

Places to Visit

Peria Mariamman koil (“Territorial Goddess”)

Periamariamman Temple is situated at heart of the Erode Town. According to ‘Hindu Mythology’ Mariamman is the ‘Queen goddess’ having ‘Her’ own dynasty where ‘she’ is situated further having the power to eradicate the illness due to excessive heat like small pox, chicken pox, high temperature. Hence, ‘Periamariamman’ is worshipped commonly without any caste, creed, religion differentiation. Before 1200 years ‘Kongu Cholas’ formed this temple. The area of the temple is 3500 sq.ft. The entire temple is renovated in the year 1969 by devotees. Panguni Ther Thiruviza and Pongal is one of the special festival of the temple. During this festival each and every family of the town offering and respecting the ‘Goddess’ through their ‘Ma-vilaku’ workshop.

Mahimaliswarar Temple

Mahimaliswarar temple has been built during the period of “Narasimha Pallava King” in 12th century. The Sanctum God named as “Mahimaliswarar”. The goddess named “Mangalambikai”. The total area of the temple situated is 0.0688 sq.mtr. with a beautiful “Rajagopuram” (main entrance). The main festivals of the temple are (i) Chithirai Sadhaya Ther Thiruviza and others.

Thindal Murugan Temple

A famous temple for "Lord Muruga" especially denoted as ‘Tamil God’ is situated in a small hill at "Thindal" which is reachable 6 kmtrs from the heart of Erode Town. The area of hill is 6.25 acres and 50 mtrs height. The Mysore Kingdom’s denoted land reveals the age of the temple, more over 750 years old. The temple has been completely renovated 2 years before at a cost of 2 crore rupees through the donations of ‘Devotees’. A beautiful temple along with ‘Rajagopuram’ (main entrance) has been constructed in the peak. Along with hill steps an around road route also developed. ‘Thindal Murugan Temple’ is one of the main attraction of the town.

Sri Kongalamman Temple

Kongalamman is considered as the principal temple of Erode and is the Community Goddess of Erode people. The Goddess is endearingly worshipped as Kongalayee. According to some historical facts, the temple is believed to have been built thousand years ago. Some people wanted to steal the Goddess for installing in their place. While on their way, at Anangur, the axle of the cart was broken and the people fled away. People of Angur, enticed by the beauty of the idol, installed her at their place and began worshipping. She was named Aadi Kongalamman. The Goddess has 12 hands holding trident, udukkai, snake, Vedas, bell, skull etc. After seeing this idol, people of Erode made one such, installed and began worshipping. While water is carried from Cauvery for abishek in other temple, the first abishek is offered to Kongalamman and this tradition continues even today. Then only, Cauvery water is taken to other temples. Three epigraphic evidences had been found in the temple belonging to 13th and 19th centuries, the first related to the period of the Pandyas and Veerpandian II. There is a big ancient Arasamaram tree. When the ground of the temple was dug ten years ago for constructing a water tank, a beautiful 2.5 feet Goddess idol was found. People are

worshipping this idol. Kongalamman temple is one of the important ones in the Kongu region and this is known as common community temple. Many meetings had been organized in the temple. Many social documents had been written in the temple premises. Many who could not get justice had come to the temple fighting for justice. Many, both men and women bear the name of Kongalamman. The main tower - Rajagopuram- looks majestically. Within the temple are the flag post, Balipeeta, Simhavahana (Lion Vehicle), Thoorikkal on the pillar. There is a well on the northern side of the prakara which is ever full with water. Madurai Veeran graces in the temple with his two consorts Bommi and Vellayammal. There are also small temples for Karuppannasamy, Kannimar, Pechiamman, Katteri, Muniappan and Veerabadran.

Arudra Kabaliswarar Temple

The age of this temple is 1200 years. During the period of 'Kongu Chola' this temple built by "Karikal Chola". The Sanctum Diety named "Arudra Kabaliswarar". The Goddess named "Varunambigai Amman".

Other 3 Diety inside the temple campus are,

- (i) Mahaganapathy
- (ii) Kalyanasubramanyar
- (iii) Sanesswarar.

This temple is situated in centre of Erode having 0.3530.28 sq.mtr in total. Along with 2 beautiful Rajagopuram (main entrance) this temple attracts devotees.

During the Tamil month of Masi 25, 26 & 27 each and every year the 'Rays' of the 'Sun' glitters upon the Kabaliswarar (Shivalingam) inside the sanctum is the speciality of this temple.

The main festivals of this temple are,

- (i) Siva Rathiri,
- (ii) Aani Thirumagnanam,
- (iii) Navarathiri,
- (iv) Vijayadhasami

Kasthuri Aranganathar Temple

The age of this temple is nearly 1080 years. During the period of 'Cholas' this temple constructed by "1st Paranthaga Chola King". The Sanctum God named "Kasthuri Aranganathar". The goddess named "Kamalavalli Thayar". Other Diety inside the temple campus is "Anjanayar". This temple is situated in centre of Erode having 0.2922.7 sq.mtr in total. The main festivals of this temple are (i) Vaigunda Ekadasi, (ii) Puratasi Ther Thiruviza.

Saint Mary's Church

St. Mary's Church called as town church constructed in the year 1867 and extended in 1892 having 136 years old tradition. During the year 1964 it has been renovated by Father Joseph through for help of Erode people physically and financially. A concrete tower at a height of 100 ft. has been constructed along with holy bell. An elementary school also run by the church in that campus. Huge Jesus statue is situated in this catholic church.

Brough Church

Brough church is a CSI church having the age of 75 years. During the year 1864 Mr. Antony Watson Brough, an Australian came to India with an aim of Public Service and settled at Erode. Along with his public service activities, in the year 1928-29 he has constructed a CSI church. And in the year 1930 Arch Bishop initiated the church for worship. Since then the church has been denoted in the name of the founder as 'Brough church'. This church is situated at centre of Erode (near to Pannerselvam park) gradually Brough church became a land mark of Erode and the church road called as Brough road.

Railway colony Masjid

Railway colony Masjid has been constructed in the year 1948 covering 3000 sq.ft. area having the capacity of 1000 persons can conduct prayer at a time. The masjid has been constructed and organised by "Masjit executive committee" the Chairman of the committee is Mr. Sheik Dawood. Daily 5 times prayer and Friday special prayer conducted here.

Mohamoodia Masjid

A Masjid called as "Mohamodia Masjid" is situated at Thirunagar colony of Erode. In the year 1980 it has been constructed by "Muslim Welfare Committee". Many welfare works to the muslim community has been successfully done by the committee. "Kur-on" classes have been conducted here. A facilitated community hall is constructed in the year 1990. At low rental charges fixed for marriages and other functions for the boon muslims.

In this masjid 5 times daily prayer conducted. Prayer hall is having the capacity of 500 people to make prayer at a time.

Bull Fight Statue

A concrete statue situated in the corner of Gandhiji road (near railway station) which reveals the traditional excellence of 'Kongu's Courage' as well as the speciality of 'Kangeyam Bull' (an Indian famous Bull variety) Kangeyam is in Erode district. This statue has been sponsored by S.K.M. organisations (specially known for poultry industries) 'The Bull Fight Statue' became one of the 'Land Mark's of Erode.