

# HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT

## CITIZENS' CHARTER - 2007- 08

The following information is furnished hereunder to enable the public to be aware of various activities of the Hindu Religious & Charitable Endowments Department and the administration of the temples under its control.

### 1. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A State Level Advisory Committee has been provided in the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959 to advise and guide the Government and the Commissioner. Accordingly, the State Level Advisory Committee has been constituted vide G.O. Ms. No. 279 TDC&RE Department dated 19.9.2006 with the following members:-

S.No.	Name	
1.	Hon'ble Chief Minister	Chairman/Ex. Officio
2.	Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious Endowment and Charitable Endowments	Vice Chairman, Ex. Officio
3.	Secretary to Government, Tamil Development, Religious Endowments and Information Department	Member, Ex. Officio

4.	Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department	Member – Secretary, Ex-Oficio
5.	His Holiness Kundrakudi Adigalar, Kundrakudi.	Non Official member
6.	His Holiness Thiruppananthal Madadhipathy Thavathiru Muthukumaraswamy Thambiran, Thiruppananthal.	Non Official member
7.	His Holiness Thiruvavaduthurai Adheenakartha, Thiruvavaduthurai.	Non Official member
8.	His Holiness Srimath Andavan Swamikal, Thiruvarangam.	Non Official member
9.	His Holiness Santhalinga Ramaswamy Adigalar, Perur.	Non Official member
10.	Thirumathi Soundram Kailasam, Chennai.	Non Official member
11.	Thirumathi A.S.Ponnammal, Ex. M.L.A.,	Non Official member
12.	Thiru Karumuthu Kannan, Madurai.	Non Official member
13.	Thiru S.V. Balasubramaniam, Bannariamman Sugar Mills Ltd.	Non Official member
14.	Representative of His Holiness Dharmapuram Adheenakartha.	Special invitee

## **2. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES**

Persons who do not suffer the disqualifications listed in Section 26 of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act 1959, are eligible to be appointed as non-hereditary trustees.

Non-hereditary trustees cannot be appointed for the temples and charities managed by the hereditary trustees, mutts managed by Madathipathis and temples in respect of which cases are pending in the Courts.

Every Board of Trustees constituted under the Act shall consist of not less than three and not more than five persons of whom one shall be a member of scheduled caste or scheduled tribes and one shall be a woman.

Of the five, three non-hereditary trustees have to be appointed for every temple by the Government, the Commissioner, the Joint Commissioner, the Assistant Commissioner as the case may be and the Government may nominate the remaining two more non-hereditary trustees.

The term of office of the non-hereditary trustees is one year.

Filled-in applications in the prescribed form with the required enclosures for the appointment of Trustees may be submitted to the Assistant Commissioner concerned in the case of non-listed temples and to the Joint Commissioners concerned in the case of listed temples.

### 3. FRAMING OF SCHEMES

When the Commissioner/Joint Commissioner has reason to believe that in the interest of the proper administration of a math or a specific endowment attached to a math/temple, a scheme should be settled for the math or specific endowment attached to a math/temple respectively or when not less than five persons having interest make an application in writing stating that in the interest of the proper administration of the math or the specific endowment attached to the math/temple a scheme should be settled. The Commissioner/Joint Commissioner shall consult the trustee and the person having interest and if after such consultation, the Commissioner/Joint Commissioner is satisfied that it is necessary or desirable to do so, the Commissioner/Joint Commissioner shall by order, settle a scheme of administration for the math or the specific endowment attached to the math/temple respectively under Section 65 and 64 of the HR&CE Act 1959.

A Scheme settled for the administration of a math or a specific endowment attached to a math/temple may contain provision for

- a. constituting a Board of Trustees
- b. defining the powers and duties of the trustees
- c. removing any existing trustee, etc.,
- d. determine what are the properties of the institution and append to the scheme schedule containing a list of such properties

#### **4. NO CASTE BARRIER IN APPOINTMENT OF ARCHAKA IN HINDU TEMPLES**

In the year 1971, the hereditary system of appointment of Archakas and Poojaris was abolished through an amendment to the Act and the appointments of Archakas and the Poojaris were regulated. This move laid the foundation for bringing about the much awaited social reform of enabling every Hindu, without any discrimination by caste, to become Archaka in Hindu Temples.

The Government ordered that the people of all castes possessing the required qualifications and training are eligible to become Archakas in Hindu Temples, thus removing the thorn from the heart of Thanthai Periyar. Pursuant to this, a High Level Committee was constituted by the Government with Justice A.K.Rajan, retired Judge of the High Court as the Chairman.

The Committee submitted its report to the Government. The Government has accepted the recommendations of the Committee and ordered accordingly. Based on the Government Order, Archakas Training Institutions will be started shortly to train the Hindus aged between 14 and 24 irrespective of caste, in the following places.

