

LIST OF MOSQUES IN TAMIL NADU WHICH WERE BUILT AFTER DEMOLISHING THE HINDU TEMPLES

We give below, state-wise and district-wise, the particulars of Muslim monuments which stand on the sites and/or have been built with the materials of Hindu temples, and which we wish to recall as witnesses to the role of Islam as a religion and the character of Muslim rule in medieval India. The list is the result of a preliminary survey. Many more Muslim monuments await examination. Local traditions which have so far been ignored or neglected have to be tapped on a large scale.

We have tried our best to be exact in respect of locations, names and dates of the monuments mentioned. Even so, some mistakes and confusions may have remained. It is not unoften that different sources provide different dates and names for the same monument. Many Muslim saints are known by several names, which create confusion in identifying their mazārs or dargāhs. Some districts have been renamed or newly, created and a place which was earlier under one district may have been included in another. We shall be grateful to readers who point out these mistakes so that they can be corrected in our major study. This is only a brief summary.

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It should be kept in mind that the list below doesn't include all the temples destroyed by Muslims and converted to mosques. The below is the list of mosques and Darghas where evidences exists of having been made after destroying the temples at these locations. In many mosques, Muslim rulers were able to eradicate all signs of temples, and hence not given in below list.

Anyone is free to visit the below list of mosques and see the remnants and materials of Hindu temples used in their construction. Archaeological Survey of India should conduct an excavation of below mosques to find out more about the ancient temples in these locations and possible mass graves around the mosque sites.

I. CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT

Acharwak

1. Mazār of Shāh Ahmad. Temple site.

Kanchipuram

2. Large Masjid. Temple site.
3. Eight other Masjids. Temple sites.
4. Gumbad of Babā Hamîd Walî. Temple site.

Karkatpala

5. Mazār of Murād Shāh Mastān. Temple site.

Kovalam

6. Dargāh of Malik bin Dinār (1593-94). Temple site.

Munrope

7. Masjid. Temple site.

8. Mazār of Shāh Alī Mastān. Temple site.

Pallavaram

9. Hill of Panchapandyamalai renamed Maula Pahad and central hall of an ancient Cave Temple turned into a Masjid for worshipping a panjā (palm).

10. Mazār of Shykh Husain Qādirī alias Būdū ShahId. Temple site.

11. Poonmalle, Mīr Jumlas Masjid (1653). Temple materials used.

Rajkoilpetta

12. Mazār of Hāji Umar. Temple site.

Rampur

13. Takiyā of the Tabqātī order of Faqirs. Temple site.

Rayapeta

14. Walājāhī Masjid. Temple site.

Walajahbad

15. Masjid. Temple site.

II. COIMBATORE DISTRICT

Annamalai

16. Fort. Repaired by Tîpû Sultān with temple materials.

Coimbatore

17. Large Masjid of Tîpû Sultān. Temple site.

Sivasamudram

18. DargAh of Pîr Walî. Temple site.

III. MADRAS DISTRICT

19. Jāmi Masjid. Temple site.

IV. MADURA DISTRICT

Bonduvarapetta

20. Masjid. Temple materials used.

Devipatnam

21. Large Masjid. Temple site.

Goripalaiyam

22. Dargāh of Khwāja Alāud-Dîn. Temple site.

Madura

23. Dargāh of Khwāza Alāud-Dîn. Temple site.

Nimarpalli

24. Masjid. Temple materials used.

25. Dargāh of Makhdûm Jalālud-Dîn. Temple materials used.

Puliygulam

26. Masjid. Temple site.

Soravandam

27. Masjid. Temple site.

Tiruparankunram

28. Sikandar Masjid on top of the Hill. Stands admist ruins of Brahmanical, Buddhist and Jain temples.

V. NORTH ARCOT DISTRICT

Arcot

A city of temples before its occupation by Muslims.

