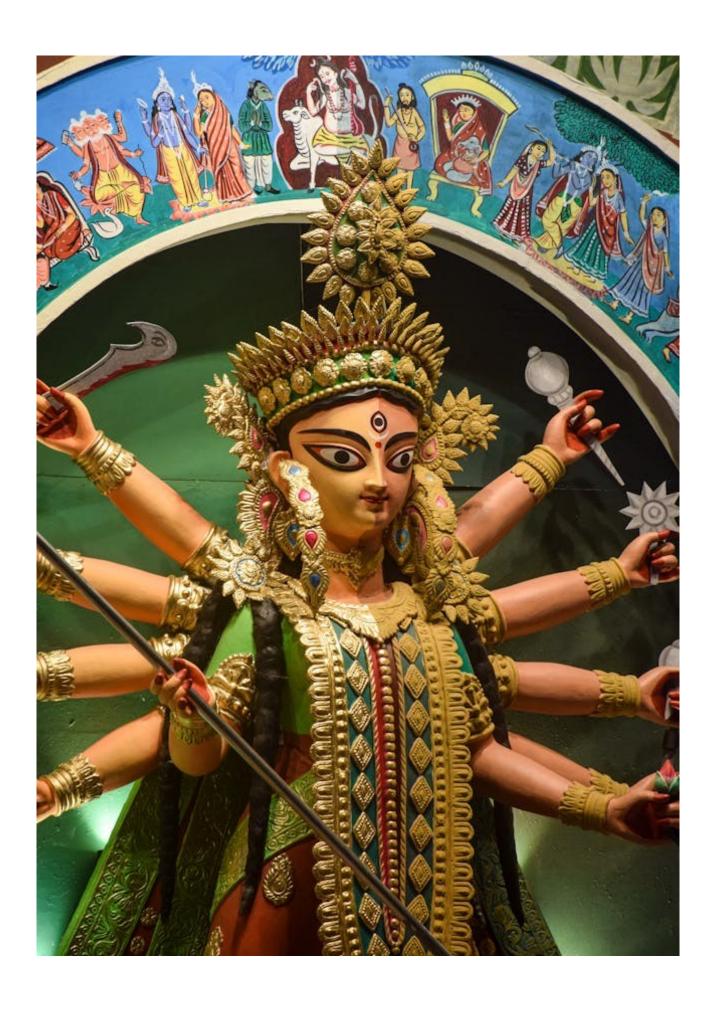
# **Aum Namah Shivaya**



# **Shree Kamatcheeammen Temple**

Project Brief

## **About Shree Kamacheeammen Temple**

Sri kamatcheeamen temple is a temple in newlands west.

The temple provides the community with a place to perform workship to the mother goddess.

## Logo

We need to design a logo.

## **Website structure**

The temple would like a 14 page website

• Home

### Find us

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## **Home Page**

The navigation and footer must be repeated on home page and all the other pages.

The home page must have a hero image of the mother goddess just below navigation.

Just below the hero image a section for a featured event with CTA to read more.

Below another section with images and a CTA to temple shrines.

Below another section with temple times and read more CTAs for temple services and temple pooja calendars.

Below another section with an overview about the temple with images and CTA to read more.

Below another section split into two with an overview and CTAs read more for volunteers and donations.

Below sitemap navigation footer.

## How to find us page

Google maps iframe embedded.

## Shrines in temple page

Top section a full width banner with text "icon and shrines in temple" Below a list of shrines introduced with a h1 heading and paragraphs and images of shrines.

#### Shri Muthu Mariamman

Shri Muthu Mariamman is a Tamil folk goddess, whose worship originated in Pre-Vedic times. She is the main Tamil mother goddess, predominant in the rural areas. The word Mari has a Sangam Tamil origin meaning "Rain" and the Tamil word Amman means "Mother". The ancient Tamils worshipped her as the bringer of rain and thus also the bringer of prosperity, since the abundance of their crops was dependent largely upon adequate rainfall.

