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PREFACE

Another special feature of 1961 Census is a study of Fairs and Festivals of Madras State. So far no such attempt has been made. With the passage of time they may disappear from the life of the people. So it is good to put in print some information about them which the future sociologist will find useful. 1961 Census has been utilised to record information about various aspects of people's lives.

The report is presented in two parts. The first part contains a write-up on the important festivals celebrated in the State by the Hindus, Muslims and Christians. Chapter I gives an account of the festivals celebrated in Hindu households in Madras State while the succeeding chapters contain a general account of the festivals periodically celebrated in the prominent Saivite, Vaishnavite and Murugan shrines as well as shrines dedicated to tutelary deities and village Goddesses. An account of the celebrations in the more important shrines has also been given.

Part II of the report contains detailed talukwise and districtwise lists of Fairs and Festivals celebrated thoughout the year with a brief statistical analysis. Information compiled in these statements has been gathered mostly from the village officials to whom schedules specially designed for the purpose were circulated. Every care has been taken to make these statements as exhaustive and accurate as possible. District-wise maps as well as suitable illustrations of important festivals enhance the usefulness of this report.

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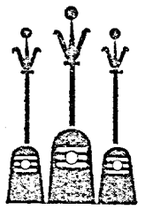
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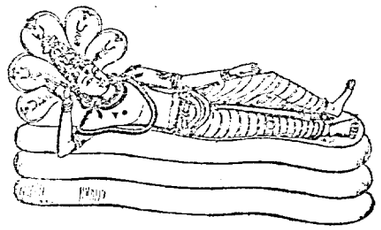
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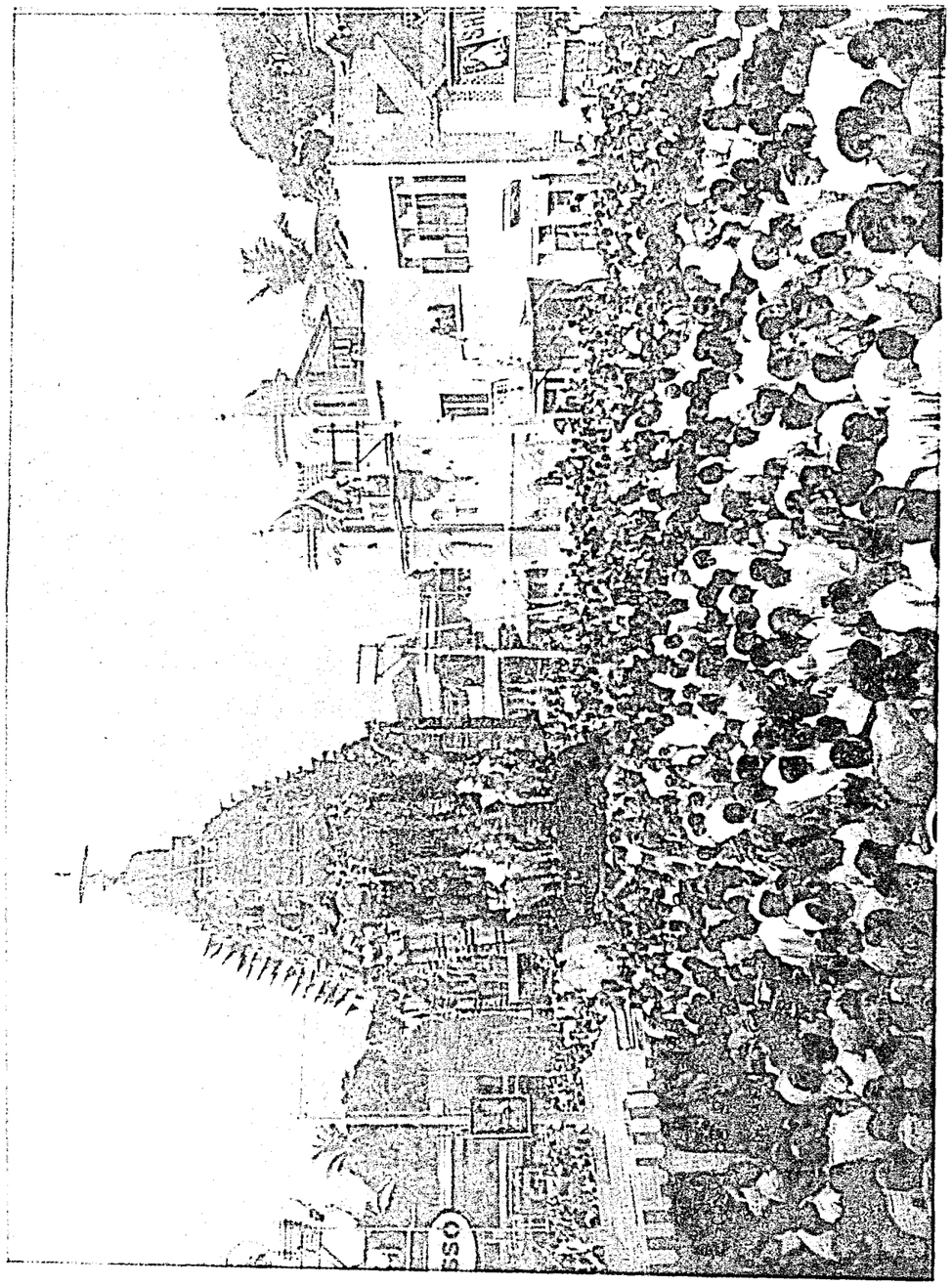


Brahmotsavam of the Kapaleeswarar temple, Mylapore: Ceremonial procession of the decorated temple Car.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

INTRODUCTION

The object of this book is to give a brief survey of fairs and festivals as exist in Madras State. An effort has been made to give as much statistical details as possible. With the remarkable growth of Cinema Industry in South India, particularly in Madras State, the popularity of festivals is bound to decline with passage of time. Similarly with the growth of trade and commerce and with the greater urbanisation of the rural part, the role which fairs played for the exchange of commodities is bound to get less and less in due course. I, therefore, feel that a record of fairs and festivals as gathered by us during the inter-Censal period 1961 will be of particular interest to the future Sociologists.

Basically India is a land of religion. The Hindus form the dominant population of Madras State constituting nearly 90% of the total population. In general, the characteristics of Hindu festivals will be found in Madras State. I have also covered festivals relating to the Muslims and Christians. Except for the faith in Allah and Christ, these festivals do reproduce the characteristics of Hindus as will be seen from the pages of this book. As such, a general discussion on the Hindu festivals will be of great interest, not only to Hindus, but Christians and Muslims also. Generally fairs are associated with festivals. Instances where fairs are conducted separately can no doubt be found, but in the rural parts of Madras State, there is an intimate connection between festivals and fairs. People who come to worship also wish to purchase articles and in this an intensive trade has developed and existed during the last few centuries. Further, the element of materialism is more marked in the Tamil culture than in non-Tamil. This element which is sometimes described as humanism has given greater importance to fairs than is usually associated with it. Thus a twin study of fairs and festivals will give us a background of the cultural heritage of Madras State. Hindu religion has been based on the religious approach to problems which are cultural, social and religious. Thus all Hindu festivals have a deep spiritual import and a high content of religious significance. Throughout the history of this country, the ruler and peasant have observed the festivals. Poet Kalidasa has characterised man as *Uthsava priya*. A reference to such festivals where both sexes intermingled freely can also be found in Rig Veda.

Festivals no doubt mitigate the rigour and monotony of life. Man, tired of hard work and routine, needs some change or relaxation. Thus they promote a common cause and develop social solidarity, fellow-feeling and mutual co-operation. They also instil self-discipline and emphasise the spiritual value of man's existence besides providing him means of enjoyment and recreation. In our Village Survey Reports we have highlighted many of the festivals and fairs practised in the villages of Madras State.

The origin of festival is no doubt lost in antiquity. But a religious import has been given to each festival by having suitable anecdotes handed down from generation to generation. They are associated with seasonal phases of moon, the movement of planets and heavenly constellations, agricultural operations, birth of divinities and prophets and coming of the new year. Generally the festivals are common to all parts of India.

The mode of celebration may, however, vary from State to State and from village to village. There are also festivals which are purely regional and sectarian while others are observed by all castes and religions. Thus the festivals can be grouped into universal and local. Of universal festivals, Mr. Wilson in his excellent paper on 'Religious festivals of Hindus' has observed as follows:

"Universal festivals which are probably traceable among all nations elevated above barbarism and which may have been handed down from tradition from the earliest periods in the history of the human race are manifestly astronomical and are intended to commemorate the revolutions of the planets, the alterations of the seasons and the recurrence of cyclical intervals of longer and shorter durations".

Legends have grown connecting these festivals with mythological events recorded by the Hindus. Local festivals are generally associated with legends of Gods and saints and are intended to inspire faith in virtuous life.

In all festivals, importance is given to hygiene. Personal cleanliness is an essential requisite. There is bathing in the morning, houses are repaired and white-washed, new utensils and clothes are purchased and an atmosphere of general cleanliness is made manifest. Feasting and rejoicing is a necessary appendage for the festivals. Work is entirely suspended, a holiday feeling is prevalent and friends and kinsfolk meet and strengthen their mutual regard and respect. It is said that no nation on earth rejoices with festivals qualified by fasts and vigil (keeping awake at nights) as Hindus do. It may be that an occasional fasting is conducive to healthier living, but the more orthodox cross section is deeply imbibed in religious convictions that it needs some sanction to observe the fast which purifies the heart, controls the senses and thus instils devotion to God. This aspect is much emphasised in the observance of festivals common to all parts of the country just as Janmashtami, Durga Pooja (Navarathri) and Deepavali. It should, however, be observed that in the observance of these festivals, regional variations can be found which has been sanctioned by custom and handed down from generation to generation. Significance is also given to every month of the year and every day of the week. Sunday is considered favourable for the worship of Sun, Monday for the worship of Lord Siva, Tuesday and Friday for the worship of Goddesses Parvathi (Durga), Lakshmi and Saraswathi, Thursday for the worship of Guru (Jupiter), Saturday for the worship of Saturn and Saturday and Wednesday for the worship of Sastha. According to Hindu belief, the planets and constellations exert a great influence over the destiny of man and hence particular significance has been given to the worship of planets on particular days of the week. Most of the festivals fall on lunar days while a few are regulated by the movement of the Sun. Every day is sacred to the Moon and ceremonies are performed in accordance with the varying influence of the growing or waning Moon and its relationship with other planets. Based on the influence of the heavenly bodies on mortals is prescribed an elaborate system of fasts, feasts and ceremonies. There are quite a few legends and fables explaining the origin of these ceremonies. In addition to these, festivals are conducted with reference to historical events, victories, migrations, birthdays of heroes and coronation of famous rulers.

Each State and the different religious sects have got their special festive days. Four among the Hindus are: Avani Avittam, Dhasara, Deepavali and Holi. In ancient times, these four special festivals were apportioned between the four *Varnas* or castes. The Brahmins celebrated the Avani Avittam, Kshatriyas the Dhasara, Vaisyas the Deepavali and the Sudras the Holi. However, with the passage of time, Avani Avittam is still confined to Brahmins, but the other festivals are celebrated by all. The Hindu festivals are numberless and run in a continuous round. In Madras State, the Tamil calendar is studded with festivals spreading over the year. The following list will give an indication of the festivals abserved in Madras State.

Pongal	}	January
Thai Poosam		
Maha Sivarathri	}	February
Masi Maham		
Sri Rama Navami	}	March
Panguni Uthiram		
Tamil New Year's Day	}	April
Chithira Pournami		
Guru Pournami	...	June
Adi Pooram	}	July
Pathinettam Perukku		
Avani Avittam	}	August
Gayathri Japam		
Vinayaka Chathurthi		
Mahalaya Amavasi	}	September
Gokulashtami		
Navarathri (Dhasara)	...	October
Karthigai Deepam	}	November
Kanda Sashti		
Deepavali		
Vaikunta Ekadasi	...	December

Some of these are seasonal while others are purely religious, but all these are celebrated with a certain amount of pomp and eclat. Viewed from the modern concept of civilisation resultant on the impact of western culture and thought in India, some of these festivals may have elements which will revolt a normal man. Sir George Birdwood claimed half a century ago that English education had made the educated class in India feel disgusted with tradition and festivals in their houses and shrines. There is some truth in this comment, but it may not apply to the average Indian who is still attached to his Gods, shrines and festivals. To him, his religion is part of his culture and the festival is the central point of his religion. It remains to be seen to what extent the festivals will continue to have hold over the Indians in future decades. As indicated earlier festivals can be grouped as universal and local. The latter are mostly temple festivals. Madras State can virtually be called the land of temples. The temples have been responsible for the interaction of cultural forces between classes and masses, the refined and the rustic.

Temple festivals in Madras State take place mostly in the months of March and June and also in October. They are of a duration ranging between 3 to 10 days depending on the importance of the festival. The Uthsava period is a real gala day and the principal deity, resplendent in rich costumes and magnificent jewels, mounted in vahanas is carried in procession along the streets and roads around the temples. The idea behind the practice of this procession is that all classes of people should be given an opportunity to worship the deity. The local festivals are enlivened by folk songs and dances. Madras State is a repository of a rich heritage of ancient folklore. The ancient Tamil classics like *Tolkappiam*, *Silappadhikaram* and *Pura Nanuru* give brief references to the fine arts in rural areas and these rural arts have been associated with social and religious functions and festivals. The folk songs are sung in groups, some by men exclusively, some by womenfolk and a few by both together. In addition, there will be performance by professional artistes which will be in the nature of ballets and dances such as Karagam, Kavadi and Poikkal Kuthirai or dummy horse. These are performed either solo or in groups. Professional artistes are also engaged to stage dramas known as *Theru Koothu*. These are recreational pastimes for the villagers who come from far and near. The visitors camp for the night under

shady trees, cook their own food and also offer their homage to the deity in whose honour the festivities are conducted.

These remarks will, to a large extent, apply to Muslim and Christian festivals conducted in Madras State. Usually Hindus participate in larger numbers in such festivals. The differences which exist will, however, be highlighted when these festivals are discussed separately.

A **'Fair'** is a large market usually organised at regular intervals at the same place and season for a short and limited period. This gives an opportunity for participants to exhibit their productions and for purchasers to select the most suitable commodity at comparatively favourable rates. Such fairs have been conducted in the Madras State from very ancient times. Most of them are adjuncts to the major annual festivals associated with the prominent temples in the State. The articles of merchandise disposed of at these fairs will be the articles required for religious worship, and consumer goods in which the congregation will be interested. Trading is retail in all these cases and the transactions are not of much significance.

Apart from these, the rural and urban areas in the State have been conducting from ancient times, bi-weekly and weekly fairs. The articles sold will be foodgrains, provisions, fruits and vegetables, textiles, household utensils, earthenware, toys, minor articles of cheap jewellery, consumer goods, poultry, eggs, fish and cattle. These fairs, are very popular both among the producers who find a ready market for disposing off their articles, and among the consumers who can select their favourite brand of articles, at fairly competitive rates.

Pollachi Fair: The most outstanding weekly fair conducted in the Madras State is at Pollachi in the Coimbatore district. This takes place on every Thursday. On Thursdays, all roads in Pollachi lead to the weekly fair. Every commodity produced in the State will find a place there, and that too in such abundant quantities that lakhs of rupees worth, and waggon loads of any commodity can be procured at this place. The merchandise consists of paddy, rice and other foodgrains (except when their movement and sale is restricted and controlled) grams and pulses, coconuts, groundnuts and all varieties of oil seeds and oils, fruits and vegetables of all known varieties in South India, curry leaves, sugarcane, cotton, provisions of all varieties, consumer goods, textiles, household utensils, earthenware, soapnut powder, fodder of all varieties, coriander, onions, hides and skins, poultry, eggs, fish and cattles of different breeds. Elephants captured from the nearby forests, as also timber for which the forests nearby are famous, are also available. Thousands of carts will be commissioned for the transport of these articles and grease and spare parts required for these vehicles will be stocked in plenty. Packing materials required for the transport of these articles like baskets and gunny-bags will be available in lakhs. In short, the Tamil saying that one can buy anything in the Pollachi fair except one's own mother would appear to be true. Transactions are both wholesale and retail and the turnover each week is estimated in lakhs of rupees.

Even though no other fair in the Madras State is as prominent and famous as the Pollachi fair, a few other fairs also deserve mention. The weekly fair conducted at Paramandal in Chengam taluk of North Arcot district on Fridays is famous because of the hill-products of the nearby Jawwadi Hills that are marketed there. Vegetables, pulses and ragi are also available in very large quantities in this fair.

The Kanakamoolam fair and the Monday market in the Kanyakumari district are two other fairs that deserve mention. The former is held at Vatasseri on every Thursday and Sunday. Vegetables, coconuts and curry-leaves are purchased from this market and

taken to various places in the Madras State, Travancore and Cochin. Vegetables are taken to Trivandrum and curry-leaves to Cochin. Varieties of handloom products will also be available. The Monday Market conducted at Iraniel on Mondays is a very well-known fair dealing in vegetables, handloom clothes, cattle, poultry and eggs. People from various parts of the district congregate at this fair to purchase their requirements.

Several other weekly fairs conducted in the districts of the State are listed in this report. Most of them are mainly cattle fairs and transactions taking place there are limited. But there are some very important cattle fairs which deserve special mention.

Cattle fair at Tiruvannamalai

This is associated with the famous Karthigai Deepam festival during November–December. It commences on the fifth day of the festival and lasts for ten days. It concludes two or three days after the festival. The busiest period of the fair will be the last four days. It is estimated that not less than 15,000 animals will be brought on this occasion for exchange and sale. Only quality cattle are brought from far and nearer districts and villages. Cows, buffaloes, bulls, bullocks, sheep and goat and ponies from Mysore assemble here. Manapparai, Mayavaram, Hallikar and Amritmahal varieties of cattle can be purchased here at reasonable rates, and hence people from the districts of Salem, Chingleput and South Arcot districts and from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Mysore and Pondicherry congregate at this fair.

Salem: This district is well-known for the cattle fairs conducted there. The most prominent is the one held in connection with the 'Thai Poosam Festival' in January. The fair lasts for twenty days, commencing ten days before the Thai Poosam and ending ten days after. More than 10,000 cattle are brought and sold and people from Salem, Dharmapuri, Coimbatore and Tiruchirapalli district participate in the fair.

Another cattle fair is held for ten days in connection with the Bhadrakaliamman Festival at Mecheri in March–April, when also not less than 10,000 cattle are disposed of. Cattle fairs are also held annually at Nangavally in the month of March in connection with the Lakshminarasimhaswami Car Festival, at Idappadi in January in connection with the Easwarankoil Car Festival and at Macdonald's Choultry in September–October in connection with the Mariamman festival. About 5,000 to 10,000 cattle will be disposed of in each of these fairs.

Dharmapuri: This district conducts some well-known cattle fairs. The Sappalamma cattle fair which takes place in the Birasamudiram and Thimmasamudiram villages of Hosur taluk for a week in February in connection with the annual festival of Sappalamma is an important cattle fair. Not less than 25,000 cattle are brought from the Hallikar tract of the district, and from the Mysore State and Andhra Pradesh for sale. Another cattle fair is held for a week in February–March in connection with the Lakshmivenkataramanaswami Car Festival at Madagondapalli, when about 10,000 cattle are brought from the Dharmapuri district and Hulkal and Kollegal taluks of Mysore State. Another fair associated with the Bhaskara Venkatalakshminarayanaswami Car Festival is conducted in February for a week, which also attracts not less than 10,000 cattle.

The Krishnagiri taluk has one cattle fair annually in connection with the Kattinayanapalli Car Festival which takes place for a week in January–February. This fair attracts not less than 25,000 cattle.

The most important cattle fair in the Dharmapuri taluk is held at Adhiammankottai in connection with the Kaliamman Jathra Festival in March–April, where about 20,000 cattle are assembled and disposed of.

Coimbatore: One of the biggest cattle fair in the Madras State is associated with the Gurunathaswami

Festival in the Pudupalayam village in Erode taluk. It takes place in August. People from all over South India visit this fair to purchase cattle and horses. Usually about 30,000 cattle and 4,000 horses are brought for disposal. Animals are brought from the Coimbatore and Salem districts, and also Mysore State and the Chittoor, Cuddapah, Kurnool and Anantapur districts of Andhra Pradesh. Bullock carts and horse carts are also available in large numbers for sale at this fair. One can purchase from this fair Mysore cattle including Hallikar and Alambadi, Kangeyam cattle and Bhargur cattle. The fair takes place in an area of 50 to 60 acres adjacent to the Gurunathaswami temple, and during the duration of the fair which is a week, the land gets sufficient manure from the cattle tethered there.

There are minor cattle fairs at Karamadai (February-March), Avanashi (April), Tirupur (April) and Karavalur (March–April), the average number of cattle disposed of in each of these fairs being not more than 2,000.

Thanjavur: The annual cattle fair at Neerathanallur in Kumbakonam taluk, takes place for a month in March–April. It is associated with the Masi-Magham festival when about 50,000 people congregate in this place from all over South India. 25,000 cattle belonging to various breeds like Hallikar, Amritmahal Alambadi, Kangeyam, Bhargur and Umblacherry will be available here for sale and exchange.

Madurai: The famous 'Chithira' festival of Madurai, has also an interesting cattle fair associated with it. It is held in April at Tallakulam and lasts for a fortnight. About 70,000 cattle are assembled here from various parts of the State, and most of them are sold during the period of the fair.

Ramanathapuram: The cattle fair at Virudhunagar takes place for a fortnight in May–June and is associated with the annual festival of the Chennakesava Perumal temple at Katteripudur. This fair attracts 15,000 cattle of all varieties. People from mostly Madurai, Ramanathapuram and Tirunelveli districts participate in it. There is another one at Kalayarkoil in connection with the Kaleeswarar Vaikasi Festival. It is only of local importance and the animals assembled will be only about 2,000.

Tirunelveli: A cattle fair is held twice a year-April and August—in the Sivalaperi village for fifteen days on each occasion. This is attended by people from Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Tirunelveli and Coimbatore districts as well as from Mysore State. Apart from the local breed, Kangeyam cross breed animals and Hallikar animals will be available at this fair, which is associated with the car festival of the Sudalaimadan temple at Sivalaperi. 20,000 animals will be assembled here, and those that are not disposed of here are taken to the minor fairs at Alwarthirunagari, Tiruchendur etc.

This volume has been prepared on the following basis. A general account has been given of the fairs and festivals in each district. It is purely statistical. Important common festivals relating to Hindus, Christians and Muslims have been described in detail. In addition to this, festivals which are generally observed by the Christians and Muslims have been described in detail with its mythological background. It cannot be ignored that apart from Tamils, Andhras and Keralites have played an important role in the cultural development of Madras State. As such, celebrations which are peculiar to them have also been described. The aim is to present a synthetic picture of fairs and festivals in Madras State, but its limitation should be recognised. What has been given is only in a skeleton form and much further study has to be conducted on each of the fairs and festivals described in this volume.

Chapter—I

HINDU FESTIVALS

PONGAL

The most important festival celebrated in Tamilnad is Pongal, also known as '*Makara Sankharanthi*'. It is also the most Dravidian festival celebrated in Madras. It takes place on the day on which the Sun enters the sign of Makara (Capricorn) which is the beginning of the Utharayana or the Sun's northern course in the heavens. A special sanctity is ascribed to this day. It is believed that anyone dying on this day ascends to the heaven. Bathing in holy rivers is obligatory and a bath in any of the rivers Cauvery or Thambraparani or in the sea at Vedaranyam is considered highly sacred. Libations are offered to the ancestors on this day.

As a festival, it is celebrated with great enthusiasm for several reasons. Firstly the Tamil month of Margazhi (December–January) which precedes Pongal is considered to be very inauspicious. During this month, mendicants go from door to door daily at about 4.00 A.M. waking people by beating their gongs and warning them to be on the guard against the evil influences of the unlucky period by offering prayers to Lord Siva. The end of such an inauspicious period gives rise to joy. Secondly from Adi to Margazhi (July to January) the peasants work incessantly in the fields for growing paddy and other crops. The harvests resulting from their toils are brought home towards the end of Margazhi and the succeeding month of Thai must invariably be opulent and pleasant. This festival thus reflects the overflow of joy among the peasants.

The celebration falls on four days. The last day of the month of Margazhi is called the Bogi. It is the day on which the peasants who have been working since Adi get relief from their toils. On this day visits are exchanged between relatives and friends who make presents and entertain each other. The day is passed off in diversions and amusements. Pongal or Surya Pongal which falls on the following day—the first of Thai which is invariably 14th January—is the day on which they enjoy the fruits of their labours. Everything is new on that day. The houses are repaired, white-washed and decorated with Kolams or free-hand designs and borders of red-mud paste. All old earthen vessels are destroyed and new ones taken for cooking. New clothes are worn. Newly harvested rice is boiled in new pots around which new threads smeared with new turmeric are entwined. Fresh turmeric, fresh sugarcane, fresh sweet potatoe and fresh pumpkins are available in plenty in every house. On this day, after worshipping Lord Vigneswara and the Sun, the preparation of 'Pongal' will commence. It is made with new rice and milk in new pots placed either over ovens dug into the earth or over cow-dung cakes. The number of pots to be placed and the quantity of rice to be cooked often depends on the custom and usage in each household. When the pot begins to simmer, the householders with their wives and children shout together "Pongalo Pongal". The pongal is offered to the Sun God, a portion of it is given to the cows and the rest eaten by the people of the household. Visits are exchanged this day and enquiries made as to whether rice has been boiled. On this day, sons and daughters prostrate themselves before their parents, servants before their masters and disciples before the teachers. The third day is called 'Mattu Pongal' or Pongal of the Cattle. On that day, cows and bulls are washed and scrubbed well, their horns are painted and they are gaily decorated with garlands of leaves and flowers. Water mixed with saffron is sprinkled with Mango leaves upon them as a preservative from evil and crying aloud 'Pongalo Pongal'. The animals are sumptuously fed with Pongal rice after which with folded hands, men go round them three times and prostrate before them. The cattle are then driven together and taken in all directions and to various houses, accompanied by the beating of drums and other instruments, the cow-herds as well as the animals receiving presents from the houses that they visit. The cows are thereafter taken to the sheds. They are not put to work on that day and are made to participate fully in the festivities. Early in the morning that day, the peasants sprinkle over the fields the water with which pongal rice was washed the previous day, shouting 'Pongalo Pongal'. It may be mentioned in this connection that the shouts of Pongalo Pongal

mean only, 'Let the corn grow in plenty by the grace of the glorious Sun' or 'Let the cattle be cherished and multiplied' according to the context when it is shouted. The day after 'Mattu Pongal' is called the 'Kanum Pongal' or 'Seeing Pongal'. Though it is not a grand celebration by itself, it has got its own significance since on this day the village-folk meet one another, workers pay respect to their employers receiving gifts from them and the large number of workers make merry by going sight-seeing.

In the rural areas, there used to be conducted on the Mattu Pongal day a heroic sport called 'Jallikattu' where people attempted to control a strong bull chased by people from all sides. It is said that in olden times, virgins used to choose their husbands from among those sturdy youths who came out successful in this venture. In recent times also, this is celebrated in some places as 'Manju Virattal' festival though not on such a large scale as in ancient days.

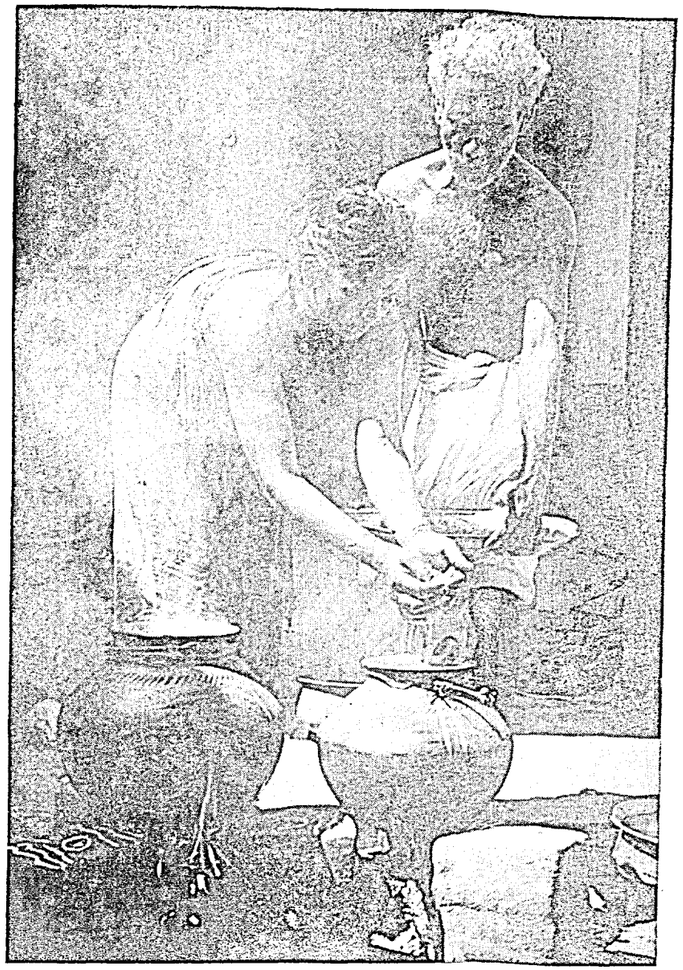
Though the Pongal festival is found to be more an occasion for popular rejoicing than a purely religious observance and seems to have taken in large part, the nature of a non-religious, social and national occasion, some legends have been associated with this festival also. It is believed that the Bogi is dedicated to 'Indra', Pongal to Surya and Lord Krishna and the Mattu Pongal to the Cattle which formed the wealth of the people in ancient days. Tradition has it that Lord Krishna once stopped the cowherds from worshipping Indra and giving offerings to him. Enraged at this, Indra brought down a torrential downpour of rain on the cattle and cowherds with a view to destroying them when Lord Krishna lifted the Mount Govardhan and held it as an umbrella over them for a number of days. Humiliated thereby, Indra paid obeisance to Lord Krishna and prayed to Him to permit the peasants to worship Him as before. Thus Indra came to be worshipped on the Bogi day, Krishna on Pongal day and the cattle on Mattu Pongal day.

MAHASIVARATHRI

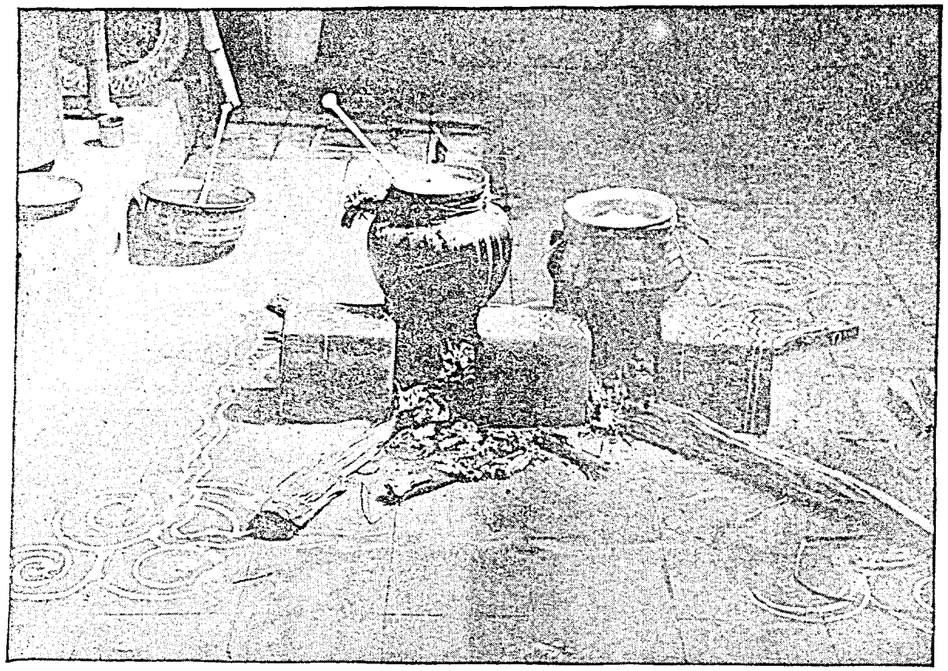
Every deity in the Hindu pantheon has a particular day dedicated to Him, on which, it is most sacred to worship and propitiate Him. Sivarathri or the night of Siva, is a festival observed in honour of Lord Siva. According to Siva Purana, it would appear that Lord Siva confessed to his consort Parvathi that no other ritual, than the observance of Sivarathri by His devotees gave Him greater pleasure or happiness. This festival falls on the fourteenth night of the New Moon in the Tamil month of Masi (February-March).