S.No.	Place	Archaka Sect
1.	Arulmigu Parthasarathyswamy temple, Triplicane, Chennai.	Vaishnavism
2.	Arulmigu Renganathaswamy temple, Srengam.	Vaishnavism
3.	Arulmigu Dhandayuthapaniswamy temple, Palani.	Saivism
4.	Arulmigu Arunachaleswarar temple, Thiruvannamalai.	Saivism
5.	Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar temple, Madurai.	Saivism
6.	Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy temple, Tiruchendur.	Saivism

## 5. TAMIL ARCHANA

Responding to public demand for Tamil Archana, Archana Books in Tamil were prepared and published in the year 1997 for streamlining the worshipping in Tamil. The following Tamil Archana books have been reprinted and published recently to encourage and ensure Tamil Archana in Temples. These books have been recently distributed to Archakas in Temples.

They are:

1. Arulmigu Vinayagar Potri
2. Arulmigu Murugavel Potri
3. Arulmigu Thirumal Potri
4. Arulmigu Umayammai Potri
5. Arulmigu Natarajar Potri
6. Arulmigu Thenkugha kadavul Potri
7. Arulmigu Gothandaramar Potri
8. Arulmigu Thayar Potri
9. Arulmigu Durkaiyamman Potri
- 10 Arulmigu Kaliyamman Potri
- 11 Arulmigu Mariyamman Potri
- 12 Arulmigu Hanuman Potri
- 13 Arulmigu Navakolkal Potri
- 14 Arulmigu Sivan Potri

108 'Potris'

1008 'Potris'

## **6. "ORU KALA POOJA" SCHEME**

"Oru Kala Pooja" Scheme was instituted with an object of ensuring the performance of at least one time pooja every day in temples, which have insufficient funds.

This Scheme is applicable only to temples, which are under the control of this department.

Under this Scheme, general public or an individual who wish to support the conduct of at least one time pooja daily in a temple, can contribute a sum of Rs.2500/- only and the Department will contribute Rs.22,500/- to create a corpus fund of Rs.25,000/- which gets deposited in the name of the temple as a permanent endowment. From the interest accrued from the F.D., financial assistance would be provided to perform one time pooja daily.

A Demand Draft for Rs.2500/- drawn in favour of "The Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, Chennai-34" can be forwarded to the Commissioner, through the concerned Assistant Commissioner. For further details the Assistant Commissioner concerned can be approached.

## **7. RENOVATION OF TEMPLES**

There are many ancient temples in Tamil Nadu sanctified by the Mystic Poets of both Saivism and Vaishnavism. It is essential to maintain and preserve them in good condition. Therefore, it is important to undertake renovation and perform Kumbabishekam in the temples once in 12 years. We should note that maintaining the existing temples is more important than to construct new temples. The department is undertaking repair and renovation works through various schemes and by diverting funds from affluent temples. However, public participation is the most important thing while doing renovation works in Temples. Renovation works can be undertaken in many temples if donations pour in from the public, philanthropists, industrialists and service-minded people.

The religious minded philanthropists, industrialists, trusts, voluntary organisations and general public can voluntarily donate cash or kind for undertaking renovation works in Temples or they themselves carryout the renovation works in the temples of their choice.

Those who wish to donate for carrying out the renovation works in Temples or for other purposes, may either put the cash in the Hundials or remit in the form of cheque or DD drawn in the name of the Temple. Those who wish to carryout renovation work by themselves may contact the concerned temple Executive Officer/Trustees or the concerned Assistant Commissioner/Joint Commissioner/Commissioner. The design and estimates of the

proposed works have to be got approved by the departmental Engineers. The work will have to be executed under the supervision of the department. The procedures and formalities regarding donor works have been simplified.

## **8. SAFETY OF ICONS AND OTHER VALUABLES**

To safeguard the icons and other valuable articles of temples, measures have been taken which include installation of burglar alarms, tell-tale clocks, inner locking, fixing iron gates, appointment of night watchman, and engaging Temple Protection Force.

Icon Centers have been opened in the following six places for ensuring safe custody of priceless icons of such temples where safety and security are inadequate:-

1. Arulmigu ThiyagarajaSwami Temple, Thiruvavarur.
2. Arulmigu Jambukeswarar Temple, Thiruvanaikkaval, Trichirappalli.
3. Arulmigu Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple, Madurai.
4. Arulmigu Nellaiyappar Thirukkoil, Thirunelveli.
5. Arulmigu Sugavaneswar Thirukkoil, Salem.
6. Arulmigu Muthumariamman temple, Gandhinagar, Vellore.

Provision has also been made to take the idols from this Icon Centre to their respective temples during festival seasons and to bring them back to these Icon Centers. The icons are also offered daily poojas at these Centers.

The Executive authorities of small Temples not having sufficient security measures can approach the Officers concerned of Icon Centre for ensuring safe custody.

### 9. KARUNAI ILLAMS

To provide food, shelter and education to destitute children, the following temples run Karunai Illams. Destitute poor orphan boys and girls are admitted in these Homes. Even single parent orphan are eligible for admission in these homes. They are admitted into the nearby schools by the Temple authorities, for imparting education. The Executive Officers/Trustees of the Temples concerned may be approached in this regard.