The cult of the Mother Goddess is treated as an indication of a society, which venerated femininity. In the Sangam literature, there is an elaborate description of the rites performed by the Kurava priestess in the shrine Palamuthircholai.

The Goddess is very powerful and fulfils Devotees' wishes. Devotees vary with different wishes, seeking wedding, child, job, health and solution for family problems etc. Persons affected by Chickenpox and Smallpox come to this place and pray the Goddess for speedy recovery.

### Lord Vinayakar

Lord Vinayakar is worshiped at the beginning of any new endeavour with a belief that he will hinder all obstacles in the path of success.

Lord Vinayakar is worshiped to attain the spiritual insight.

Lord Vinayakar is prayed to gain wisdom and intelligence. The elephant head of Vinayakar is the sign of intelligence.

Lord Vinayakar is worshiped to achieve splendour and prosperity in life.

Destroying pride, conquering emotions, and obliterating ego are the most essential steps should be taken by one to be a perfect person. Worshiping Lord Vinayakar will help to achieve the same.

Lord Vinayakar's Trunk represents Om the cosmic energy of the universe.

#### Lord Shiva

Shiva is one of the principal Deities of Hinduism. He is the Supreme Being within Shaivism.

Shiva is the "destroyer of evil and the transformer" within the Trimurti, the Hindu trinity that includes Brahma and Vishnu. In Shaivism tradition, Shiva is the Supreme being who creates, protects and transforms the universe. In the goddess tradition of Hinduism called Shaktism, the goddess is described as supreme, yet Shiva is revered along with Vishnu and Brahma. A goddess is stated to be the energy and creative power (Shakti) of each, with Parvati the equal complementary partner of Shiva. He is one of the five equivalent deities in Panchayatana puja of the Smarta tradition of Hinduism.

According to the Shaivism sect, the highest form of Shiva is formless, limitless, transcendent and unchanging absolute Brahman, and the primal Atman (soul, self) of the universe. Shiva has many benevolent and fearsome depictions. In benevolent aspects, he is depicted as an omniscient Yogi who lives an ascetic life on Mount Kailash as well as a householder with wife Parvati and his two children, Ganesha and Kartikeya. In his fierce aspects, he is often depicted slaying demons. Shiva is also known as Adiyogi Shiva, regarded as the patron god of yoga, meditation and arts.

The iconographical attributes of Shiva are the serpent around his neck, the adorning crescentmoon, the holy river Ganga flowing from his matted hair, the third eye on his forehead, the trishula as his weapon and the damaru. He is usually worshipped in the aniconic form of Lingam. Shiva is a pan-Hindu deity, revered widely by Hindus, in India, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

#### Lord Murugan with Deivanai & Valli

Lord Murugan is the son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvathi.

Lord Murugan has all the qualities of His parents (His 5 faces represent that of Shiva and 6th face is of Goddess Parvathi as Shakthi).

When you are praying to Lord Murugan, indirectly you are praying to Shiva and Parvathi too.

We have seven Chakras, the energy centres within us. The energy surges through the 6 Chakras and stabilizes at the 6th Chakra, the Ajna Chakra (the area present in the middle of our 2 eyebrows), it blossoms as Lord Murugan, the symbolizm of Guru Tattva.

Shiva is the un-manifest Divinity, while Lord Murugan is the manifest divinity. Murugan is the symbol of Kundalini Shakthi. By praying to Murugan, we are praying to the Kundalini energy within us and thus activating it.

Lord Murugan helps us in destroying of harmful and evil nature within us, and thus conquering of sensual desires.

Lord Murugan is a great warrior and often referred as God of war, since he himself is commander of the army of God's. Praying to him, we too become strong and victorious in all our tasks.

### Lord Shri Sandikeswari

Devi Sandikeswari - The protector from all evils, is a popular feminine deity predominantly worshiped by Tamils. The Goddess is basically a fierce village deity associated with Goddess Parvati and is said to be propitiated with blood. She also serves as a rural guardian deity, revered in the villages. The Goddess is also the Avatar of the supreme power called 'Shakti' which forms the genesis of the Universe.

