

ARJUN SHARMA, I.A.S.  
COLLECTOR-CUM-DISTRICT MAGISTRATE  
KARAIKAL DISTRICT



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Puducherry - U.T.

## GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

Dear Sirs,

D.O. Lr. No. DCK/A1/SDSD/SF/2020-21

Date : 14.12.2020

Warm Greetings from Karaikal District.

Sri Dharbaranyeswara Swamy Devasthanam (SDSD) is a premier religious institution in Karaikal District, UT of Puducherry which administers a group of sub temples in and around Thirunallaru. Shri Dharbaranyeswara Temple is where "Anugraha Murthy" Lord Sri Saneeswara Bhagavan with his "Abhaya Hastham" blesses the devotees with good fortune and relieves them of all their afflictions.

The upcoming "Sani Peyarchi Festival" at the sacred shrine of Sri Saneeswara Bhagavan at Sri Dharbaranyeswara Swamy devasthanam, Thirunallaru will be held on **27.12.2020 (Sunday) Early Morning 05.22 A.M (Maargazhi, 12, Sunday Saarvari Tamil Year)** during which Lord Sri Saneeswara Bagavan will transit from the Zodiac Sign Sagittarius to Capricorn.

After transit, devotees may worship Lord Saneeswara Bhagavan at Thirunallaru not only on the day of Sanipeyarchi but also for a period of one Mandalam i.e 48 days, from the date of Transit. There are several references to Mandala Pooja in the Hindu pantheon, where it has been followed from time immemorial.

The District Administration has imposed a number of restrictions on the movement of people / pilgrims in view of the COVID-19 situation. Only people who have registered online and possess valid e-ticket will be allowed to enter the temple premises for dharshan. Also dip in the holy tanks is barred as there is an apprehension of spread of COVID-19 through this medium.

Since elaborate police/security arrangements have been made and lot of online bookings are made on 27.12.2020, in order to avoid any inconvenience to the general public/ pilgrims, you are requested to advise the pilgrims that they should stagger their visit to Sri Saneeswara Bhagavan Temple, Thirunallaru over a period of 48 days mentioned above. In order to avoid huge rush, some pilgrims may face inconvenience, while ensuring social distancing protocols inside the temple premises. This message may be conveyed not only to the general public / pilgrims but also to the bus / cab / taxi operators of your district including Government / Private / Tourist Operators.

Further all pilgrims may be advised follow all the advisories and standard precautions issued by the District Disaster Management Authority. The guidelines are attached.

Your kind co-operation is requested to ensure that Pilgrims from your District have a COVID - safe Darshan

With regards,

*Yours sincerely,*  
(ARJUN SHARMA, I.A.S.)  
SPECIAL OFFICER

Encl. SOPs

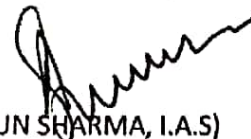
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### **SANIPEYARCHI FESTIVAL 2020, THIRUNALLARU**

Guidelines / Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in the context of COVID-19:

1. **ONLINE BOOKING FOR DHARSHAN IS MANDATORY** on the following weekends viz.: 19.12.2020 (Saturday), 20.12.2020 (Sunday), 26.12.2020 (Saturday), 27.12.2020 (Sunday-Sanipeyarchi Day), 02.01.2021 (Saturday), 03.01.2021 (Sunday), 09.01.2021 (Saturday), 10.01.2021 (Sunday), 16.01.2021 (Saturday), 17.01.2021 (Sunday), 23.01.2021 (Saturday), 24.01.2021 (Sunday).
2. All pilgrims (including Free Darshan, Ticketed entry) will have to individually register online in the portal — <https://thirunallarutemple.org/sanipayarchi>.
3. **Any person coming without valid Registration and Identity Proof will not be allowed to enter the temple premises. e-Ticket with valid ID card mandatory for Dharshan.**
4. **Sacred Ponds including Nalan Kulam (Nala Theertham) have been closed in order to avoid close people to people contact.**
5. **Bathing / holy dips or conduct of religious rituals at Nala Theertham, Brahma Theertham and other Theerthams is not to be allowed.**
6. All pilgrims should wear masks at all times inside the temple premises.
7. All pilgrims entering the temple will be subject to temperature check. COVID Testing will also be done at all the entry points.
8. Symptomatic pilgrims will not be allowed for Darshan. If any of the pilgrims are experiencing any COVID-like symptoms, viz., fever, cough etc, they should contact the medical teams stationed at all the entry points or any of the volunteers inside the temple.
9. Anybody who has been recently exposed to COVID-19 or who has any symptoms like fever, cough, respiratory symptoms, loss of smell, fatiguability shall refrain from the pilgrimage.
10. It is advisable for all newly recovered patients with COVID 19 to avoid pilgrimage.
11. Children, elders and persons with co-morbidities are advised to refrain from embarking on the pilgrimage.
12. On arrival at Thirunallaru, all pilgrims are advised to wash/sanitise their hands frequently, maintain physical distancing of 6 feet where ever possible and always wear face masks properly.



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