



## ARULMIGU VELMURUGAN GNANA MUNEESWARAN TEMPLE MAHA KUMBABISHEGAM INVITATION

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The Maha Kumbhabishegam of Singapore's millennium sanctuary, the Arulmigu Velmurugan Gnana Muneeswaran Temple (AVGMT) will take place on Sunday, 19 February 2006 between 10.20am and 10.40am. Preceding prayers of the Maha Kumbabishegam will commence on Sunday, 25 December 2005. This will be followed by 48 days of Mandalabishegam prayers which will be held on Monday, 20 February 2006 to Saturday, 8 April 2006. Printed leaflets with detailed timings of the religious services and a final programme of the cultural events will be available at AVGMT's present site in Serangoon closer to the event. For other information please contact AVGMT at tel: 6294 6739.

DATE / VENUE	PROPOSED TIMING	EVENTS / CEREMONIES	DEVOTEE PARTICIPATION
25.12.2006 to 11.02.2006 Present Serangoon site	Morning & Evening *	Yenthra Poojai begins.  <i>(Yenthrams are gold sheets bearing important Sanskrit inscriptions of deities which are ceremoniously placed in the base of the granite pedestal on which the deity is installed in the sanctum sanctorum. Yenthrams are also the conduit of power to the deities. This power is charged and reinforced through the continuous chanting of related prayers during the 48 days Yagasalai Poojas.)</i>	Special Sangalpam- \$101 Poornahuthy Prayers- \$10
12.02.2006 Present Serangoon site	8.00am *	Conclusion of Yenthra Poojai Special Poojais	Yenthra Pooja \$10
New Sengkang site	4.00 pm	Grand Opening of the Main Door of the new Temple and Sanctum Doors	
15.02.2006 to 19.02.2006  New Sengkang site	Morning & Evening *	Yagasalai Poojai begins  <i>(The Yagasalai is a temporary sanctified abode with several fire pits or homa kundams where the holy vessels or kumbams containing the blessed holy water for the Maha Kumbabishegam are placed and sanctified)</i>	Yaagasalai Homam \$601
Present Serangoon site	4.00pm	Kalaakarshanam  <i>(Before the holy kumbams are placed in the Yagasalai, the power of the deities will be transferred on to the kumbams. This ceremony is called Kalaakarshanam. The holy vessels will be brought in a chariot from the present Serangoon site in procession to the new abode at Rivervale Crescent. After the procession, the Yagasalai Poojai will commence at the new site.)</i>	
16.02.2006  New Sengkang site	9.00am *	Vimana Kalasa Sthapanam  <i>(Kalasams which are sanctified pinnacles, will be placed at the top of Vimanams or temple domes)</i>	



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17.02.2006 New Sengkang site	Morning & Evening *	Placing of Gems, Jewels, Gold and Silver Rice  <i>(On this day, the specially blessed Yenthrams for which preceding prayers were held for 48 days will be ceremonially placed in the pheedams or dias of the sanctums. Thereafter devotees can place gem stones, their preferred jewels, gold and silver rice in the pheedams )</i>	Navarathinam set at \$25 can be pre ordered with the Temple. It will also be available at the New Temple site on the day of the ceremony.
18.02.2006 New Sengkang site	Morning & Evening *  7.00 pm	Anointment Ceremony  <i>(During the Anointment Ceremony, oil is placed on the vigrahams or deities. Through the ceremony devotees are given a rare opportunity to touch the deities)</i>  Lakshmi Poojai  <i>(A special Lakshmi Poojai will be performed to invoke the blessings of Goddess Lakshmi for the energy of a "spiritually charged" and successful temple in Sengkang. It will be performed with 9 sumangalis or married women and 9 kanyas or single women. Devotees will receive a blessed Lakshmi pendant at the end of the poojai)</i>	Devotees are welcome to donate gingelly oil.  Special Lakshmi Poojai \$10.
19.02.2006 New Sengkang site	10.20 am – 10.40 am  7.00 pm	Maha Kumbabishegam  <i>(The Maha Kumbabishegam or Consecration Ceremony will take place during the auspicious time of 10.20 am to 10.40 am. Thereafter darshan (prayers) and temple varisai (offerings) will be received. Annathanam (a feast) will be served for the devotees at the vacant land next to AVGMT's new site)</i>  Kalyana Utsavam  <i>(A special Kalyana Utsavam will be held from 6.00 pm followed by a procession of deities.</i>	  Kalyana Seervarisai \$51 All varisai (offering) items will be prepared in the temple.
20.02.2006 New Sengkang site	Morning & Evening *	Mandalabishegam begins  <i>(48 days of Mandalabishegam will commence after the Kumbabishegam and special abishegams and homams will be conducted everyday. Presiding deities will take different forms and alankarams or adornment.)</i>	Mandalabishegam Ubayams \$2,000 (Mon – Thurs) \$2,500 (Fri – Sun)
08.04.2006 New Sengkang site	Morning & Evening *	Mandalabishegam Concluding Prayers  <i>(A grand concluding special abishegam will be performed and a chariot procession of the main deities will be held.)</i>	

### Mandalabishegam Cultural Extravaganza

**Music and Dance Performances by local and foreign artistes will be held in the evenings throughout the 48 days of Mandalabishegam Prayers.**

\* Subject to Changes