Sl. No.	Place	TempleName	No. of. Karunai illams	
			Boys	Girls
1.	Thiruverkadu	Arulmigu Devi Karumariamman Temple	√	---
2.	Thiruttani	Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy Temple	√	√
3.	Palani	Arulmigu Dhandayuthapaniswamy Temple	√	√
4.	Samayapuram	Arulmigu Mariamman Temple	√	---
5.	Madurai	Arulmigu Meenakshisundareswarar Temple	-----	√
6.	Thiruchendur	Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy Temple	√	----
7.	Rameshwaram	Arulmigu Ramanathaswamy Temple	----	√
8.	Mylapore	Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar Temple	√	----

9.	Marudhamalai	Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy Temple	√	---
10.	Bannari	Arulmigu Bannariamman Temple	√	√
11.	Azhagarkoil	Arulmigu Kallazhagar Temple	---	√
12.	Sholingar	Arulmigu Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple	√	---
13.	Thiruvannamalai	Arulmigu Arunachaleswarar Temple	√	---
14.	Swamimalai	Arulmigu Swaminathaswamy Temple	√	---
15.	Salem	Arulmigu Sugavaneswarar Temple	√	---
16.	Thekkampatti	Arulmigu Vanabathrakaliamman Temple	√	---
17.	Ayyampalayam	Arulmigu Vazhaithottathu Ayyan Temple	√	---
18.	Thiruparankundram	Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy Temple	----	√
19.	Uppilliappankoil	Arulmigu Venkatachalapathy Temple	----	√
20.	Manavalanallur	Arulmigu Kolanjiappar Temple	√	---
21.	Kumbakonam - Thirunageswaram	Arulmigu Naganathaswamy Temple	√	---
22.	Kodumudi	Arulmigu Magudeswarar Veeranarayanaperumal Temple	√	---
23.	Echanari	Arulmigu Vinayagar Temple	√	----
24.	Perur	Arulmigu Patteeswaraswamy Temple	----	√
25.	Anaimalai	Arulmigu Masaniamman Temple	----	√
26.	Karaikudi	Arulmigu Koppudainayakiamman Temple	√	----
27.	Sivanmalai	Arulmigu Subramaniaswamytemple	√	----
28.	Madapuram	Arulmigu Adaikalam Katha Ayyanar andBathrakaliamman temple	√	----
29.	Tirunelveli	Arulmigu Nellaiappar and Gandhimathiamman temple	----	√
30.	Chennai	Arulmigu Muthukumaraswamy templealias Kandhaswamy temple	√	----
31.	Thayamangalam	Arulmigu Muthumariamman temple	√	----

## 10. OLD AGE HOMES

Old Age homes are run by the following temples, for providing care and shelter to the destitute poor, aged people.

1.	Arulmigu Dhandayuthapaniswamy temple, Palani (for men only)
2.	Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy temple, Tiruttani (for men only)
3.	Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy temple, Thiruparankundram (for women only)

These homes have been established to protect and maintain destitute poor people who are above 65 years of age. The Executive Officer of the temples concerned may be contacted for admission in these homes.

## 11. MEDICAL DISPENSARIES

### (A) Siddha Dispensaries:

In order to help the poor people and also the devotees who visit the temple, Siddha Dispensaries are functioning in the following temples:-

- 1 Arulmigu Dhandayuthapaniswamy temple, Palani.
- 2 Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy temple, Kumaravayalur, Tiruchirapalli.
- 3 Arulmigu Mariamman temple, Samayapuram.
- 4 Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy temple, Marudhamalai.
- 5 Arulmigu Mariamman temple, Bannari.
- 6 Arulmigu Vadapalaniandavar temple, Vadapalani.
- 7 Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy temple, Tiruttani.

- 8 Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy temple, Thiruparankundram.
- 9 Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy temple, Tiruchendur.

**(B) Allopathy Dispensaries:**

In addition, Allopathy Dispensaries have been established in the following temples:-

1.	Arulmigu Dhandayuthapaniswamy Temple, Palani.
2.	Arulmigu Karpagavinayakar Temple, Pillayarpatti

The devotees as well as the poor can seek medical assistance from the above dispensaries by approaching the Doctors or Executive Officers/Trustees.

**12. GOLDEN RATHAMS IN TEMPLES**

Pulling golden Ratham with Utsavar deity seated in it is a mode of fulfilling prarthanas for devotees in Hindu Temples. Golden Ratham is in use presently in the following 26 temples:

1. Arulmigu Dandayuthapaniswamy temple, Palani.
2. Arulmigu MeenakshiSundareswarar temple, Madurai.
3. Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy temple, Tiruchendur.
4. Arulmigu Mariyamman temple, Samayapuram.
5. Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy temple, Maruthamalai.
6. Arulmigu Swaminathaswamy temple, Swamimalai.
7. Arulmigu Vaidhyanathaswamy temple, Vaitheeswaran kovil.
8. Arulmigu SankaraNarayanaswamy temple, Sankarankoyil.

