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Sri Sanjeevi Rayar Temple located in Ayyangar Kulam,near Kanchipuram,TN

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Ancient but beautiful temple dedicated to Hanuman. This temple is a legendary one. According to the Sthala Puranam of Sanjeevi Rayar temple,it is associated with an episode from Ramayana.



Legend story -Hanuman was flying from Himalayas to Lanka bearing Sanjeevi hill to revive Lakshmana during battle between Rama& Ravana, a piece of the Sanjeevi Parvat fell at this place.Many believe this legendary story & even today that no one here dies of any kind of poisoning.

From historical background of the temple it is known that temple was originally built by a great scholar & administrator Kotikanyadanam Lakshmikumara Tatacharya. Temple itself&village were named following name of great scholar Tatacharya, who was then popularly known as Ayyangar.

He was the royal preceptor of Vijayanagara emperor Venkata Raya who had his capital at Chandragiri in AP. Upon returning from a pilgrimage, robbers tried to attack Tatacharya at this place. Being a great devotee of Hanuman, he instantly composed a poem in Sanskrit praising Hanuman.



The bandits immediately ran away & Tatacharya decided to build a temple dedicated to Anjaneya at that very place. This Sanskrit poem is called Hanumad Vimshati, has been inscribed in Grantha script inside this temple. The huge temple tank called Tatasamudram, in honor of Tatacharya.

The Nadavavi well is situated close to Sanjeevi Rayar temple. The Nadavavi is a beautiful arch with a granite entrance gateway & steps leading to an underground mandapa. Mostly if monsoon is proper, this mandapa is filled with water. There is mechanism to pump water out as well.



Ayyangar Kulam Nadavavi utsavam is a unique festival celebrated on full-moon day in month of Chithirai when Varadaraja Perumal of Kanchipuram visits Nadavavi well. Devotees carry Varadaraja Perumal inside cool premise of the mandapa in hot month of Chithirai & worship is offered.



Kanchipuram is known for many ancient <https://t.co/N1ohXYBcyI> visit this small ancient Sanjeevi Rayar temple in Ayyangar kulam as well. Dont miss out to see Nadavavi well.

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