It is often believed that those who pray to Goddess Sandikeswari will face obstacles initially but over a period, these obstacles will go away just like snow under the heat of the Sun. Devi Sandikeswari will teach you how to develop patience. Devi Sandikeswari is a strict mother who knows nothing but love for her children.

Tuesdays are considered as auspicious for paying obeisance to Devi Sandikeswari. Those who pray to her on Tuesdays are assured of freedom from obstacles.

Lemon and Devi Sandikeswari have a tremendous connection. This is a practice that is being adopted among Tamils from time immemorial. Lemon absorbs all the negative energy. There are

people, who are cursed or who are victims of bad influences and as a result face lots of difficulties in their lives. By lighting a lemon lamp or by at least offering a lemon to the Goddess, all these negative energies are completely decimated.

#### Lord Bhairavar

Bhairava originates from the word bhīru, which means "fearful". Bhairava means "terribly fearful form". It is also known as one who destroys fear or one who is beyond fear. The right interpretation is that he protects his devotees from dreadful enemies, greed, lust and anger. Bhairava protects his devotees from these enemies. These enemies are dangerous, as they never allow us to seek God within. There is also another interpretation. Bha means creation, rameans sustenance and va means destruction. Therefore, Bhairava is the one who creates, sustains and dissolves the three stages of life. Therefore, he becomes the ultimate or the supreme.

The origin of Bhairava can be traced to a conversation between Brahma and Vishnu, which is recounted in the Shiva Mahapuranam. In it, Vishnu inquired of Brahma, "Who is the supreme creator of the Universe?" Arrogantly, Brahma told Vishnu to worship him as Supreme Creator. One day, Brahma thought, "I have five heads. Shiva also has five heads. I can do everything that Shiva does and therefore I am Shiva." Brahma became a little egotistical as a result of this. Additionally, he began to forge the work of Shiva and also started interfering in what Shiva was supposed to be doing. Consequently, Mahadeva(Shiva) threw a small nail from his finger which assumed the form of Kala Bhairava and casually went to cut off one of Brahma's heads. The skull (Kapala) of Brahma is held in the hands of Kala Bhairava, Brahma's ego was destroyed and he became enlightened. From then on, he became useful to himself and to the world, and deeply grateful to Shiva. In the form of the Kala Bhairava, Shiva is said to be guarding each of these Shaktipeeths. Each Shaktipeeth temple is accompanied by a templededicated to Bhairava.

Vasantha Mandapam

Consists of sculptures of all the Lords present in the Temple in a decorative way.

## **Temple Calendar Page**

14-Apr- 18	Saturday	Vilambi Tamil New Year
9-May- 18	Wednesday	Commencement of Laksharchanai of Shri Valli and Devasena Shri Muthukumaraswamy Vimsathithina Laksharchanai
27- May-18	Sunday	Mahakumbabisheka Day of Shri Arunasaleswarar Thirukalyanam of Shri Somaskanda Moorthy
28- May-18	Monday	Completion of Vimsa thithina Laksharchanai of Shri Murugaperuman (VaikasiVishaka Day)
15-Jun- 18	Friday	Annual Festival (Thiruvizha) Start, Poorvanga Kiriyaihal
16-Jun- 18	Saturday	Annual Festival (Thiruvizha) - Surya Prabha Decoration
17-Jun- 18	Sunday	Annual Festival (Thiruvizha) - Chandra Prabha Decoration
18-Jun- 18	Monday	Annual Festival (Thiruvizha) - Kamatchi Devi Decoration
19-Jun- 18	Tuesday	Annual Festival (Thiruvizha) - Karumari Devi Decoration
20-Jun- 18	Wednesday	Annual Festival (Thiruvizha) - Rajarajeswari Decoration
21-Jun- 18	Thursday	Annual Festival (Thiruvizha) - Nagapoosani Devi Decoration
22-Jun- 18	Friday	Annual Festival (Thiruvizha) - Mahalakshmi Devi Decoration
23-Jun- 18	Saturday	Annual Festival (Thiruvizha) - Meenatchi Devi Decoration
24-Jun- 18	Sunday	Annual Festival (Thiruvizha) - Saakambari Devi Decoration
25-Jun- 18	Monday	Annual Festival (Thiruvizha) - Bhuvaneswari Devi Decoration
26-Jun- 18	Tuesday	Annual Festival (Thiruvizha) - Bhairavar Feast
25-Jul- 18	Wednesday	Commencement of Laksharchanai of Shri Abeethakujambal
27-Jul- 18	Friday	Full Eclipse of Moon
10- Aug-18	Friday	AdiAmavasaiViratham
13- Aug-18	Monday	Adipuram Day. Completion of VimsathithinaLaksharchanai of Shri Abeethagujambal Devi Abhishekam with 108 pots of milk. Ruthushanthi Vizha