29. Jāmi Masjid. Temple site.

30. Tomb of Sadatullah Khān. Atreya Temple materials used.

31. Masjid and Mazār of Tīpû Awliyā. Temple site.

32. Dargāh of Sayyid Husain Shāh. Temple site.

33. Qalā-kî-Masjid. Temple site.

34. Masjid of Shāh Husain Chishtî. Temple site.

35. Masjid and Gumbad of Pāpā ShahId. Temple site.

36. Gumbad of Shāh Sādiq with a graveyard. Temple site.

37. Masjid and Mazār of Shāh Azmatullāh Qādirî. Temple site.

38. Masjid of Shykh Natthar. Temple site.

39. Masjid of Murād Shāh. Temple site.

40. Masjid of Mîr Asadullāh Khān. Temple site.

41. Masjid of Maulawî Jamāl Alî. Temple site.

42. Masjid and Gumbad of Sayyid Ahmad alias Yār Pîr. Temple site.

43. Masjid of Chandā Sāhib. Temple site.

44. Masjid of Miskîn Shāh with Gumbad of Amîn Pîr. Temple site.

45. Masjid and Mazār of Hazrat Usmān Khān Sarwar. Temple site.

46. Masjid in the Maqbara of Mughlānî. Temple site.

47. Masjid of GhulAm Rasûl Khān. Temple site.

48. Masjid of Shāh Ghulam Husain Dargāhi. Temple site.

49. Masjid of Hāfiz Abdul Azîz. Temple site.
50. Masjid of Hāfiz Karîmullāh. Temple site.
51. Masjid and Gumbad in Tajpura. Temple site. Outside the city
52. Takiyā of Qātil Pāndû Sarguroh. Temple site.
53. Masjid and Gumbad of Ahmad Tāhir Khān. Temple site.
54. Masjid, Khānqāh, Graveyard and Gumbad in Hasanpura. Temple site.
55. Gumbad of Hazrat Antar Jāmi with the Idgāh. Temple site.
56. Takiyā, of Sābit Alî Shāh. Temple site.
57. Masjid and Mazār of Sayyid Karîm Muhammad. Qādirî. Temple site.
58. Masjid of Sādatmand Khān. Temple site.
59. Masjid of Abul-Hasan Zākir. Temple site.
60. Masjid of Daûd Beg. Temple site.
61. Masjid and Gumbad of Hazrat Shāh Nāsir. Temple site.
62. Masjid of Punjî. Temple site.
63. Mazār of Yadullāh Shāh. Temple site.
64. Rangîn Masjid. Temple site.
65. House of Relic which has a footprint of the Holy Prophet. Converted temple.

Arni

66. Two Masjids. Temple sites.
67. Dargāh of Seven Shahîds. Temple site.

Kare

68. Naulakh Gumbad. Converted Gautama and ViSvamitra Temple

Kaveripak

69. Idgāh. Temple site.
70. Takiyā. Temple site.
71. Three Masjids. Temple sites.

Nusratgarh

72. Many Masjids and Mazārs in the ruined Fort. Temple sites.

Pirmalipak

73. Mazār of Wājid Shāh Champār Posh. Temple site.

Ramna

74. Masjid of Kamtu Shāh. Temple site.
75. Takiyā of Shāh Sādiq Tabqāti. Temple site.

Vellore

76. Jāmi Masjid. Temple site.
77. ChhoTî Masjid. Temple site.
78. Mazār of Nûr Muhammad Qādirî who laid waste many temples. Temple site.
79. Mazār of Shāh Abul-Hasan Qādirî.
80. Mazār of Abdul Latîf Zauqî. Temple site.
81. Mazār of Alî Husainî Chishtî. Temple site.

82. Mazār of Hazrat Alî Sultān. Temple site.
83. Mazār of Amîn Pîr. Temple site.
84. Mazār of Shah Lutfullah Qādirî. Temple site.
85. Mazār of Sāhib Pādshāh Qādirî. Temple site.

Walajahnagar

86. Masjid and Mazār of Pîr Sāhib on the Hill. Temple site.

Wali-Muhammad-Petta

87. Masjid. Temple site.

VI. RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT

Eruvadi

88. Dargāh of Hazrat Ibrāhîm Shahîd. Temple site.
89. Mazār of Hazrat Fakhrud-Dîn Shahîd alias Kātbābā Sāhib. Temple site.

Kilakari

90. Jāmi Masjid. Temple site.
91. Dargāh of Muhammad Qāsim Appā. Temple site.
92. Apparpallî Masjid. Temple site.

Periyapattanam

93. Dargāh of Sayyid Sultān Walî. Temple site.

Valinokkam

94. Pallîvāsāl Masjid (1417-18). Temple site.
95. Dargāh of Katupalli (1425). Temple site.

Ramanathapuram

96. Old Masjid. Temple site.

VII. SALEM DISTRICT

Sankaridurg

97. Masjid on the ascent to the Fort. Temple site.

VIII. SOUTH ARCOT DISTRICT

Anandapur

98. Masjid. Temple site.

Chidambaram

99. Lāikhān Masjid. Temple materials used.
100. Nawal Khān Masjid. Temple materials used.
101. Idgāh. Temple site.

102. Mazār of Amînud-Dîn Chishtî. Temple site.
103. Mazār of Sayyid Husain. Temple site.

Gingee

104. Masjid (1718). Temple site.
105. Masjid (1732). Temple site.
106. Masjid in the Fort. Temple site.

Kawripet

107. Mazār of Qalandar Shāh. Temple site.

Manjakupham

108. Mazār of Shāh Abdur-Rahîm. Temple site.

Mansurpeta

109. Itibār Khān-kî-Masjid. Temple site.

Nallikuppam

110. Masjid. Temple site.
111. Mazār of Shykh Mîrān Sāhib. Temple site.

Pannuti

112. Masjid. Temple site.
113. Gumbad of Nûr Muhammad Qādirî. Temple site.

Swamiwaram

114. Masjid. Temple site.

Tarakambari

115. Masjid. Temple site.
116. Mazār of Shykh Ismāil Sāhib. Temple site.

Tirumalarayanapatnam

117. Mazār of Abdul Qādir Yamînî. Temple site.

Warachkuri

118. Mazār of Shāh Jalāl Husainî. Temple site.

IX. THANJAVUR DISTRICT

Ammappettah

119. Masjid. Temple site.
120. Mazār of Muînud-Dîn Husain Qādirî. Temple site.
121. Mazār of Shah Jāfar. Temple site.

Ilyur

122. Masjid. Temple site.

- 123. Mazār of Ināyatullāh Dirwesh. Temple site.
- 124. Mazār of Muhammad Mastān. Temple site.
- 125. Mazār of Mīrān Husain. Temple site.

