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KOLLAM DISTRICT

❁ KOTTUKAL
THRIKOVIL CAVE
TEMPLE



Kottukal Thrikovil cave temple located near Anchal in Kollam district is carved out of a single rock and consists of two rectangular chambers facing East. The smaller chamber is dedicated to Lord Hanuman and the larger one is dedicated to Lord Shiva in the form of Shiva Linga, along with the celestial bull Nandi. In between the two chambers is a small shrine where the sculpted form of Lord Ganapathi is installed.

There is a well in the temple complex that never dries up. The history of this temple dates back to the 7th century AD. Daily pujas are performed here under the administration of the Travancore Devaswom Board. It is one of the famous temples in Kerala that attracts visitors with its amazing architecture and serene ambience.

To reach this rock-cut temple, one has to travel 8 km from Anchal or 10 km from Chadayamangalam where the famous Jatayu Nature Park is located. Kollam Junction is the major railway station (46 km) and Trivandrum International airport (60 km) is the nearest airport.



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has been instrumental in bringing the rich heritage of India to the world on World Heritage Day. Through their dedication and efforts, they have helped promote and preserve our cultural legacy for future generations to appreciate and cherish. We commend their passion and commitment to showcasing the beauty and significance of Indian heritage on a global platform. Thank you for your invaluable contribution.

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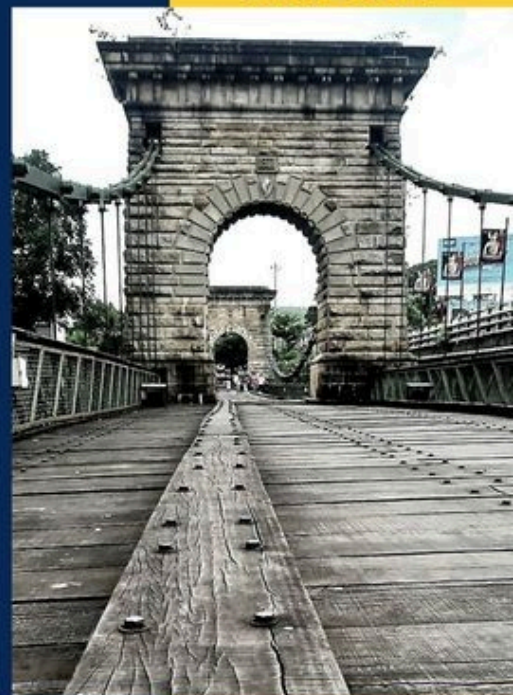
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❄ HANGING BRIDGE OF PUNALUR KERALA - FACTS, AND HISTORY

- ❄ The hanging bridge was constructed during the reign of Ayilyam Thirunal as Raja of Travancore. Divan Nanupilla sanctioned the project.
- ❄ Albert Henry was the Site Engineer for the Hanging bridge of Punalur.
- ❄ Bridge construction got sanctioned in 1871.
- ❄ Many attempts to construct a normal pillar bridge failed due to the violent and furious water discourse in the Kallada River due to its highly inclined topography.
- ❄ Construction of the bridge was completed by 1877.
- ❄ The hanging bridge got opened to the public by 1880
- ❄ The bridge is majorly imported from England than being a local construction. The pillars and wood works were only done here.
- ❄ The spans, chains etc are imported to Kollam through Sea from England, and Elephants pulled them to the Bridge site in Punalur in huge carts, taking the whole of a month for just transportation.
- ❄ Construction material used in this very old Bridge is said to be like a mixture of burned lime shells, sand and very traditional adhesive made from animal bones. The very common mixture used in olden times were named as Surki, which is used in the construction of many old earthen dams of Kerala etc. Many of them like this Hanging bridge got converted as Archaeological Heritage monuments, but these are still usable and strong.
- ❄ Many among the old generations who used this bridge before the new bridge came are still living in Punalur, Kerala with those old memories and experiences.
- ❄ Many myths are there surrounding this bridge construction and the people who participated, in the construction of this old bridge which is now standing tall as a Landmark in Kerala Tourism map.