23- Aug-18	Thursday	Pillaiar Festival - Inaugural Mahotsava Pooja Rituals
24- Aug-18	Friday	Flag Hoisting Ceremony. Sri Vara lakshmi Viratham (Thiruvilakku Pooja)
9-Sep- 18	Sunday	Chariot Festival
10-Sep- 18	Monday	Theertha Festival
11-Sep- 18	Tuesday	PrayachithaAbhishekam and Festival
10	Wednesday	Shri Vinayagar Chathurthi Vizha Poonkavana Festival, Shri Chandrasekara Moorthy Thirukalyanam
10	Thursday	Navothara sathakalasa Sangabishekam Thiruvizha
14-Sep- 18	Friday	Shri Bhairavar Pongal Thiruvizha
22-Sep- 18	Saturday	Puraddhthi Sani Viratham - 1st week
29-Sep- 18	Saturday	Puraddhathi Sani Viratham -2nd Week
6-Oct- 18	Saturday	Puraddhathi Sani Viratham -3rd Week
9-Oct- 18	Tuesday	Commencement of Navararthiri Pooja
13-Oct- 18	Saturday	Puradhathi Sani - 4th Week
17-Oct- 18	Wednesday	Saraswathi Pooja
18-Oct- 18	Thursday	Vijayathasami Day - Vidyarambam Manamboo Utsavam. Shri Kethethara Gowri Viratham Commencement
19-Oct- 18	Friday	IpasiVelli -1st Week
26-Oct- 18	Friday	IpasiVelli - 2nd Week
2-Nov- 18	Friday	IpasiVelli - 3rd Week
6-Nov- 18	Tuesday	Deepavali Day
7-Nov- 18	Wednesday	Shri Ketharagowri Viratham End
8-Nov- 18	Thursday	Skandashasty Viratham commencement
9-Nov- 18	Friday	IpasIVelli - 4th Week
13- Nov-18	Tuesday	Skandashasty Viratham

14- Nov-18	Wednesday	Virathaparanai - Shri MuruganThirukalyanam
19- Nov-18	Monday	Karthikai Somavara Viratham - 1st Week
22- Nov-18	Thursday	SarvalayaTheepam ( Vilakkeedu)
23- Nov-18	Friday	Commencement of Pillaiar Kathai - Commencement of Vimsathithina Mahalaksharchani of Shri Vinayagaperuman
26- Nov-18	Monday	KarthikaiSomavaraViratham - 2nd Week
3-Dec- 18	Monday	KarthikaiSomavaraViratham- 3rd Week
10-Dec- 18	Monday	Karthikai Somavara Viratham - 4thWeek Navotharasathakala Sabhishekam
10	Thursday	Vinayagar ShastyViratham ( Pillaiar Kathai ) Completion of Vimsathithina Mahalaksharchanai of Shri Vinayagaperuman
14-Dec- 18	Friday	Thiruvembavai Pooja Commencement
18-Dec- 18	Tuesday	Sarvavaikunda Ekathasi Vizha
23-Dec- 18	Sunday	End of Thiruvembavai Pooja - Shri Nadesar Abhishekam Aroothratharisanam
1-Jan- 19	Tuesday	English New Year
12-Feb- 19	Tuesday	Commencement of Vimsathithina Mahalaksharchani of Shri Arunasalesvara Peruman
19-Feb- 19	Tuesday	MasimagaThirunal
3-Mar- 19	Sunday	Completion of Vimsathithina Mahalaksharchanai of Shri Arunasaleswara Peruman
4-Mar- 19	Monday	Maha Sivararthiri Viratham
20-Mar- 19	Wednesday	Pankuni Uthara Thirunal
25-Mar- 19	Monday	Commencement of Vimsathithina Mahalaksharchani of Shri Narayana Peruman
10	Saturday	Shri Ramanavami Day , Completion of Vimsathithina Mahalaksharchani of Shri Narayana Peruman
14-Apr- 19	Sunday	Shri Narayana Peruman Thirukalyanam