It is the traditional belief that Siva was married to Parvathi on this day. According to another legend, it signifies the day on which Lord Siva swallowed the deadly poison *Halahala* which emanated when the ocean of milk was churned. Not knowing what harm this poison would cause to the Lord, the Gods kept vigil throughout the night, praising Him and praying that nothing untoward may happen to the Lord or to the world on account of this. The worship that was offered to Him on that night is being repeated annually on the Sivarathri day. Yet another story says that at the time of the deluge or *pralaya*, the whole world was immersed in complete darkness, and the Divine Mother restored light to the world by offering worship to the Sivalingam. It is said that on the Sivarathri day, the rituals observed are the same as those observed by Her on that night. There is another legend which says that once there was a fight between Lord Brahma and Lord Vishnu as to who was superior of the two, and they approached Lord Siva for a decision. Siva manifested himself in the form of 'Jothi Lingam' and asked them to find out its top and bottom. Vishnu strived to see the foot and Brahma the top. Both of them however failed; and returning to Siva, acknowledged His superiority and praised Him. It is believed that this knowledge dawned on them on the Mahasivarathri day.

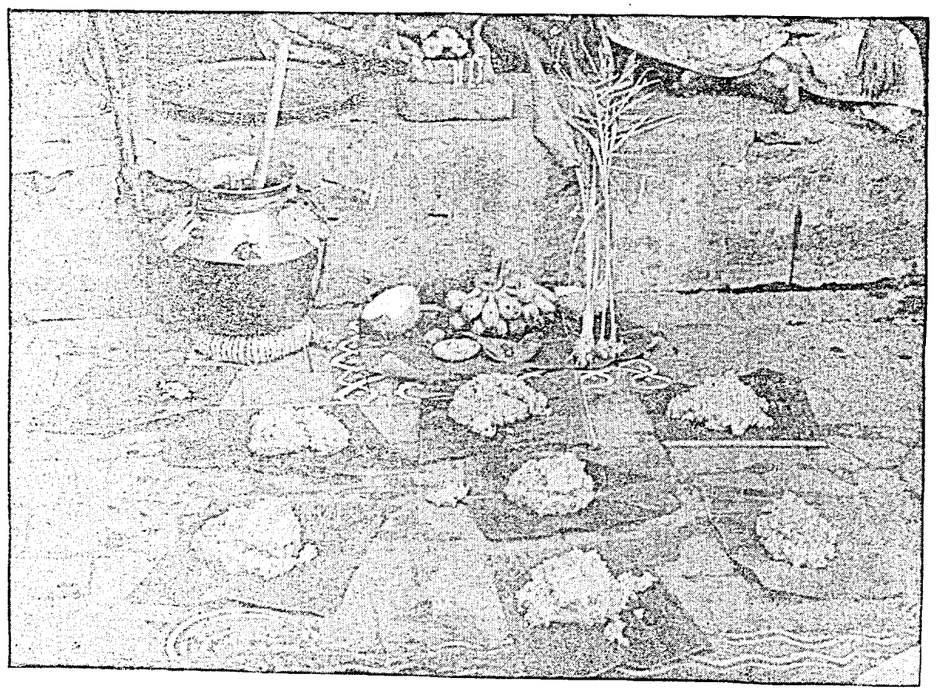
Mahasivarathri is observed in every temple dedicated to Lord Siva and in every Saivite Hindu household. The devotees observe strict spiritual discipline on that day. They fast for the whole day and observe vigil the whole night. Sivalingam is worshipped with *Vilva* leaves throughout the night, accompanied by the chanting of the Panchakshara Manthra *Om Namah-Sivayah* or singing of other hymns in praise of Lord Siva. The next morning, they take their bath,



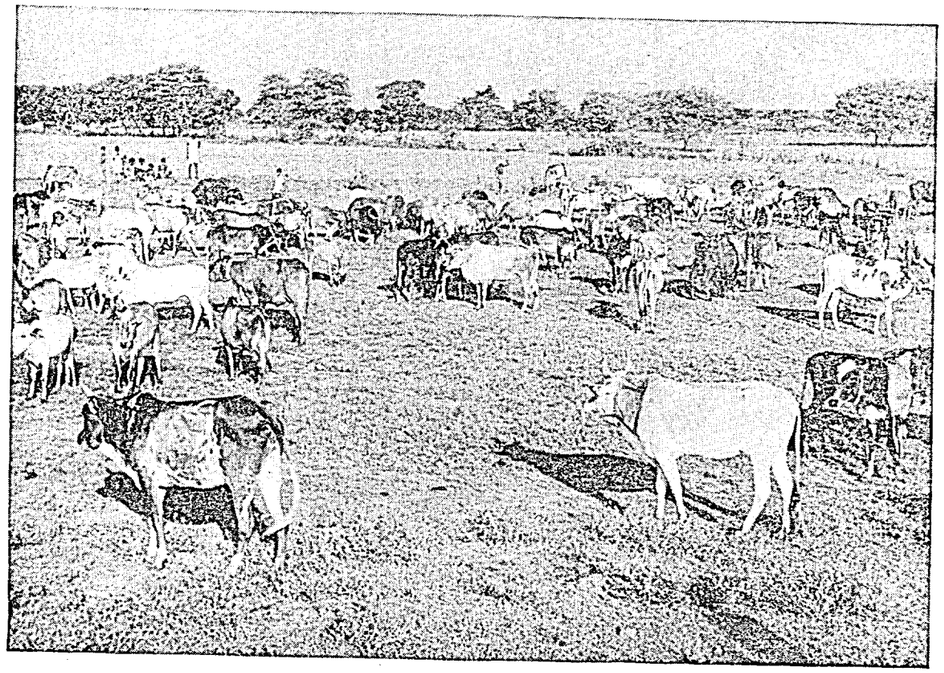
New rice being put in the pot for preparing Pongal.



Pongal being cooked in the traditional manner.



Pongal being offered to the Sun God.



Happy Pongal to the cattle.

and after worshipping Siva, break their fast. In the Siva temples, which will be specially illuminated on that day, the Sivalingam is worshipped in four different ways during the four jamas of the night. Each jama is equal to three hours. Abishegam is done respectively with milk, curd, butter and honey during the four jamas. The devotees who observe fast, keep vigil in the temple all through the night chanting manthrams and observing the abishegams.

Many are the stories narrated in the Puranas to prove the efficacy of observing the Mahasivarathri. The story of King Chitrabhanu of the Ikshvaku Dynasty is one. It is stated that during his previous birth, he was a hunter by name Suswar and was eking out his livelihood by hunting birds and animals, and selling them. On a Sivarathri day, he was roaming about in the forest hunting. He shot a deer, but could not take his spoil home as he was overtaken by the darkness of the night. He got upon a Vilwa tree and kept awake the whole night, stricken with hunger and thirst. He had starved for the day and could not sleep in the night due to hunger. While keeping awake, he plucked the leaves of the Vilwa tree and dropped them one by one on the ground. It so happened that there was a Sivalingam below the tree and all the leaves that he had dropped down had fallen on the Lingam. When day dawned, he went home, sold the deer and purchased food for his family. He fed a stranger who asked for food and then took his food. Because of this virtuous deed which he had performed unknowingly, two messengers of Siva came to him at the hour of his death and conducted his soul to the abode of Siva. After enjoying divine bliss for long, he was again reborn as King Chitrabhanu of Jambudweep.

The story of another hunter who lived in Varanasi is also narrated in support of the efficacy of Mahasivarathri Viratham. The hunter was one day returning from the forest with his game of birds. On the way he fell asleep and by the time he woke up, it was night and very dark. He got upon a vilwa tree nearby, tied the bundle of dead birds to a branch and due to fear, kept vigil for the whole night. To engage himself in some work so as not to fall asleep, he plucked the leaves of the tree one by one and dropped them down. Accidentally all these fell on a Sivalingam on the ground. Lord Siva was pleased with the fast and vigil of this hunter as well as with his offering of Vilwa leaves and when the hunter died, Siva's messengers overpowered the messengers of Yama and conducted his soul to Sivaloka.

These stories are narrated to show that the solemnity and sacredness of the Sivarathri night is so great that even such involuntary fasting and vigil confer on individuals emancipation from the bondage of life. With its Saivite background, the people of Madras give considerable importance to the celebration of Mahasivarathri.

MAHA MAKHAM

The Maha Makham is a local festival celebrated at Kumbakonam in the Thanjavur district, once in twelve years in the month of Masi (February–March) when the star Makham is in the ascendant. Kumbakonam is a sacred place and the holy tank there is known as Amritavapi (Maha-makham tank) or the tank of nectar. Tradition has it that it is sanctifying to have a bath in this tank during the sacred moment, as a result of which the devotees obtain spiritual bliss.

The story is told that in the third *pralaya* (deluge) the seeds of the next cycle of creation were preserved in a pot of nectar which was tied with a string and made to float on the floods of the deluge. It floated for long on water and as the floods receded, touched the earth, at the spot which is Holy Kumbakonam. There it tilted, the lid came off and the nectar flowed out, forming into a pool. The tilting of the pot at an angle gave 'Kumbhakonam' its name and the place as well as its presiding deity Upavithanathan became famous. It is the belief that once in twelve years, on the Masi Makham day, the holy Ganges makes her appearance in the Amirtavapi tank, when it is more auspicious to have a dip in the tank than bathing in all the sacred thirthams and rivers of the country. Lakhs of devotees, therefore, assemble at the place from various parts of the country and take advantage of this unique occasion to obtain spiritual solace for themselves. This is compared to and held as sacred as the Mahakumbha Mela at Prayag.

SRI RAMA NAVAMI

Birthdays of the different incarnations of the Lord are celebrated as festival days by the Hindus. Sri Rama Navami, the birth day of Lord Rama, the seventh divine incarnation of Lord Vishnu is one of the most sacred festivals of the Vaishnava sect of the Hindus. It is also held equally sacred by the Saivites. This festival falls on the ninth day of the bright half of the Tamil month Chithira (March–April).

The Adikavya of sage Valmiki, namely, Ramayana has immortalised the name of Lord Rama. Nowhere in the history of the world can we come across a parallel to the character of Sri Rama as a man, son, brother, husband, friend, father or king. The glory of Rama or Lord Hari incarnate for the destruction of the demon King Ravana, has been sung not only by Valmiki but also by Tulasidas and Kamban, each trying to excel the other in their descriptions. Valmiki describes Sri Rama as the best among valiant princes, who was unequalled on the field of battle and on the throne of justice, who shared the joys of the people and spared no pains to remove their woes and thus endeared himself to all. It is because Sri Rama excelled all others in righteous administration that the expression Rama Rajya signifying an administration which bestows happiness and prosperity on all has come into being. For Thulasidas and Kamban, Sri Rama was the supreme God and none else. The worship of Sri Rama as God is prevalent throughout the country and numerous are the temples dedicated to Him. In all these temples, Sri Rama Navami is observed with great devotion and in some places it is celebrated for nine days.

During this celebration, temples are decorated and the images of Sri Rama are bathed in sacred water and other offerings like Panchamirtha and decorated with ornaments, flowers etc. Ramayana is recited by scholars and pandits in the temples. The people get up early in the morning and after a bath go to the temple to worship the Lord. A fast is observed on this day. During the night, most people keep awake attending religious discourses or singing in praise of the Lord. The fast is broken next morning after a bath and worship of the Lord.

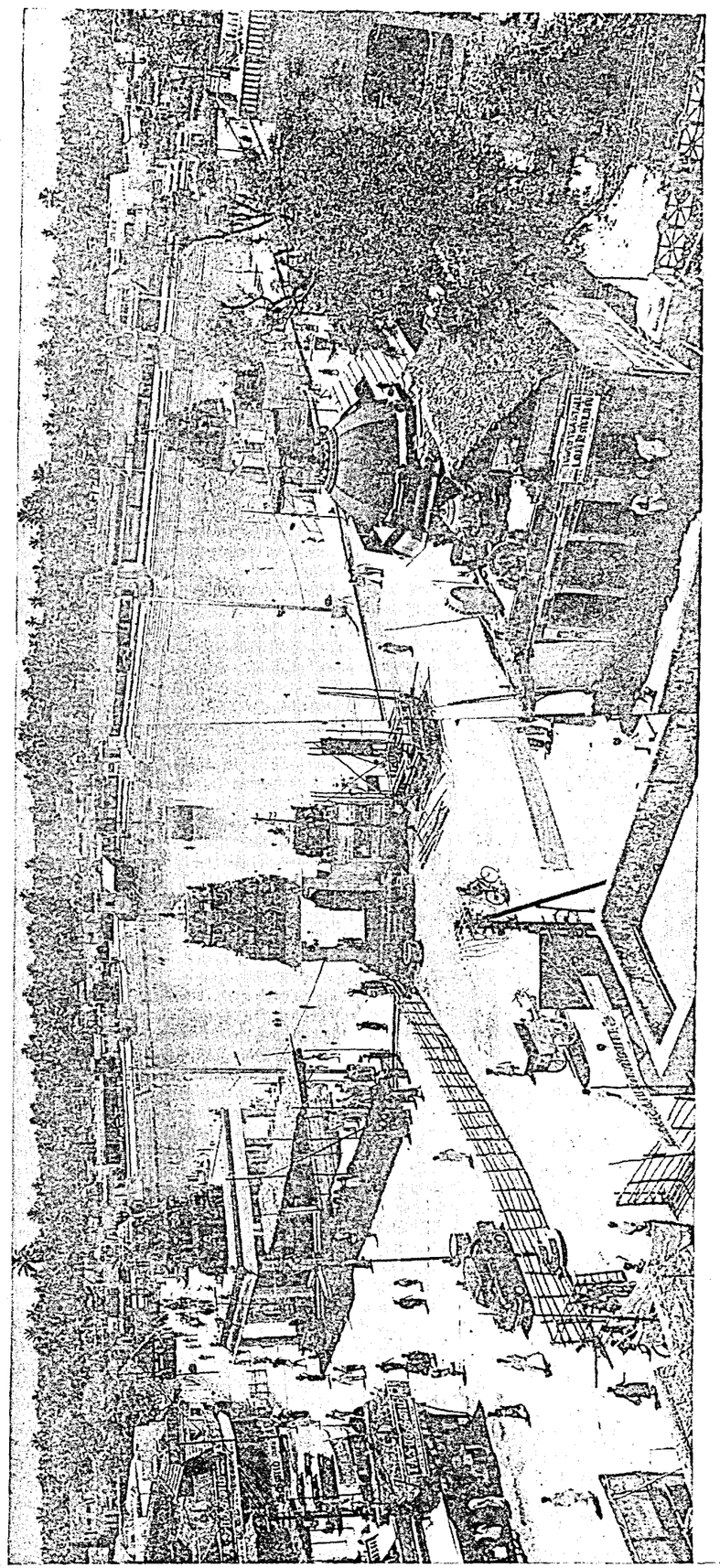
The whole story of Ramayana, when interpreted philosophically, depicts the constant conflict between the demon of our ego and the godly qualities in us. The soul in us symbolises Rama, the intellect is Sita, the body is Ayodhya, the ten heads of Ravana depicts the ten base qualities - passion, greed, pride, anger, infatuation, lust, hatred, jealousy, selfishness and crookedness - which prevent us from attaining perfection, and the golden deer is nothing but the love for wordly pleasures inborn with us. The celebration of Sri Rama Navami is, therefore, intended to enable us to realise the Supreme-self by rooting out our false values of life and the ego in us.

TAMIL NEW YEAR'S DAY

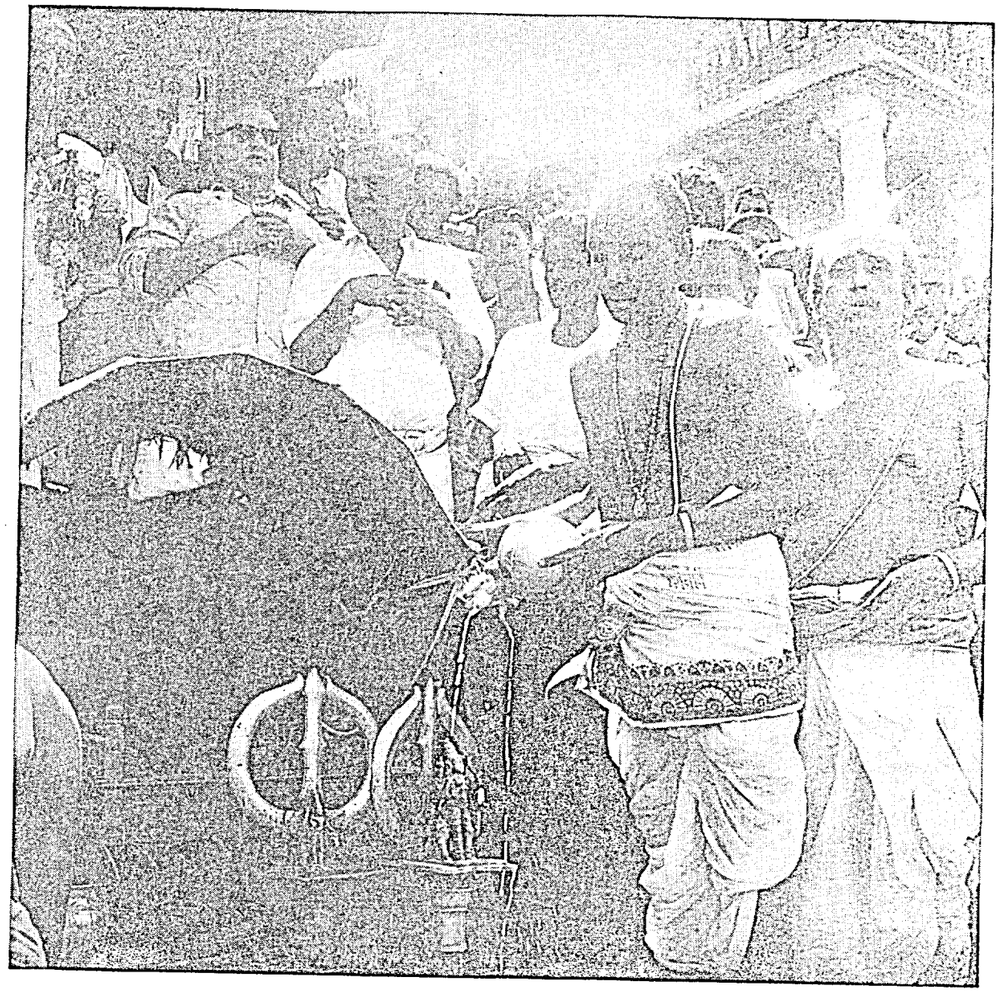
Every linguistic and religious community observes its own New Year. It is a day of rejoicing and one of the most important of festivals. The Tamil New Year's Day is celebrated in Tamilnad and outside on the first day of the month of Chithra (April-May). It is celebrated by all Hindus in rural and urban areas irrespective of caste or creed or social status. Legend has it that Lord Brahma commenced His creative activities on this day.

It is the common belief that the happiness or otherwise of every individual during the ensuing year would depend on the events befalling on the New Year's Day and people, therefore, take care not to see anything inauspicious for the first time in the morning and not to attend to or do anything that would bring misery either to them or to others. An attempt is, therefore, made to keep the whole household pleasant and cheerful.

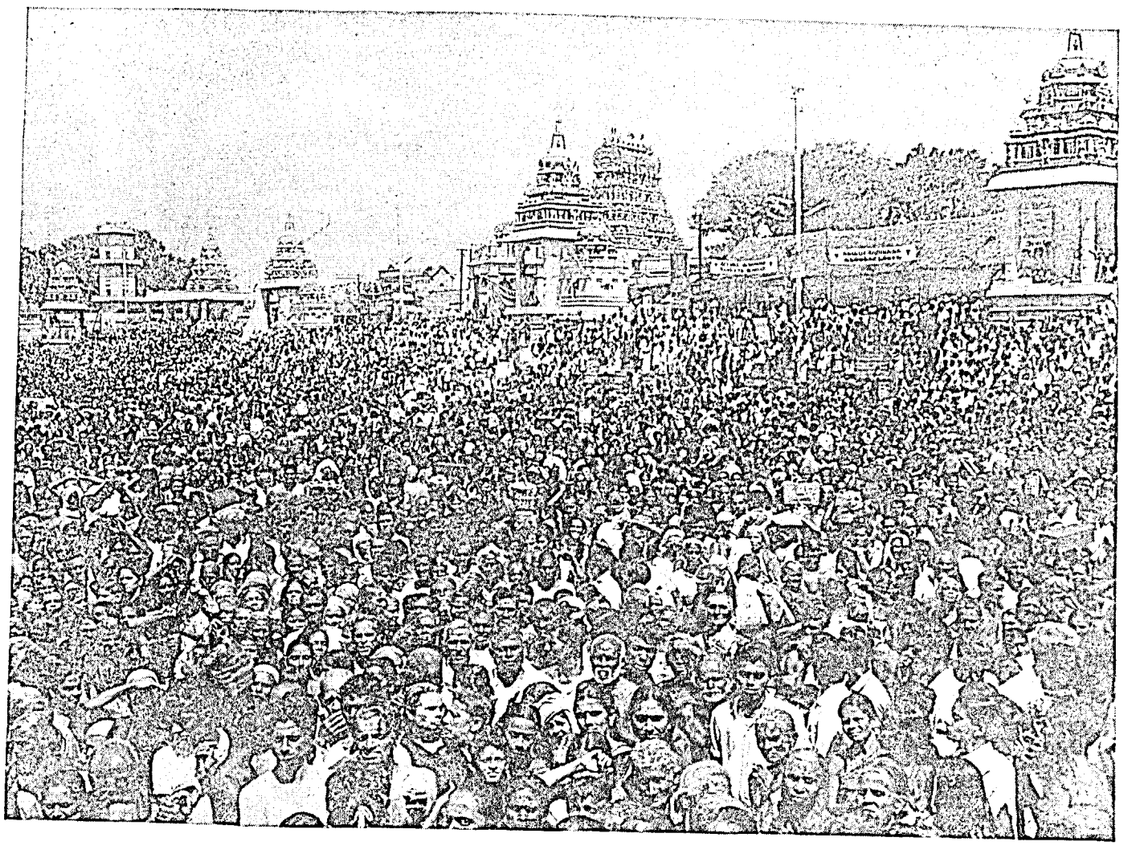
The houses are cleaned well and white-washed and decorated with festoons of Mango leaves. Early morning the people take their bath, put on new clothes, and offer worship in the temples. Then they pay their



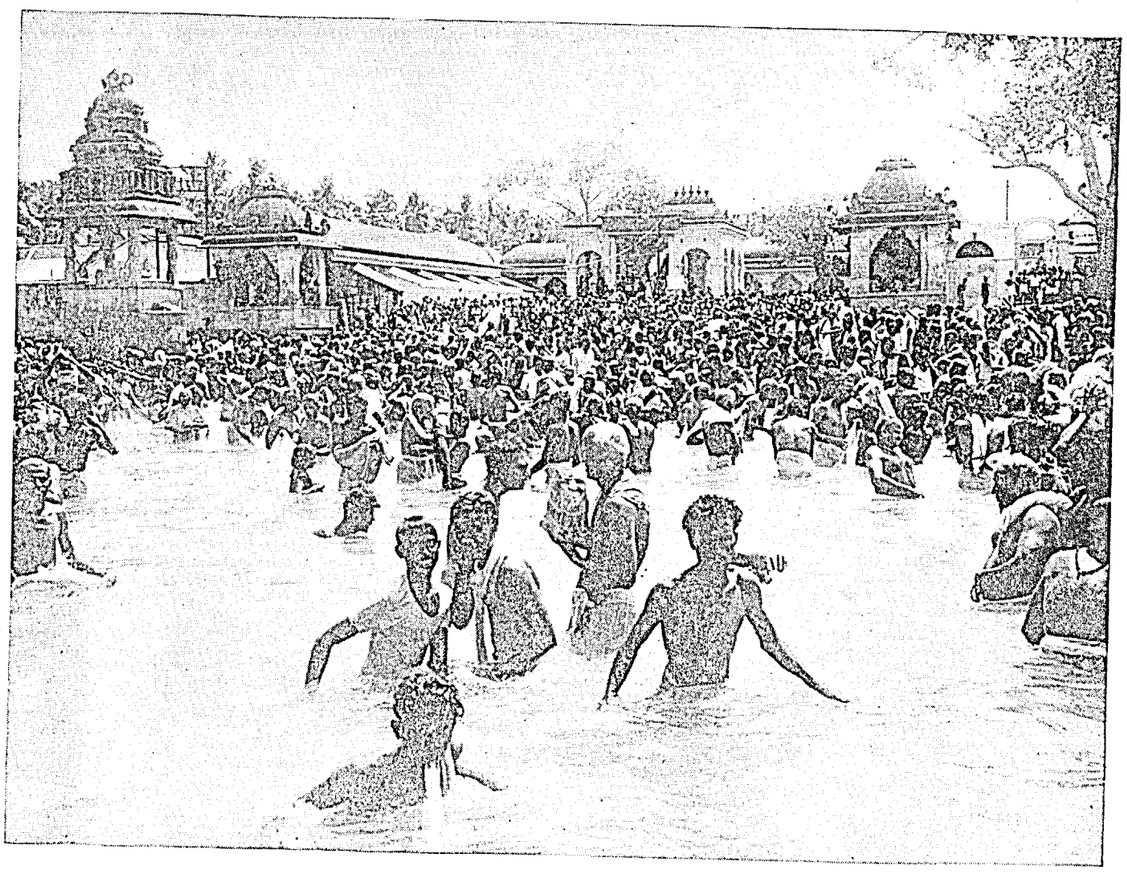
A view of the Mahamagham tank at Kumbakonam with its surrounding mantapams.



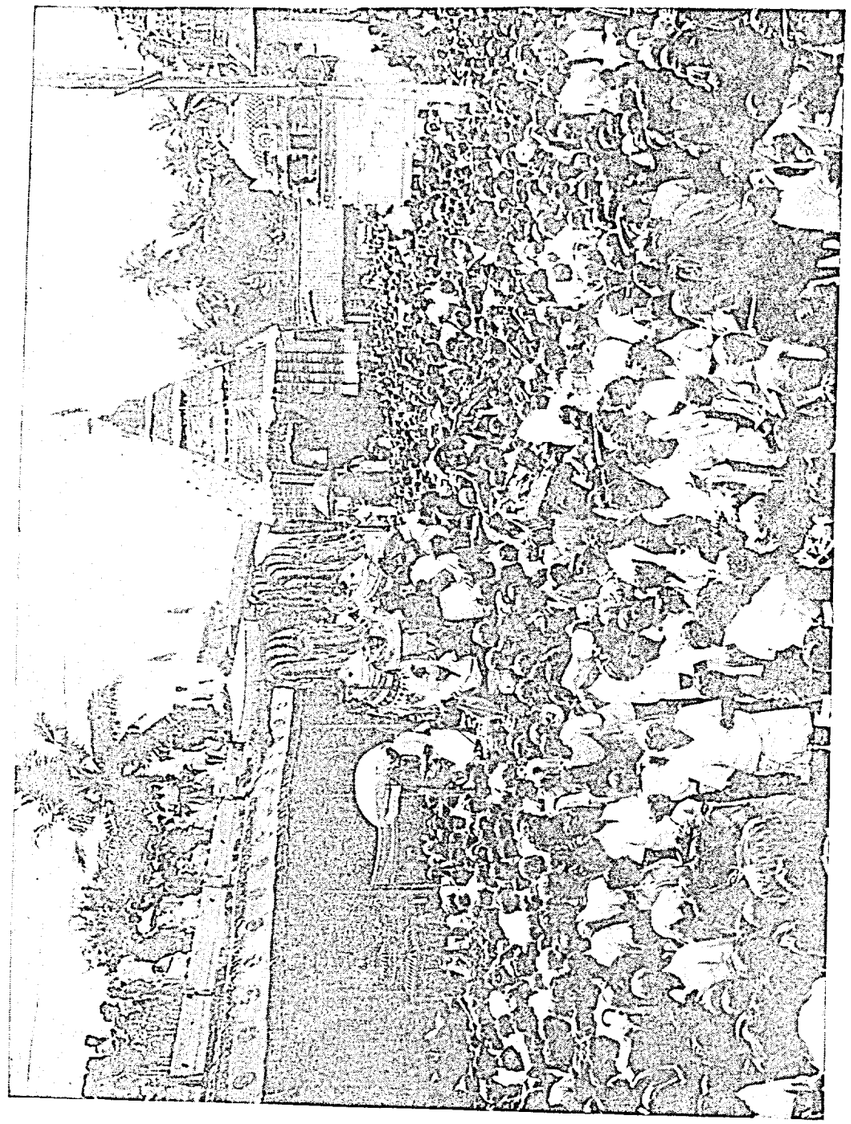
Abhishegam (holy bath) to the deities before pilgrims bathe in the holy tank.



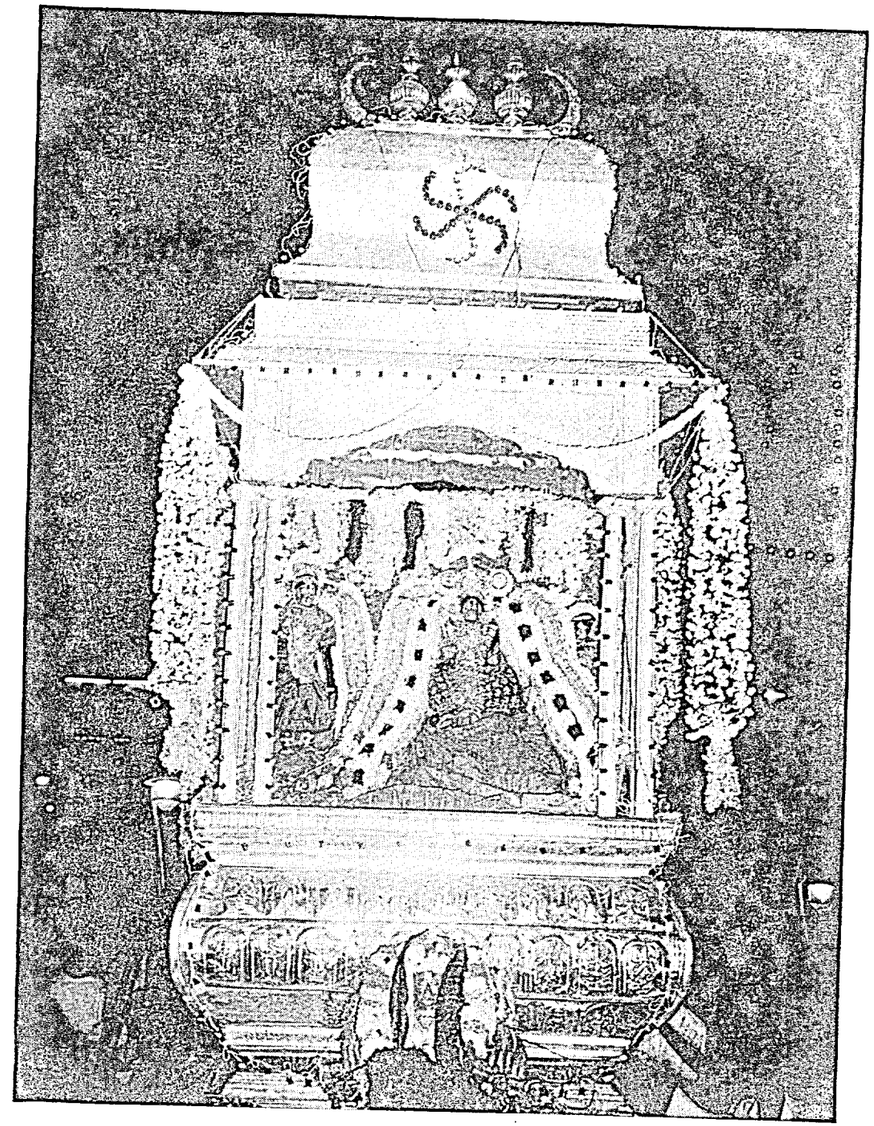
A view of the crowd bathing in the sacred tank.