HANGING BRIDGE



PUNALUR KERALA



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JATAYU EARTH'S CENTRE

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Jatayu Earth's Centre is a unique destination that celebrates the legend of Jatayu, the noble bird from the Indian epic Ramayana. Located in Chadayamangalam village in Kollam district of Kerala, Jatayu Earth's Centre is spread over 65 acres of land and offers a range of attractions and facilities for visitors of all ages and interests. Whether you are looking for a thrilling adventure, a relaxing retreat, or a cultural immersion, Jatayu Earth's Centre has something for everyone.

Jatayu: The Legendary Bird of Ramayana

Jatayu is a character from the ancient Indian epic Ramayana, which narrates the story of Lord Rama, his wife Sita, and his brother Lakshmana. Jatayu was a vulture-like bird who was the son of Aruna, the charioteer of the sun god Surya. Jatayu was a loyal friend and devotee of Lord Rama, and he played a crucial role in his life.

According to the Ramayana, when Rama, Sita, and Lakshmana were living in exile in the forest, the demon king Ravana kidnapped Sita and flew away in his flying chariot. Jatayu saw this and tried to stop Ravana by fighting him in the air. Jatayu fought valiantly but was severely wounded by Ravana's sword. He fell to the ground and waited for Rama to come. When Rama arrived, Jatayu told him about Sita's abduction and Ravana's direction. Rama was touched by Jatayu's sacrifice and performed his last rites with respect and gratitude.

Jatayu Earth's Centre is built on the spot where Jatayu fell and died. It is a tribute to his courage, loyalty, and devotion. It also symbolizes the protection of women and nature, as Jatayu tried to save Sita and the forest from Ravana.

JATAYU BIRD SCULPTURE: THE WORLD'S LARGEST FUNCTIONAL BIRD SCULPTURE

The main attraction of Jatayu Earth's Centre is the majestic Jatayu bird sculpture, which is the world's largest functional bird sculpture. The sculpture measures 200 feet in length, 150 feet in breadth, 70 feet in height, and has an area of 15,000 square feet. It is made of stainless steel and concrete and can accommodate up to 100 people at a time.



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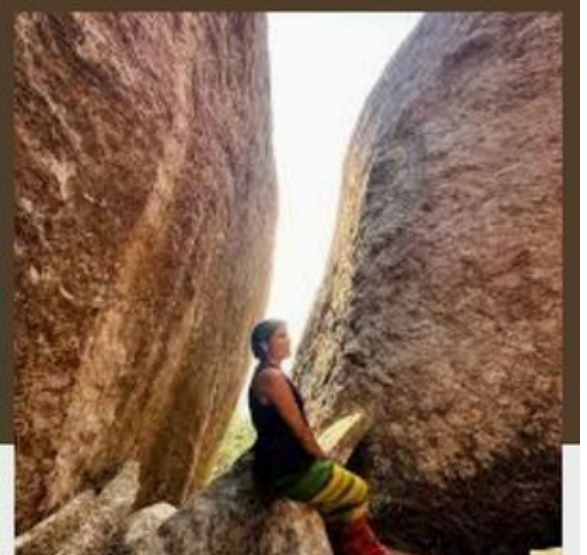
As the height increases the beauty of forest also heightens in intensity. Below is the thick forest that is spread for kilometres. All nature lovers mind will be refreshed by it. It's not far away, Kollam-Angal-Channapetta route - at "Kudukathupara".

This rock (mountain) is situated 3000 feet above sea level. Those who can climb uphill can come and enjoy the forest fines, and the distant beauty from up above. Unlike other locations, it's calm and quiet without much crowd, hours will be spend over here. It's away from the busy life of city which will refresh the mind and helps it to melt into nature.

It's true that those born in such calm environment turn to become artists. Kerala's own "Pookutty", Rasool Pookutty who got Oscar Award was born in "Villakke para" which is located nearby.



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DHANUSHKODI, Rameshwaram,
Ramanathapuram district, Tamilnadu

Dhanushkodi is a town located at the south-eastern tip of Pamban Island in Tamil Nadu, India. It's known for its unique geographical position, flanked by the Indian Ocean on one side and the Bay of Bengal on the other¹. The town was once a bustling and flourishing center, with a rich fishing belt and a pivotal point for pilgrimage and trade between India and Sri Lanka.

