRam – presiding deity of Devi Pattinam