

W.P.Crl.(MD)No.4221 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : **28.07.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI**

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1.Manivel

2.Thirunavukarasu

... Petitioners

Vs.

1.The District Superintendent of Police,
Office of the Superintendent of Police,
Thanjavur District.

2.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Thanjavur District.

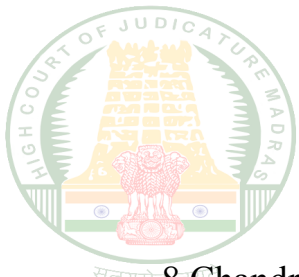
3.The Inspector of Police,
Sengipatti Police Station,
Thanjavur District.

4.The Joint Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR & CE) Department,
Thanjavur District.

5.The Assistant Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR & CE) Department,
Thanjavur District.

6.The Inspector,
Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR & CE) Department,
Sengipatti Police Station,
Thanjavur District.

7.Ayyakannu



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8.Chandrabose
9.Karunamudi

10.Jayaraman

11.Chinnaiyan

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 3 to ensure the peaceful celebration of Aadi Festival scheduled on 03.08.2026 at the Arulmigu Ayyanar Karaimel Alagar Temple, Palaiyapatti South Village, Poothalur Taluuk, Thanjavur District, along with the participation of all, including the petitioners and by following the usual religious practice in the temple without excluding anyone considering the petitioner's representation on 20.07.2026 and providing necessary and adequate protection for the same.

For Petitioner	: Mr.S.Ramesh
For R1 – R3	: Mr.D.Rajaboopathy Government Advocate (Crl.)
For R4 – R6	: M/s.M.R.Priyanka Jothi Government Advocate (Civil)

ORDER

Seeking to direct the respondents 1 to 3 to ensure the peaceful celebration of Aadi Festival scheduled on 03.08.2026 at the Arulmigu Ayyanar Karaimel Alagar Temple, Palaiyapatti South Village, Poothalur Taluuk,



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Thanjavur District, along with the participation of all, including the petitioners

and by following the usual religious practice in the temple without excluding anyone considering the petitioner's representation on 20.07.2026 and providing necessary and adequate protection for the same, this writ petition is filed.

2. Considering the limited scope of the relief sought for, notice to the private respondents is dispensed with.

3. The learned Government Advocate(Civil side) submitted that the temple is a private temple and the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR & CE) Department has nothing to do with the said temple.

4. Heard the learned counsel on either side and carefully perused the materials available on record.

5. In this regard, the 3rd respondent police is directed to put the petitioner as well as the respondents 7 to 11 on notice under Section 64 BNSS and after giving an opportunity of hearing to both the parties, conclude the enquiry on or before 31.07.2026 and make sure that the petitioner and all the community people are permitted to worship and participate in the temple festival pertaining



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to Arulmigu Sri Poornambika, Sri Pushkalambika Sametha Sri Ayyanar

Karaikel Azhagar, Sri Muthu Muniandavar, Sri Muthu Karuppannasamy, Sri Nalla Thillarappa, Sri Madurai Veeran, Sri Vellaiyan Idaichiyamman and Parivara Devathas Temple situated at Muniyan Lake Bank, Palayapatti (South), Poothalur Taluk, Thanjavur District.

6. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of.

28.07.2026

NCC : Yes / No

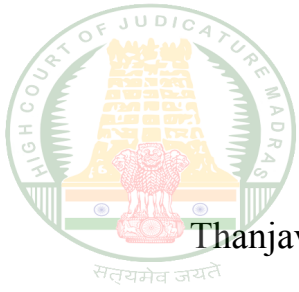
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Note : Issue order copy on 28.07.2026.

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7. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.



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