N
andali is a village in the
periphery of well-known
places like Udupi, Mangalore,
Shivamogga, and Thirthahalli.
It is known for its many
millet crops in bygone days.

The foundation stone to the poem
memorial was laid on January 24, 1979, to mark Muddana's birth anniversary. It was
then Union Minister T. A. Pai. And, now, 25 years after the foundation stone was
laid, on May 10, 1997, the Varendra Yogol
peoples' organisation arranged the memorial at a programme provided over in the case of first one farmer and
Shivaram Karanth.

Now 25 years later, the memorial is in poor shape.
Not that there is any dearth of respect for the poet among people. Nandan-
il's only claim to fame has been that he is the birthplace of the poet.

The proposed to build an auditorium in
honour of the poet came from people of
Nandali in 1959. A local philanthropist
Srivamanaguda Heggalakadu donated a plot
for the auditorium. A well-equipped audi-
tory was to help the Karna-
Kal and Culture department, the tourism
department, the charity administration
and Varendra Yegala.

There is a will but very little

But the problem today is that cracks are appearing on the auditorium due
to cause of poor maintenance. Adjacent to this the auditorium stands
the auditorium.

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