9. Arulmigu Ramanathaswamy temple,Rameswaram.
- 10.Arulmigu Devi Karumariyamman temple,Thiruverkaadu.
- 11.Arulmigu Kapaleeswarar temple, Mylapore .
- 12.Arulmigu Kanthaswamy temple,Parktown,Chennai.
- 13.Arulmigu Vadapalaniyandavar temple,vadapalani.
- 14.Arulmigu Kamatchiyamman temple, Mangadu.
- 15.Arulmigu Kamatchiyamman temple, Kanchipuram.
16. Arulmigu Subramnya Swamy temple,Thiruththani.
- 17.Arulmigu Balamurugan temple, Raththinagiri.
- 18.Arulmigu Vinayagar temple,Eachanari.
- 19.Arulmigu Subramaniaswamy temple,Sivanmalai.
20. Arulmigu Vanamamalai Perumal temple,Nanguneri.
- 21.Arulmigu Mariyamman temple,Bannari.
- 22.Arunachaleswarar temple,Thiruvannamalai.
- 23.Arulmigu Mathurakaliyamman temple, Siruvachchur.
- 24.Arulmigu Maruntheeswar temple,Thiruvanmiyur.
- 25.Arulmigu Velayuthaswamy temple,Thindalmai Erode.
26. Arulmigu Thandumariyamman temple,Coimbatore.

The devotees who wish to pull the Golden Rathams may approach the Executive Officer/Trustees concerned for advance booking. They may also book directly soon on their arrival, but subject to availability.

**13. EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS MAINTAINED  
BY THE TEMPLES:**

As a social purpose, the temples are running educational institutions of religion and general education, schools, colleges and padasalas. The details are given below:

**EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Institution type</b>	<b>No. of institutions</b>
1	Colleges	5
2	Polytechnics	2
3	Higher Secondary Schools	12
4	High Schools	10
5	Middle Schools	3
6	Primary Schools	10
7	Matriculation Schools	1
8	Nadaswaram & Thavil Training Schools	4
9	Veda Agama Padasalas	4
10	Thevara Padasalas	2
11	Dhivya Prabantha Padasalas	3
12	Deaf & Dumb School	1

The students are admitted on merit and as per the rules and regulations of the respective institutions. The applicants can approach the schools/ colleges, with proper documents, as and when the admissions are called for.

#### 14. FREE MARRIAGE SCHEME

This scheme has been instituted for conducting free marriages to the eligible poor and the weaker sections of the society from the funds of financially sound temples. Under this scheme Rs.5,500/- per marriage is spent. Those who intend to avail this assistance for such free marriages, can approach the Executive Officers, Regional Joint Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners concerned, with necessary records.

#### 15. ACCOMODATION FOR DEVOTEES IN TEMPLES

Rooms and cottages have been built by temples which are financially sound and where large number of devotees visit. Devotees can avail this facility on payment of prescribed charges. Following temples have rooms and cottages nearer to the temple.

1.	Arulmighu Dhandayuthapaniswamy Temple, Palani
2.	Arulmighu Meenakshisundareswarar Temple, Madurai
3.	Arulmighu Ramanathaswamy Temple, Rameshwaram.
4.	Arulmighu Subramaniaswamy Temple, Thiruchendur
5.	Arulmighu Ranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam
6.	Arulmighu Subramaniaswamy Temple, Thiruttani
7.	Arunachaleswarar Temple, Thiruvannamalai.
8.	Arulmighu Balasubramaniaswamy Temple, Rathnagiri.
9.	Arulmighu Mariamman Temple, Samayapuram
10.	Arulmighu Swaminathaswamy Temple, Swamimalai
11.	Arulmighu Subramaniaswamy Temple, Kumaravayalur.

12.	Arulmighu Kallazhagar Temple, Azhagarkoil
13.	Arulmighu Subramaniaswamy Temple, Thiruparankundram.
14.	Arulmighu Sankaranarayanawamy Temple, Sankarankoil
15.	Arulmighu Bagavathiamman Temple, Kanyakumari.
16.	Arulmighu Subramaniaswamy Temple, Marudhamalai
17.	Arulmighu Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple, Sholingar
18.	Arulmighu Coutralanathaswamy Temple, Coutralam.
19.	Arulmighu Venkatachalapathy Temple, Uppiliappan koil
20.	Arulmighu Swetharanyeswarar Temple, Thiruvenkadu
21.	Arulmighu Bavaowshadeeswarar Temple, Thiruthuraipoondi
22.	Arulmighu Navaneetheswarar Temple, Sikkal
23.	Arulmighu Sowrirajaperumal Temple, Thirukannapuram
24.	Arulmighu Vaithyanathaswamy Temple, Vaitheeswararan koil
25.	Arulmighu Mahalingaswamy Temple, Thiruvidadimarudur
26.	Arulmighu Kambagareswarar Temple, Thirupuvanam
27.	Arulmighu Amirthakadeswarar Temple, Thirukadaiyur
28.	Arulmighu Sankameswarar Temple, Bhavani
29.	Arulmighu Angalaparemeswarariamman Temple, Melmalaiyanur
30.	Arulmighu Nemili Alavandar charities, Mahapalipuram
31.	Arulmighu Mariamman Temple, Ooty
32.	Arulmighu Bannari Mariamman Temple, Bannari.

