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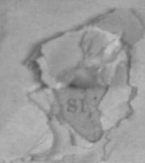
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Fairs and Festivals.

Recording with remarks, report on the Brahma Utsavam festival at Tirumalai in the North Arcot district.

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OFFICE OF SANITARY COMMISSIONER,
 General Sanitation Department
 Fort St. George, 26 March 1895

From

SURGEON LIEUT.-COL. W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H.,

To

Ag SANITARY COMMISSIONER FOR MADRAS,
Secy (Genl Sanitation Deptt)
Sanitary Board.

THE

Chief Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Deptt.

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SIR,

I have the honour to forward -
herewith a Report by 1st Class Hospital
Assistant Lant Singh, on the Brahma-
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carefully both Upper and Lower
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the Sawani Pushkarani tank was shown to have been contaminated before arrival of the bulk of the pilgrims.

3. The task resulting from the effort to observe the rules as to sanitation laid down, involved much trouble to the officers concerned, but the duty was most willingly and zealously undertaken.

4. My advice as to employing the staff for conserving water fifteen days, and the Conservancy staff seven days, before the Festival was not followed. Taking into account the method of spread of cholera, I consider this was mistaken economy. The erection of a permanent corrugated iron latrine with a boy constantly on duty at Kapilla Thirtham and the provision of a common rubbish incinerator, as also advised in my memorandum to the Municipality, and which have not been attended to, are, I think, points of importance.

5. The introduction to this Town of the Poorer Lodging House Act as suggested

suggested by Government in G.O. No 120 in dated 3rd February 1894, Local and Municipal, would be of great sanitary advantage.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servant.

W. S. S. S.

Surgeon Lieut. Col.
A. G. Sanitary Commissioner
Secy (Genl. Sanitation Deptt.)
Sanitary Board
Madras

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NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.
(Not for Record.)

Please let me know why the accounts marked in several places in the original of G. O. of 2nd May 1895, herewith sent for reference and return, have not been inserted in the final copies struck off by the press.

Raghavan Chackra
First Assistant
Ld. Secy
15/5/95

I regret to say the accounts were left out by the carelessness of two men - both have been fined for it.

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M.B., C.M., D.P.H.
As Sanitary Commissioner
Secy (Genl Sanit Dept.)
Sanitary Board.

To
The Chief Secretary to
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GOVT OF MADRAS

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on Brahma Utchavau
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Hills.

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(With order)

The President Taluk Bd. Ranipettah
tho' the Pres. D.B. North Arcot
Collector of North Arcot
Sanitary Commissioner
Chairman Municipal Tirupati
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APRIL 1895, No. L., LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following paper:—

From Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. KING, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., Acting
Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, Secretary (General Sanitation Depart-
ment), Sanitary Board, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St.
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down involved much trouble to the officers concerned, but the duty was most
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TIRUPATI,
19th October 1894.

(Signed) B. LAL SING, 1st-class Hospl. Asst.
On special duty, Tirumalai.

North Arcot.

B. Lal Sing, No. 136.

Brahma-utthavam, Tirupati Hills.

From 1st to 10th October 1894.

About 30,000 to 35,000.

Matams, mantapams, chattrams and houses around the four streets of the temple over the hills. All these have been whitewashed and kept tidy and clean.

There are three tanks, viz., Alvar Thirtham, Sargunta or Banamagunta and Martinyakan cheruvu and several wells. Martinyakan cheruvu contains no water at present. The drinking-water was obtained from Sargunta or Banamagunta through pipes to the pilgrims during the festival. As suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner, a bamboo fencing has been put all around to prevent cattle entering in. The mantapam which is situated close to the tank has been separated from the catchment area. The bed of the tank was lowered to receive more supply of water and the earth thus removed was used for the bund. Rank vegetation within and without the tank has been eradicated. The drinking-water wells have been protected by parapet walls and platforms. *Alvar Thirtham* was only used for bathing and washing purposes directly and not on the bund as suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner. *Sargunta Pushkarini*.—This tank was also used for washing and bathing purposes only. The pilgrims were not allowed to carry this water to their homes. An egg-shaped drain was constructed all around the tank, but not much used by the people. The outlet sluice was not repaired. All the tanks were well guarded by the police and about 200 men. Signboards were hung up at Swami Pushkarini in the vernacular showing the purpose for which it is used. *The Pradham* was inspected by me together with the Inspector of Police and found to be of fair quality.

The conservancy staff consisted as follows :—

	Last year.		This year.	
Sanitary Inspector	..	1	..	..
Maistrics	..	..	..	..
Sweepers	..	17	..	..
Scavengers	..	20	..	..
Total	..	42	Total	.. 24

As the staff was nearly half less than that of the preceding year and the number of pilgrims that attended the festival was estimated to be between 30,000 to 35,000 it was with great difficulty that sanitation was kept up on the hills. There were two bullock-carts supplied by the Mahant for removing rubbish, &c., and two men from the above scanty staff had to be deputed for driving them. The staff was employed on the 29th September and was dispensed with on the 8th October 1894. Eighteen air-tight receptacles for removing night-soil to the depot were supplied.

