

Promoting Rameswaram Tourism Dhanushkodi Railway Station



DHANUSHKODI
From Rameswaram Distance
approximately 20 KM



Basic Demographics

- Dhanushkodi is an abandoned town at the south-eastern tip of Pamban Island of the state of Tamil Nadu in India
- It is south-east of Pamban and is about 24 kilometres (15 mi) west of Talaimannar in Sri Lanka. The town was destroyed during the 1964 Rameswaram cyclone and remains uninhabited in the aftermath.
- Dhanushkodi is on the tip of Pamban island, separated from the mainland by the Palk Strait. It shares the only land border between India and Sri Lanka, which is one of the smallest in the world at 45 metres (148 ft) in length on a shoal in the Palk Strait.



Fishing is the main livelihood here in Dhanushkodi. Still the inhabitants Fish.

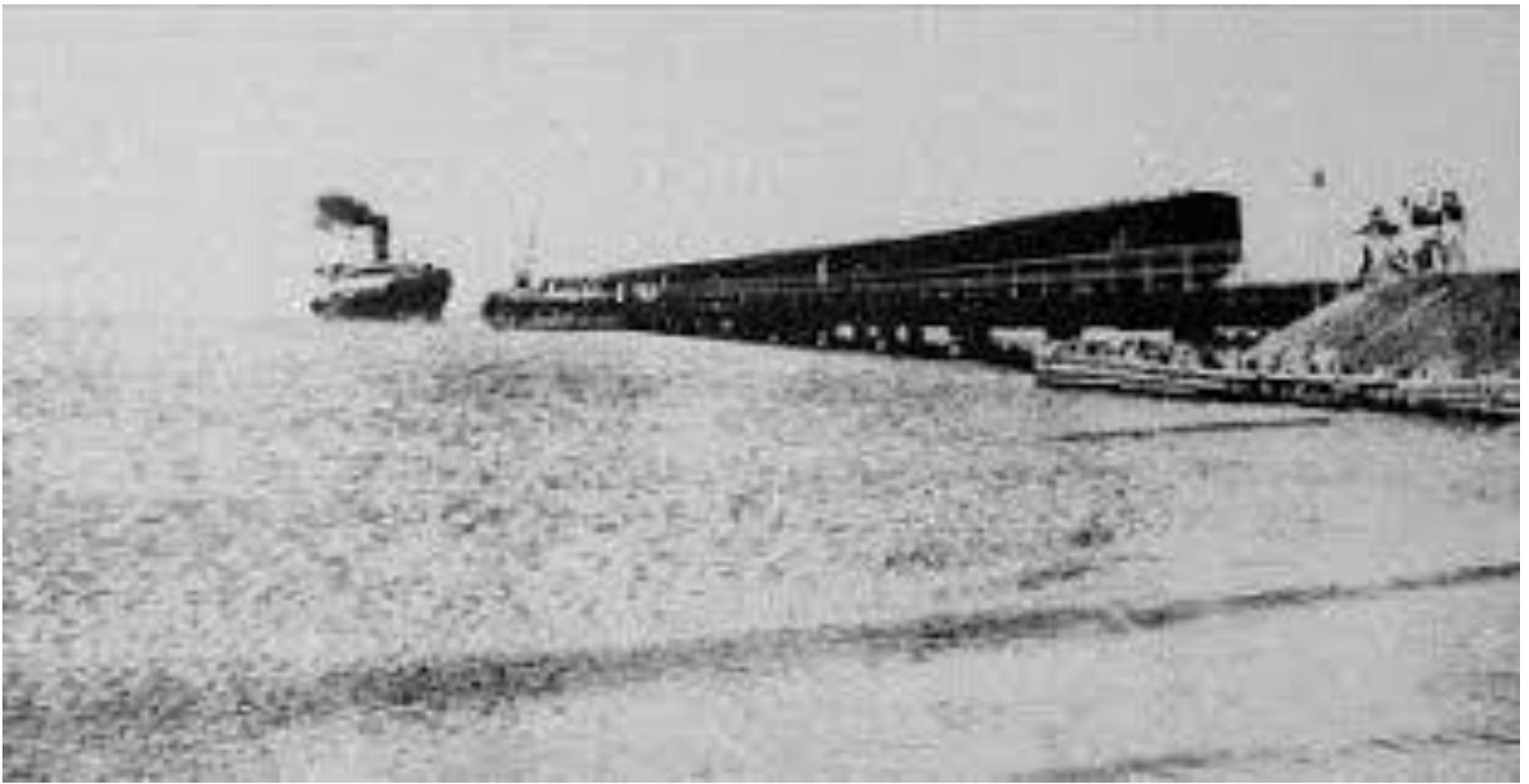
Two seas of Bay of Bengal and Indian Ocean merges in this place is a scenic beauty

DHANUSHKODI

The most beautiful place in India

Location	India
GPS Coordinates	9.1793°N 79.4157°E
Owned by	Indian Railways
Operated By	Southern Railways
Lines	Manamadurai – Rameswaram Branch line
Platforms	2
Tracks	3
Structure type	On Ground Station
Railway Station	March 1, 1914





Boat mail coming to the Dhanushkodi



PASSENGERS ARRIVED BY FERRY STEAMER FROM CEYLON
CHANGING INTO THE MADRAS BOAT MAIL AT DHANUSHKODI PIER



On 22nd December, 1964, the train popularly called as 'Boat mail' which left Pamban with 115 passengers to Dhanushkodi was hit by a massive tidal wave near Dhanushkodi and got drowned under water.