## **Code of conduct**

## **Top section**

This is a place of worship and kindly observe the rules appropriate to such a place. Your safety and comfort is our primary concern while you are at the Temple premises. Please ensure that your children are always in the main circulation areas and are under your supervision at all times.

### **On Arrival section**

Park your car without blocking the access ways to other car users

For information and assistance, enquire at the reception

Do not leave your shoes in the entrance lobby. There are designated areas on the ground floor near the entrance for shoes.

Remove your shoes before going to the pooja Hall.

Do not allow your children to wander about without supervision.

Help us to maintain the tidiness and cleanliness of the premises by putting your litter in the designated bins.

Leave the toilets in as clean a condition as you would wish to find it yourself.

Do not enter into unauthorised areas such as priests' quarters, kitchen, offices and store rooms which are clearly sign posted.

Switch off your mobile phone before going to pooja Hall.

## **During Pooja section**

Stand or be seated leaving the central aisle free for other devotees to walk up to the shrine or to observe the Pooja.

Maintain silence in the prayer hall, particularly while proceedings are in progress. If you are with young children, try to keep them quiet. Other worshippers would really appreciate this as you yourself would.

Join in the Bhajan recital. Devotion counts more than your musical talent. If you have the talent, take the lead in singing.

Do not eat or drink in the Pooja Hall.

Do not touch any of the statues or other exhibits.

Do not use your mobile phone.

Attentively listen to any announcements which are made from time to time for your benefit and to ensure smooth running of the Temple activities

After the pooja form an orderly queue to receive blessings from the priests.

Feel free to ask for information from the priests, volunteers or Temple staff.

After the Pooja, when 'Anna Dhaanam' is provided, please proceed to the designated place where arrangements are made for the distribution of 'Anna Dhaanam'

## **Religious Services Page**

#### Archanai

Single Archanai to any Lord in the Temple

Family Archanai to any Lord in the Temple

Single Archanai to all the Lords in the Temple

Family Archanai to all the Lords in the Temple

Motcha Archanai with Ghee Dheepam

Vehicle Archanai

Sections for different services to the gods

## **Photo Gallery Page**

Links to albums grid

## **Video Gallery Page**

Sequence of videos to play.

## **Volunteer Page**

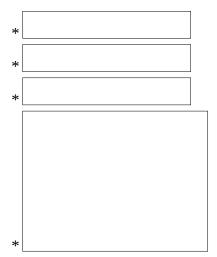
Volunteers do not necessarily have the Time or Money; they just have the Heart.

We need all the help we can get from each Devotee to run the temple. Volunteer support is needed in the serving of food, assistance with normal activities and to be the marshals on special occasions Therefore, if you can give your time – however short that may be – please contact the office staff.

In addition to religious activities, we have an ambitious programme to promote numerous cultural activities in the Temple premises. If you can contribute in any way, we will be delighted to hear from you.

If you would like to volunteer for any for various activities around the year, please contact temple by submitting the below form:

#### Contact Form



Alternatively, you may contact the Temple for volunteering through any of the below means:

SMS/ Call

(+27) 31 578????

(+27) 31 578????