Dust-bins.—Ten fixtures and sixteen corrugated-iron dust-bins were kept ready during the festival. No conservancy staff was employed by the Mahant this year. The amount of funds allotted by the Local Fund Board is Rs. 500. These latrines were put up—one for males and the other for females. Of these, four were pukka-built ones and the rest temporary tatty enclosures which were well tarred. These latrines were freely resorted to by the public. Trench system was kept up in all the latrines, which worked very satisfactorily. Water was placed in kerosine tins and buckets in all the latrines with a tin tumbler. Signboards were hung up with male and female pictures and also lamp posts with lights.

Observation Patrol Staff.—This consisted of one police constable, two dhooly bearers with a dhooly and a toty with necessary materials, viz., disinfecting powder, iron receptacles, bucket, mangle and pick-axe, basket and tin tumblers. These were posted at each mile on the way to Tirumalai. There were also light, temporary, tent-folage latrines on the way; these were supplied with kerosine tins for water and tin tumblers. Signboards with male and female pictures were hung up. The route from Lower Tirupati to Tirumalai was kept clean. The brushwood, &c., was removed. The *drinking-water* wells were also cleared of vegetation, brushwood, &c. Platforms and pulleys were put up in Mamudur Eavi, Mugu Eavi and Avachari kona, but not much used by the pilgrims as the way leading to them was not safe. Alum in given proportion was precipitated in the above wells.

Cholera Shed.—There were two sheds built—one for males and the other for females. There were ten floor beds in the former and six in the latter. The construction was strong and thick so that no rain or cold draughts could get in. The flooring was plastered, leaving spaces between each bed where a thick layer of sand was spread at my request. A shed for the hospital, a kitchen, and two latrines—one for each sex—were also constructed as suggested by the Sanitary Commissioner with the exception of a shed for ward servants. Signboards for latrines and lights with posts were also put up.

The Police were vigilantly working. The streets, lanes, latrines, matams, mantapams and chattrams were kept scrupulously clean. Sulphur and tar were freely burnt in small lanes. Disinfecting powder and sulphate of iron were also freely used in all dirty places and drains.

The Sessions Judge, Head Assistant Magistrate and the District Munsif of North Arcot also visited the place during the festival. There were three cases of cholera during the festival. The first was a girl aged 7 years, attacked on the 4th October 1894, who arrived on pilgrimage from Pandampr; the second was a male from Hyderabad, attacked on the 7th October 1894; and the third was a woman from Caddapah district, attacked on the 8th October 1894. These cases were immediately segregated to the cholera shed as per instructions of the Sanitary Commissioner and were successfully treated. On careful enquiry it has been elicited that all the three halted at Dhurmasla in Lower Tirupati and drank water from Dhurmasla well and Bugga. The affected localities were thoroughly disinfected and fumigated. Every precaution was taken to keep up the sanitation and the staff worked in a very satisfactory manner.

Ague, dysentery, diarrhoea, bronchitis and catarrh were the prevailing diseases and the public had the benefit of treatment by English medicines.

Four pukka latrines and eight tub-urinals are absolutely necessary. The latter was recommended last year, but not supplied.

District.	Name of reporter.	Name of festival and where held.	Date of festival.	Number assembled.	Accommodation and sanitary arrangements made.	Water-supply.	Conservancy.	Epidemics.	General health.	Recommendations.
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REPORT on Brahma-utthavam Festival held at Tirumalai (Tirupati Hills) from 1st to 10th October 1894, both days inclusive.

ENCLOSURE.

Forwarded.

VELLORE,
24th October 1894.

(Signed) C. ADAMS, M.B., Surgeon-Major,
Ag. Dt. Medl. and Sany. Officer, North Arcot.

No. 166.

Of the conservancy staff of forty-two last year, fifteen were supplied by the Mahant. This year he declined to supply any men. Last year there was no patrolling staff.

2. I do not think that the people would have used the tub-urinals. Otherwise they would, no doubt, have been very desirable.

3. Tirumalai and the road up the hill were kept very clean.

RANIPETTAI,
3rd December 1894.

(Signed) R. F. GRIMLEY,
President.

Forwarded to the Sanitary Commissioner, Madras.

7th December 1894.

(Signed) G. F. T. POWER,
Ag. Collector.

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2. The Taluk Board's attention will be drawn to the remarks of the Sanitary Commissioner in paragraph 4 of his letter.

3. The desirability of introducing into this Presidency an Act similar to the Puri Lodging-house Act is under the consideration of Government.

(True Extract.)

To the President, Taluk Board, Ranipettai,
through the President, District Board, North Arcot.
" Collector of North Arcot.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
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Chief Secretary.

13/5/95

Report on the Brahma-utsavam
festival at Tirupati.

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