Karambari

- 126. Mazār of Arab Sāhib. Temple site.
- 127. Mazār of Mubtalā Shāh. Temple site.

Kurikyapalayam

- 128. Masjid. Temple site.
- 129. Mazār of Makhdûm Hājî. Temple site.
- 130. Mazār of Makhdûm Jahān Shāh. Temple site.

Kurkuti

- 131. Gumbad of Hasan Qādirî alias Ghyb Sāhib. Temple site.

Kushalpalayam

- 132. Mazār of Hazrat Tāj Firāq Badanshāhî. Temple site.
- 133. Mazār of Hidāyat Shāh Arzānî. Temple site.
- 134. Mazār of Yār Shāh Husainshāhî. Temple site.

Nagur

- 135. Masjid. Temple site.
- 136. Dargāh of Qādir Walî Shāh. Temple site.

Urancheri

- 137. Mazār of Pîr Qutbud-Dîn. Temple site.

Vijayapuram

- 138. Gumbad of Sultān Makhdûm. Temple site.

Wadayarkari

- 139. Mazār of Bāwā SAhib Shāhid. Temple site.

X. TIRUCHIRAPALLI DISTRICT

Puttur

- 140. Mazār. Temple materials used.

Tiruchirapalli

- 141. Dargāh of NātThār Shāh Walî. Converted Siva Temple. Lingam used as lamp-post.
- 142. Masjid-i-Muhammadî. Temple site.
- 143. Mazār of Bābā Muhiud-Dîn Sarmast. Temple site.
- 144. Mazār of Hazrat Fathullāh Nûrî. Temple site.
- 145. Mazār of Shams Parān. Temple site.
- 146. Mazār of Sayyid Abdul Wahhāb. Temple site.
- 147. Mazār of Shāh Fazlullah Qādirî. Temple site.

148. Mazār of Shāh Nasîrud-Dîn. Temple site.
149. Mazār of Farîdud-Dîn Shahîd. Temple site.
150. Mazār of Hazrat Chând Mastân. Temple site.
151. Mazār of Sayyid Zainul-Ābidîn at Tinur. Temple site.
152. Mazār of Sayyid Karîmud-Dîn Qâdirî. Temple site.
153. Mazār of Alîmullāh Shāh Qâdirî called Barhana Shamsîr (Nâked Sword). Temple site.
154. Mazār of Shāh Imamud-Dîn Qâdirî. Temple site.
155. Mazār of Kâkî- Shāh. Temple site.
156. Mazār of Khwāja Aminud-Dîn Chistî. Temple site.
157. Mazār of Khwāja Ahmad Shāh Husain Chishtî. Temple site.
158. Mazār of Shāh Bhekā. Converted temple.
159. Mazār of Shāh Jamālud-Dîn Husain Chishtî. Temple site.
160. Mazār of Qāyim Shāh who destroyed twelve temples. Temple site.
161. Mazār of Munsif Shāh Suhrawardîyya. Temple site.
162. Mazār of Itiffāq Shāh. Temple site.
163. Mazār of Sayyid Jalāl Qâdirî. Temple site.
164. Mazār of Mahtab Shah Shirāzî Suhrawardîyya. Temple site.
165. Masjid of Hājî Ibrāhîm where NāTThār Shāh Walî (see 139 above) stayed on his arrival. Temple site.

Valikondapuram

166. Masjid opposite the Fort. Converted temple.
167. Mazār near the Masjid. Converted temple.
168. Sher Khān-kî-Masjid (1690). Temple site.
169. Old Jāmi Masjid. Temple site.

XI. TIRUNELVELLI DISTRICT

Ambasamudram

170. Mazār of Hazrat Rahmtullāh near the ruined Fort. Temple site.

Kayalpattanam

171. Periyapallî Masjid (1336-37).
172. Sirupallî Masjid. Temple site.
173. Dargāh of Nainār Muhammad. Temple site.
174. Marukudiyarapallî Masjid. Temple site.

Tirunelveli

175. Jāmi Masjid. Temple materials used.

EVIDENCE IS AVAILABLE THAT IN TAMIL NADU THE ABOVE MENTIONED MOSQUES AND DARGHAS WERE CONSTRUCTED BY DESTROYING HINDU TEMPLES. BUT IN MANY OTHER CASES MUSLIMS SUCCEEDED IN REMOVING ALL TRACES OF TEMPLES FROM THE MOSQUES. IN SUCH CASES ONLY AN EXCAVATION BY ASI WILL REVEAL THE DESTROYED TEMPLES.

WHILE MUSLIMS ASK FOR REBUILDING THE ILLEGAL MOSQUE IN AYODHYA, WHY SHOULD NOT HINDUS DEMAND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE DESTROYED TEMPLES IN INDIA?