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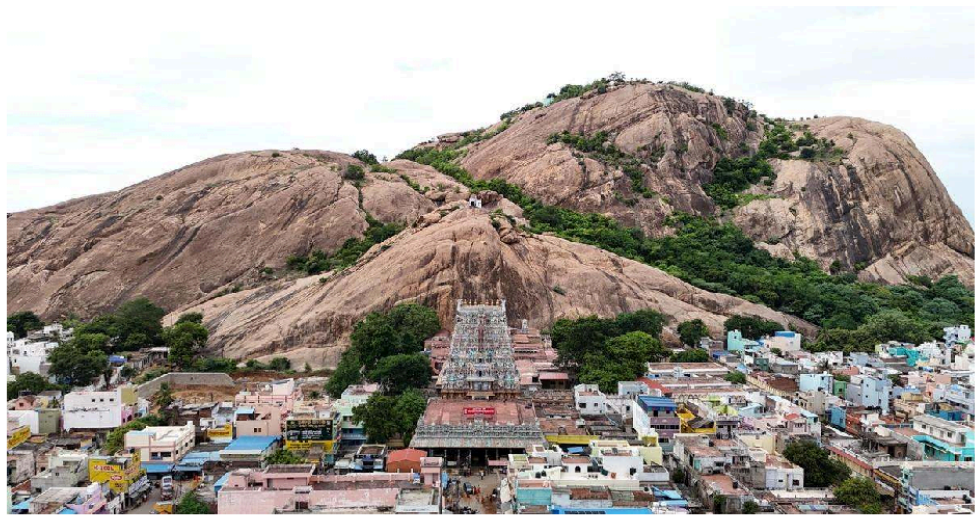
Thirupparankundram 'deepathoon' row LIVE: Tamil Nadu BJP chief arrested, tight security in hillock on Karthigai Deepam day

CHENNAI – 25 Nov, 2026 A Supreme Court Bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and Vipul Pancholi had ordered the ceremonial lamp to be lit at the 'Deepathoon' on Thirupparankundram Hill on November 24, 2026, coinciding with Karthigai Deepam. The court described the direction as a "temporary, one-time arrangement. The interim order addressed the State's plea to stay the January 6 judgment. The ceremonial lighting of the Karthigai Deepam at the 'Deepathoon' is slated for 6 p.m.

The Madurai City Police tightened security across the hill on Tuesday (November 24, 2026). The police declared areas around Thirupparankundram a "red zone", banning the use of drones and unmanned aerial vehicles on. Hundreds of personnel have been deployed



around the hill, which houses the Subramaniya Swamy Temple, to prevent unauthorised access to the hilltop where the Deepathoon is located.

At the foothills of Thirupparankundram Hill stands the Arulmigu Subramaniya Swamy Temple, dedicated to Lord Murugan, while the summit is home to the Sikandar Badusha Dargah, a Muslim shrine. The Deepathoon is located around 50 metres from the dargah. The dispute centres on whether the traditional Karthigai Deepam lamp should also be lit at this pillar.