



Landscaping and Beautification

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Green Pilgrimage Network



Nandavanam of Temples

Nandavanam of each temple is famous for its usefulness in supplying flowers for the poojas and rituals. It also relates with the belief that maintenance of nature is the basic duty of all human being. Sthala Vruksham concept further endorses this school of thought. Nandavanam of Sri Ramanathasamy Temple is huge with more than 10000 square feet in its area.

Present status of the Nandavanam in Sri Ramanathasamy Temple

Currently there is absolutely no maintenance for Nandavanam. Thorny bushes and fallen trees and snakes welcomes you if you visit Nandavanam of Sri Ramanathasamy Temple. There are 6 Teertham wells also found inside Nandavanam of Sri Ramanathasamy Temple. Puranic reference to these Teerthams are unknown.

Efforts taken to Restore Nandavanam

With the advent of Green Rameswaram, efforts were taken to restore Nandavanam by occasionally cleaning the Nandavanams with volunteers (mostly students and seva sanghs) at least monthly once this happens. However, this is not enough considering the hugeness of the Nandavanam. Practically we require a dedicated person for maintaining the Nandavanam.

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Through Green Pilgrimage Network support we tried to get project for reincarnation of the Nandavanam. However, after several rounds of discussion the authorities gave permission to do the work in the outskirts of North Tower. With much discussion we have tied up with Jeyam Nursery of Thangatchimadam for planting the trees.

Cleaning Works of the North Tower outskirts



Debris near the North tower



Another view of the cleaning

There was huge debris, thorny bushes across the north tower outskirts. With the support of Hand in Hand team (Partner of Green Rameswaram) and local volunteers, we could clear the debris and thorny bushes.



Land Preparation for plantation

Planting and Watering

After establishing the proper piping and water facility, following flower plants saplings (850) were planted

S.No	Name of the Flower in Tamil	Scientific Name	No of plants
1.	Nandhiavattai	Crape Jasmine	32
2.	Malligai poo	Jasmine	500
3.	Arali	Ghanera/Nerium Oleander	40
4.	Paarijatham	Night flowering Jasmine	23
5.	Idly Poo	Ixora	64
6.	Sembaruthi	Hibiscus	42
7.	Tulasi	Basil	25
8.	Manjal poo	Tecoma Stans	36
9.	Marikozhundhu	Laws Persian Violet	15
10.	Alli	Jasmine Auriculatum	73
Total			850

At regular frequency the team is watering and fertilizing the plants. The land covered under this project 48 cents (approximately 21000 Square feet).



Plantation work is on ...