A view of the crowd bathing in the river Cauvery.



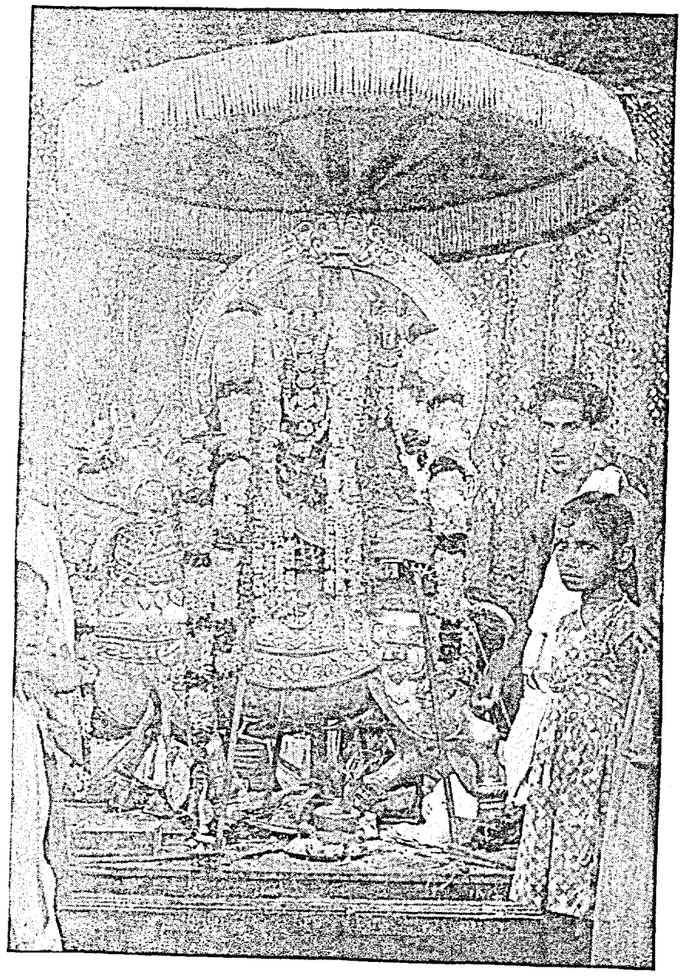
Lord Banapureeswarar granting darsan to the devotees after their holy bath.



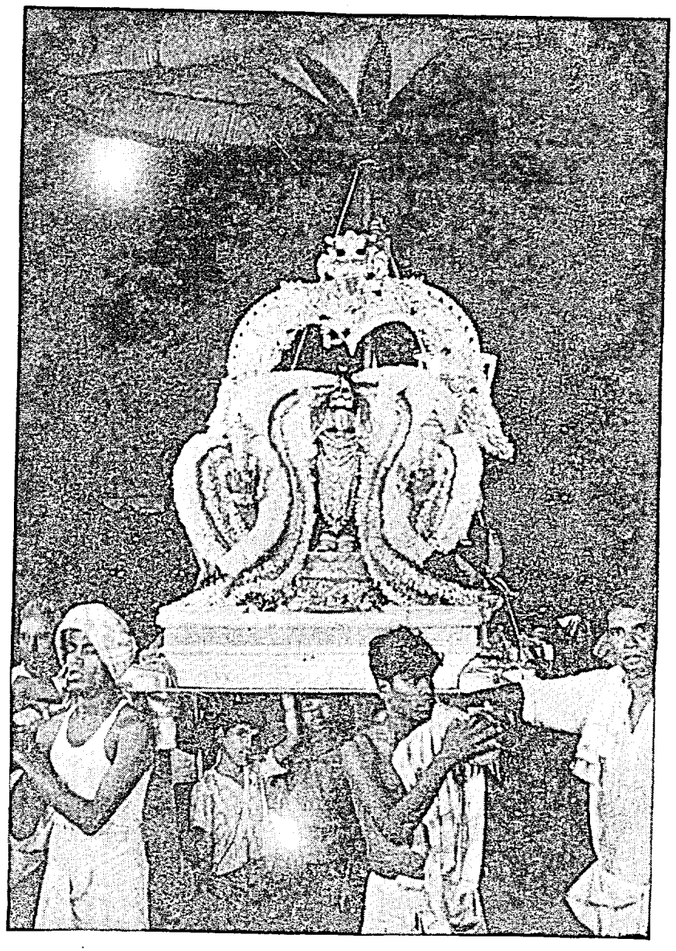
Deities installed in the decorated 'Ratham' for procession.

A view of the ceremonial procession of the deities.

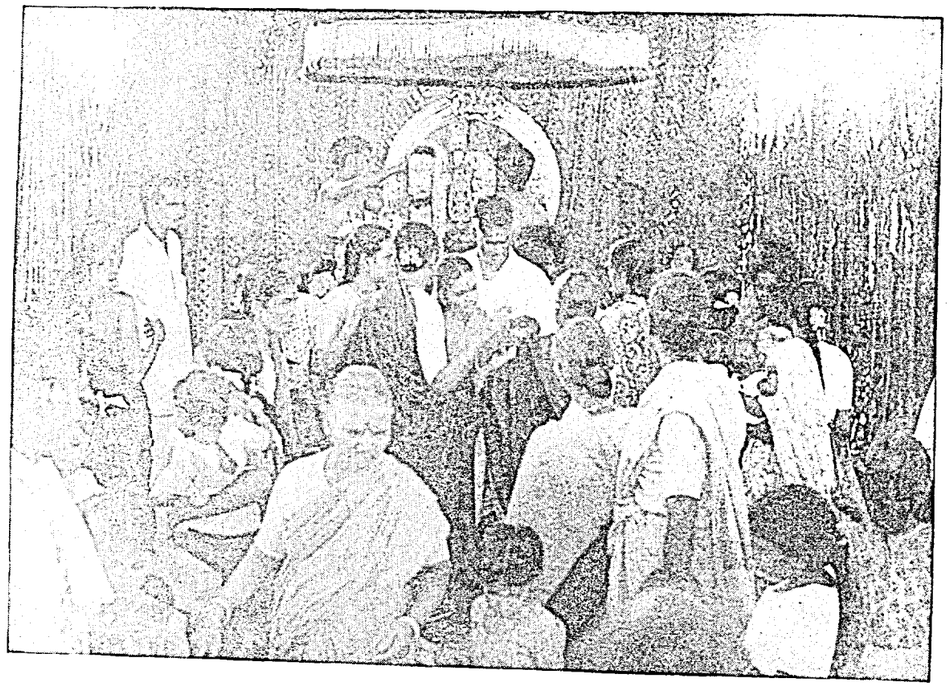
One of the deities decorated for ceremonial procession to the seashore on Masi Magham.



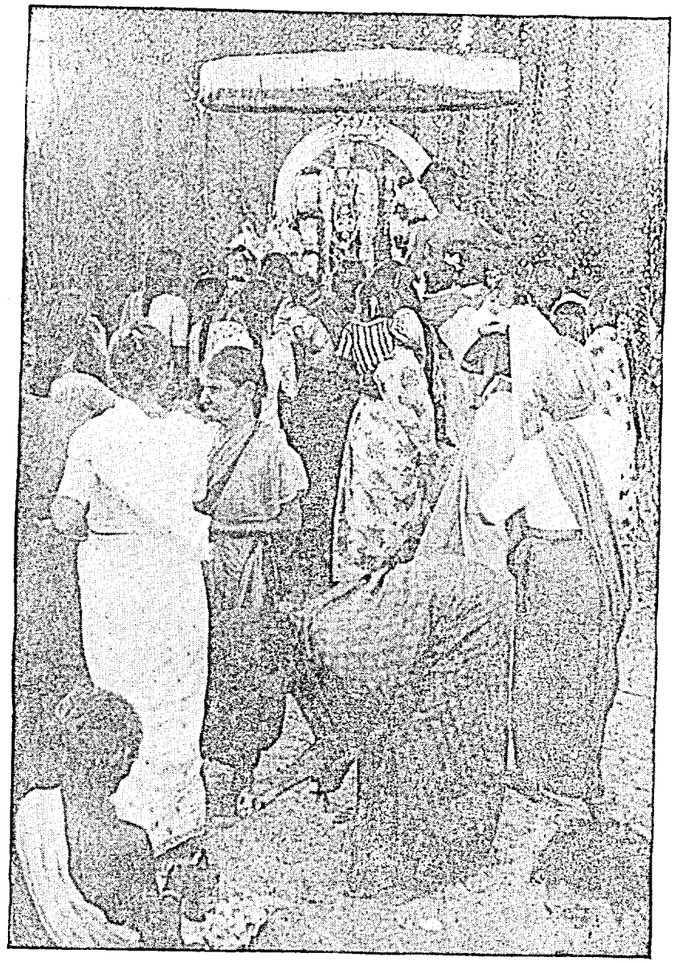
Another deity ready to be taken in procession.



A deity being carried in procession.



Devotees offering worship at the seashore.



Devotees worshipping the deities at the seashore: another view.

respect to elders and visit and exchange New Year greetings with their relatives, as also friends and relatives who are residing in distant places. A sumptuous lunch is arranged in each household according to the capacity of its head. An indispensable item to the menu is a 'pachadi' prepared with neem leaves or flowers and jaggery or sugar. This is supposed to indicate that life is a mixture of happiness and unhappiness and that every cloud has got its silver lining. In the evening, '*Panchanga Sravanam*' from temples or other common places is an important item. The almanac for the ensuing year is cast and the planetary influence on men, cattle, crops and seasonal conditions are read or discussed. Kalakshepams or musical and religious discourses are also arranged in various places in the evening. For agriculturists, the day is important as they commence their annual agricultural operations on this day. There are rustic sports and games which are indulged in by villagers on this day. In temples the deities are taken round in procession in the evenings.

To make the New Year happy and prosperous, the people take care to indulge in nothing but merriment on this day and to see no evil, do no evil and hear no evil.

CHITHIRA POURNAMI

The festival of Chithira Pournami is celebrated on the Full Moon day of the Tamil month of Chithirai (April-May) when the star Chithirai joins it. It is considered that it is a festival conducted to propitiate Chitragupta, the chief assistant and recording angel of Lord Yama. An account of all virtues and vices with which human beings are associated during their life on earth is recorded by this angel, to be read before Lord Yama on the judgement day. The celebration of this festival is, therefore, intended to act as a check on our conduct in life due to the reminder that all of us will be called upon to explain our conduct even after death.

This festival would appear to have been celebrated from very ancient times in Tamilnad having been known in those days as Indra Vizha or a festival dedicated to Lord Indra. There is a reference to the Indra Vizha in the Tamil work Silappadhikaram. But it has ceased to be celebrated as such for a long time and there is no account of its celebration within living memory.

According to a legend, Brihaspathi, the preceptor, philosopher and guide of Lord Indra once got offended with Indra due to an act of disrespect shown to him and left his court. When the guidance of the revered Guru was withdrawn, Lord Indra committed various errors of omission and commission and when such instances became numerous, he was deeply upset and repented very much for his rashness. Repentance being expiation for all sins, Guru pardoned him and rejoined his old position. Indra, thereafter undertook a pilgrimage to all important shrines to atone for his sins. After visiting various places, he came to a forest where he felt he suddenly had regained his former energy, wisdom and peace of mind. He attributed this miracle to a glorious Sivalingam situated under a Kadamba tree near a beautiful tank. He had a temple built immediately at the site for installing the Lingam, and another for installing the divine Mother. After completing the construction of the shrines, Indra found that flowers were not available anywhere nearby for worship. By divine grace, he found golden lotuses suddenly floating in large quantities in the tank, collected them and performed the worship to his great satisfaction. It is believed that the place where he built the shrines was Madurai and the Lingam installed by him was that of Lord Sundaresar, and that this incident happened on the Full Moon day in the month of Chithirai. This accounts for the simultaneous origin of the city and the temple of Madurai and it is still the belief that on the anniversary of this day, Lord Indra still comes to Madurai to worship the deities.

Nowhere is the Chithira Pournami festival celebrated in Tamilnad with so much pomp and splendour as is done in the Madurai Meenakshi temple under the name *Chaitrotsavam*. Particulars relating to this festival will be explained elsewhere.

ADI POORAM AND ADI PATHINETTAM PERUKKU

Two days are observed as festival days by the Hindus of Tamilnad in the month of Adi (July–August). The first is the day of the Pooram star which is considered exceptionally auspicious if it coincides with a Friday. The common belief is that Goddess Sakthi appeared on the earth and blessed the human beings on this day. Saints and sages are supposed to have worshipped and propitiated Her on this day for obtaining mystic powers and heavenly bliss. Adhi Sankaracharya is believed to have worshipped Sakthi on this day for Her grace in his attempts to bring about a renaissance of the Hindu religion and in bringing out his scholarly works on philosophy. All Hindu temples and households in Tamilnad observe it as a sacred festival.

Vaishnavites consider that it was on this day that the incarnation of Mother Earth as Goddess Andal appeared and that Periyalwar found Her in his Nandavanam. Adi Pooram is, therefore, observed as a grand festival in the Vaishnavite temple at Srivilliputhur, perhaps as the birth day of Andal.

The Eighteenth of the month of Adi is another festival day for all Hindus. They prepare, with great devotion, varieties of dishes and feast themselves and rest assured that it is the beginning of an auspicious period of prosperity and contentment. It is in this month that floods appear in the sacred rivers of Kaveri and Tambraparani and the general belief is that these floods which incidentally bring about a good harvest and thereby prosperity, delight the people so much that they exhibit their joy in the form of a festival.

The appearance of freshes in the river Chittar near Courtallam also takes place in this month and people from various parts of the country resort to this place to have a refreshing bath in the fresh springs of the waterfall and worship Lord Kuttraleswarar.

VARALAKSHMI VIRATHAM

Varalakshmi Viratham, also known as Varamahalaskhmi Viratham is observed in Tamilnad on the Friday immediately preceding the Full Moon day of the month of Adi (July-August). In the Skandapurana, it is observed that the glory of this celebration is explained by Lord Siva to His consort. This festival is observed by married ladies with husbands alive and if properly and devotedly done, it is supposed to confer long and prosperous married life as well as good progeny in addition to health, wealth, peace and fame for the whole family.

The rituals connected with the ceremony are as follows: The sowbhagyavathi who observes this takes a purificatory bath in the morning and wears fresh clothes. She then makes a mandal with the drawing of a lotus flower on it. A vessel filled with rice and covered by fresh Mango leaves, a coconut and new cloth are placed on the mandala, invoking Goddess Lakshmi therein. Fresh grains which indicate growth and prosperity are used in the worship. After the vessel (*kalasa*) is worshipped, worship is offered to Lord Ganesa. A sacred thread called Raksha is then worshipped after which the elaborate Lakshmi pooja is done. The Raksha is again worshipped and tied on the right wrist of the worshipper. The worship is then concluded and a 'sumangali' is fed sumptuously and presented with various auspicious things. The whole household will present a festive appearance on that day and the members rest assured that the grace of the Goddess of wealth will descend on them.

There are two legends associated with this worship. Lord Siva and His consort was having a game of dice in which the Goddess was winning every time. Lord Siva, however, argued that He was winning and both of them appointed one Chitranemi as referee. Out of regard for the Lord, he was deciding every time in His favour and the aggrieved Goddess cursed that he be a victim of leprosy. Chitranemi who was frightened by the consequence of his injustice, appealed to the Lord for redemption. Due to the intervention of the

Lord, the Goddess decreed that observance of the sacred Varalakshmi Viratham alone will be the expiation for Chitranemi's sin.

Again, there lived in Kundinapura (the present Orissa State) a very pious and religious minded lady. She had a son and a daughter whom she adored as Lord Vishnu and Goddess Lakshmi respectively. Her treatment of the children pleased Goddess Lakshmi very much and one day She appeared to the devotee in a dream and expressed Her appreciation of the way in which the children were being treated and brought up. When the lady woke up, she had her bath and worshipped Goddess Mahalakshmi, invoking Her blessings and conferment of all auspiciousness and prosperity for her family. It is believed that ever afterwards ladies began to observe the Varalakshmi Viratham on the model of the worship offered by the lady of Kundinapura in the first instance.

GAYATHRI JAPAM OR AVANI AVITTAM

The Gayathri Manthra is the greatest of all manthras. It is considered to be the life and support of every true Brahmin. Every Brahmin youth is initiated into the mysteries of the Holy Gayathri during his Upanayanam or investiture of the sacred thread. A festival is celebrated annually in honour of the great sages and forefathers who composed the Gayathri and observed it strictly, bequeathing it as a sacred legacy to posterity. This annual festival periodically reminds every Brahmin about the glory of the Gayathri and the need for its strict observance in his daily routine.

The Avani Avittam, as this festival is called in Tamilnad, is observed by the Yajurvedic group of Brahmins on the Full Moon day of the month of Avani (August-September). The Rig Vedic group observes it on the day in the same month when the star 'Sravanam' (Thiruvonam) is in position while the followers of the Sama Veda system celebrate it when the star 'Hastham' and thithi 'Panchami' are in conjunction in the Avani month.

On the day on which the Gayathri Japam is performed, the Brahmins take bath early in the morning. Those who are rich enough to have the ceremonies performed at home, arrange for the priests to visit them and go through the necessary ceremonies. The less favourably placed in society congregate either in a temple or on the river-bank and go through the ceremonies as a community function. The year old sacred thread is discarded and after the necessary ceremonies, fresh sacred thread is worn after which a rishi Tharpan is performed. The Brahmacharis have got different rites to observe from those observed by the married persons or Grahasthas. After the usual '*Homas*' or sacrifices are performed, the persons return to their homes and prostrate before their elders. A sumptuous feast in the afternoon terminates the function. Apart from Brahmins, persons belonging to the Vysya community who wear the sacred thread also observe this festival.

On this day, the purohits tie amulets on the wrists of their patrons. In Brahmin households, sisters tie such amulets or silken thread on the wrists of their brothers.

It is noteworthy that despite the changes brought about in society by virtue of recent progressive ideas, this festival continues to be celebrated as ever with the usual enthusiasm and religious fervour.

VINAYAKA CHATHURTHI

Lord Ganesa or Vinayaka, the elephant-headed God who is more popularly known as Pillaiyar in Tamilnad is worshipped in all places throughout the country. In Tamilnad especially, He is worshipped

under the banyan tree, in the corners of streets, on the banks of the tanks and in all temples irrespective of the fact whether they are dedicated to Siva or Vishnu. Vaishnavites worship Him as Vishwaksena or Thumbikkai Alwar. He is the eldest son of Siva and the elder brother of Skanda or Muruga. Being the Lord of power and wisdom who removes obstalces in any enterprise and brings harmony and peace, His name is uttered first and He is worshipped at the beginning of all works and undertakings—marriages, journeys, expedition, study, construction, religious worship, festivals and sacrifices. Lord Siva is supposed to have worshipped Him before the Tripuras were defeated, the Divine Mother before Her encounter with the asuras or demons, Devas before the Ocean of Milk was churned, Bhagiratha before attempting to bring down the celestial Ganges, Lord Rama before his attempts to get back Sita, and Yudhishtrira before commencement of the great war of Kurukshetra. No function in any Hindu household is begun without offering worship to Him who is the Vigneswara. The birth day of this great God is celebrated as Vinayaka Chathurthi all over India. It is one of the most popular among Hindu festivals. In Tamilnad it is observed on the fourth day of the bright half of the Tamil month of Avani (August–September).

The form of the Lord with the head of an elephant and trunk of a man riding on a mouse symbolises the process of gradual evolution from mouse to elephant and then to man and indicates that He is the Creator of all creatures from the smallest mouse to the biggest elephant, that He is the embodiment of wisdom, having killed egoism, his two feet indicating Jnana Sakthi and Kriya Sakthi—wisdom and action. He is worshipped as the Lord of the Ganas or groups of senses, elements and followers of Lord Siva.

During Vinyaka Chathurthi, clay figures of the deity are made and worshipped in all households for two days with flowers and offerings of coconuts, fruits, beaten rice, jaggery, sugarcane, puffed rice and modakas (otherwise called Kozhakkattai). Such offerings are also made in the temples dedicated to Him. Afterwards, the clay models are thrown into a river or sea or pond.

There is a belief that it is inauspicious to see the Moon on this day. The legend associated with this belief is as follows: On one of the festival days, *viz.*, Vinayaka Chathurthi, Lord Ganesa was going from house to house accepting the offerings of modakas. Having filled His stomach with a good many of these, He was riding on His mouse at night. A snake crossed their path at the sight of which the mouse got frightened and stumbled and the Lord fell down. Modakas came out of His stomach and He filled them again and tied the snake round His belly. This sight amused the Moon who had a hearty laugh over it. Ganesa was enraged at this insult and pronounced a curse that if any one looked at the Moon on the Vinayaka Chathurthi day, he would earn a censure or bad name for no fault of his. On second thoughts, he also ordained that the expiation for this sin would be to recite the story of how Lord Krishna cleared himself of the false charge of stealing the diamond Syamantaka.

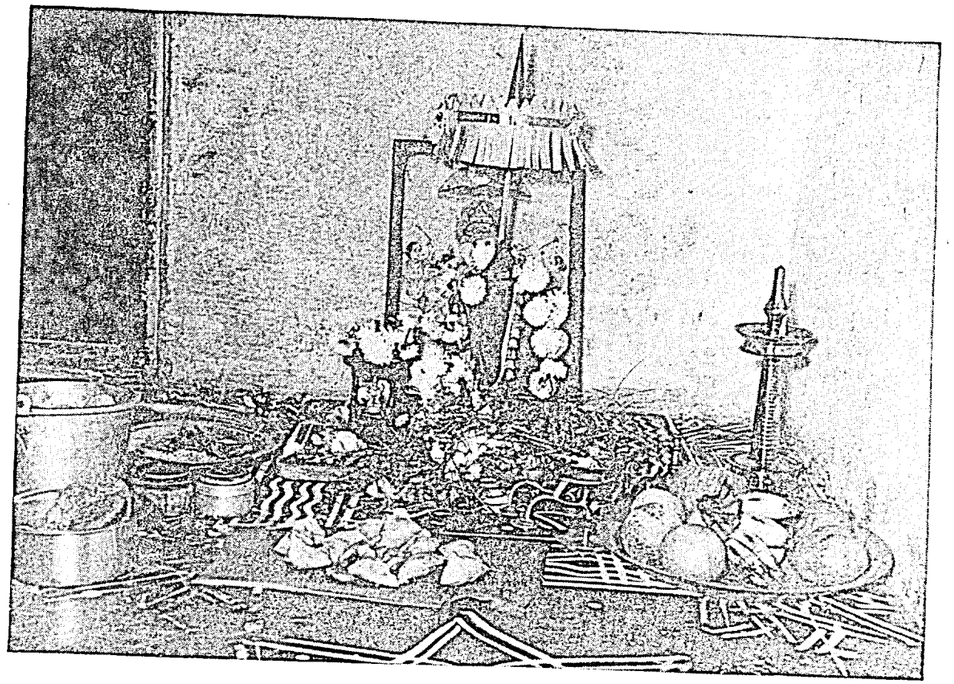
MAHALAYA AMAVASAI

The New Moon day in the month of Purattasi (September–October) is specially auspicious for offering oblations to our ancestors. It is the custom in every orthodox Hindu household to offer oblations to the spirits of the departed (Tharpana as it is called) on every New Moon day, but this particular New Moon day, which is called Mahalaya Amavasai or Pitrupaksha Amavasai is considered most sacred because of the common belief that the oblations offered on this day reach the spirits of the ancestors immediately and directly without the intervention of any intermediaries. It is also believed that the offerings made on this day are enjoyed by all departed souls, however distantly related they are to the offerer, including those who died without progeny, those whose dates of death have not been recorded and hence no annual ceremonies are performed and those who met with unnatural deaths. This speciality is attributed to a boon granted

Images of Lord Vinayaka arranged for sale.

A busy market with articles for worship on the Vinayaka Chathurthi day.

A boy worshipping Lord Vinayaka.



Profuse offerings to Lord Vinayaka in a household.

Image of Vinayaka being carried for immersion.

by Lord Yama to Karna, the hero of the Mahabharatha.

Karna of the Mahabharatha fame was reputed for his charity of all varieties. But it is stated that he had unintentionally neglected ' annadana ' or charity in the shape of cooked food, the basic requirement of everyone from the highest to the lowest and that due to this, after his death, though he was given to enjoy the fruits of all his other items of charity in the celestial region, he had no food. He prayed to Yama who granted him a fortnight's time to return to earth and condone this deficiency. It is believed that it was during the dark fortnight of Purattasi that Karna compensated for this past neglect while on earth and hence all offerings made to ancestors during this period and on the New Moon day are specially efficacious.

This ceremony is observed by every Hindu household irrespective of social status or creed consistent with a belief that the departed souls come down to the earth and visit the residences of their descendants on the Mahalaya Amavasai day.

SRI KRISHNA JAYANTHI (GOKULASHTAMI)

Sri Krishna Jayanthi (Janmashtami) is the birth day of Lord Krishna, the eighth divine incarnation of Lord Vishnu. It falls on the eighth day of the dark half of the Tamil month of Avani (September–October). Of all the divine incarnations of the Lord, Sri Krishna is the more adored. By virtue of his divine leelas, Lord Krishna has become the Darling of Humanity. The object of the avatar or incarnation was, as explained in the Bhagavat Gita, the annihilation of evil and the establishment of truth and virtue (dharma). As such, from His infancy onwards the Lord destroyed numerous demons who were harassing humanity. Later on as an ally of Pandavas, He brought about in the interests of truth and justice, the war of Kurukshetra for destroying the wicked Kauravas and restoring their legitimate rights to the innocent Pandavas. It was from the battle field at Kurukshetra that He delivered His message which is famous as the Gita. The divine super-human and soul-stirring leelas of the Lord are explained in detail in the Bhagawatha and Mahabharatha and are well known. The birth day of the Lord is, therefore, celebrated as one of the greatest of Hindu festivals in all Hindu houses from Kashmir to Cape Comorin.

Lord Krishna was born at midnight when the Moon entered the house of Vrishabha at the constellation of the star Rohini on the eighth day (Ashtami) of the dark half of Avani. Therefore, devout Hindus on this day observe a fast which is broken at midnight. Religious books like Bhagavatham, Sahasranamam etc., will be recited with great devotion. The houses are cleaned and decorated with a special type of Kolam depicting the small foot prints of the darling babe supposed to be born presently, straight from the doorstep to the pooja room. Sweetmeats and other delicacies are prepared and offered to the Lord. Temples dedicated to Lord Krishna will also be decorated for the occasion and devotees will recite sthothras in praise of the Lord. Bells are rung and conches blown at midnight depicting the birth of the Lord.

Sri Krishna Jayanthi is celebrated year after year, but as the Lord has said in the Gita, only one in a thousand millions knows Him in essence, His way, His truth and His life. Unless an attempt is made to understand Him, the dweller in every heart as well as His teachings, the world will never get itself freed from the bonds of avidya or ignorance.

DHASARA OR NAVARATHRI

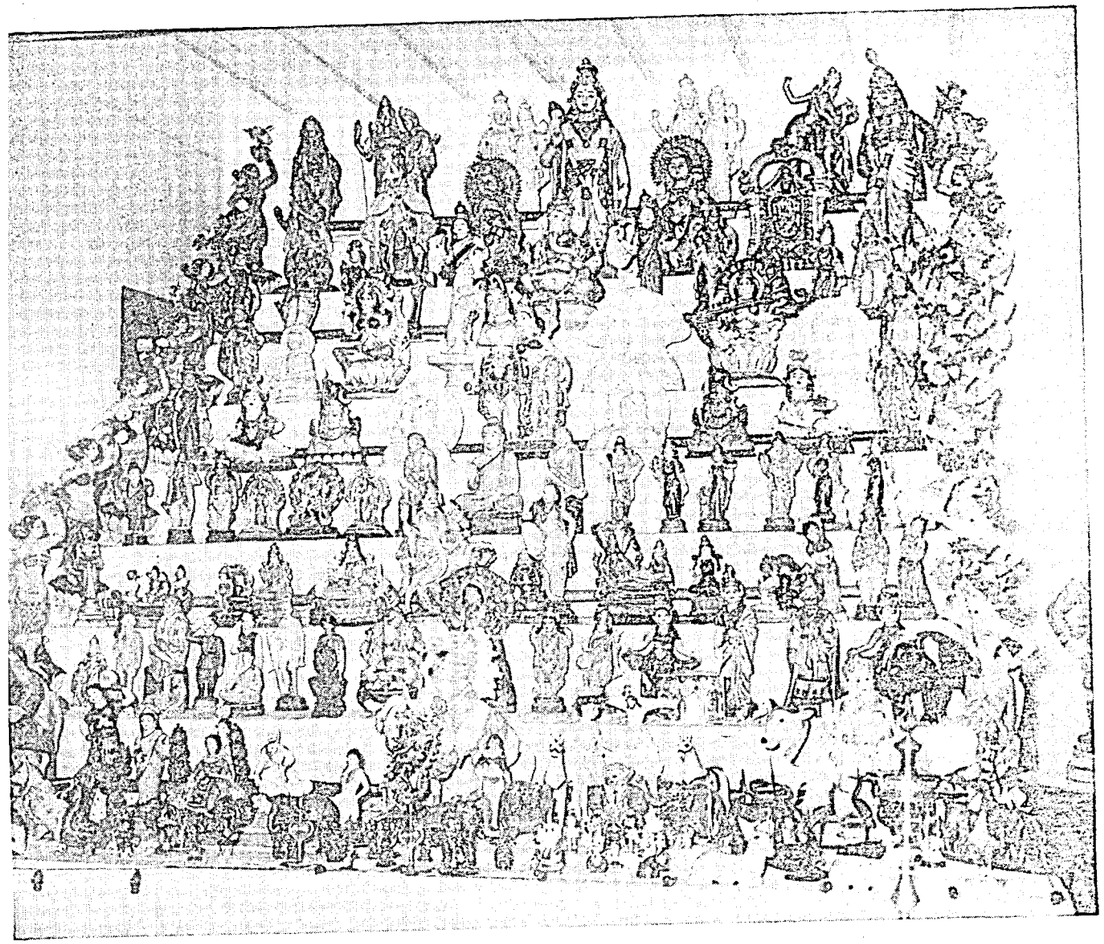
Hinduism is the only religion in the world which has emphasised on the motherhood of God; and Dhasara is the greatest Hindu festival of adoring God as Mother. The festival is celebrated in various parts of India in different styles But the basic aim of the celebration is to worship and propitiate 'Sakthi' for attaining wealth, prosperity and vidya or enlightenment. Sakthi is the power of the Lord or the cosmic energy.

In Tamilnad, this festival is celebrated for nine nights in the month of Purattasi (Aswin or September–October) beginning from the Suklapaksha Pradhama or the first day of the waning Moon and ending on the tenth day which is called the Vijayadhasami. The Mother is worshipped all these days as a Vijaya-Uthsav or festival of victory. The more orthodox people worship the Mother in her three aspects during this period. On the first three days, the Divine Mother is adored as Durga or Power. The following three days are devoted to the worship of Mother Lakshmi or the 'Sampathdayini' aspect of the Mother and for the last three days, She is worshipped as Saraswathi who is Divine knowledge personified. The tenth day is Vijaya Dhasami, a day which is considered auspicious for all new ventures and celebrated as a Day of Victory. Children are initiated into 'Aksharabhyasa' or learning of the alphabets on this day. Learning of any science is commenced on this day. In olden times, kings used to undertake a vijaya yatra on this day.

