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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 29/04/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE L. VICTORIA GOWRI

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Muthu Karuppaiah

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Superintendent of Police,
Theni District - 625531.

2. The Returning Officer,
200 Bodinayakanur Tamil Nadu Assembly,
Theni - 625513.

3. The Deputy Superintendent Of Police,
Theni District - 625531.

4. The Inspector of Police,
Veerapandi Police Station,
Theni District - 625534.

... Respondents

PRAYER :-

To issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ or direction, directing the respondents to grant Permission and necessary protection to conduct the Adalum Padalum dance program on 02.05.2026 at 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm in connection with Chitirai Pournami Thiruvizha of Arulmigu Sri Varadharaja Perumal Temple, Kallazhagar Urchava

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Festival, situated at Upparpatti, Theni District, scheduled on 06.05.2026
and for consequential orders.

For Petitioner : Mr. B.Arunkumar,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.M.Sakthi Kumar - for R1, R3 and R4
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

Mr.Muthumanikkam - for R2
Government Advocate (Civil Side)

ORDER

This petition has been filed to direct the respondents to grant Permission and necessary protection to conduct the Adalum Padalum dance program on 02.05.2026 at 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm in connection with Chitirai Pournami Thiruvizha of Arulmigu Sri Varadharaja Perumal Temple, Kallazhagar Urchava Festival, situated at Upparpatti, Theni District.

2. It is brought to the notice of this Court that the Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu issued two circulars bearing Rc.No.159539/Crime. 4(3)/2018, signed on 31.10.2018 and Rc.007301/GenII(1)/2019, dated 09.04.2019, wherein instructions have been given to the Inspectors of

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Police throughout Tamil Nadu for consideration of applications seeking permission for conducting cultural programme.

3. In view of the above, this Writ Petition is allowed on the following conditions:-

(a) The petitioner is permitted to conduct Adal Padal program on 02.05.2026 from 07.00 p.m., to 10.00 p.m., in Chitirai Pournami Thiruvizha of Arulmigu Sri Varadharaja Perumal Temple, Kallazhagar Urchava Festival, situated at Upparpatti, Theni District.

(b) The organisers, who shall be the responsible members of the festival committee, shall ensure that only cultural programs having some relevance to the temple or the festival in question would be conducted and there shall not be any obscene display/dance being conducted;

(c) The program shall not extend beyond 10 p.m.;

(d) No women participating in the cultural program would be depicted or portrayed in an obscene or undignified manner either in the form of clothing or otherwise;



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(e) The music that shall be used shall be in sync with the precincts of the temple and double meaning songs should not be played;

(f) There shall be no supply of alcohol or any intoxicating material in and around the area where cultural program is scheduled to be held;

(g) None of the songs or dances performed in the said programme shall exhibit any political tone, tenor, or colour, nor shall they relate to or promote any religion, community, or caste.

(h) Organizers shall not erect any digital banners/placards on either side of the arterial roads, platforms, walkways/major roads and any other roads;

(i) the function should not affect caste, religious or communal harmony and shall be conducted without any discrimination;

(j) The attire of the dancers performing in the said programme should be modest and does not involve exposure of the midriff, thighs, legs or chest. Any violation of this condition shall result in legal action, including the arrest of the organisers and all members of the temple committee.



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(k) the Police is empowered to stop the programme, if it exceeds beyond the permitted time;

(l) if any untoward incident takes place, the organizers of the programme be made responsible for the same;

(m) the organizers shall have to obtain all other required permission from the authorities concerned;

(n) Any other conditions as the authority concerned consider to impose according to the ground reality.

In case of violation of any conditions, it is open to the authorities to initiate such action as is required under law and the persons who are the organisers/committee members shall be held responsible. No costs.

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5. The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

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