



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

WP CrI. No. 1696 of 2026

Kumar
S/o.Theivasigamani,
No.472, Amman Kovil Street, Pathirakottai Post,
Pathirakottai, Cuddalore District - 607 102.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Cuddalore.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Naduveerapattu Police Station,
Cuddalore District.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of WRIT OF MANDAMUS seeking direction to the 2nd Respondent to grant permission and provide adequate police protection for conducting the Jeernodharana Ashtabandhana Maha Kumbabishekam of Arulmigu Sri Mahaganapathi, Sri Muthalamman and Sri Balamurugan Temple, situated at Pthirakottai Village, Panruti Taluk, Cuddalore District, on 19.07.2026, and for conducting the connected cultural programmes, namely Karagattam on 19.07.2026, Pattu Katcheri on 20.07.2026, and Thalattu Programme on 21.07.2026, based on the Petitioners representation dated 29.06.2026

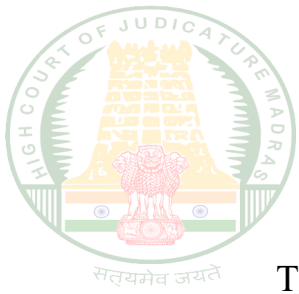
For Petitioner(s):

M/s.D.Jeevitha

For Respondent(s):

Mr.R.Ganesh Kumar

Counsel for Government for R1 & R2



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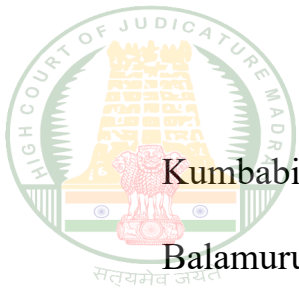
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This Writ Petition has been filed for a direction directing the 2nd respondent to provide police protection to conduct cultural programme in the event of Jeernodharana Ashtabandhana Maha Kumbabishekam of Arulmigu Sri Mahaganapathi, Sri Muthalamman and Sri Balamurugan Temple, situated at Pthirakottai Village, Panruti Taluk, Cuddalore District, on 19.07.2026, and for conducting the connected cultural programmes, namely Karagattam on 19.07.2026, Pattu Katcheri on 20.07.2026, and Thalattu Programme on 21.07.2026, based on the petitioner's representation dated 29.06.2026.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents.

3. The learned Government Counsel, on instructions, would submit that there is likelihood of arising law and order problem.

4. A mere apprehension cannot be a ground to reject the representation. There is absolutely no material before this Court to hold that there will be a law and order problem in the event of permission being granted. In such view of the matter, this petition is allowed and the petitioner is permitted to conduct cultural programme in the event of Jeernodharana Ashtabandhana Maha



Kumbabishekam of Arulmigu Sri Mahaganapathi, Sri Muthalamman and Sri Balamurugan Temple, situated at Pthirakottai Village, Panruti Taluk, Cuddalore

District, on 19.07.2026, and for conducting the connected cultural programmes, namely Karagattam on 19.07.2026, Pattu Katcheri on 20.07.2026, and Thalattu Programme on 21.07.2026,, however with the following conditions:-

(a) The cultural programme in connection with the event of Jeernodharana Ashtabandhana Maha Kumbabishekam of Arulmigu Sri Mahaganapathi, Sri Muthalamman and Sri Balamurugan Temple, situated at Pthirakottai Village, Panruti Taluk, Cuddalore District shall be conducted on **20.07.2026** between 06.00 p.m. and 11.00 p.m.

(b)The petitioner shall pay a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) as charges, to the respondent Police and on receipt of the same, the respondent Police is directed to issue receipt and proceed further.

(c)There should not be any kind of obscene dance or vulgar dialogues during the performance, by anyone of the participants.

(d) Double meaning songs should not be played so as to spoil the minds of students and youths.

(e) No dance or songs, touching upon any political party or religion or community or caste shall be played.

(f) No flex boards in support of any political party or communal leader, shall be erected at the premises of the programme.

(g) The function shall not affect either religious or communal harmony and shall be conducted without any discrimination based on caste.

(h) If there is violation of any one of the conditions imposed, the concerned police officer is at liberty to take necessary action, as per law and stop such performance forthwith; and



(i) Similarly, the police is directed to stop the dance programme, if it is played beyond the permitted time limit.

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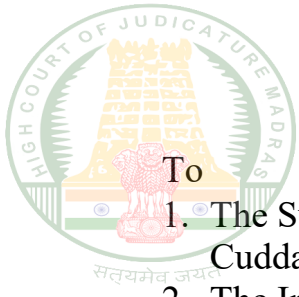
(j) The respondent is directed to issue necessary permission, incorporating the above conditions.

5. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. The uploaded copy can be utilised for the purpose of execution of the Order.

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