**Email Address** 

shreekamatcheeammen@gmail.com

## **Donations Page**

#### Dear Devotees,

We would like to invite you, your family and friends and get the blessings of Shree Kamatcheeammen Temple, Newlands West, Durban, KZN.

As we all know, more number of Devotees are being benefited through our Shree Kamatcheeammen Temple, Newlands west and it is growing in a fast pace. At the same time, the temple is willing to share the golden opportunity for the Devotees to serve our Amman through various ways. This service provides a unique opportunity to serve fellow Devotees and participate devoutly in service aimed at the essence of fellowship. According to the scriptures, Divine grace can be obtained not only by worshiping the Amman in the sanctum but also by serving her Devotees. Thus, at our Shree Kamatcheeammen Temple, the added benefit of receiving Amman's blessings and grace is through selfless service to the Divine.

We are requesting everyone to contribute to the regular functioning of Shree Kamatcheeammen Temple. We seek your generous participation with offering of donation for this noble cause and make our endeavour a successful one. Your contributions are towards your children and grandchildren. With all your support and co-operation, the temple will be run in a traditional colourful manner.

As much as the temple is growing, your donations - small or large - are very much appreciated and put to good use.

Please use the below link to offer your donations and clearly indicate the name in whose favour you need the receipt to be made.

Kindly pass the message to your family and friends as well.

Thank you very much!!

May Her Grace be with you and your family.

#### Yours faithfully,

Founders, Priests and Devotees, Shree Kamatcheeammen Temple, Newlands West, KZN, ZAR

## **Objectives Page**

Tamil Language and "Saiva Samayam" are one and the same. Our Tamil Ancestors developed the language and culture through Societies established in the Temple.

Shree Kamatcheeammen Temple objectives are:

To function as a Community centre for the Tamil people living in and around the City

To maintain the values of Tamil language, arts, culture and religion

To create awareness among the future generations about the values of language, arts, culture and religion

To respect other culture and religion and live in the society with harmony

## **History of temple Page**

Tamil people started their dissemination in Newlands West in 1886.

In five years period, the population of Tamil people had increased marginally. During this period, the Tamil people had to travel about 250 miles South (isipingo) to perform their religious duties and to attend cultural events and activities.

In 2003, few Tamil friends joined together and started a foundation named "Newlands west Tamil School". Through the foundation, they started conducting Tamil Cultural events and Special Religious ceremonies by renting a space, wherever available, on an ad-hoc basis. The friends and families of the Tamil population within the region gathered to attend these events.

# By 2007, the Tamil population in the City has increased substantially.

The Tamil people felt the need of a permanent place to perform their religious duties and to attend cultural events and activities. Thus, in the General Council meeting of "Newlands west Tamil School" foundation, a decision with an historic significance was made – To buy a place and conduct the religious and cultural ceremonies for Tamil people in that fixed place.

# By 2012, the Tamil Temple was built and the Temple was Consecrated on ??/??/???

From then on, various religious and cultural events related to Tamil people are being conducted in the premises. Apart from the regular events, annual festival is being celebrated in a grand fashion every year. All the founding members are honoured by "Given the first right" to run the annual festival.

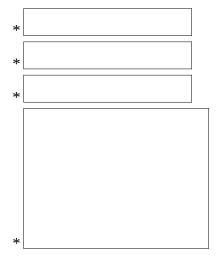
As of now, Two Priests oversee the Temple functioning. Eternal Veneration (Nithiya Poojai) and Special Prayers are being conducted within the Temple by the Priests every day. Not only in Newlands West, the Tamil people around the city are also big-heartedly supporting the successful functioning of the Temple.

Apart from Religious services, Tamil Language, Cultural music & dance are also being taught to the kids and adults within the Temple.

Every June, a special decorative pooja is also performed every year. Over the last six years, the Temple has witnessed an immense growth. Based on the amazing contribution from the Devotees, the Temple had been extended for the religious work. A new centre of learning has also been set up within the premises for the learning the Tamil language and Tamil cultural activities.

## **Contact us Page**

### **Contact Form**



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