



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01-04-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 12140 of 2026

G.Pandiyar

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Joint commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Trust,
Tiruvarur (In-Charge), Nagapattinam,
Nagapattinam District - 611001.

2.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Trust,
Tiruvarur District - 610 001.

3.The Executive Officer,
Arulmigu Tayagaraya Swamy Temple,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Trust,
Tiruvarur District - 610 001.

4.The District Collector,
Collectorate,
Tiruvarur District - 610 001.

5.The Superintendent of Police,
District Police Office,
Tiruvarur District - 610 001.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, directing the respondents 1 to 3 to permit us to conduct the special pooja of muskunda sagasrama archana as fixed and proposed on 05.04.2026 like as usual we have been performing this ritual for more than 40 years in the first event at Arulmigu Thiyyaraja Swamy Thirukovil at Tiruvarur.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.M.Subrahmaniam

For Respondent: Mr.S.Ravichandran for R1 to R4
AGP (HR&CE)
Mr.V.Meghanathan for R5
GA (Crl.Side)



ORDER

By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2. This petition has been filed for a direction, directing the respondents 1 to 3 to permit us to conduct the special pooja of muskunda sagasrama archana as fixed and proposed on 05.04.2026 like as usual we have been performing this ritual for more than 40 years in the first event at Arulmigu Thiyagaraja Swamy Thirukovil at Tiruvarur.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that the petitioner is the strong devotee of Arulmigu Thiyagaraja Swamy Temple, Tiruvarur. He along with group of fifty members have been performing the special pooja of Muskunda Sagasrama Archana at the subject temple during the Azhi Cart festival celebrated every year in the Tamil month of Panguni and for the current year, the same is fixed to be performed on 05.04.2026 and the petitioner has paid the prescribed special fees of Rs.40,000/- on 09.03.2026 through Indian Bank, Tiruvarur Branch to the temple's bank account and the same was communicated to the temple authorities on 09.03.2026 itself, however, the same has not been considered. Hence, seeks for a direction.

4. Heard both sides and perused the materials placed on record.



5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and since the conducting of special pooja is scheduled on 05.04.2026, this Court without going into merits of the case directs the respondents 1 to 3 to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 12.03.2026 on or before 03.04.2026 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with after giving opportunity of hearing to the petitioner as well as the interested parties.

6. Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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