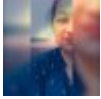


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### **SREE SUBRAMANYA SWAMI MANDIR, THIRUPPARANKUNRAM (TN)**

**Cave Mandir where Subramanya (Sri Murugan) graces devotees in a seated, wedding form with his consort Deivanai.**

**The Mandir is believed to have been constructed by the Pandyas in the 6th century.**

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At the end of the battle in Thiruchendur, after vanquishing Soorapadman, Subramanya and his troops came to rest here. It is said that here Subramanya worships Shiva in the form of Parangirinathar.

Subramanya asked Viswakarma, the divine architect, to construct a beautiful abode.



Indra, the king of Devas, offered his daughter Deivanai's hand in marriage to Subramanya. The marriage took place here. Up to this day, it is considered auspicious to get married here, more so during the festival of marriage 'Panguni Uthiram'.  
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Here, only a scented paste called 'punugu' consisting of civet musk and other scented ingredients is applied to Sri Murugan.

Abhishegam is performed only to the Vel, Sri Muruga's weapon. Great importance is given to the Vel, as Muruga came here after defeating Soorapadman.

