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SASTHAMCOTTA SREE DHARMA SASTHA MANDIR, KOLLAM (ker)

It is one among the five ancient Sastha Mandirs in Kerala - AchanKoil, Aryankavu, Kulathupuzha, Sasthamcotta and Sabarimala. The mandir is surrounded on 3 sides by the largest fresh water lake of Kerala, Sasthamkotta lake.



The Mandir is dedicated to Shri Dharma Sastha accompanied by his consort Prabha and son 'Sathyaka'.

After killing Ravana, Sri Ram visited Sasthamkotta on his wayback to Ayodhya. Ram offered pithru tharpan on the banks of the Sasthamcotta Lake.



He deputed Neelan, the chief architect of his vanara sena, to serve Shri Dharma Sastha. It is believed that Neelan is the predecessor of the prevailing monkey clan in the Mandir. The Mandir here is well known for the inhabitation of monkeys. During Onam, a feast is offered to them.