Those who need accommodation can book 15 days in advance. They can also book the rooms directly on their arrival, but

subject to availability of rooms. The concerned Executive Officers or the Reception Officers may be contacted for this purpose.

### 16. IMPORTANT FESTIVALS IN TEMPLES

The Brahmotsavam festivals are conducted in major temples every year. Some of the important temple festivals are given below:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>TempleName &amp; Place</b>	<b>Festival Details</b>
1	Arulmighu Kallazhakar emple,Azhagarkoil	Chithirai – Chithirai Festival
2	Arulmighu Subramaniaswamy Temple, Thiruparankundram	Vaikasi – Visakam
3	Arulmighu Subramaniaswamy Temple, Thiruchendur	Vaikasi – Visakam, Kandhashasti Soorasamharam in Ippasi
4	Arulmighu Nachiar Temple, Srivilliputhur	Aadi – Aadi pooram
5	Arulmighu Subramaniaswamy Temple, Thiruttani	Aadi – Aadi Kirthigai  Margazhi – Thiruppadi festival (December 31 – January 1)
6	Arulmighu Sankaranarayaswamy Temple, Sankarankoil	Aadi – Aadi Thapasu
7	Arulmighu Ramanathaswamy Temple, Rameswaram	Aadi – Aadi Amavasai  Thai – Thai Amavasai
8	Arulmighu Navaneetheswarar Temple, Sikkal	Ippasi – Vel Festival

9	Arulmighu Arunachaleswarar Temple, Thiruvannamalai	Karthigai – Annamalayar Dheepa Festival
10	Arulmighu Aranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam	Margazhi – Vaikunda Ekadasi
11	Arulmighu Dhadayuthapaniswamy Temple, Palani	Thai – Thai poosam Panguni – Panguni Uthiram
12	Arulmighu Aadhi Kumbeswarar and other temples at Kumbakonam	Maasi – Maasi Magam
13	Arulmighu Kapaleeswarar Temple, Mylapore	Panguni – Arubathu Moovar Festival
14	Arulmighu Bannari Mariamman Temple, Bannari	Panguni – Kundam Festival

All are invited to participate in these temple festivals, and get blessings of god.

### **17. ANNADHANAM SCHEME**

In order to provide free noon meal everyday to the devotees, the Annadhanam Scheme has been introduced in 360 temples. The full meal contains sambar, rasam, koottu or porial, pickles along with rice. Due to overwhelming patronage extended by the donors, the scheme is successfully implemented at donor's cost in many temples. Donations made to the Annadhanam will attract 50% tax exemption under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act.

Any donor who desires to participate in this scheme may deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- and from the interest accrued thereon,

Annadhanam would be offered on the day specified by the donor, every year.

Contributions to this scheme, may be sent by cash, cheque or demand draft in favour of "The Executive Officer", Annadhanam Scheme of the temple concerned.

Those who wish to contribute in general, without naming the temple, may send Cash, Cheque or Demand Draft in favour of **"The Administrator / Commissioner, Annadhanam Scheme Fund, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department"** and send it to the following address:

The Commissioner  
Hindu Religious and Charitable  
Endowments Department  
119 Mahatma Gandhi Road,  
Nungambakkam  
Chennai 600 034.

The list of temples where "Annadhanam" Scheme is in force now, is available in [www.hrce.tn.nic.in](http://www.hrce.tn.nic.in)

### **18. SPIRITUAL AND MORAL CLASSES :**

In order to inculcate good behaviour and spiritualism among the growing generation, Spiritual and moral classes are conducted in temples where Annadhanam Scheme is in force, on every Sunday for one hour. People can reap the benefits of this scheme by sending their children to these classes conducted in the nearby temples on every Sunday evening.

### **19. PENSION SCHEME FOR POOJARIS, ARCHAKAS, ODUVARS, etc.**

This scheme has been introduced to provide a monthly pension of Rs.750/- to Poojaris whose annual income is less than Rs.15,000/- and who have retired at the age of 60 after working for a period of 20 years in any village temple which do not come under the administrative control of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Administration Department at present. Applicants may register their names in the Office of the Assistant Commissioner concerned with eligibility certificates. Thereafter, filled in applications with necessary enclosures received are placed before the Village Temple Poojaris Selection Committee for consideration and sanctioned on priority basis.

### **20. VILLAGE TEMPLEPOOJARIS WELFARE BOARD:**

The Government has established a separate Welfare Board for the welfare of village templepoojaris. Various welfare measures will be implemented for the benefit of Village Temple Poojaris through this Board.

The following is the composition of the Temple Poojaris Welfare Board.

