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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

W.P.No. 2432 of 2026

Saravanan,
Secretary Beeragavaru Clan Relatives Trust,
S/o.Ramasamy
D.No.6/65,Kokkalai,
Ilyampalayam Kokkalai post,
Tiruchengode Taluk Namakkal District,
Tamilnadu-637216. ... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
Office of the District Collector,
Namakkal Namakkal District

2.The Revenue Divisional officer
Office of the Collectorate,
Tiruchengode Road, Namakkal District

3.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department,
119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai, Nungambakkam Chennai-600 034.

4.Tahsildar
Office of Tahsildar, Tiruchengode,
Namakkal District

5.Arumugam
S/o.Kaliyappan
D.No.190,K.B.Karadu,
Kamarajar Nagar, Nethimedu,
Salem District-636 002

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6.Thangaraj
S/o.Kuppan, Arunthathiyar street,
Bommapatti, Tiruchengode,
Namakkal District.

7.Vijayaraghavan
Muthusamy,
D.No.4/62, Arunthathiyar street,
Avalnaickenpatti District,
Namakkal District-637 019. … Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to conduct the consecration ceremony by fixing the common date by considering petitioners representation dated 08.01.2026.

For Petitioner: Mr.Deepanuday
For Respondents: Mr.N.R.R.Arun Natarajan, Spl.G.P, for R3

Mr.P.Saravana Sowniyan, for R6

Mr.T.Johan Samuel, for R7

Mr.A.M.Ayyadurai, Government Advocate, for R1, R2 & R4

O R D E R

The Writ Petition is filed complainant about the *Kumbabishekam* that is proposed to be conducted for *Arulmigu Thumbikkai Azhwar Temple, Sridevi Bhudevi Sametha Sri Varadarajaperumal Thirukoil*.

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2. The grievances of the petitioner are two-fold. While some of the respondents have published a notice proposing to conduct the *Kumbabishekam* on 01-02-2026, Respondent No. 7, has printed another invitation proposing to conduct the *Kumbabishekam* on 28-05-2026.

3. The second grievance is that all the works in respect of the temple is not over. The third grievance is that the rituals are not being properly followed. Therefore, it is case of the petitioner that a peace committee should be conducted and with consensus of everyone, the *Kumbabishekam* should be conducted at the postponed date.

4. The learned Special Government Pleader would submit that the works are properly completed and that the *Kumbabishekam* is going to take place on 01-02-2026. As regards the second notice proposing the *Kumbabishekam* in May 2026 is concerned, the same is not authorized by them. Therefore, the *Kumbabishekam* can be proceed only on 01.02.2026.

5. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.5 would submit that earlier, when Respondent No.5 approached this Court by way of W.P.No.48751 of 2025, this Court passed an order that the *Kumbabishekam* be performed without giving importance to anybody and in a proper manner. The said order is not properly followed and therefore he has already sent a complaint.

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6. The Learned Counsel appearing for the respondent No.7 would submit that the works of the temple are not at all complete and that is why they have published a notice to conduct the *Kumbabishekam* in the month of May, after due completion of all the works.

7. I have considered the rival submissions made on either side and perused the material records of the case. Since factually contrary statements are made, this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution cannot decide the disputed facts.

8. As far as the *Kumbabishekam* is concerned, now notices have been published and it is proposed to conduct the *Kumbabishekam* on 01-02-2026. Postponing or interfering with temple festivals, that too at the last moment will also hurt the sentiments of the devotees. Therefore, unless good grounds are specifically made out before the Court, the Court will not interfere.

9. Since the official respondents are submitting that the entire essential works are already complete and that the temple is fit to carry the *Kumbabishekam*, this Court cannot grant any interim or final order restraining or postponing the *Kumbabishekam*.

10. Since the complaint is made by the petitioner as well as by some of the respondents that the works are not complete, the Assistant Commissioner,

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HR & CE, Namakkal, is directed to forthwith thoroughly inspect the temple and ensure that all the essential works are carried out and that the temple is ready for the *Kumbabishekam* on 01-02-2026. The *Kumbabishekam* shall be conducted without violating any of the established practices or traditions of the temple. Due regard should also be had to the earlier order passed by this Court in W.P.No.48751 of 2025, whereby it was directed as follows. Paragraph 5 and 6 are extracted hereunder:

> *"5. The invitation/notice printed in respect of the Kumbabishekam is also placed on record. With reference to the invitation, specifically, the learned counsel for the petitioner submits that on 30.01.2026, when it is proposed that water will be brought from the river Cauvery and abishekam will be performed, the petitioner and his family members should also be permitted. Normally, in Kumba abishekam, when water is carried, the main Kalasam will be carried by the priests who are performing the ceremony. In some temple traditions, Sivachariyas alone will be permitted to bring the Kalasams, it will not be by the fourth respondent or any other person.*
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> *6. If the general public or devotees are permitted to pour water from the Kalasams, then without any discrimination everyone, including the petitioner, will be permitted. If the Cauvery water is to be brought only by the priests, then neither the petitioner nor the fourth respondent will bring it. Therefore, as per the rituals that are followed, the Kumba Abishekam will be conducted. No discrimination shall be made against anybody. It should also be seen that when the temple caters to the needs of persons belonging to the lowest section of society, every human being is treated equally and no special respect is shown to any person whatsoever, so that equality among human beings is demonstrated in the present temple."*

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11. It is made clear that during the inspection by the Assistant Commissioner, the petitioner or any of the other respondents may point out to the Assistant Commissioner if any essential works have not yet been completed, and it is for the Assistant Commissioner to take a decision in that regard. If there remains an extreme situation on the ground — for example, that the *deity* or the *sannidhi* of the main temple, or the G*opuram* in which the *Kumbabishekam* is to be performed, is itself incomplete, then the Assistant Commissioner may take a call and fix a fresh date.

12. With the above directions and observations, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. The parties shall ensure that there shall be no law and order problem and any person who is creating any kind of law and order issue shall be dealt with strictly by the official respondents.

13. The authorities shall act on the web copy of this order without waiting for the certified copy.

14. There shall be no order as to costs.

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