

Sage Vasista informed Rama to follow austerity practices before the function. Therefore, Rama had spent 5

the night along with Sita at the temple of Lord Ranganatha who was the family deity of IkSvAku clan.

Valmiki mentions about this in the verse

Saha patnyA visAIAkSyA nArAyanam upAgamatu.

With the wide eyed Sita assisting Rama with argyam, pAdyam, he offered prayers to Ranga.6

Upon completion, Rama used his angavastrA to lie down within the corridors of the temple.

The perumal who was inside is the same that was lying outside.

The nuance is that the perumal outside was like an ursavar who was about to embark on a journey to complete duSta
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(annihilation of Ravana and other rAkSasAs.

Thus, Ramayana offers lot of insights into what may seem like ordinary instances.

Jai Sriram.

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