

SRI BADRAVALLEE SAMEDHA SRI BADRAVALLEESWARAR TEMPLE
Thiruveezhimahalai, Kodavasal Taluk (Near Kumbakonam)
RESURRECTION / RECONSTRUCTION

A Unique Temple for Epilepsy and Nervous Cure

Brahmasri T S Balakrishna Sastrigal through out his life had one wish very close to his heart. That was to resurrect the unique temple of *Sri Badravalleeswarar* at Thiruveezhimazhalai near Kumbakonam. Despite his repeated attempts, the wish was left unfulfilled during his life time for various reasons.

Now, we have taken up this mission as our life ambition as also a New Year Resolution - 2012.

In the interest of service to the society and the devotees all over the country, we extend our hands towards you all to associate and participate in our endeavor to accomplish this goal together.

100 odd years back, our Great Grand Father Brahmasri Venkata Subramaniya Ganapaadigal (>father of Brahmasri Sambamoorthy Ganapaadigal > father of Brahmasri T S Balakrishna Sastrigal) Who was then the chief of Veda Paaraayanam at Thiruvidaimarudur Mahalinga Swamy Temple, happen to take a nap under a tree near a huge well after finishing Veda Paaraayanam at the near by Thiruveezhimazhalai Veezhi Naadhar Temple. His hands touched something silky like the feel of a snake. He woke up to find the same as the top of a Siva Linga buried underneath. With the help of farmers nearby he unearthed a full fledged Siva Temple - Siva Lingam, A beautiful Ambal Statue, A unique Vinayaka and a Nandi.

He swiftly searched through the archives for the Sthalapuranam and got this truth unearthed:

Several 100 years ago, a queen by name Badravalli was suffering from Epilepsy, Nervous Problem and Nauseating skin disorder. She went on a penance seeking a cure. Lord Dhakshina moorthy appeared in her dream and prescribed that she must take bath in the Sarva Roha Nivarini Well at Thiruveezhimazhalai, instal a Siva Linga and Ambal at its shores and pray for 48 days.

She dutifully did so and got her ailments remedied magically. She built this temple around the divine well and Lord Siva and Goddess Parvathy descended here as the incarnation of Badravalleeswarar and Badravalli respectively to cure the incurable ailments of man kind.

The Unique Vinayaka whose Sannadhi also boards a Sivalinga Nearby is leaning forward as one could see the Head larger than his bulging stomach because He is hold with His Index fingers a huge Money Bag at his back, meant for help for those who build Siva Temples. Such a pose of Vinayaka Idol is unheard of.

Our Great Grand Father sprung in to action. Using whatever resource he could muster, putting forth his own manual efforts as also that of his wife and son he built a beautiful temple. brick by brick. Not to keep Siva as our own property, he handed over the ownership of the temple to the nearby Thiruvaaduthurai Aadheenam who also manage the Veezhinaathar Temple at

Thiruveezhimazhalai. To augment resources for its maintenance he also donated his humble land holdings.

Lots of devotees with various nervous and epileptic ailments got cured by divine grace of Badravalli samedha Sri Badravalleeswarar and the holy dip at the divine Well.

But as years rolled by, focus on maintenance of this temple got murkier as the returns from the lands were not forthcoming. Ambal Shrine caved in and the statue was accommodated inside the main Siva Shrine. The divine well was not cleaned and the surroundings were full of shrubs and thorns, unfit for worship.

TSB's repeated attempts to resurrect the temple, based in Chennai and touring through out the country for his Harikatha, did not bear fruits. All that we could do so far is to send money to a local prohit to perform daily pooja and Neivedyam. The shrine was otherwise locked up and not worshiped.

Badravalleeswarar has now chosen to come out of his isolated Thapas and be open to devotees to shower his blessings. Yes, we have recently tumbled on a unique Lady by name Mahalakshmi who along with her husband has taken the task of refurbishing dilapidated temples in Tamil Nadu as their life time mission through their Organisation know as MAHALAKSHMI CHARITABLE TRUST.

To view their activities pl visit:

http://www.templerenovation.org/Mahalakshmi_Trust_Introduction-7.aspx

This 60 year old couple have resurrected 22 temples so far and work on 45 more are underway.

By grace of Badravalleeswarar, Smt Mahalakshmi has kindly accepted to include our own Badravalleeswarar project as their 46th in progress. She has also obtained the necessary permission and blessings from the Aadheenam.

While Smt Mahalakshmi and her husband Sri V C Subramaniam are blessed by Paramacharyal with enough expertise to carry out such monumental work, a humble request is put forth before every true devotee to contribute to the cost of building this temple, the total of which at this point is estimated by the Sthapathy as Rs 20 Lakhs.

Thiruppani Work commenced on 21st January 2012 with initial contributions from our own family.

A humble request is put forth to all good hearted devotees to contribute liberally towards the resurrection of this temple to make it beneficial to all devotees especially those afflicted by Epilepsy and Nervous Problems.

The Break Up of Cost Estimate is:

New Sannadhi for Sri Badravalli	- Rs 4.00 Lakhs
Refurbishing the Sannadhi of Sri Badravalleeswarar	- Rs 2.00 Lakhs
Cleaning and repairing the Divine well and construction of facility for Devotees to take bath	- Rs 1.00 Lakhs
Constructing Temple Mantapam	- Rs 3.00 Lakhs
Refurbishing the sannadhi of Vinayakar	- Rs 1.00 Lakh

Refurbishing Nandi Mantapam	- Rs 0.50 Lakhs
New Sannadhi for Murugan	- Rs 2.00 Lakhs
New Sannadhi for Chandikeswarar	- Rs 0.50 Lakhs
New Compound wall	- Rs 4.00 Lakhs
Devotees Room with Toilet	- Rs 0.50 Lakhs
Front Gate and Arch	- Rs 0.5 Lakhs

Your Contributions by Cheque can be sent favouring:

Sri Badravalleswarar Kovil Kaingarya Trust and forwarded to
Flat A2, Silver Oak, 20 Ramappanagar Main Road, Perungudi, Chennai 600 096.

Or Deposited with Savings Bank Account No 3172 01 0000 2490, Perungudi Branch of Sri Badravalleswarar Kovil Kaingarya Trust.

Yours Sincerely.

TSBK Moulee / S B Khanthan / Sankari Ramanarayanan
Trustees, Sri Badravalleswarar Kovil Kaingarya Trust.