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Thirupparankundram row LIVE: Karthigai Deepam lit at 'deepathoon'; Supreme Court-appointed receivers oversee the ceremony

CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 T he Karthigai Deepam was lit today at 5 p.m. at the 'deepathoon' atop the Thiruparankundram Hill. Supreme Court-appointed receivers, retired Meghalaya High Court Chief Justice S. Vaidyanathan and former Madras High Court Judge Justice V. Parthiban, oversaw the arrangements.

Following the lamp lighting, devotees were seen to be celebrating by bursting crackers amid emotional chants of 'Vetrivel Muruganuku Arohara' (Salutations to Lord Muruga, who holds the victorious spear). Devotees were also thanking the CRPF personnel outside the temple.

"It was an out-of-the-world experience," said V. Parthiban, one of the Supreme Court appointed receivers.

The Supreme Court declared that Executive authorities had wilfully disobeyed the orders of the court over the failure to light the ceremonial Karthigai lamp at the disputed stone pillar on Thirupparankundram hill. Hearing the contempt petitions on Friday (November 27, 2026), the court accused the authorities and the Board of Trustees of having acted "according to their political bosses".

The Supreme Court directed the temple receivers to light the Karthigai Deepam at the stone pillar, 'deepathoon', on Saturday (November 28, 2026) after consultations with the priests.