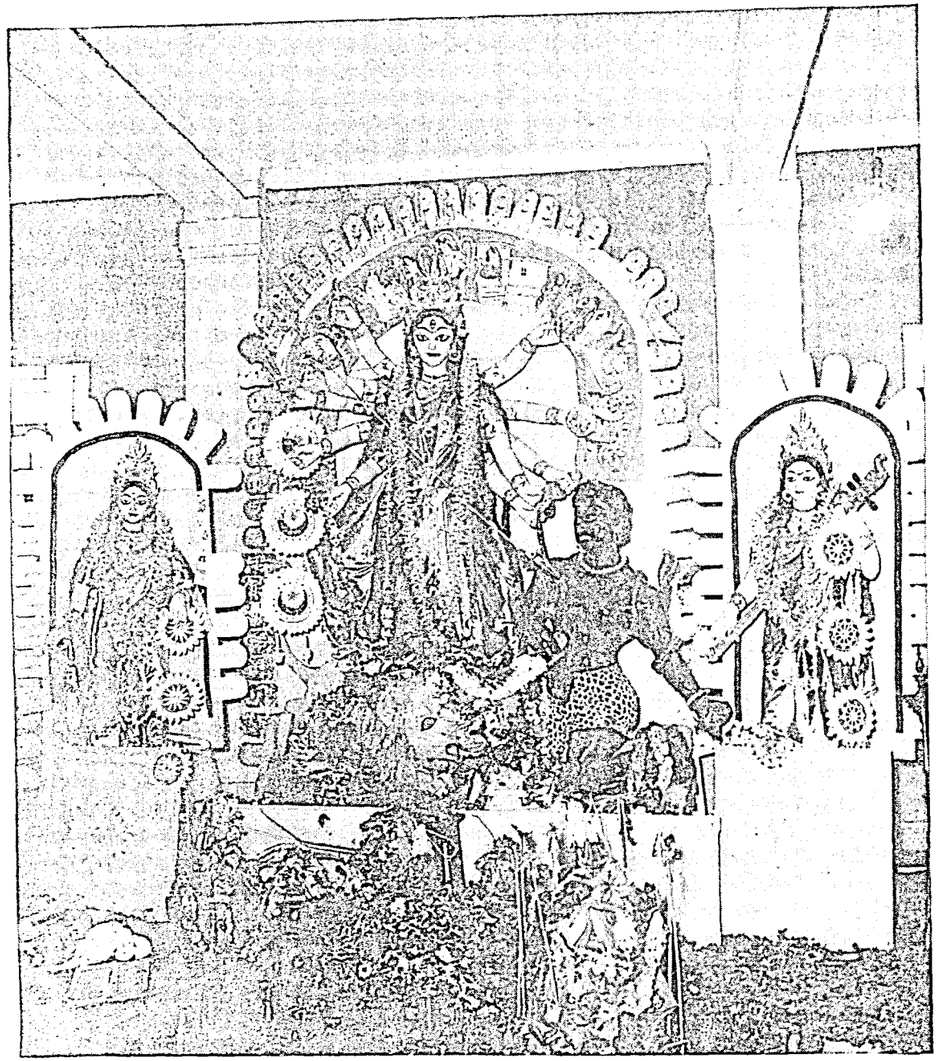
As in the case of all religious festivals, several legends are associated with this festival also. One is that it is celebrated in commemoration of the victory of Durga, consort of Lord Siva, over Mahishasura, a buffalo-headed demon. Another legend says that the Mother fought with Bhandasura and his forces for nine days and nine nights and the war ended in victory on the evening of the tenth day or Vijayadhasami. Tradition has it that Sri Rama worshipped Durga invoking Her aid for success in his fight with Ravana during the Navarathri. It is believed that by Her grace, he killed Ravana on the eighth day, performed various sacrifices on the ninth day and started on his journey back to Ayodhya on the tenth or Vijayadhasami day. Arjuna is stated to have worshipped the Divine Mother on the Vijayadhasami day before commencing the war against the Kauravas in the field of Kurukshetra. During their period of exile, the Pandavas are supposed to have hidden their divine weapons in a *Samivriksha* and on the successful completion of their banishment, they are believed to have taken back the weapons from the sacred Sami tree on the auspicious Vijayadhasami day.

During the Navarathri, people take their bath very early in the morning and worship the Divine Mother in Her various aspects. On the eighth and ninth day—Ashtami and Navami—in most of the Hindu households, books and other implements are placed before an image of the Goddess and worshipped. All learning and work is suspended on these days, poojas are performed very devoutly and offerings in various forms made to the Mother. On the tenth day, after worship, these are taken back and learning as well as work recommenced. While poets, teachers, pupils and others engaged with books and pen in their avocations of life adore chiefly Saraswathi or the Goddess of learning, others who are more concerned with implements and instruments, call this festival as Ayudha Pooja and worship the Mother in the form of all sorts of 'ayudhas' or implements. Every artisan and labourer make offerings and supplication to the tools which they use in the exercise of their professions. The labourer worships his plough and hoe, the mason his trowel, rule and other instruments, the carpenter his hatchet and plane, the tailor his machine and the weaver his loom. Vehicles used for transport including rickshaws and cycles are worshipped and in the offices, worship is done to the tables and chairs. In short, every person sanctifies and adores the instruments or tools which he or she uses in gaining his or her livelihood. These are piled together and offerings of incense, flowers, fruits and puffed or beaten rice are made after which the individuals concerned prostrate themselves before these and devoutly restore them to their former places.

In every Hindu household, the housewives set up a Kolu or Bommai Kovil. On a platform containing several steps, dolls reprsenting Puranic heroes, Gods and Goddesses are so arranged as to depict stories from the Puranas in the most artistic manner. Friends and relatives are invited to see the Kolu. The visitors



Kolu or Bommai Kovil.



Durga Pooja.

sing before the Kolu, praises of the Divine Mother, after which they will be given sweetmeats, fruits and betel nuts. It is a pleasing sight to see the ladies, dressed in their best attire, visiting in batches in the evenings their neighbours' residences to see the Kolus. The bigger the display of the dolls at the Kolu, the greater is the social standing of the household and hence the Kolu is arranged in an almost competitive spirit. This gives an opportunity for the doll makers to do their best business during this season.

All temples in Tamilnad celebrate the Navarathri in a grand manner. In the temples also, there will be grand displays of Kolu. The religious-minded people believe that the Navarathri is the most suitable occasion for doing intense 'sadhana' or meditation and getting rid of the asuric tendencies in human beings—lust, pride, anger, hypocrisy etc. The demons such as Mahisha, Madhu, Kaitabha, Sumbha, Nisumbha etc. whom the Divine Mother is supposed to have annihilated during the Navarathri represent, according to the Vedantin, the demoniac qualities of our ego and the annihilation of these baser qualities is sought to be achieved by devoutly worshipping the Mother during the Navarathri. The aspirant for spiritual progress who meditates with concentration during these days is to come triumphant through the attainment of real knowledge on the Vijayadhasami day.

DEEPAVALI

Deepavali is a universal festival celebrated by Hindus all over India. It is a festival of lights. Literally the word means "a row of lights". In Tamilnad, it is celebrated in the Tamil month of "Aipasi" (September-October) on the Thrayodasi and Chathurdasi days preceding the New Moon. For some, it is a three-day festival including the New Moon day. The festival takes place during the best part of the year. The monsoon has come to an end, agricultural operations are over, and the season transforms itself into a healthy and energising winter. Even the lowliest of the low celebrates this festival with as much ostentation as he could afford.

There are various legends associated with Deepavali. Some hold that it marks the celebration of the wedding of Lord Vishnu and Mahalakshmi. Another school is of the view that Deepavali commemorates the day when Sri Rama returned to Ayodhya after annihilating Ravana. The third and more popular version is that it was on the day on which Deepavali is observed that the demon Narakasura was destroyed by Lord Krishna; and that it is in remembrance of the joy that pervaded the earth on the destruction of the evil that this festival is celebrated. Side by side goes another legend that it was Sathyabhama, one of the consorts of Lord Krishna that killed Narakasura. The legend goes on to narrate that Narakasura was the son of Mother Earth whose incarnation was Sathyabhama. It could be noticed in the Puranas that most of the demons or Rakshasas found in Hindu mythology were ardent devotees of one or other of the trinity. Narakasura, by severe penance, had secured a boon from Vishnu that he shall not be defeated or killed by anyone other than his own mother. When his atrocities had to be curbed, Lord Krishna stepped into the scene and in the battle that ensued, the Lord was wounded by an arrow from the demon. Sathyabhama who had accompanied the Lord stepped into the breach and it fell to her lot to kill Narakasura. It is said that before life became extinct, he prayed for a boon that he be permitted to visit the earth every year on the day he met with his end, *viz.* Chathurdasi day which because of this association, came to be known as Naraka Chathurdasi. Another version is that Mother Earth was not so much upset on her son being killed by the Lord and was blessed with a boon that the day on which her son met with his end, would be observed as a festival by all people on earth, irrespective of man, woman or child, by taking an oil-bath, putting on new clothes and having a sumptuous feast. Whatever may be the true version, it will not be wrong to believe that the celebration is arranged as a mark of joy on the destruction of the demon.

Attempts have also been made to associate Deepavali with the legendary King Mahabali who was relegated to the nether world by Vamana, one of the in-

carnations of Lord Vishnu. It is said that when he was being sent down to Pathala Loka, Mahabali was granted a boon that he could visit the earth every year on the day he was banished from his kingdom and see his subjects enjoying the same peace and plenty, social equality and justice that prevailed under his regime; and that it is in commemoration of the annual visit of this great king that people celebrate this festival in as grand a manner as they could.

There is another belief that King Vikramaditya was crowned on this day and that those who follow the Vikrama Era observe this as the New Year Day. The Jains believe that it was on the Deepavali day that Mahavira, their principal Thirthankara, shed his mortal coils with which departed the light of knowledge from the earth.

It is believed that on the Deepavali day, Goddess Mahalakshmi descends to the earth and visits every home and that people make preparation to welcome Her in the most appropriate manner. In Tamilnad, the routine followed in every Hindu household is the same without any distinction of high or low, rich or poor. The houses are cleaned and white-washed and those who can afford have even the wood-work repainted. The houses are decorated by day and at night, there is illumination with a string of flat earthen lamps with cotton wicks immersed in oil. All metal vessels are washed and polished to look bright. Before dawn, every one gets up and has a good oil-bath. In a family, the wife puts the oil on the husband's head. It is believed that Goddess Lakshmi is present in the oil used and that mother Ganga makes her presence in the water used for bath. The oil-bath is, therefore, called *Gangasnanam*. After the bath, all people dress themselves up in new clothes. There will be no household where sweets and other delicacies are not prepared. Servants are given presents of new clothes and money. The children make themselves merry with display of fireworks and crackers. All round the day and late in the night, the atmosphere will be full with the boom of crackers. For the season, special bazaars of crackers and fire- works are put up in all towns and cities. A sumptuous feast is inevitable in every home, and people send presents of sweetmeats and crackers to friends and relatives.

This is a day of very great importance to the business community. They close their yearly accounts on this day, considering it as the last day of the commercial year. All shops are cleaned, decorated and illuminated. New account books are opened with a ceremonial worship of Goddess Lakshmi.

On the whole, on the Deepavali day, there is an air of cleanliness and a semblance of peace and plenty, of evil being destroyed and happiness and contentment being restored.

The spiritual aspect of this festival is that Narakasura who is the synonym for evil and egoism should be destroyed through the knowledge of the self and merged in Sri Krishna, the supreme light of the world. The Deepavali depicts the inner illumination wihch all human beings should strive to attain.

VAIKUNTA EKADASI

The different manifestations of God have specific days on which it is considered auspicious to worship and propitiate them. Just as Mahasivarathri is auspicious and sacred for the worship of Lord Siva, Vaikunta Ekadasi is sacred for the worship of Lord Vishnu. It is the most sacred day for the Vaishnavites. There is a belief that on certain days of a fortnight, special influence flow towards the earth favouring spiritual contemplation. The eleventh day or the Ekadasi in each fortnight is one such day. Our forefathers in Heaven are said to be able to communicate and purify our minds more easily during the Ekadasi and Amavasi days. Of all the Ekadasi days in a year, the Vaikunta Ekadasi or the elevanth day in the bright half of the Tamil month of Markazhi (November–December) is said to be the most important and auspicious. It is stated that observing Vaikunta Ekadasi with strict discipline and austerities is equal to observing three crores of ordinary Ekadasis. For this reason Vaikunta Ekadasi is also called the Mukkodi Ekadasi.

Devotees observe complete fast and Vigil on the Vaikunta Ekadasi day and spend the whole day in Hari Kirtan and meditation. Some observe it as nirjal Ekadasi, without even taking a drop of water. It is specially enjoined that no rice should be consumed on that day. The scriptures indicate that in this age of Kali the observance of even one Vaikunta Ekadasi with complete faith and devotion, and concentration on Lord Vishnu will relieve one from the cycle of births and deaths.

Several legends are associated with this festival of which one relates to the ban on the consumption of of rice on Ekadasi day. It is narrated that the sweat that flowed from the forehead of Lord Brahma assumed the form of a demon. He was directed by Lord Brahma to have his abode in the particles of rice consumed by human beings on the Ekadasi day and get converted as worms destroying their health and happiness. Incidentally it may be pointed out that from the point of view of health, occasional fasting is supposed to overhaul the respiratory, circulatory, digestive and urinary systems, destroy all impurities and poisons in the body, control sleep and passion and check emotions. Thus it makes persons fit physically as well as mentally, to concentrate and meditate on God.

Another legend associated with Vaikunta Ekadasi relates to the destruction of the demon Mura. The powerful demon oppressed the world and the Devas, being desperate, represented their grievance to Lord Siva. As directed by Siva, they approached Vishnu who pacified them, and went to fight with the demon. This fight is supposed to have lasted for a thousand years at the end of which Lord Vishnu got exhausted and retreated to a cave in Badrikasramam for rest. The demon went and harassed Him there when He sent "Yoga Maya", His energy in the form of a beautiful damsel to kill the demon. She succeeded in her mission and since the destruction of this evil force took place on the Vaikunta Ekadasi day, Lord Vishnu named her as "Ekadasi" and conferred on her a boon that whoever worshipped Him with concentration and austerity on that day, would be emancipated from all his sins.

Two stories in the Bhagavatha emphasise the glory of this great fast and festival. One is the story of King Rukmangada who is supposed to have maintained a very fine garden containing even the rarest flower plants. Indra used to obtain the flowers that he wanted from this garden without the knowledge of the King. Nobody knew how the flowers in the garden disappeared as the celestial beings who took them away were not visible to the naked eye. One day when the great sage Jabali was meditating in a corner of the garden, the gardeners mistook him for the thief and took him before the King. The King recognised the sage and prostrating before him, asked for pardon which was granted. In addition, the sage gave him a few herbs which, if burnt in the garden, would reveal the real secret behind the theft of flowers. The King did as he was advised and there the Gods stood exposed to the public gaze. They could not also ascend to the heaven. The only remedy for this plight was that one who had achieved real 'punya' should surrender it in their favour. As they stood bewildered as to who would do this, a washerwoman appeared before them and said that she had observed Ekadasi with strict austerities and said that if that conferred on her any "punya" she was prepared to surrender it in their favour. At this, the Gods got back their power to ascend to the Heaven. The Washerwoman herself, after death, passed on to the celestial regions.

Another story is that of King Ambarisha. He was a great devotee of Lord Vishnu and used to observe the Ekadasi very strictly. On one occasion, as he was about to break his fast, the great sage Durvasa appeared before him. The King invited him respectfully for meals and the sage went for his bath. He did not return in time and the King was in a dilemma. There was only half a muhurta (a few seconds) remaining for him to break his fast and unless it was done, the effect of his observance of Ekadasi would disappear. If he broke his fast before the sage returned, it would amount to disrespect of the sage. Thus in order to serve both ends he took a little water and broke his fast. The sage knew this with his divine vision and was enraged. He created a demon out of a hair from his tuft for destroying the King who had insulted him. But the "discus" or chakra of Lord Vishnu destroyed the evil force and pursued the sage who had to run for help to Lord Brahma and Siva. On their expressing inability to help him, he surrendered himself to Vishnu who directed him to seek pardon from his devotee,

King Ambarisha whom he had offended. The Sage had to prostrate himself before the King and get himself pardoned to escape from the wrath of the divine chakra that was following him. Ambarisha prayed to the chakra to retreat and save the sage, when alone the chakra stopped its pursuit and the proud and haughty sage was saved.

These two stories emphasise adequately the greatness of Ekadasi which is observed by every devoted Hindu household in South India.

The Vaikunta Ekadasi is the grandest and holiest festival celebrated in the ancient temple of Srirangam in the Tiruchirapalli District of Madras State when lakhs of devotees and pilgrims from various parts of the country assemble at the holy temple to participate in the festival and offer worship to Lord Ranganatha.

VAIKUNTA EKADASI AT SRIRANGAM

Vaikunta Ekadasi in the Tamil month of Margazhi (December–January) is an occasion of importance and religious prominence in all Vaishnavite temples. But nowhere in the South, particularly in Madras State is Vaikunta Ekadasi celebrated with such grandeur and ponderous detail as in the famous Ranganathar temple at Srirangam in Tiruchirapalli district. In this temple the celebration is scheduled for 20 days. It commences 10 days prior to the Sukla Ekadasi (11th day of the brighter half of the month) in Margazhi and continues for another 10 days commencing with the Ekadasi day. The attendance during this festival period is phenomenal and it is estimated that more than a lakh of devotees congregate at Srirangam, especially during the two important days, viz. Mohini Festival and Ekadasi Festival days.

It is set down in the Agamas that the festival should be celebrated for 10 days commencing with Vaikunta Ekadasi day with the recitation of vedic hymns. A variation in the edicts of the Agamas was introduced during the period of Thirumangai Alwar by the inclusion of the Thiruvaimozhi or thousand songs composed by the great Vaishnavite saint Nammalvar. Later on, during the period of Nadamuni, the compositions of other Alwars (Vaishnavite saints) also came to be regarded as deserving prominence along with the vedic hymns and Nammalvar Thiruvaimozhi. However, the Nadamuni sponsored Thirumozhi were recited on the ten days prior to the Ekadasi day, so much so, the festival celebrated in the earlier half came to be called Thirumozhi Thirunal or Pagal Pathu festival and the festival conducted in the latter half commencing with Ekadasi day came to be called Thiruvaimozhi Thirunal or Rapathu festival.

It is the privilege of a particular class of people called Arayars to recite the Alwars' composition. These Arayars are reputed to have specialised themselves in singing the Prabandhams of the Alwars with appropriate actions and gestures. This class is now found only in Srirangam, Alwarthirunagari and Srivilliputhur.

The Pagalpathu festival celebrated for ten days prior to the Ekadasi day has a set pattern. The celebration commences in the morning with the recitation of a few verses from the Thirumozhi. This is done inside the sanctum sanctorum. The deity is then taken to the Arjuna Mandapam where the Arayars recite 212 verses. The morning's function commences with the worship of the deity in the Arjuna Mantapam and distribution of prasadam. In the evening, the deity is taken out in ceremonial procession. Though the pattern is the same during the next nine days, it may be noticed that a certain importance is attached to the 4th, 7th and 8th days in the matter of selection of songs and verses. On the 4th day, recitation would relate to Kamsavadha (the annihilation of the demon king Kamsa, maternal uncle of Lord Krishna). On the 7th day, the verses recited would relate to Vamana Avatharam (depicting the descent of King Mahabali to the netherworld) and on the 8th day, the composition is about the churning of the Ocean of Milk. The 10th day is the most important occasion in the earlier half. It is called Mohini Alankaram, recalling

the deception of the Asuras by the Lord in the guise of a beautiful damsel (Mohini) for recovering the nectar obtained after churning the Ocean of Milk. The songs recited on that day would address the Lord as if he was a goddess.

The second phase of the Vaikunta Ekadasi festival known as the Rapathu festival commences on Ekadasi day. The morning pooja is followed by recitations from vedas by Pattars who are scholars. After the recitation of the vedic hymns, the Arayars sing the Thiruvaimozhi.

After these preliminaries, the deity is taken to the Vinnappa Mantapam. The decoration of the deity on this occasion presents a dazzling splendour. The deity is clothed in costly finery and sparkling diamond-studed jewels adorn the idol. This is evidence of the affluence of the Lord. From here, the deity is taken in procession in great style through the northern gate or Uthara Vasal of the temple. This is also known as Sorga Vasal or Parama Patha Vasal. The destination is Thiru Mamani Mantapam. Here, the Lord listens to Thiruvai Mozhi songs sung by the Arayars. Offerings are made and prasadam distributed. The procession then winds its way through the streets. The Lord gives His dharsan to hundreds of thousands of devotees assembled for this occasion.

The deity then returns to the temple for the Ekanda Sevai. This is found inside the temple, the only music provided being that of the Veena. On the first day of the Rapathu festival, Arayars recite 100 verses from the Thiruvaimozhi. The remaining 900 verses are sung on the next 9 days. The routine is followed on all the 9 days. On the 6th day, the jeer of the Ahobila Mutt pays a visit to the deity. The visit is very ceremonial in character. The jeer arrives in procession led by decorated elephants; silk, jewels, provisions and other offerings are brought for the Lord in the procession. The 7th day is marked by a visit of Saint Nammalvar in the form of a goddess. This is called Thirukai Thala Sevai. A special song composed for this day is sung by the Arayars. On the 8th day, the Lord, mounted on the vahana of horse is taken in a procession to a particular spot in the temple. Here, the encounter of the Lord with Thirumangai Alwar and the events leading to the celebration of the Thiruvaimozhi Thirunal are enacted.

The 10th day marking the culmination of the Vaikunta Ekadasi festival witnesses numerous religious rituals. After a dip in the holy Chandra Pushkarani, the Lord comes in procession through the Parama Patha Vasal to receive the Maha Nivedyam or offerings of 12,000 different items. 80 verses from the Thiruvaimozhi are sung by the Arayars. The saint Nammalvar comes in procession to make obeisance to the Lord. The Lord makes a gift of his garland and sandals to the saint. The other Alwars also receive the blessings of the Lord. After these rituals, the Lord returns to the sanctum sanctorum. The festival actually concludes on the 11th day from Ekadasi with special worship and offerings and a recitation of 1,000 verses of Iyalpa.

KARTHIGAI DEEPAM

Karthigai Deepam is a festival celebrated in Tamilnad, from time immemorial. We have references to this festival even in the Tolkappiam and the Sangam literature. This is a festival of lighting and takes place on the day in the month of Karthigai (November–December) when the full moon day falls in the star of Karthigai. On this day every Hindu household and temple in Tamilnad—be it Vaishnavite or Saivite—are decorated and illuminated at dusk with rows of flat earthen lamps—a sight most attractive to behold. In one sense it would appear to be a festival dedicated to Agni or the God of Fire.

All legends pertaining to this festival are associated with the famous temple at Tiruvannamalai in the North Arcot district. Four temples in India dedicated to Lord Siva are considered as Mukti Kshetras which confer salvation on people and they are those at Tiruvarur in Thanjavur district, Chidambaram in South Arcot district, Tiruvannamalai in North Arcot district

and Banares in North India. Birth in Tiruvarur, death at Banares, worship at Chidambaram and the mere thought of Tiruvannamalai bestow mukti (salvation). Again five sacred Saivite shrines in South India have the lingam representing the five elements such as earth, water, fire, air and ether. In the temple at Kanchipuram, we have the representation of earth, at Tiruvanaikaval in Tiruchi of water, at Tiruvannamalai of fire, at Kalahasti in Andhra Pradesh of air and at Chidambaram of ether. Tiruvannamalai and its temple as well as the Karthigai Deepam festival are thus very ancient and famous.

It would appear that ages ago, there was a dispute for superiority between Lord Brahma and Lord Vishnu, the former being the creator and the latter the preserver. So serious was the conflict that all beings on earth were put to much suffering. To put an end to this dispute by getting wisdom to dawn on them, Lord Siva appeared before them on the Karthigai day in the form of a blazing mountain with neither top nor bottom. It was agreed that whosoever returned first after seeing either the top or bottom would be adjudged as superior. Brahma ascended to see the top while Vishnu dug up to see the bottom. After some time, Vishnu confessed His failure while Brahma proclaimed that He had succeeded in seeing the top citing as witness a kethaki flower (talampuvu), whom He persuaded to give false evidence. Lord Siva was enraged at this wilful lie and adjudging Vishnu as superior, He pronounced that for their acts of deceit, Lord Brahma would have no temple on earth exclusively dedicated to Him and that the kethaki flower would be debarred from being used for any form of worship of the Lord. Vishnu, however, prayed that the blazing hill may be established as a small hill and that the remembrance of the Karthigai day may be perpetuated by the appearance annually of a jyoti or light on the hill on that day. The prayer was granted and thus came into existence Tiruvannamalai, its temple dedicated to Arunachaleswarar and the famous Karthigai Deepam festival.

Yet another story narrates that once Goddess Parvathi in a sporting mood closed the eyes of Lord Siva when the entire world was plunged in darkness. To relieve the distress, the Lord partly opened His third eye. To get Herself rid of the sin committed to the world by Her indiscreet sport, She had to perform penance at Kanchipuram and again at Tiruvannamalai as advised by the Lord. Lord Siva appeared before Her after Her penance and She was again united to Him as Ardhanareeswara. It is believed that this union took place on the Karthigai day.

The Karthigai Deepam festival at Tiruvannamalai commences on the Uthradam day with flag hoisting and is continued for nine days. In the early hours of the tenth day, Bharani deepam will be lit in five agantams in the sannadhi or precincts of Arunachaleeswarar. At dusk, when Karthigai synchronises with the Full Moon, the Ardhanareeswarar is brought to the place near the flagstaff where the five lights are put in a big receptacle. At the appropriate time, a bana (fire work) is sent towards the light in the hill through the sky, and the beacon light is lit on the hill and millions of devotees shout " Harohara to Annamalai ". On the hill, a big copper urn containing large quantities of camphor, ghee and wicks is kept covered by a veil and at the appropriate time, when the veil is removed, the deepam will be found for miles around not only on that day, but for some days after the festival. The eleven storeyed gopuram of the temple is also fully illuminated at the same time with the usual earthen lamps.

Pilgrims attending this festival at Tiruvannamalai usually take only one meal on the previous day, fast on the Karthigai day, worship Bharani deepam in the temple early in the morning, go round the hill on foot and see the beacon light at dusk. The vedantic notion is that this deepam festival signifies that " the body is the hill, mind the vessel, love the wick, incessant meditation the ghee, breath the camphor and wisdom the fire ". To light the flame and dispel the darkness is the effect produced on one who sees the light. Again the big light on the hill represents Paramatma (Lord Siva) the bana which shoots into the fire is the jiva (individual soul) and the veil is avidya covering the individual soul. When by the fire of constant meditation the individual burns the veil of avidya (ignorance) he merges with the supreme soul or the Lord who is the light of lights. This seems to be the significance of this grand festival.

THIRUVATHIRAI or ARUDRA DARSANAM AT CHIDAMBARAM

The star Thiruvathirai is considered to be as auspicious to Lord Siva as Thiruvonam is to Lord Vishnu. The full moon day in the Tamil month of Margazhi (November–December) which coincides with the day of this star is particularly sacred to Lord Siva and is therefore observed as a festival in all the important temples dedicated to Him such as Perur, Courtallam, Madurai etc. But nowhere is it celebrated in such a grand manner as in the famous temple at Chidambaram where Siva is worshipped in His dancing form of Nataraja. The festival at Chidambaram is known as " Arudhra Darsan " and lakhs of pilgrims from various parts of the country worship the Lord here on this festival day. It is famous that it was on this day that Lord Nataraja vouchsafed Himself to the out-caste saint Nandanar thereby proving to the world that it is not by birth but only by unadulterated and unqualified devotion to the Lord that one attains god-hood. The festival commences at Chidambaram nine days before the actual arudra day. On the ninth day, Lord Nataraja and His consort Sivakamasundari are carried in procession in a chariot through the streets of Chidambaram. On the tenth day, He is installed in the Raja Sabha or the thousand-pillared hall from where between 4-00 A.M. and 6-00 A.M, He is anointed with numerous auspicious things. In the end, abishekam is performed with several pots of sandalwood paste. This is witnessed by lakhs of devotees who consider that worship at Chidambaram invariably leads to salvation.

Every Saivite household also celebrates this festival. A special pudding called " Kali " is prepared and offered to the Lord on this day. A legend is associated with this practice. A devotee of Siva by name Sendanar was once imprisoned by a King on a misapprehension and his wife and only son were forced to earn their livelihood by begging. One day the son of this devotee complained to his mother that He was being ridiculed as one without a father and the aggrieved mother in turn complained about this to Saint Pattinathar who was her husband's preceptor. The Saint prayed to Lord Vinayaka who released Sendanar and brought him to his family. Sendanar thereafter eked out his livelihood at Chidambaram by selling firewood. With what little he could earn, he would purchase foodstuffs, feed a devotee of the Lord and then feed himself and his family. One day it was raining heavily and he could not sell fire-wood. He had some rice floor with which he prepared 'Kali' and offered it to the Lord. Since no devotee turned up to partake of the food, he had to wait and ultimately the Lord Himself, appeared before him in the form of an aged Brahmin, obtained the 'Kali', ate some of it and disappeared with the rest. This 'Kali' was afterwards found scattered within the precincts of the shrine which was done by none other than the Lord Himself and it was collected and consumed by the devotees who had assembled there, being an arudra day. It is believed that from that day onwards, the offering of Kali which pleased the Lord very much on that arudra day, began to be continued as a rule.

ONAM

The origin of Onam, the greatest national festival of the Malayalam speaking populace all over the world is as old as the History of Kerala itself. It could well be considered as a post-harvest festival celebrated for centuries all over Kerala and by the Malayalees outside Kerala, irrespective of caste, creed or religious denomination.

There are quite a few legends associated with the Onam festival which is so intimately connected with the life of every Malayalee. One such legend is that on Onam day, Parasurama or Vishnu is supposed to descend to the earth to see the people happy. But this legend lacks in authenticity. The most popularly accepted legend is the one attributed to the rule of King Mahabali over Parasurama's Kerala. It records that the King Mahabali, albeit his Asura pedigree, was an ardent and devout *Bhaktha* of Lord Vishnu and practised his belief in the uniform welfare, happiness and prosperity of his subjects. This was the bedrock of his Govern-

ment which partook the nature of a benevolent democracy. The opening couplet of a popular ballad pertaining to the rule of Mahabali, if translated into English, would convey that during the reign of Mahabali, humanity enjoyed the rare privilege of equality in every sense. Mahabali concentrated all his energies on the attainment of this objective and for founding and sustaining a welfare State.

The trait of jealousy is not the monopoly of the earthly beings, The glorious reign of King Mahabali and the peace, plenty and prosperity, the hall mark of his reign provoked the ire and envy of the Devas who, safely ensconced in their celestial abode, could not brook the happy state of affairs that prevailed among the denizens of the 'terra firma'. The legend adds that weighed down by a sense of frustration and disappointment, the Devas appealed to Lord Vishnu to aid them to retrieve their fast losing prestige. It was indeed a trying time to the supreme Lord who had to choose between His bhaktha and His satellites. *Apathbandhava* that He is, the Lord, appreciating the precarious position and helplessness of the Devas, cast His vote in their favour. He then adopted a ruse and descended to the earth to appear before the King in the guise of Vamana, the Lord's fifth incarnation.

Vamana has been described in the Puranas as a Brahmachari (a Brahmin youth) of subnormal growth. He presented himself before the King and requested for a boon—and that was for just three paces that could be measured with his small feet. The King was only too pleased to grant the boon. Vamana in measuring the first pace, covered the entire sky and in the second, covered the entire earth and when he raised his foot again to measure the third pace, there was no space left. It was then that Mahabali realised that Vamana was Lord Vishnu himself. Undaunted, and true to his word, the King requested Vamana to measure the third pace in his head. Vamana placed his foot on the King's head and pushed him down to Pathala Loka.

Adherence to truth and sanctity of the spoken word thus cost the great King his crown and country. He surrendered both without a pang, but before he retired to the nether world, he sought at the hands of the Lord a small boom in turn—permission to visit incognito, his country and his fond subjects once a year, presumably to assure himself that his subjects continued to enjoy the privileges ensured to them during his reign. The boon, so harmless and simple, was readily granted. On Onam day, every year, the great King emerges from his subterranean region of retirement to be received with great pomp and eclat, by the inhabitants of the land over which he had once ruled and to receive their obeisance and perquisites. The visit of a celebrity is certainly a day of jubilation and that is the significance of the Onam festival.

Though astronomically the Malayalam New Year commences with 'Vishu' falling on the first of Medam (coinciding mostly with the Tamil New Year) the predominating peasant gentry in Kerala usher in the New Year with the month of Chingam (August-September). The harvest is over and the peasantry prepare for festivities to honour a legendary hero.

