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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **10.02.2026**

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THE HONOURABLE **Mr. JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY**

W.P.(MD)No.3260 of 2026 &
W.M.P(MD)No.2687 of 2026

R.Selva Kumar

...Petitioner

vs.

1. The Commissioner,
HR and CE Department,
119, Uthamar Gandhi Road,
Nungampakkam, Chennai -34.
2. The Joint Commissioner,
HR and CE Department,
Thivanaikovil, Tiruchirappalli 620005.
3. The Trustee,
Arulmigu Thayumanavar Temple,
Malaikkottai, Tiruchirappalli.
4. The Commissioner,
Arulmigu Thayumanavar Temple,
Malaikkottai, Tiruchirappalli.
5. The Assistant Commissioner,
Arulmigu Thayumanavar Temple,
Malaikkottai, Tiruchirappalli.

...Respondents



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Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records relating to the impugned order bearing NA.KA.No.2970/2025/A7 dated 03.12.2025 issued by the 5th Respondent and quash the same and consequently direct the Respondents to conduct Nangu Kala Pooja during Shivarathiri scheduled to be held on 15.02.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr.Karthikeya Venkatachalapathy
for Mr.D.Kesavan

For Respondents : Mr.K.Balasubramani,
Special Government Pleader for R1, R2
Mr.R.Murali for R3 to R5

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed challenging the impugned order of the fifth respondent in NA.KA.No.2970/2025/A7 dated 03.12.2025 and to direct the respondents to conduct 'Nangu Kala Pooja' during Shivarathiri scheduled to be held on 15.02.2026.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the respondents 3 to 5 are not at all performing 'Nangu Kala Pooja' in the subject Temple. Hence, the Writ Petition.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the respondents 3 to 5 would submit that, as far as 'Meenakshi Sundareshwarar' is concerned, 'Irandu Kala



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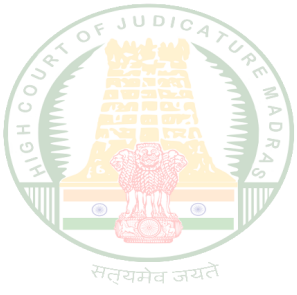
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Pooja' will be performed and as far as 'Moolavar Thayumanavar Swamy' is concerned, 'Nangu Kala Pooja' will be performed during Shivarathiri to be held on 15.02.2026 and all other Shivarathiri days in future. On all other days, 'Oru Kala Pooja' will be performed for 'Meenakshi Sundareshwarar' and 'Nangu Kala Pooja' will be performed for 'Moolavar Thayumanavar Swamy'.

4. In reply, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that, if such being the case, the submissions of the learned counsel for the respondents 3 to 5 may be recorded and this Writ Petition be disposed.

5. Accordingly, the above submissions of the learned counsel for the respondents 3 to 5 are recorded. The respondents 3 to 5 are directed to conduct poojas in the manner as stated above.

6. As far as offerings by any of the devotees is concerned, the Temple Authorities are directed to accept the same. It is made clear that, at any cost, based on the continuous offerings given by any of the devotees, for any festival, no rights will be inherited by them in future. The persons who give the offerings shall only be treated as devotees, at par with other devotees.



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7. In the result, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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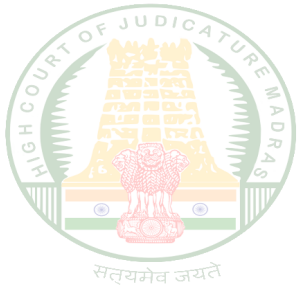
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