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments	Chairman
2.	Secretary to Government, Hindu Religious Endowments Department	Member-Ex. Officio
3.	Secretary to Government, Finance Department	Member – Ex-Oficio
4.	Secretary to Government, Revenue Department	Member – Ex-Oficio
5.	Secretary to Government, Social Welfare Department	Member – Ex-Oficio
6.	Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department	Member – Ex-Oficio
7.	Commissioner, Labour Welfare Department.	Member – Ex-Oficio
8.	Joint Commissioner, Land Administration Department	Member – Ex-Oficio
9.	Additional Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department	Member/Secretary – Ex-Oficio
10.	Joint Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department	Member – Ex-Oficio
11.	Thiru.S. Vedantham, Managing Trustee, Village TemplePoojaris Peravai.	Non Official member
12.	Thiru.A.K. Soundararajan, State Joint Organiser (Coimbatore), Village TemplePoojaris Peravai.	Non Official member
13.	Thiru.C. Kanagarasan, State Organiser, Village TemplePoojaris Peravai.	Non Official member
14.	Thiru.R. Mariappan, Village TemplePoojaris Peravai, Cherakulam, Tuticorin District.	Non Official member
15.	Thiru.M. Rajamani, Village TemplePoojaris Peravai, Dokkupothahalli, Nallampalli, Dharmapuri District	Non Official member

16.	Thiru.A.P.V.S. Manian, Trustee, Village TemplePoojaris Peravai.	Non Official member
17.	Thiru. Kan.Natarajan Poojari, Thiruvaur Village TemplePoojaris Peravai.	Non Official member
18.	Thiru.Pattabi Poojari, Trichy District, Village TemplePoojaris Peravai.	Non Official member
19.	Thiru.Natarajan Poojari, Madurai District Organiser, Village TemplePoojaris Peravai.	Non Official member

## 21. "THIRUKKOIL"- MONTHLY MAGAZINE

As the official publication of this department, a monthly magazine named "Thirukkoil" is published with colourful and attractive pictures. Much of the festivals, important events pertaining to various important temples, along with necessary informations useful to the devotees, are published periodically. Aritcles from eminent scholars and on Tamil Classical scripts are published. Copies can be obtained from various temples in the nearby area on payment of Rs.10/- per copy. One can also subscribe the book directly on payment of Rs.120/- as annual subscription, Rs.1,000/- as lifetime subscription, by Money Order with correct address, or by crossed Demand Draft in favour " The Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, Chennai".

## **22. THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005:**

The Right to Information Act, 2005 was passed in the Parliament on 11.5.2005 and after getting the President's assent on 15.6.2005, the Act has come to effect from 12.10.2005 onwards.

Under this Act, the following Officers of the Hindu Religious Charitable Endowments Department have been appointed as Public Information Officers and Appellate Authorities.

In the Office of the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department at Chennai, the Joint Commissioner (Headquarters) is the Public Information Officer and the Additional Commissioner is the Appellate Authority.

In all the Offices of the Joint Commissioners, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, the Managers are the Public Information Officers and the Joint Commissioners are the Appellate Authority in their respective Offices.

In all the Offices of the Assistant Commissioners, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department, the Head Clerks are the Public Information Officers and the Assistant Commissioners are the Appellate Authority in their respective Offices.

### 23. E-POOJA:

The department has a website to provide information on important temples and also to book poojas - any time from any part of the world on line. The address is: [www.tntemple.org](http://www.tntemple.org)

The following temples have websites which can also be browsed individually:

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		<a href="http://www.navathirupathi.org">www.navathirupathi.org</a>
2	Aadikumbeswarar, Kumbakonam	<a href="mailto:kumbeswarartemple@sancharnet.in">kumbeswarartemple@sancharnet.in</a>
		<a href="http://www.kumbeswarar.org">www.kumbeswarar.org</a>
3	Abadhsagayeswarar, Alangudi	<a href="mailto:algguru@sancharnet.in">algguru@sancharnet.in</a>
		<a href="http://www.gurusthalam.com">www.gurusthalam.com</a>
4	Adikesava Perumal, Sri Perumbudur	<a href="mailto:adhikesavaramanuja@sancharnet.in">adhikesavaramanuja@sancharnet.in</a>
		<a href="http://www.adhikesavaramanujatemple.com">www.adhikesavaramanujatemple.com</a>
5	Amirthakadeswarar, Thirukkadayur	<a href="mailto:contact@thirucadaiyurtemple.org">contact@thirucadaiyurtemple.org</a>
		<a href="http://www.thirucadaiyurtemple.org">www.thirucadaiyurtemple.org</a>
6	Arthanareeswarar, Thiruchengode	<a href="mailto:arthanareeswarartemple@sancharnet.in">arthanareeswarartemple@sancharnet.in</a>
		<a href="http://www.arthanareeswarartemple.com">www.arthanareeswarartemple.com</a>
7	Arunachaleswarar, Thiruvannamalai	<a href="mailto:dc@arunachaleswarar.com">dc@arunachaleswarar.com</a>
		<a href="http://www.arunachaleswarar.com">www.arunachaleswarar.com</a>
8	Ashtalakshmi, Besant Nagar, Chennai	<a href="mailto:astalakshmithirukoil@vsnl.net">astalakshmithirukoil@vsnl.net</a>
		<a href="http://www.astalakshmithirukoil.com">www.astalakshmithirukoil.com</a>
9	Bagavathiamman, Mandaikadu	<a href="mailto:dceosusi@sancharnet.in">dceosusi@sancharnet.in</a>
		<a href="http://www.mondaikadbhagavathiammantemple.org">www.mondaikadbhagavathiammantemple.org</a>
10	Bagavathiamman, Kanyakumari	<a href="mailto:dceosusi@sancharnet.in">dceosusi@sancharnet.in</a>
		<a href="http://www.kanyakumaribhagavathiammantemple.org">www.kanyakumaribhagavathiammantemple.org</a>
11	Balamurugan, Rathinagiri	<a href="mailto:rathnagirimurugan@sancharnet.in">rathnagirimurugan@sancharnet.in</a>
		<a href="http://www.rathnagiritemple.org">www.rathnagiritemple.org</a>
12	Bathrakaliamman, Madapuram	<a href="mailto:madapuramtemple@sancharnet.in">madapuramtemple@sancharnet.in</a>
		<a href="http://www.madapurambathrakaliammantemple.com">www.madapurambathrakaliammantemple.com</a>

