

SRI SHIKANATHAR TEMPLE
Kudumiyamalai, Pudukkottai, Tamilnadu, India

God

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Best Season To Visit

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Dress Code

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For women the preferred dress code is saree or half-saree with blouse or chudidhar with pyjama and upper cloth.

These rules are applicable for foreigners also. Shorts, mini-skirts, middies, sleeveless tops, low-waist jeans and short-length T-shirts are not allowed.

Pilgrims/visitors will not be allowed inside the temple if dress code is not followed.

Do's & Dont's

Do bathe and wear clean clothes before you enter the temple.

Do respect ancient customs and co-pilgrims while at temple.

Smoâ€king is strictly prohibited inside the temple premises.

transport connections

Name
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Contact Number

Pudukottai Bus Stop

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04322-220906

Pudukkottai Railway Station

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Chennai International Airport

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