The month of Chingam blooms out in the wake of two hard and difficult months of Mithunam and Karkitakam, particularly the latter which is called the 'Jyeshtamasam', meaning a period of evil and gloom and with Chingam comes Onam. Astrologically, Chingam is the house of the Planet Sun whence it sheds its brilliance, inspiring hope and cheer in humanity. The flowers are at their brightest and loveliest and the vegetable kingdom enjoys a revival of growth, vigour and vitality. At all times, it may be observed, Onam falls within easy range of the full moon. The moon in its transit to full bloom adds lustre to the festivities.

The impact of the so-called modern civilization, which looks down with scorn on anything that is traditional and indigenous, has not encroached the Malayalees' desire to celebrate Onam in the traditional orthodox style except where circumstances and environments do not permit the strict adherence to the old orthodox method.

In traditional style, the festivities commence with Atham (Hastham) and in rising tempo extend over a period of ten days and conclude on Thiruvonam day. The school children all over the State enjoy a holiday and patriarchal discipline is relaxed to a pleasurable extent. Bands of children roam about the countryside to collect flowers of various variety to the accompaniment of group singings of Onam songs. Houses are swept specially clean and the tidy courtyard is adorned

with colourful floral decorations of intricate and artistic designs. The laying of the floral decoration involves an elaborate process and manifests a high sense of artistry and a rare insight into the art of blending colours. The finished pattern would resemble an artistically woven multi-coloured carpet, but instead of yarn, the material is wild flowers provided by nature in plenty. The decoration starts with a token pattern on Atham day and the size and intricacy of the design increases proportionately to attain the peak of achievement on Thiruvonam day. In the pattern, small white flowers are used for outlines and dividing lines and the intervening spaces, intricately but artistically designed, are judiciously filled with flowers of various rich hues. The flowers commonly used are the lantana, the red she-flower, the yellow marigold, the yellow astor, the scarlet button flower, the sacred tulsi, the blue belle, yellow wild cassia and another species of cassia which is called 'Onam flower'. In addition, various little violet and purple wild flowers that adorn the margins of rice fields and beautiful specimens of the lily and allied orders of tropical plants are also used. It has been recorded that the artistically woven floral pattern serves to remind us that the people who possess the refined taste to produce such a pretty work of art must have long enjoyed a very high order of civilisation.

In the midst of the floral decoration is placed a clay image of Lord Thrikkakkarappan. Thrikkakkarappan is described in the ancient puranas as Vamana (Trivikrama), the fifth incarnation of Lord Vishnu. The deity takes His name after the place Trikkakkara in Kerala State. The temple was one of the richest in ancient times and it was patronised by the then rulers who were ardent devotees of Vishnu. The ritual therefore commences with a puja to the deity with the usual 'jala, gandha. pushpa, deepa and naivedya.'

On Onam (Thiruvonam) day, the head of the family gives presents of clothes to all the members of the household and to the servants and dependents. The quality of the *Ona Pudava* as they are called, will depend on the affluence of the family and the status of the members. The tenants and dependants in turn bring presentations in the shape of plantain (bananas) and other vegetables to the landlords and their superiors in token of their respect and regard for the latter. It must be stated here that the old relationship that existed between the landlord and his tenants having gone with tenancy legislation, the system or custom of the tenants giving perquisites to the landlords has slowly disappeared and if such a system still prevails in any part of Kerala, it is due to the strongly rooted conservatism still existing in rare cases unhampered by the modern concept of a society modelled on socialistic pattern.

The presentation of Ona Pudavas (clothes) and a sumptuous feast at mid-day in an atmosphere of gaiety are the requisites of the Onam festival. The banana is an essential item of the feast. The feast is typically west coast in style and it is an unwritten convention that curries like Kalan, Olan, Aviyal, Erisseri, Pappadams of a special variety, cooked ripe bananas (pazham nurukku), banana chips—salted as well as sweetened—and dessert (payasam) of different varieties should be served during the Onam feast. Visitors belonging to other faiths are received and entertained with great esteem and affection.

The evenings, particularly on the Thiruvonam day are devoted to healthy recreations. Archery, which has long lost its glamour and mock fights between select groups, once formed the highlight of the outdoor sports. Attakkalam, a kind of prisoners' base was a principal village game. There was the indigenous ball game which consists of one side trying to throw a ball against a spike guarded by the other. Some of these regrettably, have become only of antiquarian interest. Boat races in the backwaters have not lost their fascination and charm even now. Gaily decorated boats, specially designed for racing, shooting across over the smooth waters, are an enlivening sight.

Womanfolk make their contribution to the pomp and eclat of the Onam season. Gaily and attractively attired in traditional Malayalee style they indulge in group dances to the accompaniment of enchanting music extolling the glories of Ind and depicting the lives and romances of legendary heroes. Kaikottikkali as this is called, is a dance where the dancers stand in a circle and move along the circle clapping their hands rhythmically and in unison as they sing together. The modern orchestra has no place in the Kaikottikkali and no percussion instrument is used to keep time which is done by clapping of hands and done to perfection too. Kaikottikkali needs intensive

training and the dance is as tiring as it is graceful. It is not unusual that even middle-aged and elderly ladies join the dancing. The music is rendered by the dancers themselves. A line sung by the leader is taken up in chrous by the rest. The music has a native charm and is free of intricate cadences. Kaikottikkali in its present form is one of the incidents of the ancient culture of Kerala, but with the infiltration of modern ideas and the innate proneness of society to be more and more sophisticated to keep pace with a false concept of civilisation, this traditional pastime is lamentably disappearing. Protogonists of the preservation of ancient culture might do well to aim at the revival of some of the ancient forms of entertainment, but in doing so, care must be taken to adapt the group dancing to modern methods and make a healthy departure from the truly orthodox style by introducing the orchestration of music without at the same time losing any of its inherent and native charm.

Onam is a social event. Though predominantly sectarian in origin, it is purely secular in character and it infuses into every Malayalee a feeling of oneness. Not merely in Kerala where Onam is celebrated as a national festival, but even outside the State in premier cities like Bombay, Calcutta and Delhi and even in the remotest corners of the world as press despatches from abroad amply bear out, the sons and daughters of Kerala who are resident there by reason of their avocation and for pursuing higher studies, Onam is celebrated with great zeal and enthusiasm. It is a get-together occasion. It creates a sense of social solidarity which is so essential for survival in a world torn asunder with conflict of ideas and ideologies.

The Malayalee residents of the City of Madras, Kanyakumari district and Gudalur in Nilgiris district celebrate Onam in the orthodox style tempered with the sophistication of modern society.

Onam is a perpetual reminder of a glorious period where all humanity were treated alike and deceit and duplicity were unheard of. To quote Mr. William Logan, " to understand aright the significance to the people nowdays, it must be remembered that the good old days when perfect justice, perfect trust and perfect truth prevailed upon the earth are believed to have been during the reign of Mahabali. And the people attempt in a joyous way to reproduce if only for one night a vivid remembrance of the millennium to which they look back with fond longings".

VISHU

Next only to Onam, Vishu is celebrated by the Malayalees with great festivities. It is the accepted New Year Day of the Malayalees and is celebrated on the first day of the Malayalam month of Medom (April-May).

As for other festivals, there is a legend in respect of Vishu also. The story of "Dakshayaga" is famous. Daksha was enraged at Lord Siva, as his daughter Sati married Him against her father's will and hence did not invite Him or Sati for a great yaga or sacrifice which he conducted. Sati wanted to participate in this grand function, though not invited, and went to her father's residence without heeding to her Lord's advice. She was ignored by everyone in her father's residence and being humiliated by this treatment, she put an end to her life. Lord Siva was infuriated on hearing this news and rushed to the sacrificial spot of Daksha with His 'ganas', destroyed everything there, and killed Daksha. In the melee that ensued, Veerabhadra, one of the lieutenants of Lord Siva gave a blow to the Sun who was a son-in-law of Daksha, as a result of which the Sun lost all his teeth. It is considered inauspicious to see the Sun, devoid of his teeth, as the first thing on a New Year Day and consistent with the age-old belief that what one sees first on the morning of this day will have its impact on his fortunes for the whole year, a collection of fresh and auspicious things is made on the previous night itself and arranged artistically in a big bell-metal vessel. The vessel would contain raw rice, specimens of all cereals, gold ornaments, bell-metal looking glass, coins, sacred books, new cloth, cucumber, mangoes, jack fruit, flowers of the "Konna" tree, (cassia fistula) and divided coconuts with burning wicks in both the parts. This is placed in front of a well-

lighted Kuthuvilakku and all individuals in the household see this as the first thing in the morning. This is called in common parlance as "Vishukkani". The collection of auspicious things or Vishukkani is shown even to the cattle belonging to the household.

After seeing the 'Kani', the elder members of the family give to the junior members and servants coins which is commonly known as "Kaineettam". Even today, the more orthodox tenants take presents of vegetables to their landlords who in their turn give them a good feast as well as Kaineettam. The Kaineettam is considered to be an auspicious forerunner of prosperity during the ensuing year.

The people, after a bath very early in the morning, adorn themselves with new clothes and worship in the nearby temples. The highlight of the day's festivities is a sumptuous lunch consisting of several delicacies and puddings. The astrologer of the village would bring to every household a chit recording the effects of the New Year on men, animals, seasonal conditions, crops etc. and is given a measure of rice.

The people do not attend to any serious work on that day. They indulge mostly in rustic sports and merriments. Crackers are fired by youngsters throughout the day. The agriculturists observe in the afternoon a routine known as "Kaikkottukkal" when the spade is worshipped, indicating that the agricultural operations are to commence shortly for the success of which the grace of the most important implement, the spade, is essential.

UGADI

Ugadi is the name given to the Telugu New Year's Day. It falls on the first day of the month of Chaithra (March-April). It is generally believed that it is the anniversary of the creation or the first day of the Sathya yuga. Like any other linguistic community, every Hindu Andhra believes that the trend of life for the whole year is conveyed by events happening on the Ugadi day, and hence every possible attempt is made to celebrate it as a day of enjoyment, and happiness.

Every Andhra house is white washed and cleaned well in advance of the Ugadi. On the day of Ugadi, they decorate the floor of the house with rangavalli (ornamental designs drawn with chunam or rice floor) and the doors with festoons of green mango leaves. All people take an oil bath very early in the morning, and put on new clothes befitting their social status. A sumptuous lunch is arranged in every household—be it rich or poor. Sweets and a special preparation called Ugadi pachadi are indispensable items of the lunch. The latter which is a liquid preparation made of new tamarind, jaggery and other ingredients chief of which is fresh margosa flowers, is tasted by every one before he takes his first morsel of food on that day. After lunch, males as well as females indulge in their own favourite recreations or rustic entertainments, or exchange visits. Girls prepare their own swings with ropes tied to the branches of trees, and play.

In the evening, all people resort to the temple in the village or town, as the case may be, where the priests read the new almanac or panchangam and explain the general influence, during the year, of the planets over individuals, agriculture etc. This entertainment is called "Panchangasravanam". After that Kathakalakshepams are arranged in some places.

On the second day, the non-vegetarians enjoy a sumptuous non-vegetarian lunch, and wherever possible, either in the evening of that day or on the third day, make it a point to go about hunting. The game that they succeed in getting is shared among the villagers.

Chapter—II

IMPORTANT FESTIVALS IN THE FAMOUS SAIVITE SHRINES IN MADRAS STATE

This Chapter is confined to the more important festivals which are conducted from time immemorial in the famous Saivite temples in Madras State. Man's outlook varying with the passage of time and changing environment and faith yielding itself to bigoted conception of advancement in civilization resulting in an inclination to look upon anything ancient and orthodox as retrograde have left their impact on the pomp and grandeur of these customary festivals. But it is gratifying that they are still conducted even in the present times without a wide departure from the fundamentals.

Two annual festivals which are of great importance and significance are the Brahmotsavam and Theppotsavam. Of the two, Brahmotsavam is the more important. The duration and time of Brahmotsavam vary with each temple. The duration is never less than 10 days, which is an essential for a Brahmotsavam, another essential being the dragging of the temple car. In the temple at Thiruvaiyar in Thanjavur district, the Brahmotsavam is spread over 37 days. In the famous Meenakshi temple in Madurai, the Brahmotsavam is conducted for 15 days while at Kancheepuram the duration is 13 days.

The festivities connected with Brahmotsavam are more or less the same in all Saivite temples, though some temples have some additional celebrations in tune with the legends attached to them. The festival is conducted in different temples in different months of the year. Reckoned in terms of the Tamil calendar, the Brahmotsavam in the different temples are spread throughout the year except in the months of Adi, Avani and Purattasi, (i.e. July to October). The chart below indicates the months in which the Brahmotsavam is performed by each temple.

1.	Chithirai (April—May)	Madurai, Bhavani, Tanjavur, Thiruvayyar, Thirukkadayur, Thirukkalukundram, Sirkali, Thirumayam, Acharappakkam, Avinashi, Tirumullavayal
2.	Vaikasi (May—June)	Salem, Tiruvidamarudur, Sankaranayanarkoil
3.	Ani (June—July)	Avadayarkoil, Jambukeswaram, Tirunelveli, Tribhuvanam
4.	Aippasi (October—November)	Mayavaram
5.	Karthikai (November—December)	Tiruvannamalai
6.	Markazhi (December—January)	Chidambaram
7.	Thai (Jan.—February)	Tiruvaduthurai
8.	Masi (February—March)	Rameswaram, Tiruvottiyur, Vridhachalam, Kumbakonam, Vaitheeswarankoil
9.	Panguni (March—April)	Kancheepuram, Mylapore, Tiruppanandal, Perur

The main features of the festival are fundamentally the same in every temple. During the Brahmotsavam, the presiding deity, accompanied by His consort and other deities of a slightly lesser order in the divine hierarcy is taken round in procession through the four streets skirting the outer walls of the temple completing one circuit. Each day the deity rides a different mount called "vahana". On the most important day, the deity is carried in a sacred chariot called Ratham or *Ther*. All the well-known temples have their own chariots. The chariot is a product of skilled craftsmanship, built of wood with intricate designs and carvings and is a picture of symmetry. The ornamental canopy rises tier by tier, assuming towering size which is at the same time awe-inspiring. Some of the temples are fabulously rich and the grandeur of their vahanams is evidence of the opulance. Some of these temples have their rathams plated in silver or gold. The chariot is mounted on heavy wooden wheels and their motion is slow. It is dragged by ropes. People of all castes and creed join together to drag the chariot.

In the past when untouchability was prevalent and virulent and the so-called untouchables were denied entry inside the temple, the Brahmotsavam and

the Rathotsavam in particular served a specific purpose. It enabled those who were denied entry into the temple to have a dharsan of the deity at least during this festival.

We will now confine ourselves to the Brahmotsavam, conducted in the important Saivite temples in Madras State. In Madras City, the Brahmothsavam, worthy of notice, is celebrated in the famous temple dedicated to Lord Siva, viz. the Kapaleeswarar temple in Mylapore.

Kapaleeswarar temple

Brahmotsavam is celebrated in the Kapaleeswarar temple in the month of Panguni (March—April). The celebrations commence on the 5th day (Panchami) of the brighter half of the month and is spread over ten days ending on the full moon day. Certain ceremonial rituals are performed as a prelude to the commencement of the Brahmotsavam proper. Some of these rites are akin to those performed as the requisite preliminaries to the marriage ceremonies conducted according to the orthodox Hindu customs and manners. It has to be noted here that on one day during the Brahmotsavam, an important function is the wedding of Lord Siva and His consort.

1. Sthamba Prathishta

The preliminary ritual commences with what is called Sthamba Prathishta. This is imilar to the pandakkal performed before the commencement of the marriage ceremonies. An auspicious day is selected for the fixing up of a pole as a preliminary to the erection of a regular pandal or a temporary structure. This is performed as part of the religious rituals.

2. Anugnai

Sthamba Prathishta is followed by Anugnai which is propitiation of Lord Vinayaka. It is more in the nature of seeking formal sanction from Lord Vinayaka for the conduct of the main festival.

3. Angurarpanam

This function takes plaee a day prior to the commencement of the main festival. After sunset on that day, fresh earth is collected in earthenware pots to the accompaniment of certain rituals and the nine cereals are sown in the fresh earth for sprouting.

4. Vasthusanthi

The streets through which the deities are taken in procession have to be sanctified. The temple itself is considered as a residence; the Graha Devatha is first offered worship after which a bundle of hay is set fire to and drawn along the streets. The fire is believed to purify the streets.

5. Vinayakar Uthsavam

All set for the commencement of the main festival, the last item in the prelude is the invocation of the blessings of Lord Vinayaka for the safe and successful conduct of the festival. The deity is propitiated and taken in procession along the four streets skirting the outer walls of the temple commonly called in Tamil as the Mada Veethis.

The festival proper is inaugurated with the hoisting of the temple flag. This is not just a flag hoisting as understood in common parlance. It is a religious function. The flag of the deity bearing the emblems of the bull and the trident are raised to the top of the flag mast which is a permanent fixture and the flag remains atop of the mast for the duration of the Brahmotsavam reminding the public that the festival is going on, and about the duty of every citizen to co-operate in the celebration, and of the local belief that no one should leave the place till the flag is brought down. In the mornings and evenings during the Brahmotsavam, the deities of the temple called Panchamurtis, viz, Vinayaka, Subramania with His two consorts, Valli and Deivayanai, Somaskandamurthy (Siva with Parvathi and Balasubramania), Karpagambigai (Parvathi) and Chandeswarar are taken in procession daily through the four Mada Veethis. That nothing inauspicious will be seen within the four streets during the godly procession is ensured by Asthirayar (the trident which is the Lord's weapon) which is taken round both in the morning and in the evening. On the first night, the Lord is mounted on a vahanam made of Sthalavriksham (punnai tree). According to a popular legend, as a result of a curse from the Lord, Parvathi was born as a peacock and after worshipping the Lord in that form, she became united to the Lord in this temple. In commemoration of this legend, on the first night of the procession, Parvathi in the form of a peacock is shown as worshipping the Lord in the decorated vahana.

On each day, idols representing the deities are decorated according to custom. After Deeparadhanai, the deities are taken round the inner precincts of the temple and brought to a special mandapam where they are installed on the respective vahanas. At this stage, the the idols are kept out of public gaze. The curtain is lifted only after the deities are mounted on the vahanas and all decorations are completed when customary worship is offered. The deities on the vahanas are then taken to the main gate and in front of the large number of devotees camphor is lighted and held up before the deities in worship. They are then taken to the sixteen pillar mandapam in front of the main gate. The processsion proper begins from this place. Vinayaka leads the procession with Subramania following immediately behind with Somaskanda at His rear. Parvathi comes after Somaskanda with Chandeswarar behind her.

The procession stops en-route at special mandapams. The devotees make customary offerings all through the Mada streets. After going round the four streets, the deities return to the sixteen pillar mandapam. Once again offerings are made. This marks the end of the parade. The minor deities paraphernalia and participants in the procession go round Somaskandamoorthy and they return to the temple. The order is slightly changed, Chandeswarar makes His exit first to be followed by Vinayaka ; Subramania then moves in followed by Parvathi; the Lord Himself leaves last.

The Lord is taken down from the vahana and He goes round the inner precincts of the temple with Goddess and Subramania in His wake. The Lord is thus brought to the mandapam where the idols are decorated. There is disbursement of the customary dues to the participants in the procession and this marks the end of the day's function. Except for a change of vahana, every day the routine is repeated.

For the second day's procession, the Lord's vahana is the Surya Prabha in the morning and Chandra Prabha in the evening. Parvathi has the Kili (dove) vahana while Subramania is mounted on a swan.

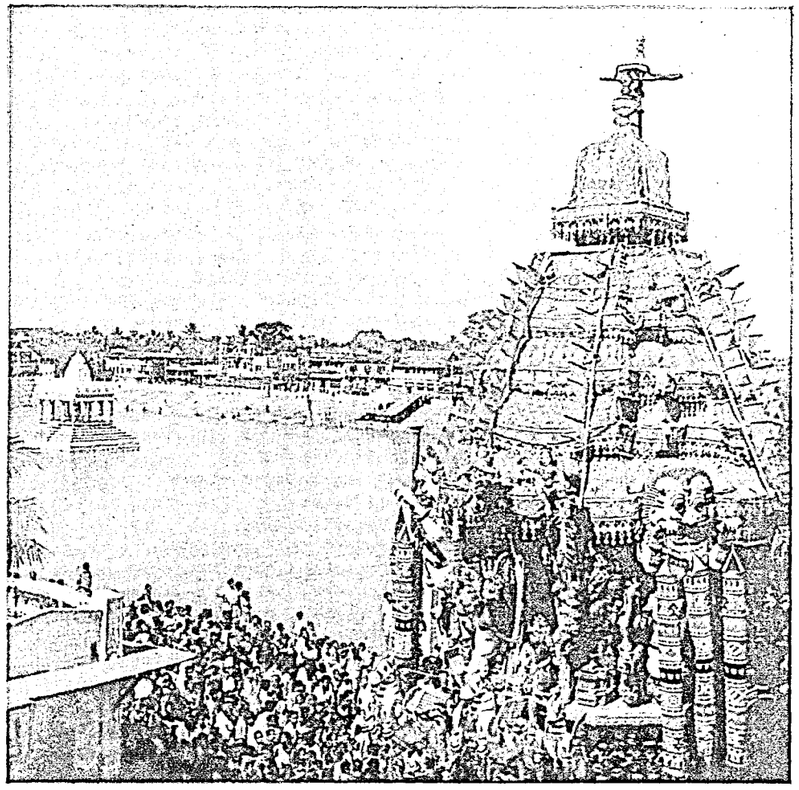
The procession on the third day assumes importance. On this day the Lord rides the Nandi vahana known as Athikara Nandi. The commencement of the day's routine is so timed that the early morning's rays of the sun strikes the Lord when He reaches the sixteen pillar mandapam. Vinayaka is mounted on Mushika (rat), Subramania in the Gandharva vahana and the Goddess in the Gandharvi vahana. For the procession in the evening, the Lord is installed on the Bootha vahana the Goddess on Boothi vahana and Lord Subramania on Tharakasuran. This day draws a record crowd estimated to be not less than 15,000 persons.

On the fourth day, the Lord mounts the Purushamriga and is taken out in the evening on the Naga vahana, the Goddess has Kamadhenu for Her mount and Subramania rides the Mesha.

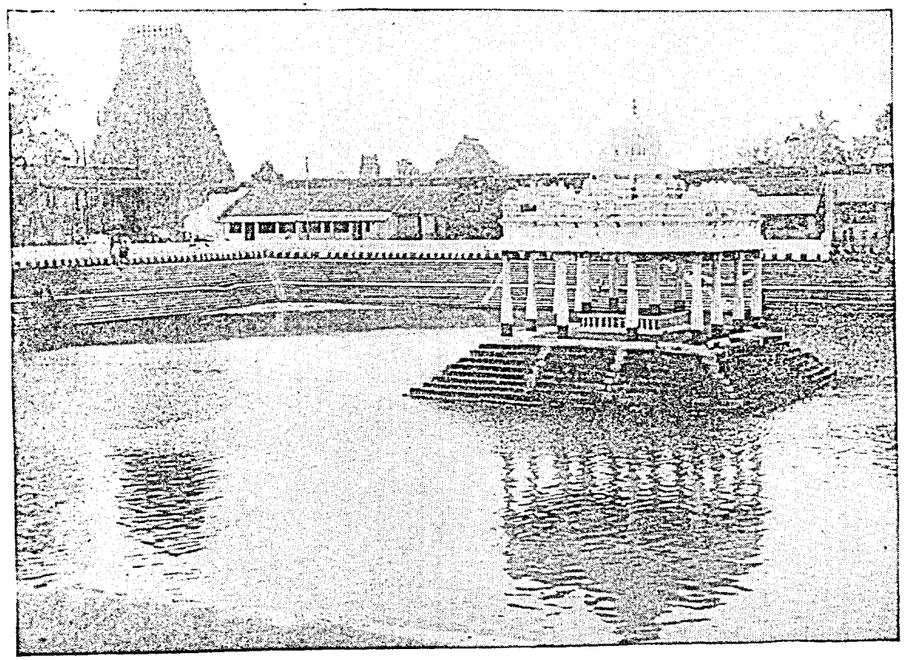
The fifth day also draws an enormous crowd. In the morning, the Lord has the Chowal vimanam and in the evening He rides the Rishaba vahanam. The Goddess also will be mounted in the Rishaba vahana while Subramania goes on the peacock. Vinayaka rides the Mushika and Chandeswarar has a small Rishabam. Since all the deities are taken on their respective vahanas, worship on this day is considered specially auspicious. On the sixth day for the morning procession, palanquins are used while in the evening the deities are carried on elephants.

The chariot or ratham is used on the seventh day. The chariot is flower-decked and delightfully decorated. The five deities are installed in the chariot at an auspicious moment. The chariot is drawn along the streets by devotees of all castes. There is a special festival called Kadayam at night.

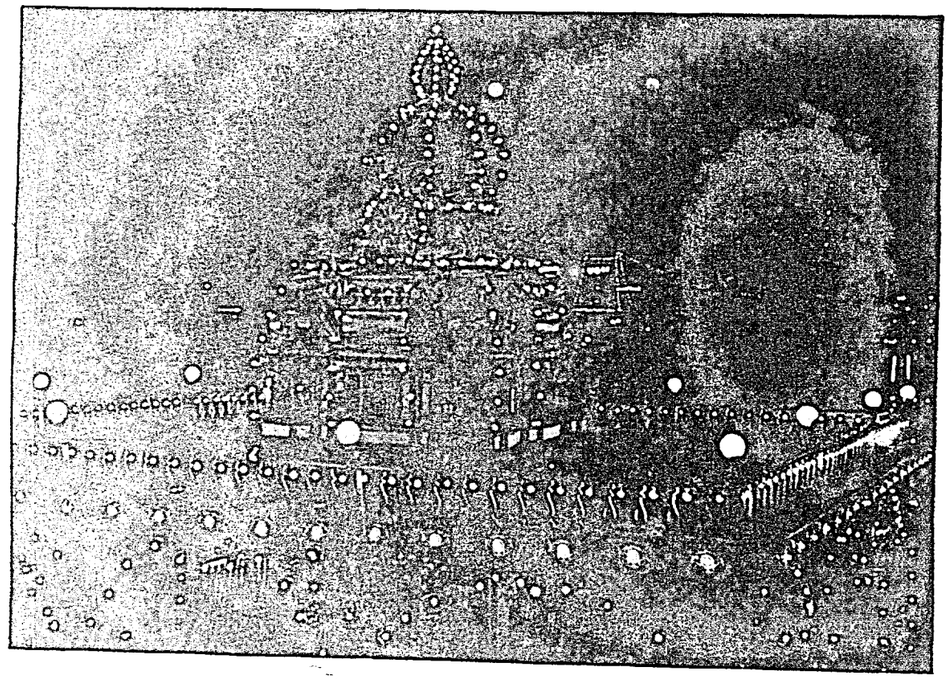
The eighth day has some special significance. It is called Arupathumoovar festival. It is worthy of notice that it is only in this temple in Mylapore that the Arapathumoovar festival is conducted in such a unique and distinctive style. The Arapathumoovars are 63 Saivite saints or Nainmars. The idols of these saints are housed in a stately row in the inner precincts of the Kapaleeswarar temple. On the eighth day of the Brahmotsavam, these idols are taken out in procession through the Mada streets. Elaborate arrangements are made to make everything orderly. It is humanly impossible to estimate the crowd gathered around the temple. One sees only a sea of faces. The procession winds along the streets to the accompaniment of nadaswaram and other orchestral music. Of course, music is a requisite for all temple processions. But during such special occasions, the performance will be of a high order.



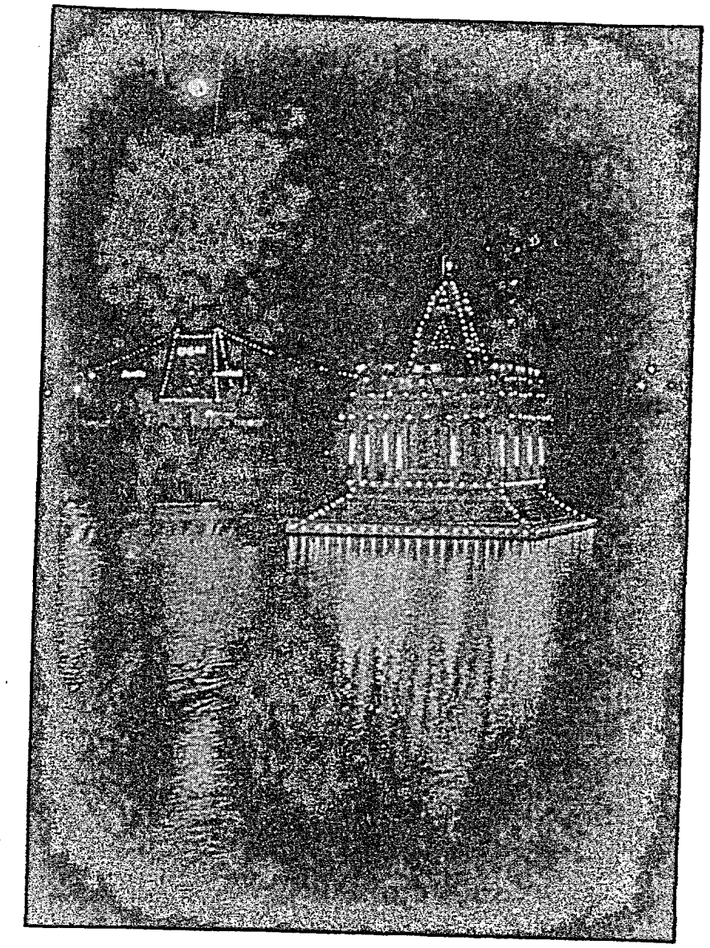
Ceremonial procession of the temple car of Kapaleeswarar Koil, Mylapore. Note the temple tank in the background.



A view of the temple tank–Kapaleeswarar Kovil.



A view of the illuminated float.



Illuminated float with the temple in the background.

There is a legend attached to one of the saints, Gnanasambandar. Sivanesan Chettiar, an ardent devotee of Lord Siva lived in Mylapore many years ago. His one desire in life was to celebrate the wedding of his daughter Poompavai to Gnanasambandar. Fate, however, willed otherwise. The girl died by snake bite before the fond father could fulfil his cherished desire. After cremation, the father gathered his deceased daughter's bones in an urn and when on one occasion the saint visited the temple, Sivanesan Chettiar narrated to the saint his sad tale and requested him to receive the urn containing the remains of the daughter. The legend goes on to say that deeply moved by Sivanesan Chettiar's narration, Gnanasambandar sang eleven divine songs when Poompavai rose up from the urn as a girl of twelve. In memory of this miracle of Poompavai's resurrection, the idols of Gnanasambandar, Sivanesan Chettiar and Poompavai are kept in the temple.

On the morning of the eighth day, the idol of Gnanasambandar is brought to the temple tank and after a *Thirumanjanam* ceremony (purificatory bath), the idol is taken back to the temple. The idol is once again brought to the tank followed by the Chettiar's idol and the urn that is supposed to contain the remains of Poompavai. The hymns composed by Gnanasambandar are sung from a mandapam on the bank of the tank when the idol of Poompavai is unveiled. Thereafter, the idols are taken to the sixteen pillar mandapam in front of the main gate of the temple by which time, the idols of the Panchamurthis and the other saints would have reached the mandapam.

The idol of the Lord is placed in a silver vimanam and the other deities are placed in ordinary vimanams. The four more famous Nayanmars–Appar, Gnanasambandar, Sundarar and Manickavasagar—will use separate palanquins while three or four other Nayanmars share one palanquin. The stately procession then starts, the deities and saints moving face to face. The entire place will be thronged by worshippers. The crowd would easily be estimated to be not less than 50,000. People from all parts of the City and from outside move to Mylapore, whatever be the inconvenience experienced due to lack of adequate transport facilities. The movement of the procession is naturally slow. The noise from a thousand throats only add to the grandeur of the spectacle. The procession returns to the sixteen pillar mandapam late in the night where they are worshipped in the traditional way with Dhoopa, Deepa and Naivedyam. In the night, the Lord is installed in the vahana of horse for the procession.

On the ninth day, the Kadayam Uthsavam for the Panchamoorthi is performed. In the evening, the Lord is taken out in the form of Bhikshandar (mendicant). At night, Kadaya Uthsavam for the Panchamoorthi is once again performed.

