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Mullaivananathar Kovil

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Mullaivananathar Temple is located in Mayiladuthurai District of Tamil Nadu. Paramashiva is Swayambhu here and temple is one among Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalam. Paramashiva is worshipped here as Mullaivananathar and



Parvathi Devi as Sathyanantha Soundari.

Sthala Puranam says that, Parvathi Devi wished to learn the meaning of Panchakshari mantram "Namasivaya" – Na-ma-Shi-Va-Ya. Paramashiva gave Upadesam to Parvathi Devi here.



Once Chola king, killivalan was suffering from skin disease, and he was advised to take a dip in the Kshetra Kulam. The place was covered with Jasmine (mullai)plants. In order to clear the way, the king started to cut the plants but was shocked to see blood coming from there.



He cleared away the plants and saw a Shivalingam. He became very sad and decided to end his life for hurting his Deva. Paramashiva appeared with Devi and protected killivalan. Thus this temple came to be known as Mullaivananathar Kshetram.

Om Nama Shivaya



