



Jatayu Rama Temple

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Padam Padam Rama Paadam An Ascend to Attain the Lotus Feet of Ram

It is time to please Lord Sri Kodandarama residing on the most auspicious Jatayu Rama Rock at Chadayamangalam (the corrupted version of Jatayumangalam) in the District of Kollam in Kerala. It is at these rocky mountain ranges where the legendary vulture demigod Jatayu has sacrificed its life for rescuing Goddess Sita Devi from the abduction of the Asura King Ravan. Through the eternal supreme sacrifice, Jatayu has upheld the ideals of morality and righteousness which are the core values of our Civilization towards safeguarding the dignity and pride of womanhood. According to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Damodardas Modi, Jatayu is a manifestation of selfless devotion who was the first to fight against terror (Ravan) to protect a woman in the ancient times.

Jatayu fought valiantly against Ravan bleeding him with its claws and beak. However, Ravan slew the left wing of Jatayu. The impaired Jatayu fell on the present-day Jatayu Rama Rock, whose last wish was to have a glimpse of Lord Sri Ram so as to brief the incident before breathing its last. To quench own thirst, Jatayu stroked its beak against the rocky ranges. Thus, a water reservoir has been created, by the grace of Mother Earth, named as "Kokkarani". Sri Ramachandra held Jatayu on His lap and heard its narration.

As the time has come for the legendary bird to leave its mortal body, Sri Ram performed the last rites and granted Moksha (eternal liberation) to Jatayu by standing on one leg on the top of the Jatayu Rama Rock. An impression formed out of His footprint, known as "Rama Paadam", does exist even today. It is a practice that the devotees recite "Jatayu Stuti" (hymn by Jatayu in praise of Lord Sri Ram) from the Holy Ramayana here.

A pilgrimage to this holy site is certainly going to be a mesmerizable and memorable spiritual experience that guides a devotee towards self-realization.

In order to facilitate the comfortable trekking of pilgrims to the top of the Sri Jatayu Rama Temple, a divine initiative titled, 'Padam Padam Rama Paadam' - A Flight of Steps to the Lotus Feet of Ram, has been launched.

For the successful completion of this once in a lifetime spiritual endeavour, we welcome your divine self to be a part of this project with your generous support; and through each step by step, let us attain the Lotus feet of Lord Sri Ram. May the blessings of Lord Sri Kodanada Ram and Goddess Sita Devi be with you.

Your's in service of Lord Ram,

Kummanam Rajasekharan,
Former Governor of Mizoram,
Patron, Jatayuppara Kodandarama Kshethra Trust.

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Jai Sri Ram!