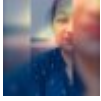


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SREE KODALMANIKYAM MANDIR, IRINJALAKUDA (ker)

Koodalmanikyam is the Malayalam translation of the Sanskrit word Sangameswara. The mandir is one of 4 in Kerala that form a set called "nalambalam" each dedicated to one of the 4 brothers Rama, Bharata, Lakshmana and Shatrughna.



The pratishtha at Koodalmanikyam is Chathurbahu Vishnu with Conch, Chakra, Gada and Japamaala. The general belief, however, is that the murti is of Bharatha, the brother of Sree Rama.

It is said that one day, the murti was emitting radiance from its forehead.



Some people brought a Quartz (Manikyam) to compare with its brightness. As they were comparing the brightness of the two, the stone mysteriously slipped from the hand and merged with the one on the murti. The merging of the two manikyams led to the name 'Koodalmanikyam'.



The mandir pond, Kulipini Teertham is named after Rishi Kulipini who did tapasya here and prayed to River Ganga to bless with her presence. Archakas after bath at the outside pond have to take a dip in Kulipini Theertham before entering the Mandir.



A visit to the Mandir is known to cure stomach related ailments. Also, if there are some functions in families, people offer lotus garlands to Prabhu praying that the function goes off well and there are no rains in between the function.

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