

SRI KALAHASTHEESWARA SWAMY TEMPLE

Srikalahasti, Andhra Pradesh, India

God

Sri Kalahastheeswara swamy is the main deity of Srikalahasti temple. The Lord is an incarnation of Lord Siva. Here main deity is facing West direction and he is 2.5 Feet height. The Lingam here is swayambu and is known as Karpoora Vayu Lingam. The main lingam is shaped like an Elephant Trunk, with tusks on each side and a figure of the Spider at the bottom. If you look at the lingam from above it looks like a Snake with five hood and it is white in colour.

Goddess

Goddess Parvathi Devi is worshiped here as Gnanaprasunambika. Goddess Parvathi is facing East. Gauri Devi was born during the time of Dakshayagna and wanted to marry Lord Shiva. Lord Shiva asked Gauri Devi to get her powers back then he will marry her. Later Parameshwari prepared Sri Chakra with her own hands, got back her powers and got married to Lord Shiva.

Interesting Facts

It is the only temple kept open for Darshan on Eclipse days.

In this temple the lights of oil lamps oscillate back and forth, as an indication of swami Uchwasa and Nitchvasa which is a direct evidence of swamy presence.

Kalankari, one of the most traditional art form of India is noted for its extraordinary beautiful hand paintings on fabrics in Srikalahasti.

We can have a great view of Shiva linga where Kannapa (Thinnappan), performed act of giving his own eye to Lord Shiva located on the top of the hill.

Best Season To Visit

The best season to visit Srikalahasti is the Winter season. The best months to visit are October to March.

Weather

Highest - April to June (40 °C during day and 20 °C during night)
Average - May (35 °C during the day and 20 °C during night)
Lowest - October to February (27 °C during day and 18 °C during night)
Monsoon season - August to September

Dress Code

For men the dress code is Shirt & Trouser, Dhoti or Pyjamas with upper cloth.

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

Shorts, mini-skirts, middies, sleeveless tops, low-waist jeans and short-length T-shirts are not allowed.

Do's & Dont's

Take a head bath before performing the pooja.

Pregnant ladies should not perform the dosha nivarana poojas in the temple.
Also avoid visiting temple where dosha nivarana poojas are performed.

Do not offer Sastanga Namaskara in any Naga devatha temple.

transport connections

Name

Distance

Contact Number

A.P.S.R.T.C. Bus Stand, Srikalahasti

1.4 KM

073828 83554

Sri Kalahasti Railway Station

3 KM

08572-230085

Tirupati International Airport

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