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14	Brahadeeswarar, Thanjavur	<a href="mailto:info@thanjavurpalacedevasthanam.org">info@thanjavurpalacedevasthanam.org</a> <a href="http://www.thanjavurpalacedevasthanam.org">www.thanjavurpalacedevasthanam.org</a>
15	Chakrapani, Kumbakonam	<a href="mailto:chakrapanitemple@sancharnet.in">chakrapanitemple@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.srichakrapanitemple.com">www.srichakrapanitemple.com</a>
16	Chandramouleeswarar, Thiruvakkarai	<a href="mailto:vakrakaliamman@sancharnet.in">vakrakaliamman@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.vakarakaliammantemple.com">www.vakarakaliammantemple.com</a>
18	Courtralanathar, Courtralam	<a href="mailto:courtrallanathar@sancharnet.in">courtrallanathar@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.courtallanathaswamytemple.org">www.courtallanathaswamytemple.org</a>
19	Dandumariamman, Coimbatore	<a href="mailto:dhandumariamman@vsnl.net">dhandumariamman@vsnl.net</a> <a href="http://www.kovaidhandumariamman.org">www.kovaidhandumariamman.org</a>
20	Devanathaswamy, Cuddalore	<a href="mailto:devanathaswamy@sancharnet.in">devanathaswamy@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.devanathaswamytemple.com">www.devanathaswamytemple.com</a>
21	Devarajaswamy, Kancheepuram	<a href="mailto:devadirajan_2004@sancharnet.in">devadirajan_2004@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.kanchivaradarajar.com">www.kanchivaradarajar.com</a>
22	Devi Karumariamman, Thiruverkadu	<a href="mailto:sridevikarumariamman@sancharnet.in">sridevikarumariamman@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.thiruverkadukarumari.com">www.thiruverkadukarumari.com</a>
23	Dhandayuthapani, Palani	<a href="mailto:lordmuruga@eth.net">lordmuruga@eth.net</a> <a href="http://www.palanimurugantemple.org">www.palanimurugantemple.org</a>
24	Dhanumalayaswamy, Suchindram	<a href="mailto:dceosusi@sancharnet.in">dceosusi@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.suchindrumthanumalayaswamytemple.org">www.suchindrumthanumalayaswamytemple.org</a>
25	Gandheeswaram Eganthalingar Koil, Gandeewaram	<a href="mailto:eganthalingar@sancharnet.in">eganthalingar@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.gandheeswaramkoil.org">www.gandheeswaramkoil.org</a>
26	Ekambaranathar, Kanchipuram	<a href="mailto:kanchi_ekambaranathar@sancharnet.in">kanchi_ekambaranathar@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.ekambaranathartemple.com">www.ekambaranathartemple.com</a>
27	Ellaiyamman Thirukoil, Vettuvanam	<a href="mailto:eo@ellaiammankoil.org">eo@ellaiammankoil.org</a> <a href="http://www.ellaiammankoil.org">www.ellaiammankoil.org</a>
28	Gobinathaswamy, Dindigul	<a href="mailto:gobinathartemple@sancharnet.in">gobinathartemple@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.gobinathasamytemple.org">www.gobinathasamytemple.org</a>
29	Irattai Thirupathy Aravinthalochar, Tholaivillimangalam	<a href="mailto:sriaravinthalochar@sancharnet.in">sriaravinthalochar@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.navathirupathi.org">www.navathirupathi.org</a>
30	Irattai Thirupathy Devarpiran, Tholaivillimangalam	<a href="mailto:sridevarpiran@sancharnet.in">sridevarpiran@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.navathirupathi.org">www.navathirupathi.org</a>
31	Jambugeswarar & Agilandeswari, Thiruvanaikka	<a href="mailto:tvkoil@sancharnet.in">tvkoil@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.thiruvanaikkavaltemple.org">www.thiruvanaikkavaltemple.org</a>
32	Kalahastheeswarar, Dindigul	<a href="mailto:dindigulabiramitemple@sancharnet.in">dindigulabiramitemple@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.dindigulkalahestheeswarartemple.org">www.dindigulkalahestheeswarartemple.org</a>

