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Thirupparankundram Karthigai Deepam lit at 'deepathoon' in accordance with Supreme Court order





CHENNAI – 29 Nov, 2026 The Karthigai Deepam was lit atop the 'deepathoon' on the Thirupparankundram hills on Saturday (November 28, 2026), adhering to the directives of the Supreme Court of India.

The lighting, scheduled for 5 p.m., was executed under the direct supervision of the court-appointed receivers, retired Meghalaya High Court Chief Justice S. Vaidyanathan and former Madras High Court Judge Justice V. Parthiban, who were tasked by the apex court with taking over the administration of Sri Subramaniya Swamy Temple for the ritual.

Before ascending the deepathoon via newly erected scaffolding, the two retired judges performed traditional pujas at the temple before handing over the sacred cauldron to the temple sthanikars and priests, utilising the existing flame brought from the Uchipillayar Mandapam as mandated by the court.

To ensure compliance and maintain order, the Supreme Court had placed the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in charge of security of the hillock.

Alongside the court-appointed judges and CRPF personnel, the tightly regulated hilltop gathering included Madurai District Collector Nishant Krishna, temple priests, officials from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), and a restricted group of 50 permitted devotees, while thousands of other worshippers gathered in the foothills to witness the flame.