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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")



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The poet goes on to describe the varied states of devotees who, having completely dissolved themselves in devotion and meditative bliss, have lost their ordinary sense of reality.

1. One female devotee, seeing a painting, searches within it for real fruits, mistaking art for life.
2. Another, beholding her own living image in a mirror, lovingly feeds that reflection and only then partakes of the food herself.
3. A third, believing she must dig into wet sand along the shore, instead splashes and strikes the rolling waves.

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Pada Pooja:

A special Pāda Pūjā ceremony was organised at Anandalaya to inspire students to express gratitude, respect, and devotion towards 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 instill the values of gratitude, humility, and Indian cultural traditions—fostering positive attitudes and behaviour among the children.

<i>S.No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Anandalaya Center Name / Place</i>	<i>No. of participants</i>
1	13.01.2026	Vihaan / Akkalmadam, Pamban	Parents 06 and Students 15



Patha Pooja in Vihaan Anandalaya, Akkalmadam, Pamban

Kutumba Kshema Pūjās

In January 2026, we conducted 08 Kutumba Kshema Pūjās. It 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 119 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.

<i>S.No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Pasumai Kutumbam</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Participants</i>
1	23.01.2026	Sakthi Vel	Thaleswari House, Thoppugadu, Rameswaram	23
2	24.01.2026	Kali Amman	Munneswari House, Mangadu, Rameswaram	21
3	24.01.2026	Munneswarar	Murugaeswari House Sambai, Rameswaram	10
4	24.01.2026	Iyyapan,	Santhi House VKNagar, Pamban	10
5	27.01.2026	SRI Kannan	Sivaneswari House,SK Patti, Rameswaram	12
6	29.01.2026	Mullai	Devi House Parvatham, Rameswaram	17
7	31.01.2026	Vinayagar and Varahi	VK Nagar, Pamban	16
8	31.01.2026	Semparuthi	Kattumari House, Meiyampuli	10



Pooja at Munneswari House, Mangadu, Rameswaram

Online Palsuvai Nigaltchi

On 29 January 2026 online Palsuvai Nigaltchi was organised through Google meet. This time Smt.Kalaivani acted as comparator. 57 members participated in the programme. The programme schedule was as follows:

<i>S.No</i>	<i>Programmes</i>	<i>Participant</i>
1	Prayer	Lakshmi Krishna
2	Pasumai Rameswaram Song	Gayathri
3	Cooking Tips	Maha Rani
4	Monthly Special Theertha Pooja	Thillaipushpam
5	Medicinal Tips	Shanti
6	Sayings of Vivekananda	Valli
7	Monthly Special	Karpagavalli
8	Bhagavath Geetha	Pratheepa
9	Quiz	Shanti
10	Nayanmar Kathai	Manimegalai
11	Thirukovil Special	Kalaivani
12	Vidukathai	Revathi
13	Ramayanam	Gayathri
14	Vote of thanks	Ramakrishnan
15	Shanti Mantram	Rekha

