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# Thirupparankundram Karthigai Deepam: Security tightened in Madurai

MADURAI – 25 Nov, 2026 Security has been heavily intensified across Madurai city and around the Thirupparankundram hill, with thousands of police personnel deployed and strict surveillance measures put in place to prevent any untoward incidents during the Maha Karthigai Deepam festival on Tuesday (November 24, 2026).

The security blanket follows the promulgation of prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) across Madurai district by District Magistrate and Collector Nishanth Krishna.

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Acting on intelligence inputs from the City Police Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police, which warned of large-scale mobilisation and potential confrontation



between groups over the festival rituals, the administration enforced the restrictions from 9 p.m. on Monday (November 23) until 10 a.m. on November 25.

As per the order, all unauthorised public assemblies, demonstrations, processions, and agitations have been banned, and the general public has been strictly prohibited from climbing the Thirupparankundram hill.

To enforce the prohibitory orders and maintain law and order, around 6,000 police personnel have been stationed at key strategic points across the city and the hillock.