The tenth and last day of Brahmotsavam is the day of the famous Panguni Uthram. Panguni Uthram is one important festival in all Saivite temples. It was on this day that the divine wedding of Siva and Parvathi is supposed to have taken place. Early in the morning on this day, Siva as Nataraja gives Dharsanam to the devotees. The procession then commences at the temple tank. Theerthavari (ceremonial bath) is performed. The celebration at night represents the wedding ceremony. Parvathi is performing penance in the form of a peacok, the Lord appears before Her mounted on His Rishabam, the Goddess regains Her former form and marriage is performed in the special mandapam. The rituals and ceremonies associated with orthodox Hindu marriages conducted according to the vedic rites are observed. After the wedding ceremony, the Lord alone is taken in procession through the Mada Veethi to the accompaniment of music provided by the *Muka Veenai.* This function is known as the Ekanda Sevai. The procession then returns to the temple and this marks the conclusion of the Brahmotsavam. The flag is lowered, the floral decorations on the Lord is removed and put on Chandeswarar who is than taken round the temple.

THIRUVOTTIYUR

As already stated, the festivities connected with Brahmotsavam is the same in all Saivite temples except for slight additions in certain temples depending on local legends. The Brahmotsavam in Tiruvottiyur temple is performed in the Tamil month of Masi (February–March). In this temple, on the eighth day, besides the customary ceremonies and functions, an additional function known as Mahiladisevai is celebrated. This function commemorates the wedding of the

famous saint Sundaramurthy Nayanar with Sangili Nachiar. The legendary record states that during one of his visits to this temple, the saint met Sangili Nachiar and fell in love with her and desired to marry her though he had another wife at Thiruvarur. It is said that Sangili Nachiar consented to the proposal only on condition that the saint should give her a promise before the sanctum sanctorum of the Lord that he would never in his life part company with her. Sundaramurthy Nayanar readily consented to this. Realising that he was rather hasty in doing so, on the day prior to the date set for the wedding, the Nayanar beseeched to the Lord to leave the shrine and take His seat under a *Bakula* tree, so that the Lord will not be in the sanctum sanctorum, when the marriage is performed and to witness the promise. The Lord fell in line with the desire of His devotee, but at the some time apprised Sangili Nachiar about the new move of Sundaramurthy so much so when the wedding ceremony was about to take place, the Nachiar expressed her desire that the ceremony be conducted under the Bakula tree. The saint fell into his own trap and he had to agree. The marriage was actually performed under the *Bakula* tree. This day is considered to be very auspicious for weddings and several marriages are performed under the *Bakula* tree in the temple premises.

THIRUVAIYARU

In Thiruvaiyaru, the Brahmotsavam is conducted in the Tamil month of Chitrai (April–May). On the last day, there is a special function known as Sapthasthana Uthsavam. This is the celebration of the wedding of Nandikeswaran. Early in the morning, Panchanatheswarar proceeds in procession in a palanquin followed by Nandikeswaran and His consort in another palanquin. The deities visit the seven villages of Thiruppazhanam, Thiruchottuthurai, Thiruvedikudi, Thirukandiyur, Thirupoonthuruthu, Thillaisthanam and Thiruvaiyaru. The procession is accompanied by several bhajan parties. In every village, the visiting deities are received by the presiding diety (Siva) of that village and they are taken round the village before they are given a ceremonial send off to proceed to the next village. The procession returns to Thiruvaiyaru only the next day morning. This is one of the most enchanting incidents connected with the festival.

KANCHEEPURAM

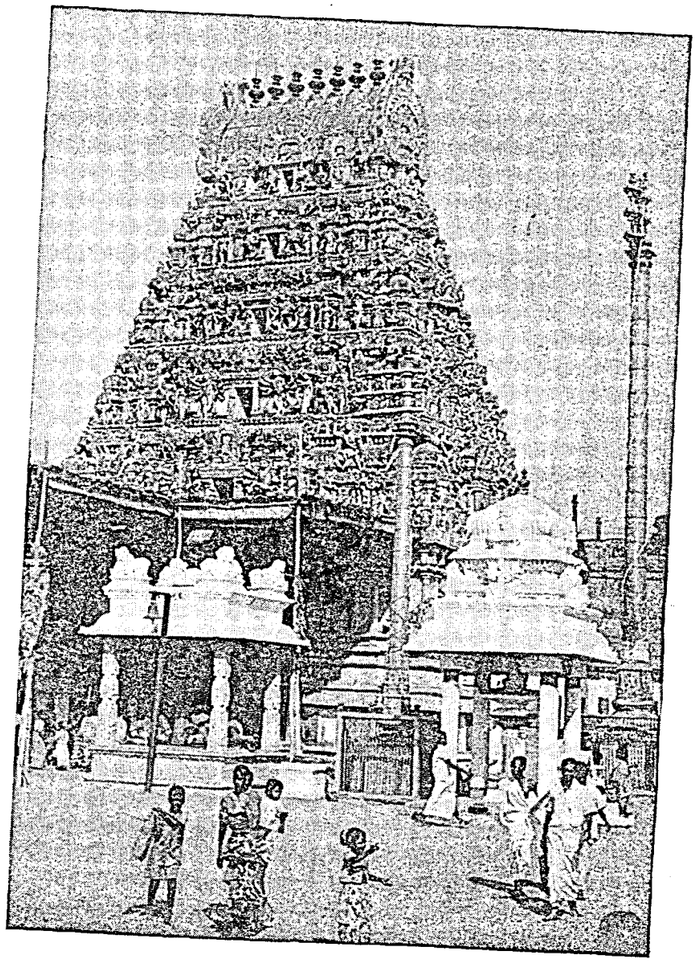
The divine wedding or Thirukalyanam celebrated on the tenth day of the Brahmotsavam has a particular significance in Kancheepuram. This takes place in the month of Panguni (March–April). On the Thirukalyanam day, Goddess Kamakshi, as Parvathi is called here, is taken to the bank of the sacred tank known as Kampa Nadi where Her penance is celebrated. The Lord here called Ekambareswarar proceeds to the bank of the tank on His Rishabha and the wedding takes place there. After the wedding rites are over, the Lord is taken in procession on His golden Rishabha.

MADURAI

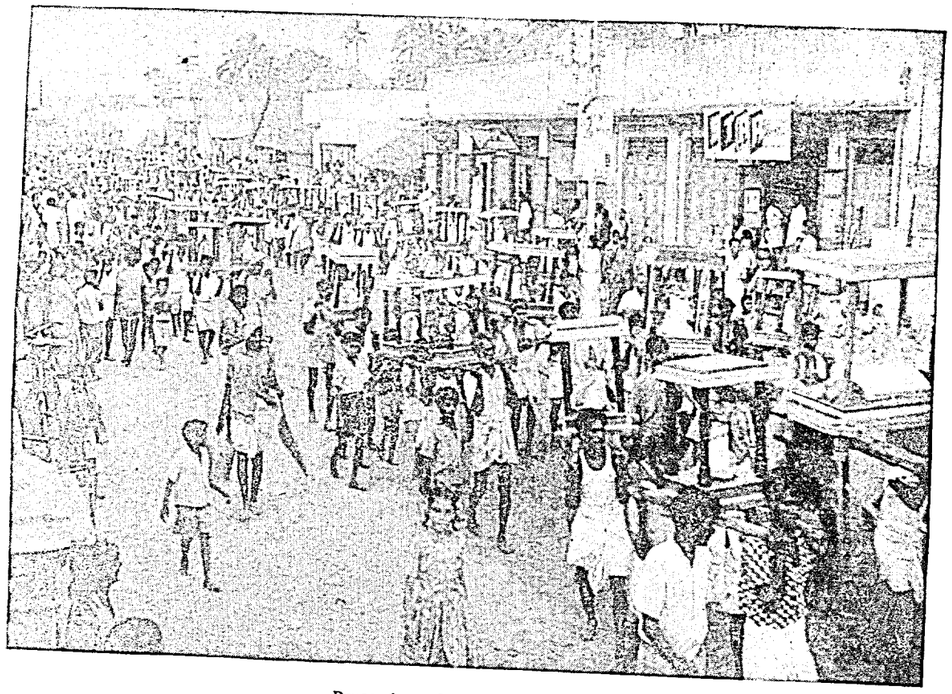
Madurai is popularly known as the City of Festivals. The Meenakshi temple has festivals thoughout the year. The Brahmotsavam is conducted in the month of Chitrai (April–May). It is also called Chitrotsavam. On the ninth day, the Digvijayam of Parvathi known as Meenakshi is celebrated. This also marks her defeat at the hands of Siva called here as Sundareswarar. On the tenth day, the Lord Sundareswarar, attired in ceremonial garb, goes in procession and takes a round of the Chitrai streets. After this, the Lord enters the temple and the wedding is celebrated in the Kalyana mandapam. The wedding rites are very elaborate and are witnessed by Lord Subramania who goes in procession for this purpose from Thiruparankunram. During the night, Sundareswarar and Meenakshi are taken in procession through the four Masi streets. The Lord is mounted on a silver elephant and Meenakshi is carried in a flower decked palanquin. A crowd of not less than 5 lakhs of people would be witnessing this function.

Early in the morning on the next day, the Lord and His consort are taken in procession in the temple cars. Madurai is the only temple where we have two almost equally-sized big cars. The Chitra festival attracts a large crowd from all round and other parts of the State and this festival conducted annually is one of the most famous temple festivals in Madras State.

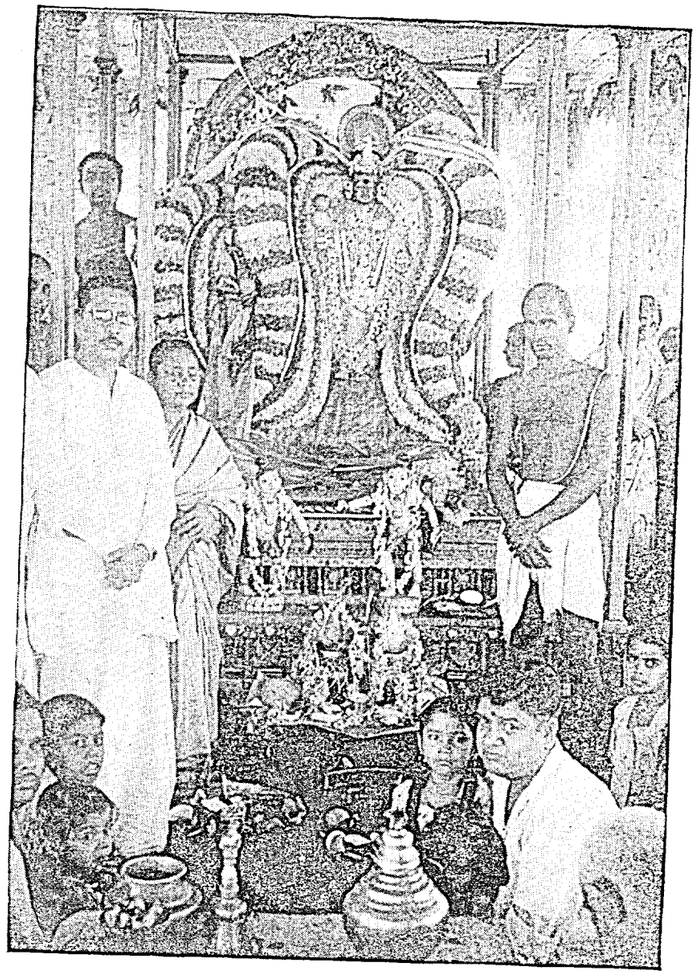
Immediately after the conclusion of the Chithirai festival in Madurai temple, commences the grand Chithrai festival of the Kal Alagar temple at Alagar



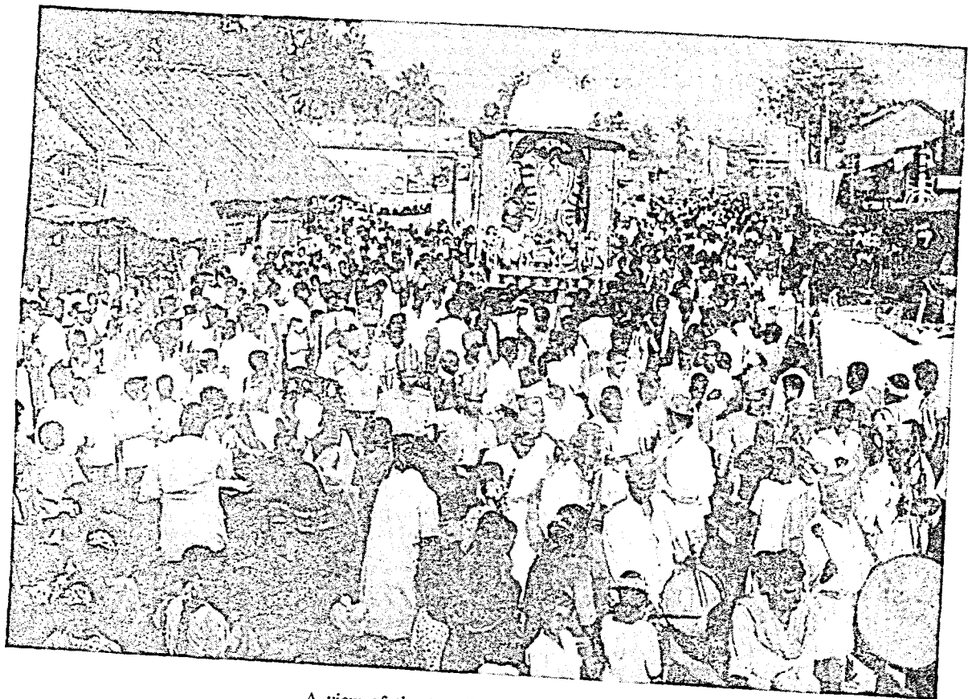
A view of the Thiruvothiyur Temple.



Procession of Arupathumoovar.



The deity decorated in the traditional style for the procession.



A view of the Mahiladisevai procession.

koil, when Lord Alagar is taken in procession to Madurai. He alights at every mantapam on the way, and reaches Vaigai, the day after the festivities in the Madurai temple have concluded. Lakhs of people congregate on the banks of the Vaigai for darshan of the Lord as He enters it in the morning, seated on his golden horse, and carried by palanquin bearers. The crowd on this occasion is estimated to be not less than five lakhs. The sojourn of the Lord on the Vaigai is for five days, after which He returns to Alagar Koil. While returning also, He halts at every mantapam en route giving darsan to the streams of devotees assembled, on both sides of the road. One can see all along the route, villagers carrying on their head votive offerings of various foodgrains neatly packed in parcels of hay, to be presented to the Lord for favours received in the form of a good harvest.

A popular legend narrated by the masses in connection with this festival deserves mention. It is believed that Lord Alagar is the brother of Goddess Meenakshi. When the marriage of Goddess Meenakshi was settled, Lord Alagar started with numerous presents and materials for the celebration of the marriage. But the marriage took place a day prior to his arrival. Enraged at this insult, he stayed in the Vaigai for a couple of days and returned to Alagarkoil without stepping into the Madurai town. It is generally believed that this story is celebrated in the annual visit of Lord Alagar to Vaigai and his return from there. This does not appear to be correct because according to legends, Maha Vishnu acted as the guardian of Meenakshi at the wedding, holding the dharapatram.

The truth however appears to be that King Thirumalai Naik, introduced this festival as an innovation to add grandeur to the Chithirai festival at Madurai. He ordered that the two festivals should be combined, the one succeeding the other, and that the festival of the Madurai temple will be confined to the city while the other will be confined to the rural areas from Alagarkoil to Madurai. Being an ardent devotee of both Siva and Vishnu, he wanted both the festivals to be conducted with equal pomp and grandeur.

Another important festival celebrated in the Madurai temple takes place in the month of Avani (August–September). This is celebrated for eighteen days—the first six days in honour of Lord Chandrasekharar when the deities will be taken in procession only through the second prakaram of the temple. During the next twelve days, when the festival is celebrated in honour of the Panchamurtis, the deities are taken in procession through the Avani Moola streets. On the seventh day of the festival, the coronation of Lord Sundareswarar is celebrated. On the ninth day, one of the famous 'Thiruvilayadals' or divine sport of the Lord when he assumed the role of a labourer and carried mud for closing a breech, in return for some rice cakes or "Puttu" offered by an old lady, is celebrated. There will be a huge crowd on these occasions.

CHIDAMBARAM

Brahmotsavam is celebrated twice a year in the famous Chidambaram temple, each lasting ten days, in the month of Ani (June–July) and again in the month of Margazhi (December–January). The same routine as is followed in the leading Siva temples in the State is followed here also in respect of vahanams and processions. On the ninth day is the 'car festival' and on the tenth day is the day of 'Nataraja Darsan'. The darsan on the Uthiram day in Ani and Arudra day in Margazhi draws record crowd. On the ninth day, on both the occasions, Lord Nataraja is taken out for procession outside the sanctum sanctorum adorned with the costliest jewels and is taken in ceremonial procession in the 'car'. In the evening, he is taken to the thousand pillared mantapam. The abhishekam or ceremonial bath commences there in the early hours of the morning and continues for several hours till late in the afternoon. After the abhishegam, the deity is again decorated, deepa aradhanai is performed and He is taken out of the mantapam for darsan within the temple premises. It is stated that when the procession reaches the open space, the birds of the sky will be hovering round in worship of the deity. After darsan, the Lord is restored to the sabha (sanctum sanctorum).

SUCHINDRAM

The Sthanumalayaswami Temple at Suchindram in the Kanyakumari district, is a famous Saivite shrine. The techniques of the daily poojas as well as those of

the major festivals are, largely akin to those observed in the temples of the West Coast and it is possibly due to the fact that this temple existed in the old Travancore State for some centuries.

Three grand festivals are celebrated in this temple. They are called Mahotsavas:

1. Markali Mahotsava (December–January)
2. Chithirai Mahotsava (April–May)
3. Avani Mahotsava (August–September)

Of the three mahotsavas, the most important is the Markali mahotsava, which is celebrated for ten days. The maximum crowd collects in the temple for this festival. Tradition has it that on the Tiruvathirai day in 'Markali', the three Goddesses, Lakshmi, Parvathi and Saraswathi, undertook a penance in Suchindram for regaining their husbands and that the tenth and last day of the festival which falls on the Tiruvathirai star, is celebrated in memory of this penance.

The festival commences with the Dwajarohanam. During the previous night, there is a special function called Omkarabali, when a small group of priests goes round the main streets, offering flowers and cooked rice, for propitiating and bringing under control the evil spirits roaming about the streets. The Dwajarohanam is an elaborate function when pooja is offered to the flag both before and after it is taken in procession through the streets prior to its being hoisted. Abhisheka is performed to the "Dwajapitha" and naivedyam is offered. In the evening of the first day, Lord Ganesa is taken in procession through the important streets and it is believed that this would ward off all obstacles in the way of the festival.

On the second day, the utsava images of Siva and Parvati are taken in procession in a vahana called Poompandal. This is a wooden chapram profusely canopied and decorated with flowers. Siva presents the Guru darsan (as teacher) in the morning and Siva darsan (the beneficent boon-giver) in the evening.

On the third day, the images of Siva and Parvati are taken out in procession as usual, in the morning, on the Poompandal. In the afternoon, the images of Vinayagar arrives from Elakaram, that of Subrahmanya arrives from Kumarakoil and another of Subramanya from Murungur. These deities are the sons of Lord Siva and participate in the procession during the night, when Siva and Uma are taken out on a vahana decorated like the mythological Kalpaka Vriksha. It is believed that the desires of the devotees worshiping the Lord at Suchindram on this day will be fulfilled.

On the fourth day, Siva and Parvati appear in the morning on the Bhootha vahanam and in the night on a beautifully decorated wooden chapram.

On the fifth day morning and night, Siva and Uma will be seated on the Silver Nandi. Arambalathamman will be on the silver Swan vahana and Lord Vishnu on the silver Garuda. The fifth day's festival is an important festival and the crowd of visitors will be appreciable on this day.

On the sixth day of the festival falls the Vaikunta Ekadasi which is sacred for Vishnu. Special offerings are made in the shrine of the Perumal in 'Thekkedam'. Though there is no grand procession on this day, certain puranic themes such as Parvati feeding baby Gnanasambanda on her breast milk, Siva getting thrashed on his going to the rescue of Saint Sundaramurthi and the contest between the Saivite and Jain devotees are enacted.

The festival on the seventh day attracts still greater crowd. Early in the morning, silver images of the various Gods and of the four great Saivite saints are taken in twelve silver palanquins in a splendid procession. The images will be in a reclining posture to indicate them as taking rest after the previous day's contest between the Saivite and Jain devotees. During the night, there is the silver Kailasa vahana for Siva and Parvati. The procession starts at about 9 P.M. and returns as late as 3 A.M. in the morning. There will be musical concerts, devotional songs and fire works, during the procession on a magnificent scale.

On the morning of the eighth day, there is the procession of Nataraja as "Thandava Murti". In the night also, Nataraja is taken out on a Poompandal.

On the ninth day is the car festival. People from far and wide throng the streets of Suchindram. The crowd can be estimated to be in lakhs. It is the

tradition in Nanjilnad that newly wedded couples should attend this Car festival during the first year of their married life. Before the Car festival commences, Siva is taken in procession in the form of Bikshadanar, accompanied by a party of singers. This procession returns by 7 A.M. when the procession with the Car starts. All the four temple cars are decorated tastefully. In the huge temple car is seated Lord Siva and Uma. Goddess Parvati is seated in the Amman Ther. Lord Vishnu in the Pillayar Ther and Indra in the chapram Ther. The Cars are drawn by the visitors also. This is considered to be a very important festival and the Maharajas of Travancore used to observe fast till they were informed by telegram that all the temple cars have come back safe to their original places, after the procession.

The vahanas for the procession on the ninth day day night are the same as those used on the fifth day. After the termination of the procession, all vahanas assemble in the Anuppu Mandapa facing the eastern entrance of the temple. The sons of Lord Siva who were brought from other temples take leave of the parents and the parents are taken inside temple. The really moving nature of this parting scence cannot be described in words.

On the tenth day is the Arudra festival. The procession for the 'Arat' (holy bath) commences after the images have been smeared duly with gold dust and turmeric powder. The Arat takes place in the adjoining Teppakulam. After the holy bath, offering is made to the deities. On the night of the last day, there is the solemn function called Mauna Bali. The chief priest accompanied by the other members go round the Sri Balipura and the streets offering bali i.e. water, cooked rice and flowers. Pooja is offered to Goddess Kali and Bali in the balipitha of the shrine. No one, not even the priests, are allowed to be inside the temple at the time of the mauna bali. After this function, the priest prostrates before the dwajasthamba and then lowers the flag. It will be 4 A.M. by this time and with this the festival concludes.

The mahotsava in the month of Chithirai, is different from the Markali utsavam in that for the Car festival on the ninth day, the biggest Car called the Swami Ther is not used. But this festival is significant on account of the grand Teppa utsavam or the floating festival during the night on the 10th day of the festival.

The Avani festival is mostly confined to Lord Vishnu, Thekkedam Perumal, as He is known. The Dwajarohanam takes place on the Vaisakha star in Avani (September–October). All the ceremonies of a mahotsava are observed at the Thekkedam shrine; but processions are not conducted outside the temple.

THEPPOTSAVAM

Theppom is the Tamil equivalent of "float" and Theppotsavam is the festival of the "float". In most of the important temples in the South, particularly in the Madras State, the festival of the "float" marks the conclusion of the prime annual temple festival and it is celebrated with as much pomp and eclat as the Brahmotsavam, a resume of which has already been given in this report.

The lay-out of the temple precincts and the processional pathways are almost identical in the case of all Saivite temples. The main entrance of the temple faces a rather large tank, square in shape and has on all sides symmetrically laid steps of granite or brick, red laterite rectangular slabs leading down. There would be perfect geometrical symmetry in the four sides and the steps. In the centre of the tank, there will be an islet-like structure which is more an elevated covered platform in granite or brick red laterite slabs. Mantapams as they are called, have in most cases, architectural pillars and intricately designed roofs. Though the worshippers and wayfarers use the temple tank for their daily ablutions, since the primary purpose of the tank is the celebration of the Theppotsavam, the tank itself is called Theppakulam.

The belief probably is that the deity having concluded his ceremonial perambulation with all the attendant paraphernalia on land, must have his acquatic sojourn before He returns to the sanctum of the temple to come out only for the next festival.

The float is a large raft. On the day fixed for the Theppotsavam, the image of the deity, elaborately and exquisitely decorated is placed on the raft which is drawn around the water in the Theppom tank to the accompaniment of loud chant of vedic mantrams hymns and prayers. The float is moved to the mantapam in the middle of the tank. The image of the deity is lifted to a special dais erected in the mantapam and worship in elaborate customary style is then

offered to the deity. After the worship, the image is brought back to the temple. The huge congregation of pilgrims watch the Theppotsavam festival. It is believed that the idea behind the Theppom festival is that an opportunity should be presented to the aquatic beings also to worship the deity at least once a year. Mostly the Theppotsavam is celebrated in the month of Thai (January-February) on the day of the pushyam star. The more famous of the Theppom festivals in the State are those celebrated in the Saivite temples of Mylapore, Madurai, Tiruvarur, Mannargudi, Needamangalam and Tiruchirapalli. In some places, the festival is celebrated for more than a day. The Theppom festival of Ekambareswarar at Kancheepuram celebrated in the Tamil month of Vaikasi takes three days. The most famous of the Theppakulams in the State is the one at Madurai known as Wandiyur Theppakulam. Unlike other temples, the tank is situated at a distance from the temple. It is reputed to be the largest and most beautiful one in Madras State. The illumination from thousands of lights placed on all sides of the tank and the presence of thousands of devotees enthusiastically watching the ceremonial round of the deity through the tank is a sight not to be missed.

VASANDOTSAVAM

During the months of Chitrai and Vaikasi (April-June) most of the temples dedicated to Lord Siva celebrate the Vasandotsavam. This celebration takes place in every temple in a specially appointed place called the Vasanta Mantapam. In the more famous temples, Vasanta Mantapam is an integral part in the general lay-out. In such of those temples which cannot boast of a permanent structure, a temporary structure for the festival is erected. This Mantapam is specially and tastefully decorated for the Vasandotsavam and in the centre, there will be an improvised water reservoir. During the festival, the deity is taken round the Vasantha Mantapam daily three times or nine times depending on the custom and practice obtained in individual temples. On the last day, there will be a ceremonial procession along the main streets similar to the Brahmotsavam procession.

ADI POORAM FESTIVAL

The day of the Pooram star in the Tamil month of Adi (July-August) is considered sacred for Goddess Parvati, the consort of Lord Siva, and with this is associated the Adi Pooram festival. In some of the well known temples such as those at Thiruvaiyaru, Nagapattinam, Thiruvidaimarudur, Mayavaram, Vedaranyam, Veitheeswarankoil and Thiruvarur, the festival is celebrated for 10 days ending with Pooram day. It is done with the usual pomp and eclat and in grand style attendant with ceremonial processions, special offerings and worship.

Adi Pooram day is important also for the local village goddesses.

Dhara and Khoottudhara festival in the Saivite Shrines of Kanyakumari District

The following twelve saivite shrines of Kanyakumari district are considered as very sacred temples:

1. Tirumala
2. Tikkurissi
3. Tiruparappu
4. Tirunandikkara
5. Ponmana
6. Pannippakkam
7. Melangode
8. Neelakantaswami koil
9. Thiruvidakkode
10. Thiruvithamkode
11. Tiruppanniyode
12. Tirunattalam

Tradition has it that when Lord Adikesava Perumal of Tiruvattar was engaged in a fierce battle with the demon Kesan, Lord Siva installed himself in these twelve sacred places, to watch the battle and worship Vishnu. Maha Sivarathri is the most important festival celebrated in these temples. It is considered very auspicious to worship Lord Siva in these twelve temples on the Mahasivarathri day and round it up with a worship at Tiruvattar. Each year, the Sivarathri festival is celebrated with great pomp for three days ending with Mahasivarathri, in one of these temples, by turn, the offering being "dhara", or bathing of the idol respectively with water, milk and ghee for the whole night on each day. After all the twelve temples have had their turn once, during the thirteenth year, Sivarathri is celebrated in all the thirteen temples with equal pomp, when 'dhara' is offered each day respectively with water, milk and ghee throughout the night in all the twelve temples at the same time. This festival is a very grand one and is called in local parlance as "Koottudhara".

Chapter—III

IMPORTANT FESTIVALS CELEBRATED IN THE VAISHNAVITE SHRINES IN MADRAS STATE

The most important festival celebrated in every Vaishnavite shrine in the Madras State is the Vaikunta Ekadasi and in no other temple is it celebrated on a grander scale than in the famous Ranganathaswami temple at Sri Rangam. An account of this festival appears elsewhere in this report. The fundamental concept of the festivities connected with this celebration will be more or less the same in all other Vaishnavite shrines, except for the difference that they will not be so elaborate.

All Vaishnavite shrines conduct just like the Saivite shrines, their Brahmotsavam and Theppotsavam every year. The festivities connected with these utsavams will also be the same for all temples except for the fact that in different temples, it will be conducted in different months of the year and that some temples might have some additional celebrations or modifications consistent with the legends attached to them. The details of the Brahmotsavam conducted in the famous Varadarajaswami temple at Kancheepuram are given below as an illustration. The Brahmotsavam usually lasts for ten days.

Brahmotsavam is celebrated in the Varadarajaswami temple at Kancheepuram for ten days in the month of Vaikasi (May-June). As a prelude to the commencement of the festival proper, there is a ceremony of invoking Vishwaksena who is the Commander-in-Chief of Vishnu's forces, and gathering sacred mud for the construction of an alter for performing homas in the mornings and in the evenings throughout the period of the festival.

On the first day of the festival, the processional idol of the deity (utsavar) with His Consorts is brought down from the sanctum sanctorum to the Vahana Mantapam. The sacred flag called Garudadwaja is hoisted on the permanent flagstaff with all religious rites and rituals. After the "Dwajarohanam", the deity is taken in procession on a golden Chapparam, through the main streets. The procession returns by 10 a.m.

In the evening the deity is taken in procession on the Simha (Lion) Vahanam. On the second day, the Lord has Hamsa Vahanam in the morning and the Soorya Prabhai in the evening. The third day is the famous Garudotsavam when the Lord goes in procession early in the morning seated on the Garuda. The maximum crowd estimated at more than 3 lakhs will be present on the occasion of this festival called 'Garuda Sevai'. In the evening, He has the Hanumantha Vahanam. On the fourth day, the deity has the Sesha Vahanam in the morning and the Chandraprabhai in the evening. The fifth day morning is the Mohani Avatharam festival when the deity goes round in procession in the golden palanquin. In the evening He has the Yali vahanam. On the morning of the sixth day, the Lord gives darsan as Venugopala. This item of the festival is known as the Venugopalan Thirukkolam, in which form, the Lord is taken in procession on a chapparam. In the evening, the vahanam is the elephant. The seventh day is the famous Rathotsavam. The deity is taken in procession in the temple car (Ratham or Ther-almost of the same type as for the Saivite shrines, a description of which has already appeared in this report.) The crowd will be enormous throughout the streets of Kancheepuram, and it is estimated that not less than 2 lakhs of people worship the deity on this day also. On the eighth day there is no procession in the morning. The Lord has His sacred bath. In the evening, the Lord is taken in procession on the Horse Vahanam. On the morning of the ninth day, the deity is taken in procession in a palanquin (Almel Pallakku) and in the evening in the Punyakoti Vimanam. On the morning of the tenth day, there is no procession. The ritual called dwadasaradhanam is conducted most elaborately. In the evening the procession is confined to the Mada streets, and the vahanam is the Vettiver chappram. With the procession on the tenth day evening after which the flag is brought down the dwajasthambam the festival concludes.

TEPPOTSAVAM

The festival of the float is celebrated in the month of Thai (January–February) for three days commencing from the full moon day of the month. It takes place in the sacred tank in the temple called Ananta Saras. The mode of celebration is similar to the Teppotsavam in the Saivite shrines and needs no repetition. In some temples this takes place in the month of Masi (February–March).

The other important festivals conducted in the vaishnavite shrines may be chronologically enumerated as follows :

Vasantha Utsavam for seven days in Vaikasi (May–June).

Kodai Utsavam for seven days in Ani (June–July).