Crushed Railway tracks and other dilapidated parts in Dhanushkodi just after the 1964 Disaster which took 1800 lives

Today's Dhanushkodi Railway station



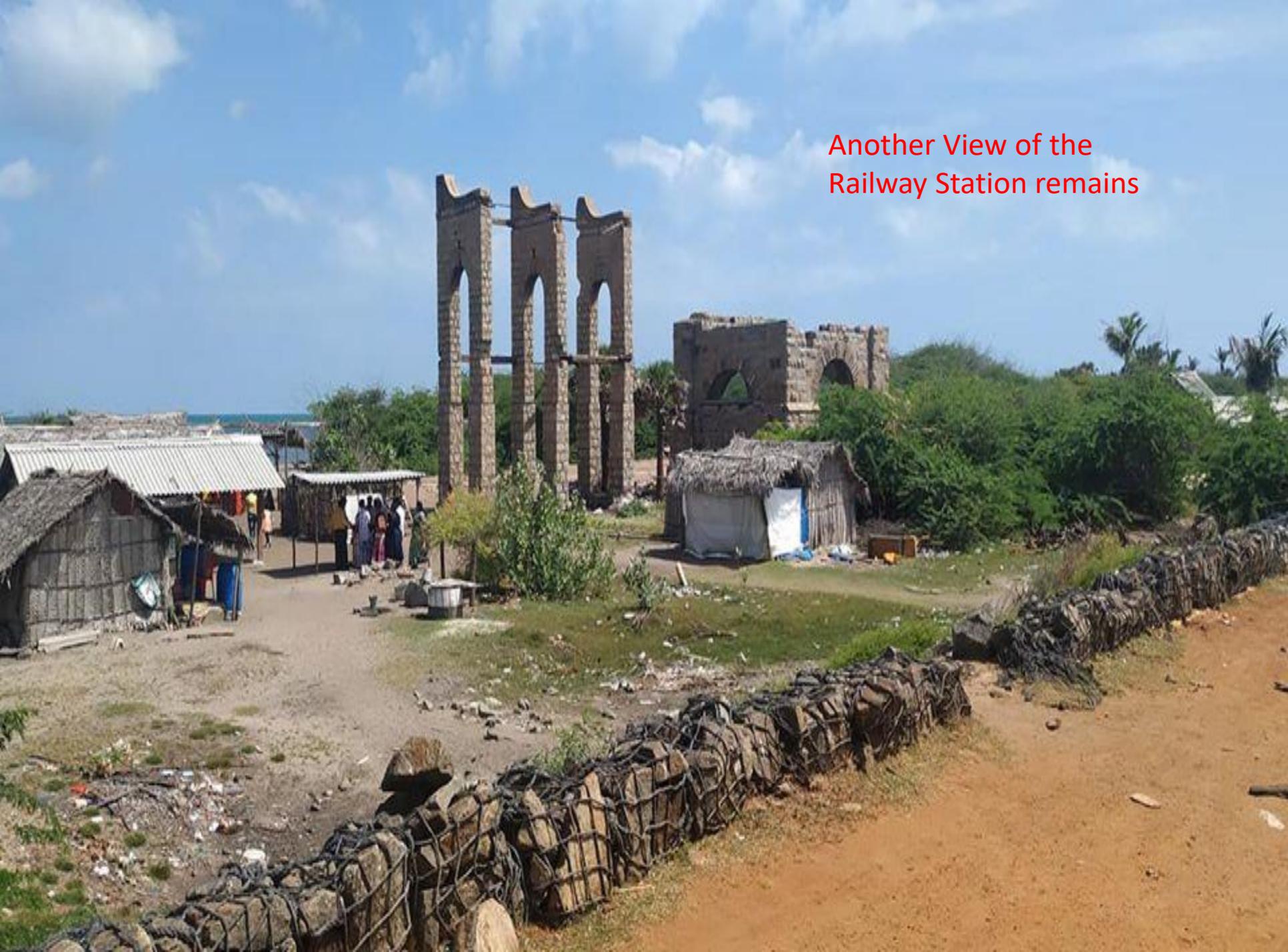
Dilapidated Railway Entrance





Railway Station Water Tank –
Broken structure

Another View of the
Railway Station remains





Platform Remaining
structure

In an endeavour to revive the tourism potential and prospects of Dhanushkodi, Railway has proposed to reconstruct the 17.20 Km long Electrified line between Rameswaram and Dhanushkodi at an estimated cost of Rs.208 Crores. This will immensely benefit hundreds of thousands of tourists visiting the famed tourist destination. Modern signalling equipment and Electronic Interlocking facilities, 31 minor bridges and 10 Road Over Bridges (ROBs) will be constructed in the section. There will be three halt railway stations in the new section between Rameswaram and Dhanushkodi. Stations will be developed with all the facilities to promote the tourism in this sector including running of tourist special trains to this place.



Entry : 6 AM to 6 PM

The cheapest option is to take the state government bus (Route 3) from the bus stop near Agni Teertham in Rameswaram. The frequency of buses is approximately every 30 minutes and tickets cost 30 rupees per person, one way. The last bus returns just before 6 p.m.



Travel time from Rameswaram to Dhanushkodi is about 30-45 minutes

People here live in semi permanent structures with no basic facilities. Green Rameswaram project has supported 250 households with solar electrification



CONSERVE AND RE-INTERPRET THE HERITAGE OF DHANUSHKODI



DPR for preserving monuments of Dhanushkodi was prepared by Green Rameswaram



Dhanushkodi is an archeologically important place and Government should come forward to preserve it