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35	Kallapiran Temple, Srivaikundam	<a href="mailto:srikallapiran@sancharnet.in">srikallapiran@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.navathirupathi.org">www.navathirupathi.org</a>
36	Kallazhagar, Alagarkoil	<a href="mailto:alagarkovil_madurai@sancharnet.in">alagarkovil_madurai@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.alagarkovil.org">www.alagarkovil.org</a>
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48	Lakshminarasimhaswamy, Sholingur	<a href="mailto:info@sholingurnarasimhar.com">info@sholingurnarasimhar.com</a> <a href="http://www.sholingurnarasimhar.com">www.sholingurnarasimhar.com</a>
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51	Mahara Nedungulai Kadar, Thenthiruperai	<a href="mailto:kurangani@sancharnet.in">kurangani@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.kurangani-muthumalaiamma.org">www.kurangani-muthumalaiamma.org</a>
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64	Nadiamman, Pattukottai	<a href="mailto:nadiammanpkt@sancharnet.in">nadiammanpkt@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.nadiyamman@temple.com">www.nadiyamman@temple.com</a>
65	Naganathaswamy, Thirunageswaram	<a href="mailto:sriraaghutemple@sancharnet.in">sriraaghutemple@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.thirunageswaramraghu.org">www.thirunageswaramraghu.org</a>
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67	Narasimma Swamy, Kottai Naamakkal	<a href="mailto:namakkalanjaneyar@sancharnet.in">namakkalanjaneyar@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.narasimhaswamy@temple.org">www.narasimhaswamy@temple.org</a>
68	Neelayathachiamman, Nagapattinam	<a href="mailto:neelayathachiamman@sancharnet.in">neelayathachiamman@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.neelayathachiamman@temple.com">http://www.neelayathachiamman@temple.com</a>
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74	Rajagopalaswamy ,Mannargudi	<a href="mailto:rgswamytemple@sancharnet.in">rgswamytemple@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.rajagopalswamytemple.com">www.rajagopalswamytemple.com</a>
75	Rajagopalaswamy, Anandamangalam	<a href="mailto:tajapuja@sancharnet.in">tajapuja@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.ananthamangalamanjana.com">www.ananthamangalamanjana.com</a>
76	Ramanathaswamy, Rameswaram	<a href="mailto:lordramnath@sancharnet.in">lordramnath@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.rameswaramtemple.org">www.rameswaramtemple.org</a>
77	Ranganathaswamy, Srirangam	<a href="mailto:info@srirangam.org">info@srirangam.org</a> <a href="http://www.srirangam.org">www.srirangam.org</a>
78	Renugambal Amman Temple, Padavedu	<a href="mailto:renugatem@sancharnet.in">renugatem@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.renugambal.com">www.renugambal.com</a>
79	Saneeswaran, Kuchanoor	<a href="mailto:rajabl@sify.com">rajabl@sify.com</a> <a href="http://www.kuchanoorsaneeswarar.org">www.kuchanoorsaneeswarar.org</a>
80	Sangameswarar, Bhavani	<a href="mailto:Koodalsangameshwarar@sancharnet.in">Koodalsangameshwarar@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.bhavani-sangameswarartemple.org">www.bhavani-sangameswarartemple.org</a>
81	Sankaranarayananaswamy, Sankarankoil	<a href="mailto:sankarankovil@sancharnet.in">sankarankovil@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.sankarankovil.org">www.sankarankovil.org</a>
82	Sarangapani, Kumbakonam	<a href="mailto:srisarangapani@sancharnet.in">srisarangapani@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.srisarangapani.org">www.srisarangapani.org</a>
83	Srinivasa Perumal, Nachiyar Koil	<a href="mailto:kalkaruda@sancharnet.in">kalkaruda@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.kalkarudabahavan.com">www.kalkarudabahavan.com</a>
84	Sthalasayanaperumal, Mamallapuram	<a href="mailto:sthalasayana@sancharnet.in">sthalasayana@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.mamallasthalasayanatemple.com">www.mamallasthalasayanatemple.com</a>
85	Subramaniaswamy, Thirupparankundram	<a href="mailto:thiruparankundramdc@sancharnet.in">thiruparankundramdc@sancharnet.in</a> <a href="http://www.thirupparankundram.org">www.thirupparankundram.org</a>
86	Subramaniaswamy, Ettukudi	<a href="mailto:info@ettukudimurugan.com">info@ettukudimurugan.com</a> <a href="http://www.ettukudimurugan.com">www.ettukudimurugan.com</a>
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