In Tiruppur, a tale of communal harmony as Muslims donate land for Hindu temple



Muslims being welcomed during the consecration of a Ganesha temple at Ottapalayam in Tiruppur district, Tamil Nadu, on Sunday.

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The land, worth ₹6 lakh, was donated after learning that Hindus in the locality were unable to find suitable space for a Ganesha temple

A temple of Lord Ganesha, constructed on three cents of land donated by the 'Jamaath' of the locality, was consecrated at Ottapalayam in Tamil Nadu's Tiruppur district on Sunday.

The long-standing Hindu-Muslim brotherhood in the locality was further cemented by the gesture of the Muslims, the residents said. The consecration was marked by members of the Muslim community arriving in a procession and making the traditional *seervarisai* offering of fruits, flowers and other items on seven plates.

The members of the RMJ Rose Garden Muslim Jamaat mosque had donated the land, worth ₹6 lakh, after learning that the Hindus in the locality were unable to find suitable land.

Children of the two communities were seen mingling with the elders in the procession. The Muslim members, who were welcomed with garlands, went up to the fire pit and made the offerings to the priests. The Jamaath members also organised an *annadhanam* for the consecration ceremony.