

Arul Mihi Navasakthi Vinayagar Temple

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The Prime Minister recently visited the Arul Mihi Navasakthi Vinayagar Temple during his three-day State visit to Seychelles.

About Arul Mihi Navasakthi Vinayagar Temple

- It is a **Hindu temple** located in **Victoria**, the **capital of Seychelles**.
- It is the **only Hindu temple in Seychelles**.
- The temple was **built in 1992 by the Hindu community** living in Seychelles, which constitutes around 2% of the population.
- The temple is **dedicated to Lord Vinayagar (or Lord Ganesha)**, and is located in the heart of Victoria on Mahé Island.

Arul Mihi Navasakthi Vinayagar Temple Architecture

- It looks very **similar to the famous temples of Tamil Nadu** and other parts of South India, with its vibrant and intricate **Dravidian architecture**.
- Its most striking feature is the **colourful gopuram, or entrance tower**, which rises nearly **100 feet** into the sky.
- The tower is covered with beautifully **carved statues of Hindu gods, goddesses**, and mythological figures.
- Every **statue is painted in bright colours**, making the temple stand out against the green hills.
- At its **centre is the garbha griha**, or “womb chamber,” where a statue of the god Vinayagar is in a small bare room.
- The temple also has a **mandapam, an open hall** used for religious ceremonies, prayers, and celebrations.

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