However, in 1964, Dhanushkodi was hit by a devastating cyclone that destroyed much of the town and left it uninhabited. The ruins of the town, including a temple, church, railway station, and homes, still stand as a reminder of the past². Despite its tragic history, Dhanushkodi has become an attraction for tourists seeking serenity and a glimpse into the area's mythological and historical significance.

The town also holds a mythological connection to the epic Ramayana. It is believed to be the place where Lord Rama, with the help of his army, built a bridge, known as Ram Setu or Adam's Bridge, across the sea to Lanka to rescue his wife Sita from the demon king Ravana¹. After the battle, the bridge was destroyed on Rama's command, giving the town its name, which means 'end of the bow'.

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Pamban Bridge, Rameshwaram,
Tamilnadu

- HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Opened on 24 February 1914, the Pamban Bridge holds the distinction of being India's first sea bridge.

It was the longest sea bridge in India until the Bandra-Worli Sea Link was inaugurated in 2010

- DESIGN AND FEATURES:

The bridge spans a total length of 6,776 feet (2,065 meters).

For the most part, it is a conventional bridge resting on concrete piers.

However, it also features a double-leaf bascule section midway, which can be raised to allow ships and barges to pass through.

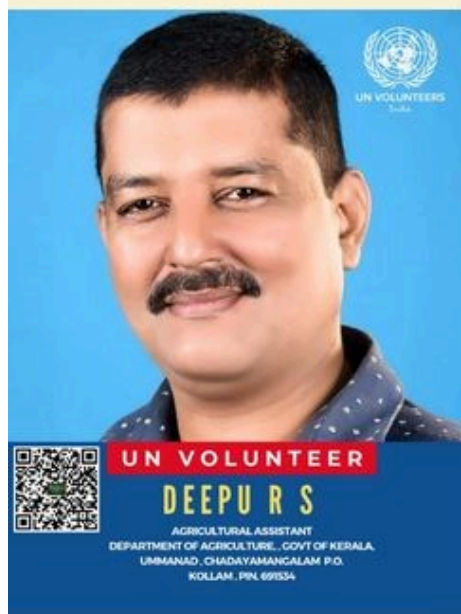
The bascule section is a unique feature that sets it apart from typical railway bridges.

The adjacent road bridge was constructed in 1988, providing an additional transport link between Rameswaram and mainland India.

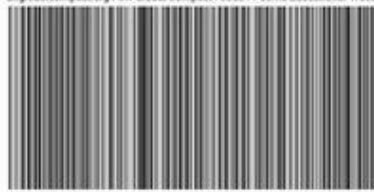
- REPLACEMENT AND NEW PAMBAN BRIDGE:

In 2020, construction began on a new railway bridge near the existing Pamban Bridge.

Organic farming workshop



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♻️ Organic farming awareness programme to farmers in the local community

Mr Deepu R S, Agricultural Assistant, Department of Agriculture, Government of Kerala, Kollam Dist has organised an organic farming awareness programme for the local farmers

In the verdant fields of Kollam, where the earth whispers secrets of growth to those who listen, there unfolds a tale of renewal and wisdom. Here, under the nurturing gaze of Mr. Deepu R S, an Agricultural Assistant with the Department of Agriculture, a movement takes root. It's a gathering of local farmers, their hands weathered like the soil they tend, their spirits eager for knowledge.

Department of agriculture, Govt of Kerala has sparked a beacon of change, illuminating the path to sustainability through an Organic Farming Awareness Programme. This initiative is more than a mere transfer of techniques; it's a rekindling of the ancient bond between man and land.

Mr. Deepu stands before the community, not just as a guide, but as a fellow cultivator of dreams. He speaks of farming, not as a chore, but as a cherished art form, painting the future with strokes of green and gold. His words sow seeds of inspiration, urging farmers to embrace organic methods that honor the earth's natural rhythms.

With the support of the Department of Agriculture, this programme promises to be a wellspring of support and cooperation. It's an alliance of tradition and innovation, where every hand that delves into the soil also nurtures hope.

As the sun sets on Kollam, casting a golden glow over fields set to flourish, one can sense the beginning of an agrarian renaissance. Here, in the heart of Kerala, the future of farming is unfolding, leaf by tender leaf, at the hands of those who believe in the gentle power of organic ways.