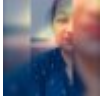


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KANIPAKAM VINAYAKA, CHITOOR (AP)

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Kani means wetland and Pakam means flow of water into wetland.

Kanipakam Vinayaka is swayambhu (self-manifested). The murti is in a well which is always full of water.



Once, there were three brothers. Each one had a handicap- Dumb, Deaf and Blind. They had a small piece of land for livelihood. For their field, they drew water from a well. One day, they found that the well had dried up so one of them started digging in the well.



His tool hit something and blood oozed out. They found a swayambhu murti of Ganesha here. Villagers started offering coconut water which overflowed into a channel. Hence the name Kanipakam.



The murti is still growing in size. At present, we see the knees and the abdomen only. The Kavacham (Armour) offered to Vinayaka 50 years ago doesn't fit today.

Vinayaka is believed to be the upholder of truth. So people come here and swear before him to prove their innocence.

