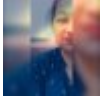


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THIRUNELLI MAHAVISHNU MANDIR, WAYANAD (KER)

Only mandir where devotees can perform all rituals related to one's life, from birth to death and life after death.

It is said that the pratishtha of Vishnu was done by Brahma himself.

Also called Sahyamala Kshetram n Kashi of South



Brahma was travelling round the Universe on his hamsa, when he became attracted by the beauty of the area now known as Brahmagiri Hill. He noticed a murti in an Amla tree and installed it here. At Brahma's request Vishnu promised that the water here would wash away all sins.



Even today the mukhya pujari leaves a portion of the puja materials in the belief that Brahma Himself will come and perform pooja in the early hours of morning.

Parashurama performed the last rites of his father, Jamdagni, here.

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On the western side is the cave mandir Gunnika, dedicated to Shiva. It is said that a fruit (Nelli fruit) plucked by a bhakt was turned into a shivlinga as he was finishing bath in the Papanashini stream. Thus Thirunelli is blessed by the unique presence of Trideva.

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The steps at the back of the mandir lead to the tank Panchteertham. It is believed that Panchteertham, at one point of time, was a meeting point of 5 rivers. The tank has the footsteps of Vishnu, called Vishnupad on a boulder in the middle.
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