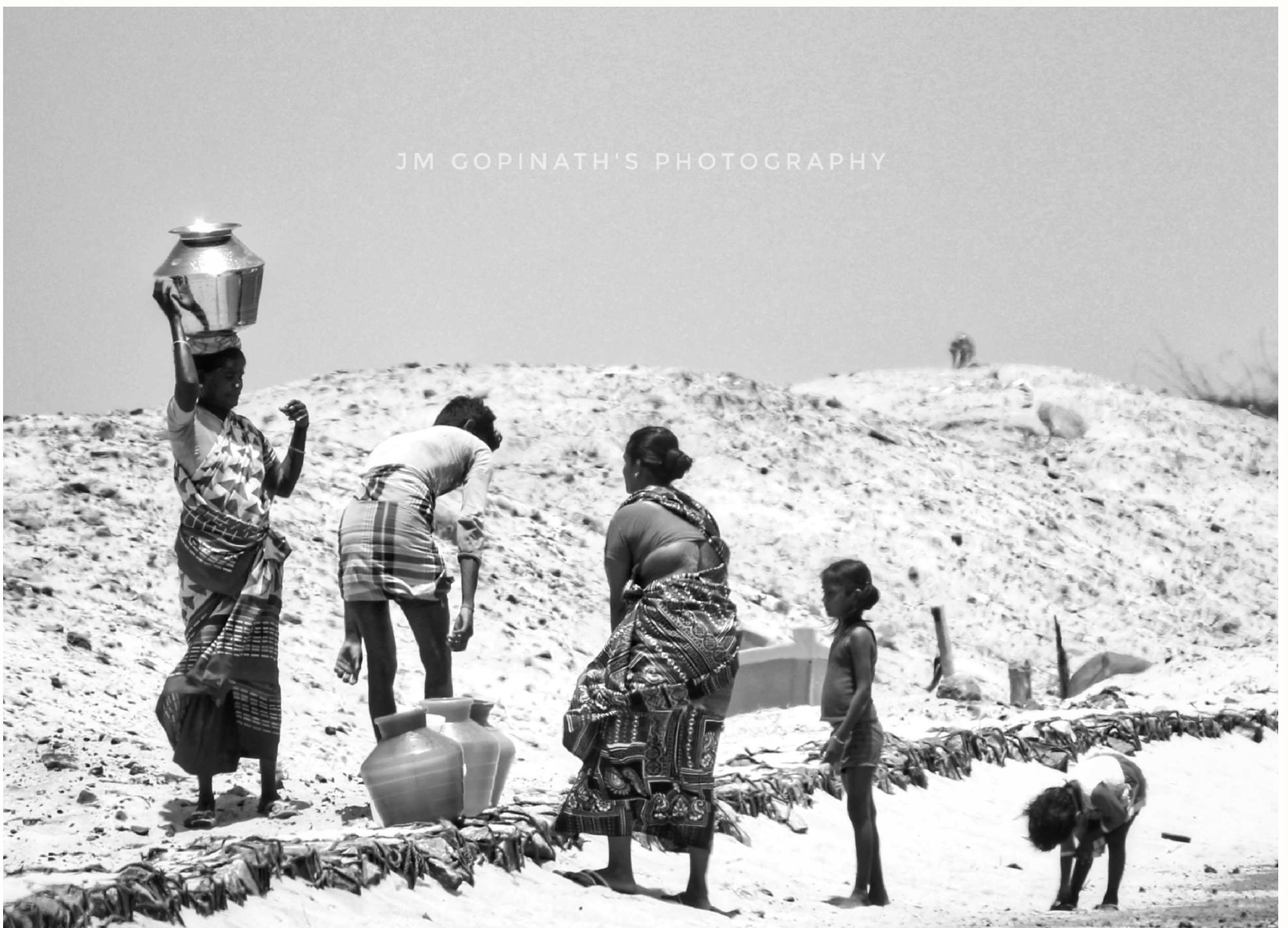


Dhanushkodi

A Ghost Town & Beautiful Island

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Dhanushkodi is a Abandoned Town Near by Rameswaram, Tamilnadu and End of South-Eastern tip of India. It is located on the tip of Pamban island separated by Palk Strait and 18 miles (29 km) from Talaimannar, Sri Lanka. And, it is a only land border between India and Sri Lanka.



The Entire Town was destroyed during the 1964 Rameswaram Cyclone. Nearly 1,800 people died in the Cyclonic Storm, including 115 passengers on Pamban to Dhanushkodi passenger train. Aftermath, Government of Madras (Now Chennai) declared Dhanushkodi as a Ghost town and "Unfit for Living".

Before 1964 Cyclonic Storm, it was once a Busy and Flourishing Town with Houses, Schools, Church, Temple, Hospital, Post Office, Harbor, Railway Station and One of the Richest Fishing Place in the Country, Major Port for

Several Pilgrims and Traders. And Ferry Transportation between India and Sri Lanka. Many Devotees are visited by the temple for pilgrimage and church in the town. Everything is totally destroyed & major geographical changes happens within some hours because of one strong cyclone. However, today few number of fishermen families live here in their small huts.



After 53 years of the saddest incident, the town is slowly coming alive and has started tourism and attract travelers. You can see the ruins of a temple, railway station, a church and homes of the then inhabitants. Relax on the beach and listen sounds of mighty waters of the Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal. Also, there are two or three sea food, small snacks & tea stall on the beach.

Few Years back a beautiful National Highway Road completed between Mukuntharayar -

Chathiram to Dhanushkodi and flanked by the Indian Ocean on one side and the Bay of Bengal on the other side, before that there is no proper road services and we can able to reach dhanushkodi only on foot along the seashore or in local jeeps. Now, Tourist can allow by their own vehicle and end up with Pillars of Ashoka. You need to visit before 5 PM, after that there is no permission to enter dhanushkodi, except local peoples.



Tamilnadu government transport buses also available from rameswaram to dhanushkodi with few timings, and there is lots of private autos, jeeps and vans are available frequently. No direct transport to Dhanushkodi from rest of places in tamilnadu, you need to reach Rameswaram first (12 miles/ 19 Kms from Dhanushkodi).

Rameswaram is well-connected with rail and road from the major south Indian cities like Madurai, Trichy, Chennai.

Nearest airport is Madurai, which is approximately 3 hours travel away from Rameswaram.



In History & Ramayana says, it was the spot where Lord Rama and his vanaras built Ram Setu (Adam's Bridge) across the sea connecting Rameshwaram Island (Tamil Nadu) and Mannar Island (Sri Lanka), to rescue his wife Sita from the king Ravana. After rescuing Sita and on request of Vibhishan (New Lanka King), Lord Ram destroyed the bridge with arrows from his bow, so the name of the town became 'Dhanushkodi', the meaning is 'end of bow'.

Finally, Dhanushkodi is a beautiful island with more adventure & fun. Travelling along with both sides of Sea (Silent Bay of Bengal and Sounded Tide Indian Ocean) on thin strip of land gives great experience to you, but I'm not sure 100% it is a comfort & secure place. Everything is in nature's hand..!! Thank you.