

**SRI SANKAARANYESWARAR TEMPLE**  
**Thalachangadu, Nagapattinam, Tamilnadu, India**

God

Sankaaranyeswarar is the main deity of this temple, who is an incarnation of Lord Shiva. Here deity is facing in East with 3 feet in height. We can see the hair-roots in the lingam and the base (Aavudayar) of the main deity is in the shape of a conch.

**Interesting Facts**

This is one of the 276 Devara Paadal Petra Shiva Sthalams and 45th Shiva Sthalam on the Southern bank of the river Cauveri in Chozha Nadu (Thenkarai).

This temple is counted as one of the Maadak Koils built by King Kochengat Cholan.

The main deity's lingam is very tall and the uniqueness of this lingam is that it has locks of hair. This can be seen at the time of abhishekam using gingelly oil.

**Best Season To Visit**

The best season to visit this temple is Winter season. The best months to visit are September to March.

**Weather**

Highest - April to June (38°C during day and 26°C during night)  
Average - May (37 °C during the day and 21 °C during night)  
Lowest - October to February (30 °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.

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.

Smoking is strictly prohibited inside the temple premises.

## **transport connections**

Name

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Contact Number

Karuvi Bus Stop

2.5 KM  
18004194287

Sirkazhi Railway Station

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