

Arunachaleswarar Temple

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Arunachaleswarar Temple Latest News

A 38-year-old man was arrested for using duplicate keys to take devotees to worship at Arunachaleswarar temple in Tiruvannamalai.

About Arunachaleswarar Temple

- The Arunachaleswarar Temple, also known as the **Annamalaiyar Temple**, is a Hindu temple located at the **base of Arunachala Hill** in Tiruvannamalai in **Tamil Nadu**.
- It is **one of the largest and most ancient temples** in India.
- It is dedicated to Lord Arunachalesvara, a form of **Lord Shiva**.
- The temple's **origin dates back thousands of years**, with references in **ancient scriptures** and **Tamil Saiva texts**.
- The **current structure**, however, was **built** during the period of the **early Chola kings (9th century AD)**, **expanded** during the period of the **later Cholas, Hoysala (Bhosala) kings**, and **Vijayanagarar Nayakar kings**.

Arunachaleswarar Temple Architecture

- The temple is a fine example of **South Indian (Dravidian) architecture** and sculpture.
- Spread out over 25 acres, the **temple complex** is **among the largest** in the country.
- It boasts **four gopurams**, or gateway towers, richly embellished with intricate carvings and pillars.
- Notably, the **eastern tower**, reaching a height of **66 meters** and consisting of 11 stories, ranks among the **tallest temple towers in India**.
- The temple has 5 precincts. Each of the precincts has a huge Nandi (sacred bull of Shiva) and **several towers** .
- The temple complex features **numerous halls**, with the most prominent being the **thousand-pillared hall**, constructed during the **Vijayanagara period**.

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