

## **SRI BRIHADESWARAR TEMPLE**

**Gangaikonda Cholapuram, Ariyalur, Tamilnadu, India**

God

The main deity of this temple is Brihadeeswarar, who is an incarnation of Lord Shiva facing East direction with a height of 13.5 feet tall placed on a Avudayar of 60 feet circumference.

### **Interesting Facts**

The shadow of the Kalasa does not fall on the ground. A rare stone, Chandrakanta stone is installed under the Lord having a strange characteristic of playing an air-conditioner during summer and a heater during winter.

Nandhi in the temple is made of lime stone and placed on the ground. The gap between Nandhi and the sanctum sanctorum is 200 meters. The rays of Sun fall on Nandhi each day reflecting on the Lord. The sanctum sanctorum will be very bright with the reflection of sun rays even if all the lights are put off.

### **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

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