Thirvadipooram–Birth day of Andal ending with the Thirukalyanam of the Lord and Andal in Adi (July–August).

Pavithrotsavam for seven days–Avani (August–September).

Navarathri for ten days–Poorattasi (September–October).

FESTIVAL IN ALWAR TIRUNAGARI

In the Tirunelveli district, there are nine Vaishnavite shrines which are otherwise known as Nava Tiruppathis. The following are the temples :–

1. Alwar Tirunagari.
2. Sri Vaikuntam.
3. Natham
4. Thirupulankudi
5. Then Thirupperai
6. Perungulam
7. Thirukkulandai
8. Eratta Thiruppathi, and
9. Thirukkoloor

In the month of Vaikasi (May–June) a grand festival is celebrated for ten days in Alwar Tirunagari. The most important day of the festival is the fifth day being the day of the Visakham star which is the birth day of Nammalwar, the great Vaishnavite saint. On this day, the presiding deities of the other eight temples are brought in procession to the shrine of Sri Nammalwar at Alwar Tirunagari for giving darsan to him. After their holy bath and other rituals, all the nine deities go in procession mounted on their splendid Garuda Vahanams. The grandeur and splendour of the procession having nine Garuda vahanams with the Lord on each of them is surpassed by none and defy description. This is one of the grandest Vaishnavite festivals in the State.

FESTIVAL IN TIRUVATTAR, KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT

The temple of Lord Adikesava Perumal in Tiruvattar is considered to be one of the thirteen famous Vaishnavite shrines in India. It is very ancient as Saint Nammalwar has sung about it as one of the divyadesams of South India. It is situated in the Kalkulam taluk of the Kanyakumari district and is a temple which resembles to a large extent in construction as well as in rituals the famous Ananthapadmanabhaswami temple in Travancore. The temple would appear to be smaller in size and the structure does not include the great tower or gopuram. The presiding deity is Lord Vishnu reclining on the serpent King Adi Sesha, facing west. It is believed that the two deities–Adi Kesava of Tiruvattar and Ananthapadmanabha of Travancore—are reclining face to face. The annual festivals in these two famous temples take place at the same time, for ten days in the month of March. During this festival, the deity is taken in procession

around the temple in the morning and in the evening. On the first day the flag is hoisted with due rituals. Thereafter Vahanas for the procession differ only in the evenings, as follows :

1st day	...	Nalkali Vahanam
2nd day	...	Anantha Vahanam
3rd day	...	Kamala Vahanam
4th day	...	Palanquin
5th day	...	Garuda Vahanam
6th day	...	Anantha Vahanam
7th day	...	Palanquin
8th day	...	Anantha Vahanam
9th day	...	Garuda Vahanam
10th day	...	Procession to the river for the holy bath (Arat) and return to the temple

GARUDOTSAVAM AT KANCHEEPURAM

Garudotsavam or Garuda Sevai forms part of the annual Brahmotsavam of every Vaishnavite shrine in South India. This festival falls usually on the third day of the Brahmotsavam when the Lord gives darsan to his numerous devotees assembled on the occasion, seated on his favourite vahanam of 'Garuda'. Though a part of a festival, the importance and significance attached to this item is so much that it has almost assumed the significance of a great festival, by itself. In some Vaishnavite temples, the procession on the Garuda Vahanam takes place early in the morning while in a few others it takes place in the night. The reason for this distinction is not very clear.

Of all the Vaishnavite temples in South India, the Garudotsavam celebrated in Sri Varadarajaswami Temple at Kanchipuram is unique in itself. Its grandeur and splandour is unsurpassed. This festival falls on the day of the Visakham star in the month of Vaikasi (May–June) which is invariably the third day of the Brahmothsavam in the temple. This festival has been considered so important as to find special reference in the compositions of all the famous Alwars (Vaishnavite saints). A separate account of it in this report is therefore necessary. Generations of devotees have made it a point not to miss a single Garudotsavam in this temple and in olden days when transport was not available, they used to undertake this hazardous journey on foot. God also reciprocated their devotion with equal fervour. It is said that one particular devotee, Sri Doddacharya Swami of Sholinghur came every year to have darsan of the Lord seated on the Garuda. During the last year of his life, he could not go to Kanchipuram by reason of his physical infirmity. On Garudotsavam day, after performing the morning ablutions, in the sacred tank at Sholinghur, he gave vent to his disappointment in not being able to have the darsan of Lord Varadaraja. Moved at such devotion, the Lord appeared before Doddacharya, in splendour and majesty, precisely at the time the devotees have their darsan of the Lord at the western gate of the temple on the day of Garudotsavam. Probably it is in commemoration of this unique episode that even today, the Garuda Vahana pauses at the western gate for an appreciable time, during the procession.

Garudotsavam is celebrated on the visakham day in the month of Vaikasi (May–June). This day has a dual significance. It is also the birth day of the great Vaishnavite Saint Nammalwar who has a shrine in every Vaishnavite temple. On the Garudotsavam day before the Lord proceeds to the western gate, to give the time-honoured gopuravasal darsan to the huge congregation of devotees, He pays a visit to the shrine of Nammalwar to bless the saint.

From the western gate, the ceremonial procession, with all the attendant paraphernalia winds slowly and majestically along the seven mile route to Siva Kanchi or Big Kancheepuram. It is modestly estimated that not less than 3 lakhs of devotees get the darsan. All along the seven miles route, will be lined crowds of devotees yearning for the darsan of the Lord. The Lord on the Garuda vahanam moves slowly, preceded by the pandits chanting the vedas. By the afternoon, the procession returns to the temple. The rest of the day is spent at the shrine of Nammalwar, participating in the birthday celebrations.

The procession and the celebrations are considered unique and auspicious and people from distant places make their way to Kancheepuram on this occasion.

Chapter—IV

IMPORTANT FESTIVALS IN THE MURUGAN TEMPLES IN MADRAS STATE

The Madras State is famous for its cult of the worship of Lord Muruga or Lord Subhramanya. Puranas proclaim that He is the second son of Lord Siva by Goddess Parvathi and that His very incarnation was for the annihilation of the demon Taraka, who was oppressing all the worlds in his three-fold manifestations of Soora Padma, Simhamukha and Taraka. Numerous are the temples in Madras State dedicated to the worship of this Lord, though six of them viz., those at Tiruparankundram, Tiruchendur, Palani, Swamimalai, Tiruttani and Pazhamathircholai are considered to be the most important. All of them, except the seashore temple at Tiruchendur are situated on hillocks, which seem to be the favourite resort of the Lord. There is also a peculiar mode of worshipping the deity. In every important temple, can be found on occasions of festivals, hundreds of devotees carrying on their shoulders a *Kavadi* which is a semi-circular arch made out of wood and decorated with flowers and peacock flowers. The votive offerings of the devotees such as milk, flowers etc., will be taken on this Kavadi. This is supposed to indicate the symbolic surrender of the devotees' ego at the Lord's feet.

As in the Saivite and Vaishnavite shrines in the State, the shrines dedicated to Muruga also conduct the Brahmotsavam and the Teppotsavam. In addition to these, the following important festivals are also celebrated with great pomp.

1 Vaikasi Visagam
2 Skanda Sashti
3 Panguni Uthiram
4 Kiruthigai in the months of Karthigai and Adi

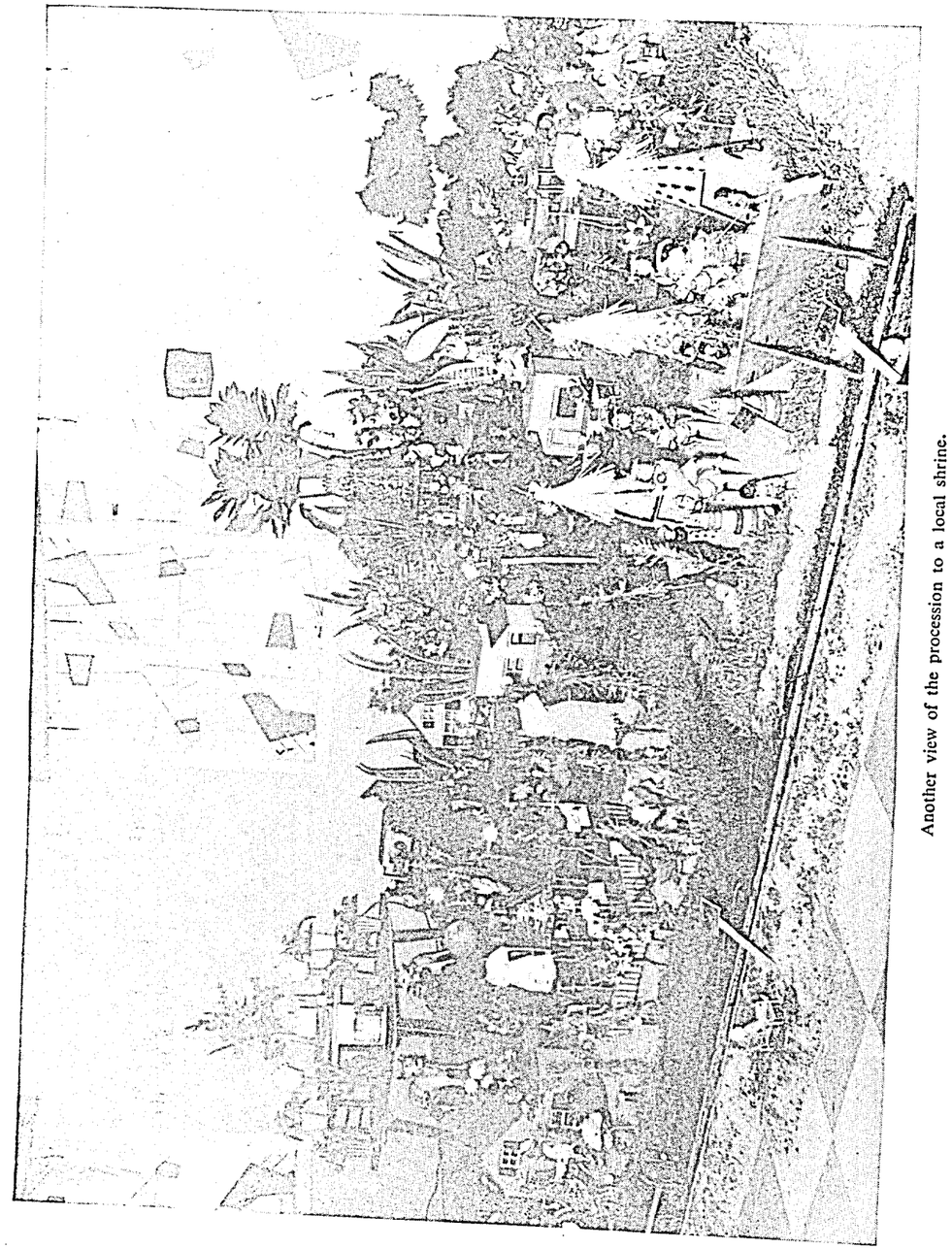
The significance of the above festivals may be briefiy indicated as follows:

Vaikasi Visagham: This festival assumes importance being the birth-day of the Lord. It falls in the month of Vaikasi (May–June) when the full moon day joins with the star Visakham. Though it is celebrated in all temples, the celebration in the seashore temple of the Lord at Tiruchendur is famous. Here, the duration of the festival is for twelve days; but all its importance is concentrated in the functions, for the last two days when the crowd is estimated at two lakhs. The temple gets its maximum income during this festival, which is not less than Rupees one lakh on the Visakham day. Thousands of Palkudams and Kavadis are brought as offerings. Kavadis are brought with an offering of cooked fish (called Matsya Kavadi) and it is believed that miraculouly they become alive when brought before the deity.

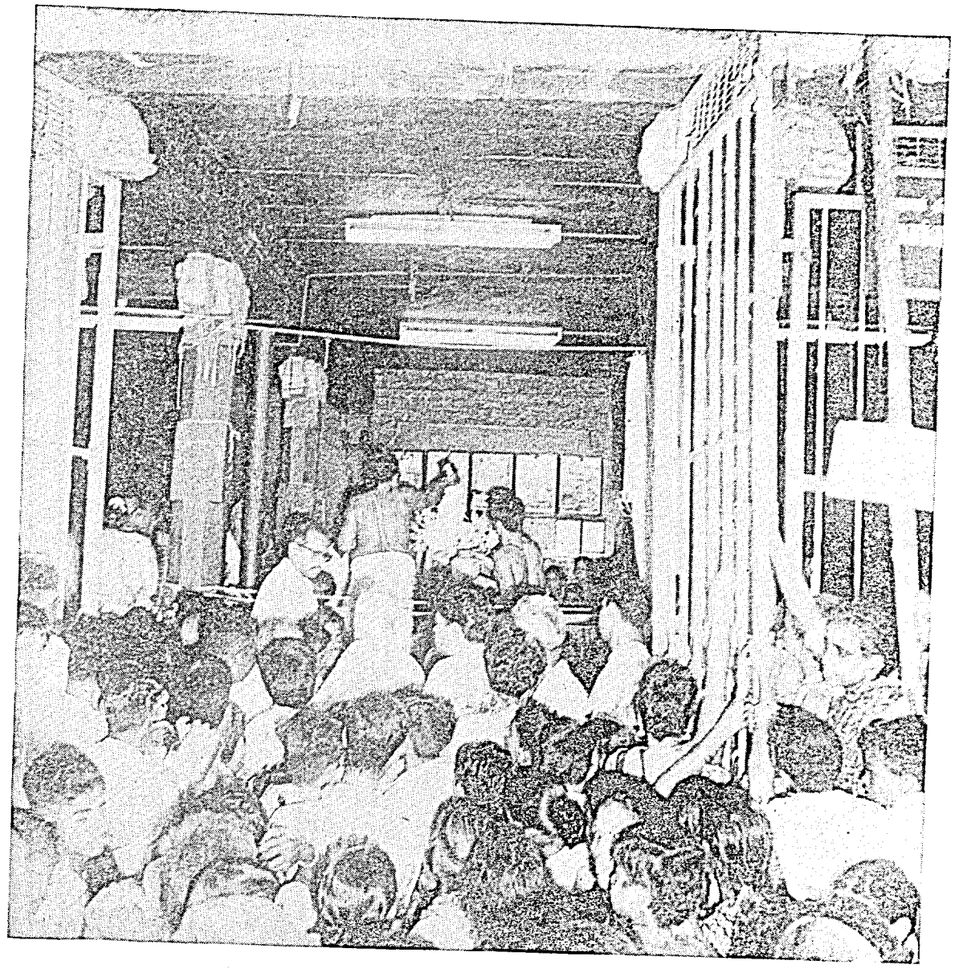
On the Vaikasi Visakham day, the Viswaroopa darsan is given in this temple by about 2 A.M. The image of the Lord is taken to the Vasantha Mantapam by about 10 A.M., and abhisekhams and arathanas are profusely offered to the Lord. After receiving the offerings of the devotees at various *mandagapadis* (pavilions) installed for the purpose, the deity returns to the temple at about 3 A.M.

Skanda Sashti festival: This is celebrated in all the Murugan temples in South India in commemoration of the destruction of the demon Taraka (Soora Padma). The festival takes place on the sixth day of the waning moon in the month of Aippasi (October–November). It is generally believed that the demon was suppressed at Tiruchendur on Skanda Sashti day and hence the festival in this temple is particularly significant. The events leading to the destruction of the demon are demonstrated on the sea-shore on the evening of the Sashti day by actual representations of the various forms which the demon assumed during the encounter and his defeat on each occasion. At first the demon asumed the form of a mango tree which the Lord pierced with His Vel. Then he became a peacock and cock, both of which were conquered and suppressed, the Lord accepting the former as his vahana and the latter as the symbol for his flag. The festival continues for six days. This is celebrated in a similar manner in all the other Murugan temples like Palani etc.

Procession with Kavadis on Skanda Sashti day.



Another view of the procession to a local shrine.



Abhishekam to the deity with milk.

Abhishekam to the deity: another view.

Apart from the Murugan shrines, individual Saivite households also celebrate this festival on a grand scale with bhajan, kirtan and poor feeding. The more orthodox devotees observe a fast on that day. Religious work like Skandapuranam and Thiruppukazh are recited on this day. It is the common belief that regular and strict observance of austerities on this day will result in the cure of even incurable diseases.

Thirukkarthigai festival: The day of the Karthigai star in every month is considered to be a very auspicious occasion in every temple dedicated to Muruga, and there will be a considerable crowd of devotees in every temple. But this is celebrated elaborately in the month of Karthigai (November-December) for ten days in temples at Palani and Thirupparankunram.

In the month of Adi (July–August) the Krithigai festival is celebrated with great pomp in the Thiruttani temple. The crowd is estimated at 4 lakhs, and as many as one lakh Kavadis bedecked with flowers, and with votive offerings like flowers, milk etc., are brought by devotees. There is teppotsavam for one day for the Lord in the temple tank at the foot of the hill.

Panguni Uthiram: This is another sacred festival celebrated in South India in all Saivite temples and Murugan temples. It falls in the month of Panguni (March–April) and the main festival takes place on the day when the full moon day and the star Uthiram joins. The significance of this festival is variously interpreted. The Saivites believe that Lord Siva was married to Parvati on this day. Vaishnavites believe that Lord Rama was married to Sita on this day. Another version is that Lord Cupid who was reduced to ashes by Lord Siva appeared before his wife Rati on this day by virtue of a boon granted to her by Lord Siva that she would be reunited on the day of His marriage.

Panguni Uthiram is celebrated with great pomp in the Thiru Avinankudi temple at Palani. The festival takes place for ten days. Every day in the morning as well as in the evening Lord Muthukumaraswami of the Periyanayaki Amman temple with His two consorts Valli and Deivayanai are taken in procession around the Hill. On the fifth day, the Lord is taken in procession around the hill in His golden Ratha. On the sixth day, He goes round the hill in his silver Ratha, accompanied by His two consorts. On the seventh day viz., Panguni Uthiram, there is the Rathotsavam. Devotees from various parts of Madras State come in thousands with Kavadis during the festival and obtain the grace of the Lord. The crowd is estimated to be in lakhs. On this occasion, several people from and near Palni go on foot to Kodumudi and bring the holy water of the Kaveri on Kavadis for abhishegam. Thousands of such Kavadis arrive for this festival.

The Panguni Uthiram festival is celebrated in the Tirupparankunram temple as the occasion on which the marriage of Deivayanai with Subrahmanya took place. The festival is celebrated for 14 days. On the eleventh day there is the celebration of *Pattabhishekam*, on the twelfth the Thirukkalyanam and on the thirteenth day the Rathotsavam. Goddess Meenakshi and Lord Sundareswarar proceed from Madurai in a ceremonial procession to attend this wedding and return the same evening.

In Tiruchendur temple, the Brahmotsavam is celebrated in the month of Masi (February–March) when all the three cars of the temple are made use of. The festival is celebrated for 12 days concluding with a Theppom or float festival. The next great festival in the month of Avani is also for 12 days (August–September). But only two of the temple cars except the big car are drawn. This festival also concludes with a Theppom or float festival. The festival on the 7th and 8th days are most attractive when the Lord graces all the mandagapadis in and around the town. On the seventh morning, the Lord is decorated completely in red and in the night the decoration is all in white. On the eighth day morning, the Lord is taken out on a green palanquin decorated with cartloads of green garlands. The green floral decoration of the deity on the 8th day morning called Pachai Sathuppadi is a vision grandiose in flower and foliage which no devotee ever misses to see. The temple cars are drawn during both the festivals on the 10th day and the Theppom takes place on the 11th day.

The Velimalai temple or Kumarakovil as it is otherwise known in the district of Kanyakumari is another famous temple dedicated to Subrahmania. The temple is conspicuously situated at the top of an eminence commanding one of the most enchanting

scenery presented by this beauty—spot of nature. It was here that the Lord is supposed to have married Valli and in memory of this holy union, a Thirukkalyanam festival is celebrated every year. During this function, the procession starts from the traditional Kalyanamandapam a little way up the hill and Subrahmania and Valli are taken in procession in great pomp and splendour. The festival takes place for seven days in March-April.

Vaikasi Visagam festival for ten days in May-June is celebrated as the Brahmotsavam in this temple.

Chapter—V

OTHER FESTIVALS

FESTIVAL IN THE NAGARAJA TEMPLE AT NAGERCOIL

Worship of the Serpent, as a cult, was prevalent in South India from very ancient times. It is believed that this confers prosperity on the devotees, eradicates all ills, cures incurable skin-diseases and brings about fulfilment of one's desire. The famous temple of Nagaraja (five—headed serpent deity) in the heart of Nagercoil town in Kanyakumari district has been, from ancient times, adhering to this cult and is resorted to by numerous devotees from all parts of the country for prayer and worship. Stories are narrated even now of the miraculous cures that several people have enjoyed after worshipping at this shrine. This temple with its garden which is famous for its *Naga* flowers, a symbolic representation of Nagaraja is believed to be guarded by serpents, numerous varieties of which are supposed to be available in the temple. But there has never been any case of fatal snake bite at this place.

There are three shrines in the temple, the main one being dedicated to Nagaraja. Another shrine is dedicated to Ananthakrishna — Lord Krishna on the Adisesha with His Consorts,Rugmini and Sathyabhama and the third one is dedicated to Lord Siva. During festival times it is only Ananthakrishna and His Consorts that are carried in procession in and outside the temple precincts. The main festival in the temple is the annual Brahmotsavam which takes place for ten days in the Tamil month of Thai, commencing with the day of the Revathi and concluding with the day of the Ayillyam star.

The festival commences, as usual, with the flag-hoisting on the morning of the Revathi day. Thereafter, the deity is taken round in ceremonial procession in different vahanams prescribed by custom. The deities taken in procession are Ganesa and Ananthakrishna with His two Consorts. Except on the ninth day namely the Car festival, Ganesa goes daily on his own Mooshika Vahanam. On the seventh day, a local Goddess Esaki also joins the procession. The following statement would give an idea of the Vahanams used in the procession.

1st day evening 2nd day morning and evening 3rd day morning	Pushpa Vimanam for Lord Ananthakrishna and His Consorts.
3rd day evening 4th day morning	Simhavahanam for Lord Anantakrishna, Anna vahanam for Goddess Rukmani, Ana Ranchi Vahanam for Satyabhama
4th day evening	Kalpakavriksha Vahanam for the Lord. For Goddesses as in the morning
5th day morning and evening 6th day morning	Adisesha vahanam for the Lord and for Goddesses as usual.
7th day morning —	Palanquins of ivory—five Palanquins one each for Ganesa, Ananthakrishna, Rukmani, Sathiabhama and Esaki.
7th day evening —	Indra Vimanam for the Lord; Goddesses as usual
8th day morning —	No procession
8th day evening —	Horse Vahanam for Lord alone. Other deities—not even Ganesa —do not accompany. the Lord for this procession

9th day morning	—	Car festival. All deities are accommodated in the temple Car or Ther.	
9th day evening	—	Adisesha Vahanam for the Lord. Kalpaka-vriksha Vahanam for the Goddess; Mooshi-ka as usual for Ganesa	
10th day morning	—	No procession	
10th day evening	—	Arat procession when the deities are taken in procession, for the holy bath in the near-by river, in the big palanquin.	

This festival attracts a good crowd not only from the Kanyakumari district, but also from elsewhere.

FESTIVALS IN THE KANYAKUMARI TEMPLE

The ancient temple of Goddess Kanyakumari situated at Cape Comorin, India's southern most land's end, is famous throughout the country and is visited by Hindus all over the country for prayer and worship. Numerous pilgrims congregate at the place for a dip in the holy thirtha adjoining the temple at the place where the three seas—Bay of Bengal, Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean meet. It is considered particularly auspicious to have a bath at this spot on the New Moon Day in the month of Adi (July–August) and on the Full Moon Day in the month of Chithirai (April-May).

The most important festival celebrated in the temple is the Brahmotsavam or the Vaishak festival in the month of Vaikasi (May-June). The festival commences on the day of Punarvasu and concludes on the Visakham day. On each day of the festival, the Goddess is taken in procession around the village seated in different Vahanams, to the accompaniment of nathaswaram music and chanting of Vedas.

The flag hoisting ceremony takes place in the morning of the first day. Thereafter ceremonial processions take place every day as indicated below:

First day night	...	Poompandal vahanam
Second day morning	...	Palanquin
Second day evening	...	Dove vahanam
Third day morning and evening	...	Anna vahanam
Fourth day morning and evening	...	Kamadhenu vahanam
Fifth day morning and evening	...	Simha vahanam
Sixth day morning and evening	...	Elephant Vahanam
Seventh day morning	...	Palanquin
Seventh day evening	...	Himagiri vahanam
Eighth day morning and evening	...	Poompandal vahanam
Ninth day morning	...	Rathotsavam
Ninth day evening	...	Kalai vahanam
Tenth day morning	...	Arat or procession for holy both
Tenth day night	...	Festival of the float

The Car festival on the ninth day and the festival of the float on the tenth day are considered very important and a huge crowd will collect on these two days. The float festival is a very enchanting one when the Goddess, bedecked with all ornaments is taken round the lake in a richly decorated boat to the accompaniment of music and fireworks. The festival concludes after the Teppotsavam.

Navarathri (dasra) in the month of Aippasi (September-October) is another festival that deserves mention. The nine days festival concludes on the Vijayadasami day. During this period the Goddess is installed and worshipped in the Navarathri mandapam, and is carried round the temple in procession in the night. It is believed that on the Vijayadasami day the Goddess succeeded in annihilating Banasura. In commemoration of this, the goddess is taken in procession to Mahadanapuram on the horse vahanam where a fight representing the fight between the Goddess and Banasura is enacted; and the Goddess is taken back victorious to the temple.

A third festval of importance in the temple takes place in the month of Adi (July–August) and is known as Kalabha-Abhishegam festival. This is celebrated for thirteen days. On all days the Goddess is anointed completely with a large quantity of sandalwood paste mixed with saffron etc. On the last day there is a Pushpa abhishegam when flowers of numerous varieties are collected and showered on the Goddess until the image is covered up to the face. This takes place on the last Friday of the month of Adi and consistent with the belief that it is auspicious to worship the Goddess on this day, the crowd of pilgrims who resort to the temple is considerable.

FESTIVALS OF TUTELARY DEITIES

A resume of the major seasonal festivals associated with the Saivite and Vaishnavite stalwarts of the Hindu Pantheon has already been given. Though these festivals are celebrated with great pomp and eclat, and they attract a multitudinous crowd of various order, the festivals associated with the local or village deities have not lost their prominence or importance. Sophistication has not permeated deep into the rustic life of the villagers to dispel them of their implicit faith and belief in their own Gods and Goddesses, though to some who claim to be on the fringes of sophisticated civilisation, the religious observances may appear to be very crude. The deities worshipped as the Grama Devathas, as they are affectionately called, savour of a very low order; but where the underlying principle in worship is the devotee's faith, the form of presentation and mode of worship are purely academic.

Into this class called the tutelary deities are relegated the village Mariamman, called by different names such as Pachaiamman, Bhavani, Periyanayaki, Thoralamman, Muthalamman, Chellayee Amman, etc. This Goddess is often vaguely identified with Durga, but this claim lacks mythological authenticity. However the fact remains that Mariamman is the commonest and most widely worshipped village deity of the tutelary order. Temples and shrines dedicated to Mariamman are innumerable in the Madras State. This deity is worshipped and propitiated with great faith in times of small-pox epidemic. It is believed that Mariamman, if properly propitiated, has the power to prevent as well as cure the most virulent type of small-pox. The crowds that gather at the Mariamman temples when the epidemic breaks out, are countless. Even during ordinary times the crowds that collect, at the annual festivals of the village Goddess, in whichever part of the State they are celebrated, are much more than those that gather in the Brahmotsavams of the Saivite and Vaishnavite shrines. Most of the festivals collect a crowd of a lakh and more, and never is it less than 50,000.

The mode and style of the annual festivals in the shrines of this deity differ. They too have their processions to the accompaniment of music, peculiar in itself. During the procession, the idol of the deity is rarely carried about, but there is a symbolic representation carried on the head of a devotee. An earthen pot or brass vessel of big size, with a small tapering tower of neem leaves, and smeared in saffron and vermillion, is carried aloft, and sometimes with this vessel on his head, the devotee indulges in some minor acrobatics, balancing the vessel on his head all the time. This is known as 'Karagam' and is akin to the "Kavadi" of Murugan temples.

The Mariamman temple at Samayapuram in the Tiruchi district is the most famous in the Madras State. The annual festival is celebrated in the Tamil

month of Panguni and lasts for ten days. The deity is supposed to go on fast for a period of four weeks prior to this festival, accepting only uncooked offerings. About the festival itself there is nothing much to be said. It is only on the tenth day that the Goddess is taken round the village in procession, when not less than a lakh of persons including pilgrims and devotees from far off places throng to this temple with their votive offerings like salt, grains, jaggery etc. Self-torture is also a variety of offering in fulfilment of vows.

The shrine of Goddess Bhavani (Periyanayaki) at Periyapalayam, a village on the banks of the river Araniyar, at a distance of 35 miles from Madras City has been enjoying a long and hoary tradition. The festival congregation that collects at this temple on every Sunday in the month of Adi (July-August) which is considered very auspicious for the worship of this deity, is considerable. Devotees from far off villages wend their way to this temple each Sunday for fulfilling vows taken while being afflicted with small-pox. We find a unique form of worship in this temple namely devotees presenting themselves to the deity as they were born—an extreme vow with which the deity appears to be very much pleased. People who have taken this vow, go to the temple, bathe in the river, cover their nudity with a garment of neem twigs, with fresh and full foliage tucked through a rope, and circumambulate the temple. Males as well as females take this vow. There will be an enormous crowd in the temple especially on the last Sunday of the month.

The temple of Pachaiamman in the City of Madras is situated in Mount Road and remains unnoticed practically throughout the year. The annual Brahmotsavam in the month of March collects some crowds for the twelve days of the festivals, and especially on the last two days. On the 11th day, one can find crowds of bare-bodied devotees marching to the temple with *Karagams* on their heads and assembling before the deity. After handing over their votive offerings to the Non-Brahmin priest of the temple the devotees wait for the supernatural power to descend on them. Round about 7 P.M. the devotees robed in yellow pass by with pots of fire on their heads, or with needles stuck deep in their faces and over the body, or walk barefooted on burning cinders of charcoal. Though the sight is oppressive to novices, the devotees and veterans are unperturbed. The festival ends on the twelfth day with a ceremonial procession of three deities, Vallabha Ganesar, Mannarswami and Pachaiamman through the streets, which starts at 10 P.M. and returns by 2 A.M.

In Erode (Coimbatore taluk) there are three temples dedicated to Mariamman—Periya Mariamman Koil, Chinna Mariamman Koil and Karai Vaikal Mariamman Koll. The annual festival of all these temples is conducted for 15 days in the Tamil month of Panguni (May). The congregation is estimated to be more than a lakh.

The following festivals which are also celebrated in honour of Goddess Mariamman attract record crowds in the respective places; as indicated below;

Thavalamman Festival in Gudiyatham North Arcot District ...	1·5 lakhs
Samundiamman Jathirai, Dharmapuri	1 lakh
Bhadrakaliamman Car Festival, Omalur	50,000
Mariamman Festival, Namakkal ...	50,000
Athikambai Kaliamman Festival, Palni	1 lakh
Mariamman Festival, Nilakottai ...	50,000
Kuppudaiamman Kovil Festival Tiruppathur, Ramanathapuram	1 lakh
Mariamman Festival, Sattur ...	50,000
Bhagavathiamman Koil Festival, Kalkulam	1 lakh

The Mariamman festival takes place mostly in April-May and July-August.

As already indicated, the religious rituals pertaining to these festivals are not very elaborate and specific. They are a mixture of sacrifice, music and dancing. Folk dance and other entertainments are considered as part and parcel of the functions.

GURUNATHASWAMI FESTIVAL

Gurunathaswami is the tutelary deity of Pudupalayam village in the Coimbatore district. The shrine is situate 25 miles away from Erode on the Erode—Andhiyur—Burgur road. Worship at this shrine is supposed to cure snakebite, and cure women who are affected with evil spirits. The annual festival of the temple takes place for three days in the month of Adi (July-August). The actual festival is celebrated on the fourth wednesday of the month, but there are functions to be performed on all the three wednesdays prior to that.The festival proper attracts a crowd of not less than one lakh of people. A big cattle fair is also held at this place as an adjunct to this festival.

