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A Rare book - Dhevaiula on Ramanathaswami By: C.Rangarajan, Chennai

This classical work on Sri Ramanatha Swami of Rameswaram was composed by “Palapattadai Chokkanatha Pillai”. This work was discovered by Sri U.Ve.Saminatha Iyer after comparing multiple versions. He also wrote a commentary on this rare text. He is affectionately called Tamil Thatha (literally, "Tamil grandfather")

பைநாகம் போய்மறைத்த பைம்பொற் சிகரம்போன்
மைநாக நீரின் மறைந்ததுபோற் - கைநாக

பங்கன் சடைமுடிமேற் பண்டா யிரமுகத்துக்
கங்கை யொளித்திருந்த காட்சிபோற் - செங்கனியின்

சார்பி லொளித்திருந்த தக்ககன்போன் மிக்கமணி
மார்பி லொளித்த வனமுலையாள் - ஊரனுக்குப்

பைம்பொன் றிருமுருகன் பூண்டியி லேபறிபோஞ்
செம்பொனெனப் போய்மீண்ட சீறெயிற்றாள் - கொம்பை



Further, the exotic comparison, continues:

Like the dark Mainaka mountain peak hidden beneath the coils of the mighty serpent Ādiseṣa, her form seemed submerged in the inky, mountain-like waters.

Like the thousand-faced Lord Śiva upon whose matted locks the sacred Mother Gaṅgā once descended and concealed herself, so did her thousand radiant expressions glow like jewels beneath the serpent adorning His divine arm.

Like the serpent Takṣaka concealed within a fruit, her lustrous bosom—adorned with precious jewels—shone with the dignified splendor traditionally worn by worthy women.

Like the golden idol that was stolen and later miraculously restored to Sundaramūrti Nayanār, her tightly closed, reddish lips glowed with that same sacred, recovered brilliance.

(To be continued)

Ref :

1. <https://www.tamildigitallibrary.in/book-detail.php?id=jZY9lup2kZl6TuXGIZQdjZhdKJYy#book1/>
2. தேவையுலா, மூலமும் தெளிவுரையும், முத்து. இராமமூர்த்தி, சாரதா பதிப்பகம்

Pasumai Mahalir Self-Help group meeting

A special meeting was organized by the Pasumai Mahalir Self Help Group at Green Rameswaram Project office on 12th November 2025. The event saw enthusiastic involvement from four Self Help Groups, with a total of 10 individuals attending.



Shri. Ramakrishnan, Director, VK-Nardep talking about importance of the Ramayana and Bhagavad Gita to SHG members

Online Palsuvai Nigaltchi

On 17 October 2025 online Palsuvai Nigaltchi was organised through Google meet. This time Smt.Shiva Sankari acted as comparator. 52 members participated in the programme. The programme schedule was as follows:

S.No	Programmes	Participant
1	Prayer	Ramapriya
2	Pasumai Rameswaram Song	Kanagavalli
3	Cooking Tips	Vithya
4	Monthly Special Teertha Pooja	Thillai pushpam
5	Medicinal Tips	Rajeswari
6	Thoughts of Vivekananda	Valli
7	Monthly Special	Karpagavalli
8	Bhagavat Geeta	Guganeswari
9	Quiz	Sathya
10	Nayanmar Kathai	Manimegalai
11	Thirukovil Special	Kalaivani
12	Vidukathai	Revathi
13	Vote of thanks	Ramakrishnan
14	Shanti Mantram	Rekha

Patha Pooja

A special **Pāda Pūjā ceremony** was organised at Anandalaya to inspire students to express gratitude, respect, and devotion toward their parents, who are regarded as their first teachers

and guides. Students from various classes participated with enthusiasm, accompanied by their parents and teachers.

The programme began with a short prayer and the chanting of mantras, creating a serene and spiritual atmosphere. The students then performed Pāda Pūjā by gently washing their parents’ feet, applying turmeric and kumkum, offering flowers, and receiving their blessings with folded hands.

Teachers spoke about the cultural and spiritual significance of Pāda Pūjā and encouraged students to honour, respect, and care for their parents throughout their lives. In the concluding moments, many parents expressed their joy and emotion, blessing the children wholeheartedly.

The ceremony beautifully strengthened the bond between students and their parents and helped instil the values of gratitude, humility, and Indian cultural traditions—fostering positive attitudes and behaviour among the children.

S.No	Date	Anandalaya Name & Place	Participants
1	18.11.2025	Veer and Rudhra, Sambai, Rameswaram	Parents 20 Students 30
2	18.11.2025	Krish, Vallal Nagar, Rameswaram	Parents 10 Students 13
3	18.11.2025	Dev, Erakadu, Rameswaram	Parents 14 Students 12
4	18.11.2025	Ishaan, Manthooppu, Rameswaram	Parents 14 Students 22
5	18.11.2025	Arjun, Teechatharkollai, Rameswaram	Parents 10 Students 15



Pada Pooja ceremony - Veer and Rudhra Anandalaya, Sambai, Rameswaram

Kutumba Welfare Pooja

In November 2025, we conducted **seven Kutumba Welfare Pūjās**. Kutumba Welfare Pūjā is a spiritual ritual performed for the welfare, peace, and prosperity of the family, fostering unity and harmony among its members.

The programme began with a prayer and the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolizing devotion and the invocation of divine blessings. A collective *Ārati* was performed, signifying the dispelling of darkness and the awakening of spiritual energy. Special prayers were offered for family harmony and wellbeing, with a focus on resolving challenges faced by households. A total of **85 participants** joined the pūjās with devotion, unity, and collective spirit. After the prayers, *prasādam* (Kesari) and *manjal-kumkumam* were distributed as blessings and a mark of auspiciousness. The events were conducted peacefully with deep spiritual involvement, and all participants expressed their happiness and satisfaction with the arrangements.

S.No	Date	Pasumai Kutumbam	Venue	Participants
1	08.11.2025	Kaliyamam, Mangadu, Rameswaram	Indhu Mathi House, Mangadu, Rameswaram	17
2	08.11.2025	Sembaruthi, Kudiyeruppu, Thangachimadam	Siva Punitha House, Kudiyeruppu, Thangachi madam	30
3	10.11.2025	Iyyapan, Vivekananda Nagar, Pamban	Gayathri House, Vivekananda Nagar, Pamban	14
4	11.11.2025	Vinayagar, Vivekananda Nagar, Pamban	Jeya Mariswari House, Vivekananda Nagar, Pamban	13
5	20.11.2025	Varasakthi Vinayagar, Mangadu, Rameswaram	Guganeswari House, Mangadu, Rameswaram	11
6	27.11.2025	Akshaya, Verkodu, Rameswaram	Poomari House, Verkodu, Rameswaram	15
7	28.11.2025	Poomariyaman, Railway Feeder Road, Rameswaram	Rajeshwari House, Railway Feeder Road, Rameswaram	5



Siva Punitha House, Kudiyeruppu, Thangachimadam