On the first Wednesday in the month of Adi, the villagers assemble at the shrine, for the "Poochat" function. The deity is garlanded on this occasion, and the assembly decides about the details of the festival. On the second Wednesday, the flag is hoisted. The largest available bamboo in the village is brought, on which a white flag is hoisted heralding the inauguration of the festival. It is to be noted that the deity is held in great veneration by the people, and after the Poochat function on the first day, no individual leaves the village for a night halt, till the conclusion of the festival. On the third Wednesday, the idols of Gurunathaswami and his two devotees—Perumal and Kamakshi—are taken in procession. Gurunathaswami and Perumal are taken round in the two temple cars and Kamakshi in the temple palanquin. The Vahanams will not be decorated on this occasion. On the fourth Wednesday, the temple cars and palanquin are elaborately decorated, and the deities are taken in procession along the main road, as was done on the third Wednesday. A crowd of more than one lakh will watch the procession, demonstrating their faith in this village deity.

KODA FESTIVAL AT MANTAKKAD

Mantakkad is a coastal village in the Kalkulam taluk of Kanyakumari district. It is famous for its shrine of Bhagavathiamman, situated in the heart of the village. The locale is ideal and is surrounded with gifts of Dame Nature. Peace and tranquility prevail all round. The idol of the sanctum sanctorm is a huge ant-hill, which is encased in a neat little shrine, and is held in veneration by all people who know the temple or who come into contact with it. Daily worship is offered to this, and the devotees firmly believe that there is no favour which the Divine Mother cannot confer on them, if approached with appropriate faith, devotion and austerity. A visitor to the temple can see in the premises, numerous devotees, afflicted with various maladies, who have come there, as the last resort, for relief. Some are victims of insanity, some are afflicted with epileptic fits, and yet others are suffering from skin diseases considered as incurable by physicians. The stories narrated by them of the miraculous improvement that they are enjoying after leading a life of austerity and prayer within the temple premises are really surprising. Several cases considered incurable have been cured completely only by prayer at the shrine. This faith accounts for the huge crowds of devotees, estimated at about two lakhs, who congregate at the shrine during its annual festival called in local parlance as the 'Koda' which takes place for ten days in the Malayalam month of Kumbham (February-March) ending with the last Tuesday of the month.

Pilgrimage of devotees to this temple, from South and Central Travancore, would start after the Mahasivarathri. It is essential that they should have adhered to the prescribed austerities for a period of forty days, before they commence their journey to the sacred destination. They surrender their ego at the feet of the Divine Mother, believe in the efficacy of nothing but Her protection, express it in the slogan 'Bhagavathi Saranam' which they chant loudly all through their journey on foot, carrying on their heads in a neat bundle offering for the Goddess like rice, pepper, jaggery, turmeric, eggs etc. Other votive offerings brought by the devotees consist of dolls, replica of various parts of the bodies in silver and in wood. Parties of pilgrims also carry a flag to establish their identity.

From the third day of the festival to the tenth day, an image of the deity is taken round the main streets of the temple in procession on a silver palanquin, both in the morning and in the evening.

Of the ten days of the festival, the offerings by devotees called "Padukka" on Friday and the final offering on Tuesday called "Odukku Pooja" are the most important functions. During the former, devotees, in thousands, cook rice and vegetables separately in and around the temple premises, wherever there is space, offer it to the Goddess, and take it away as "prasad". The "Odukku Pooja" is a solemn ceremony when the priest offers at midnight, in an atmosphere of pin-drop silence, surcharged with devotion and fear, the 'Bali', a liquid made of lime, turmeric powder and other ingredients. This is witnessed by lakhs of devotees.

After the final ceremony, the flag is brought down the dwaja sthambham, and the festival concludes.

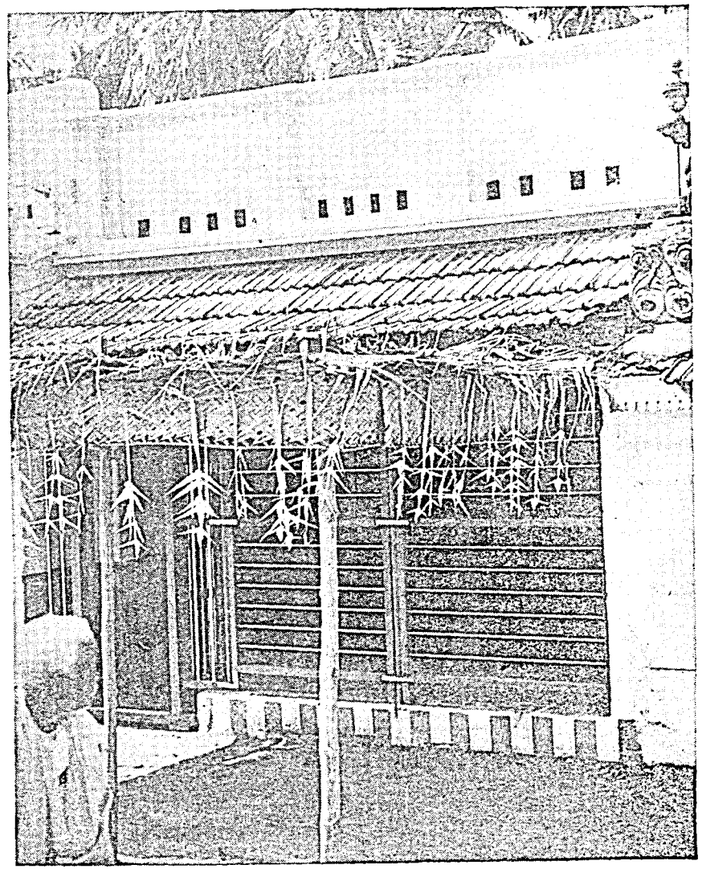
THYAGARAJA AARADHANA AT THIRUVAYYARU

He never dies who lives in the hearts of those he leaves behind. On 6th January 1847, on sacred Pushya Bahula Panchami day, the Saint Teacher and creative musician of the South, Sri Thyagaraja, attained *Samadhi* at Thiruvayyaru, a village seven miles off Thanjavur, on the banks of the sacred Cauveri in the district of Thanjavur in Madras State. Sri Thyagaraja still lives in the hearts of many and this marks the significance of the annual celebration of Thyagaraja Aaradhana at Thiruvayyaru.

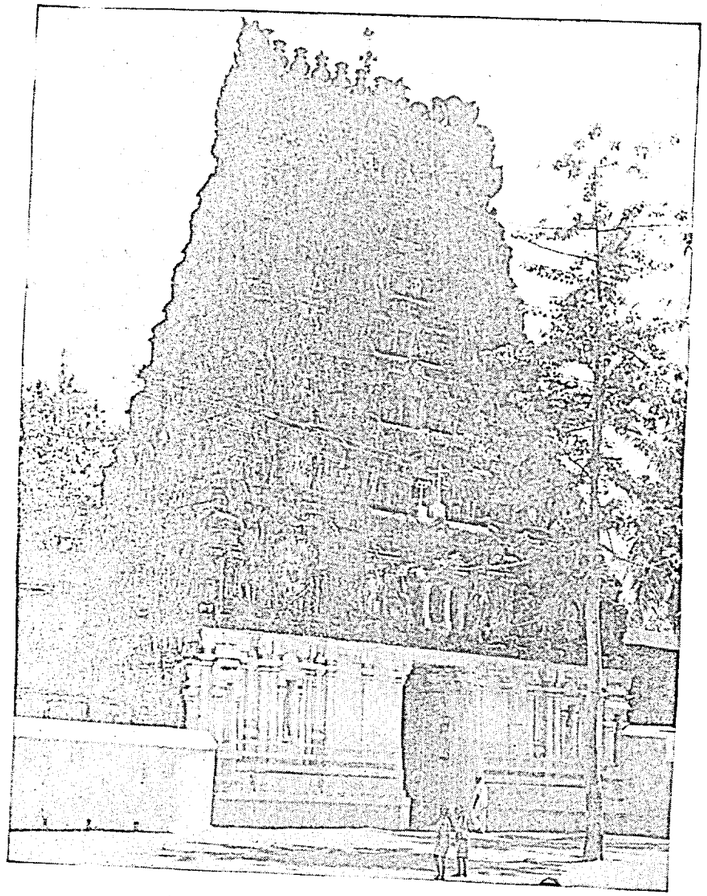
Member of Kakarla family, one of the many Telugu families that had migrated to Thanjavur and settled down in the Cauveri Delta, Sri Thyagaraja was born in Thiruvarur in the present Thanjavur District in the latter half of the eighteenth Century and he lived to a ripe old age of eighty, before he attained salvation. The Kakarla family had moved to Thiruvayyaru some time after Sri Thayagaraja was born, for it has been ordained that this small village of Thiruvayyaru had to be immortalised by the name of the Saint who lived and died there.

Sri Thyagaraja's father Rama Brahmam, was a Sanskrit and Telugu Scholar attached to the Royal Court of the Maharatta Ruler of Thanjavur. His mother was well versed in the devotional compositions of Purandharadas and Bhadrachala Ramdas and other saints. Born of such gifted parents, Sri Thyagaraja encountered no difficulty in attaining high proficiency in Sanskrit and Telugu, the Vedas, Upanishads, Sastras and Puranas and music. His flair for music, instilled into him by his gifted mother, led him to Sonti Venkitaramanayya, the Chief Musician at the Royal Court of Thanjavur. The attachment between the Guru and the disciple was such that the celebrated Court Musician taught all he knew, to his young disciple in whom he found an ardent, willing and deserving recipient.

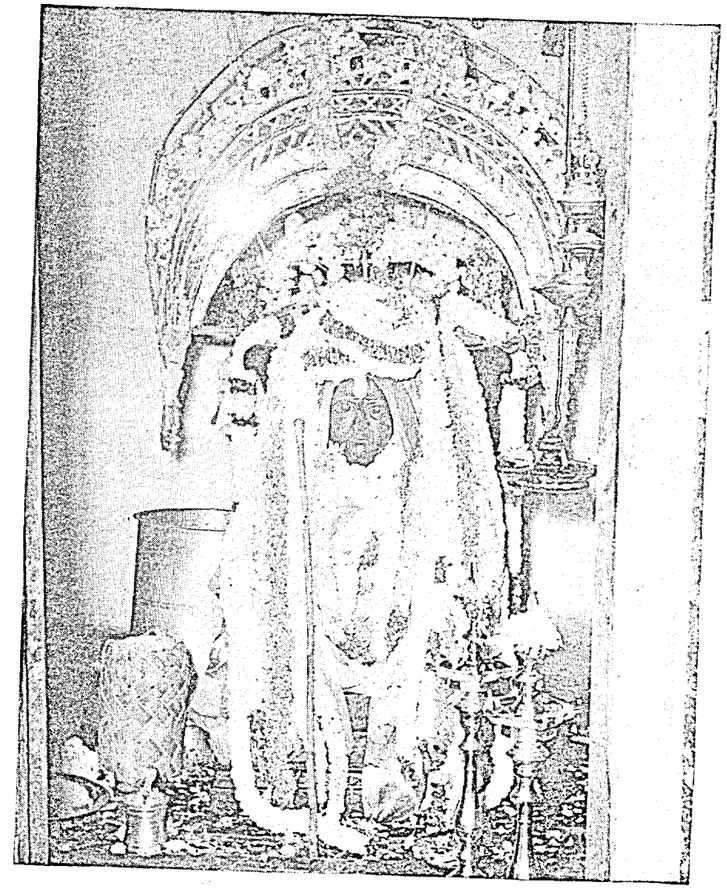
Coming in the line of devotees who believed in the cult of Rama Nama Japa, Sri Thyagaraja used to assist his father in the daily worship of Sri Rama, their family deity. The habit of gathering flowers for the daily pooja created in Sri Thyagaraja a desire to worship Sri Rama with unfading flowers of songs. He was initiated into the Rama Taraka Mantra by a Sanyasi Sri Ramakrishnananda from Kancheepuram. From then on Sri Thyagaraja's life was a complete dedication to the worship of Sri Rama. Much to the chagrin of his brothers, he took a voluntary vow of poverty, collected alms daily going about singing the glory of the Lord. He spent his time doing Nama Japa, composing and singing devotional songs about the Lord. Songs after songs poured forth as his musical moods varied, recording his spiritual experiences, his intense aspiration for the darshan of the Lord, his ecstacy whenever he had contact with the Divine presence and his ardent desire to correct evil in mankind and lead them to the path of devotion to God. His devotion to God was so great that he even rejected an offer of Royal patronage. He could never forsake the presence of Sri Rama to accept wealth and fame elsewhere.



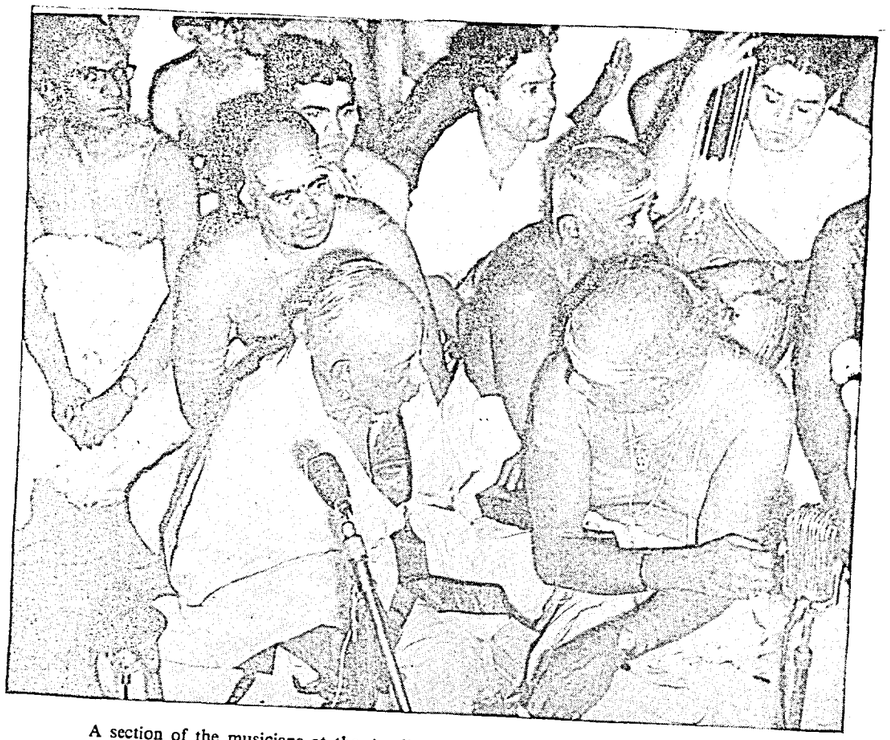
The house where Saint Thyagaraja lived.



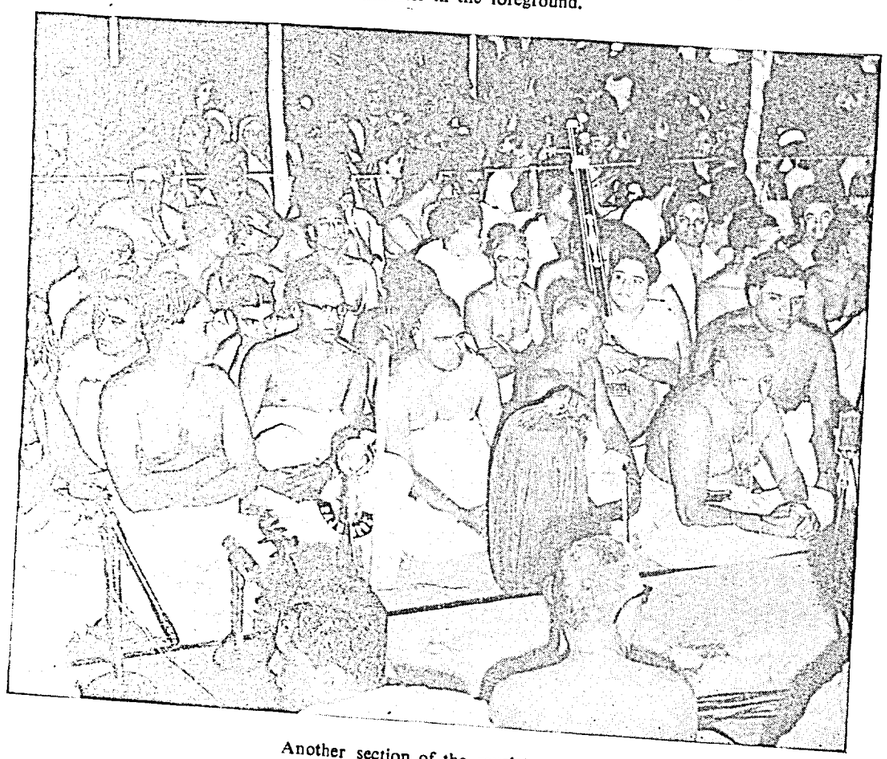
A view of the Panchanatheeswarar Temple.



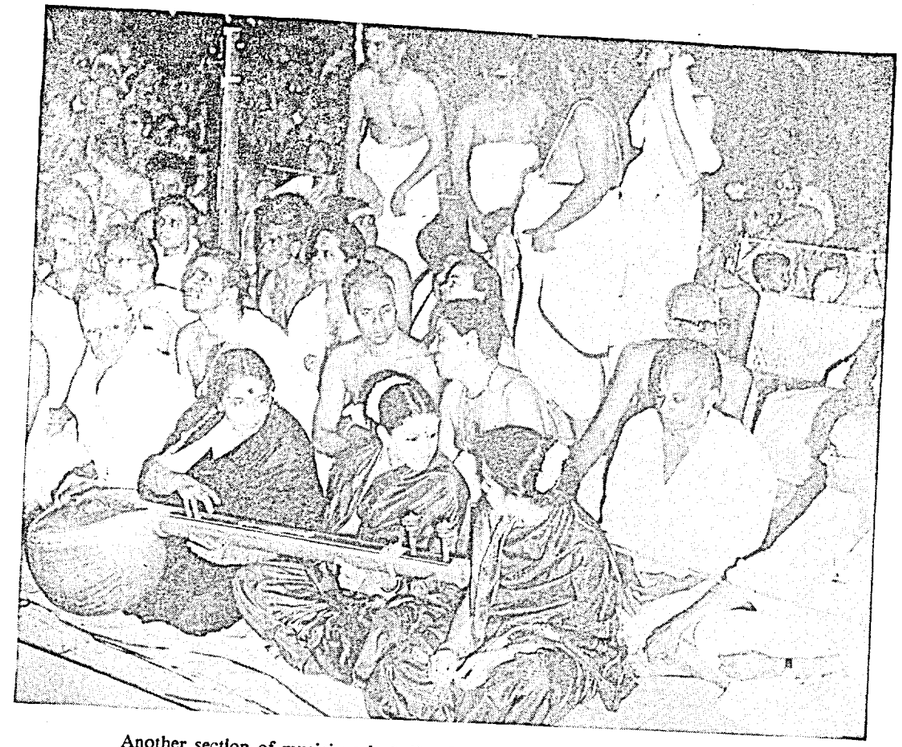
An image of Saint Thyagarajaswami.



A section of the musicians at the Aradhana with Ariyakudi and Maharajapuram Viswanathier in the foreground.



Another section of the musicians.



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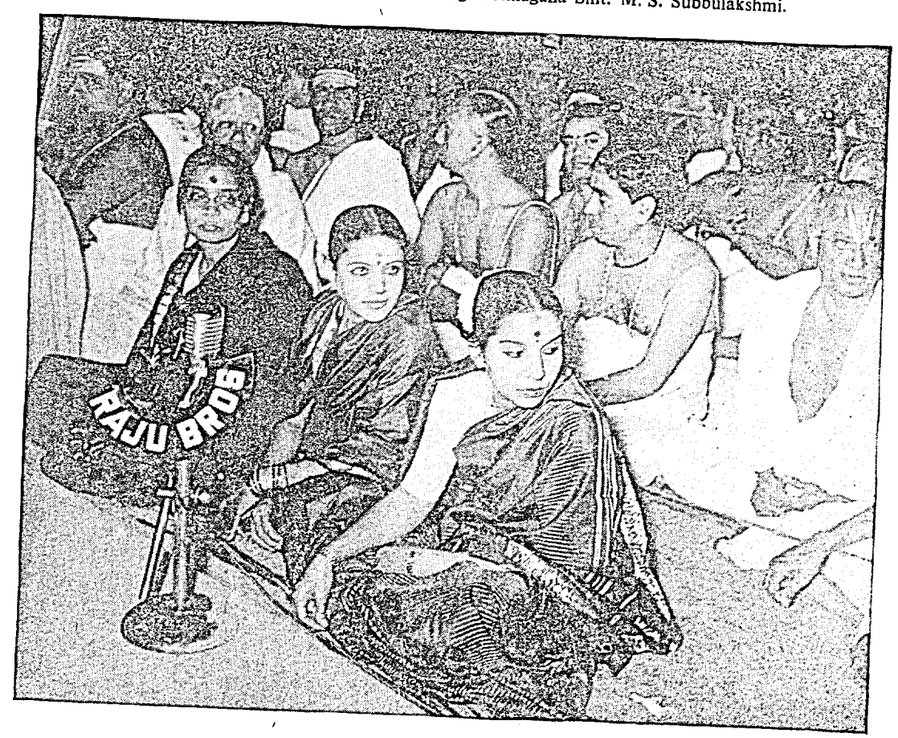
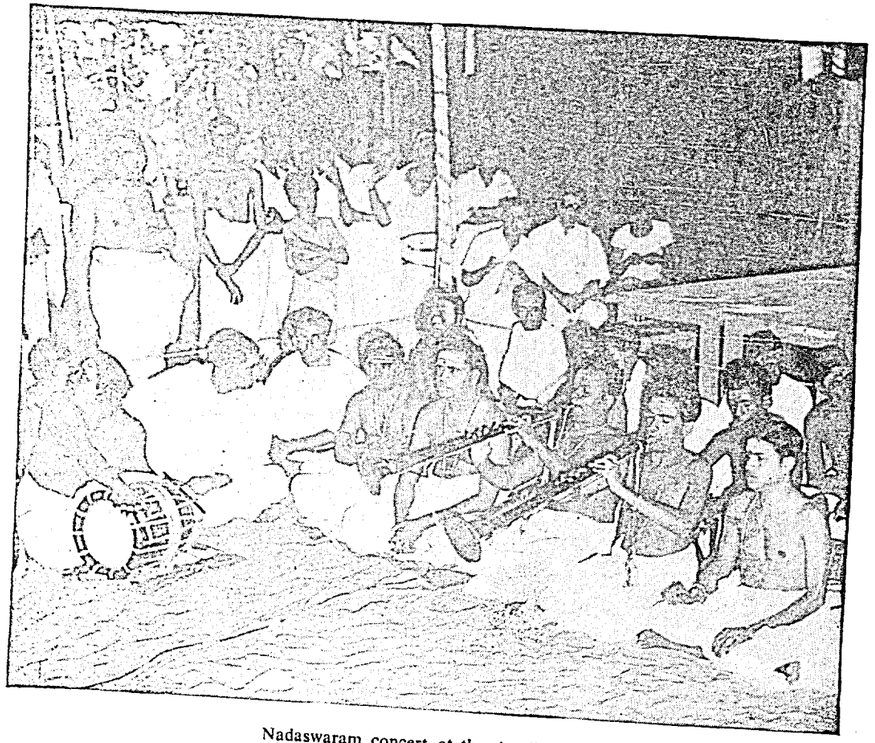


A concert by Smt. M. S. Subbulakshmi.

Violinists at the Aradhana-Kumbakonam Rajamanickam Pillai in the foreground.



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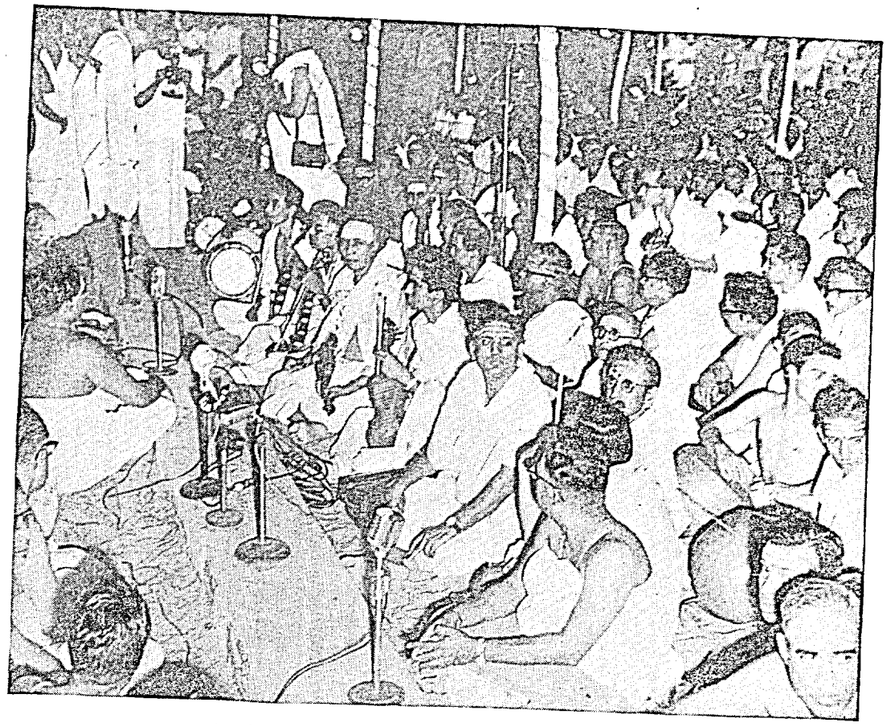
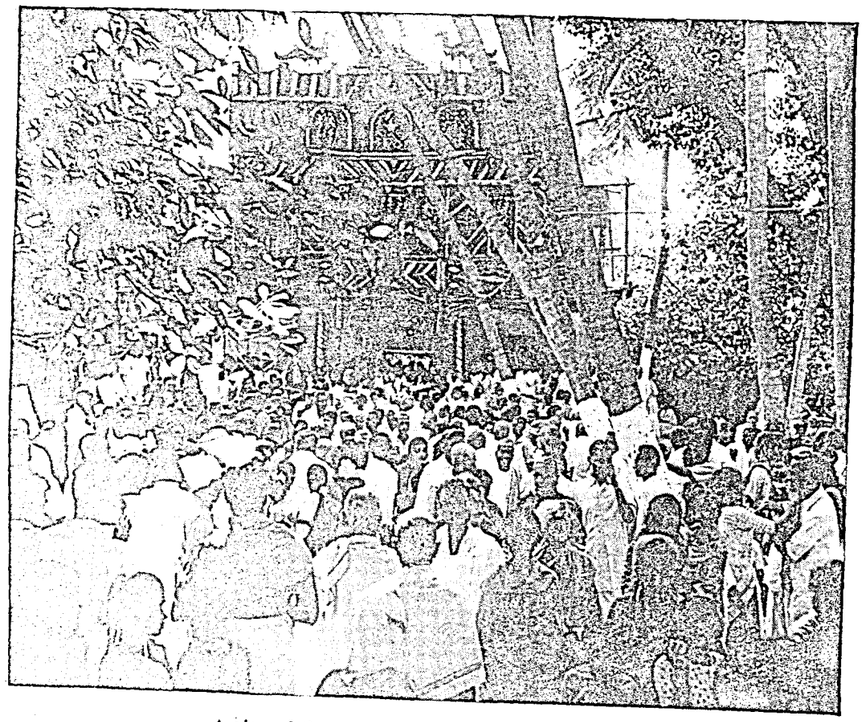


Another view of the Artists assembled at the Aradhana.



A view of the crowd at the Aradhana celebration.

Sri Thyagaraja's fame began to spread far and wide and musicians and scholars from all over came to hear him sing his own compositions and the songs of other saints. He thrilled them all alike by his gifted voice and profound knowledge of Carnatic Music, in its theory and practical exposition.

With Sri Thyagaraja's life is associated a miracle in the nature of a bounty of Sage Narada. It is recorded that one day a Sanyasin visited Thiruvayyaru to hear Sri Thayagaraja sing. The Sanyasin was so much pleased and impressed by Thyagaraja's divine music that he left a *grantha* with Thyagaraja with a promise that he would take back on his return from Cauveri after a bath. But the Sanyasin never returned. At night Sage Narada appeared before Thyagaraja in his dream and said that the Grantha he had left with Thyagaraja was the *Swararnavam* and that he himself was the Sanyasin. The Grantha *Swararnavam* opened up new venues; it gave Thyagaraja a further insight into the structure of some rare ragas and some ragas unknown till then. In utter ecstacy on being favoured with this gift of indeterminable value, Thyagaraja composed many songs in praise of Sage Narada.

As literary and devotional pieces, Thyagaraja's compositions are outstanding for the richness of the literature, felicity of expression and poetic thought, ethical teaching and devotional fervour and the mystic experience of 'God-love'. Viewed as illustrations of the scientific exposition of Carnatic music, the compositions are perfection par perfection.

Thyagaraja's devotional compositions, innumerable in number, a good many of which are lost in obscurity, are not confined to the glories of Sri Rama alone. During the later period of his life, he had gone on pilgrimage to many holy places in South India. During his travels, he had composed many songs about Sri Varadaraja Swami of Kancheepuram, Sri Venkatachalapathi of Thirupathi, Sri Thripurasundari of Thiruvottiyur, Sri Narasimha Swami of Sholingur, Lord Sundareswarar of Kovur and Sri Ranganathar of Srirangam. Besides these he had composed many Bhajans and two operas.

Recorded legend tells us that five days prior to his leaving his mortal coil, he had a vision of the Lord who promised him salvation five days after the Divine darsan. Realising that his end was in sight, Sri Thyagaraja entered the Sanyasa ashrama and on the appointed day, which fell on Pushya Bahula Panchami, in January 1847, the greatest of all musicians attained salvation.

The direct line of descent of the Saint is extinct. He had only a daughter, who gave birth to a son. The son died without any progeny. But the musicians and music lovers consider themselves the musical descendants of Sri Thyagaraja and every year they Commemorate the passing away of the great singing saint by celebrating his Aaradhana on Bahula Panchami day in grand style.

Today, among the composers whose songs are in vogue in concert performances, Sri Thyagaraja enjoys the place of pride. To Thyagaraja and two of his contemporaries, we owe and posterity will, the debt for the consolidation of Carnatic Musical heritage.

The mortal remains of Sri Thyagaraja were interned at Bhavaswami Padithurai at Thiruvayyaru on the Banks of Cauveri. Years after his death, through the untiring efforts of some of Sri Thyagaraja's musical descendants and devotees, a temple was erected at the spot where the mortal remains were interned and an idol of the Saint was installed in the temple. Daily worship is offered in the temple throughout the year.

The Thyagaraja Aaradhana is celebrated every year in early January mostly. Musicians from all over the South, viz: Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnad, Kerala and Mysore, converge in numbers to Thiruvayyaru to pay their homage to the Composer Saint. They consider it their bounden duty as musical descendants of Sri Thyagaraja to perpetuate his memory by celebrating the Aaradhana every year on the day he attained salvation.

Till some years ago, the celebration used to be spread over nine days commencing four days prior to Bahula Panchami day and concluding on the fourth day after Bahula Panchami. There was disunity among the musicians and devotees, so much so, they formed themselves into two parties. One party commenced the celebration four days prior to the Bahula Panchami day and concluded on that day, while the other commenced it on Bahula Panchami day and concluded the celebration on the fifth day. However, in 1941, a Society was formed and registered under the

name "Sri Thyaga Brahma Mahotsava Sabha" through the efforts of prominent musicians and music lovers of Madras State and thereafter this Sabha has been in charge of the celebration. The Aaradhana is now celebrated for three days commencing on the Bahula Panchami day.

On the first day the musicians go in procession with a decorated protrait of the Saint singing Thyagaraja's Kirtans. The procession will start from the house where the saint lived in Thiruvayyaru and winding its way through the important streets arrive at the *Samadhi*, where, while religious rites such as *Maharudhraparayanam*, special abhishekas and poojas are performed, the musicians render in chorus the famous Pancharathna Kirtanas of Thyagaraja. The morning celebrations conclude by mid-day.

The evening session commences at 3 O'clock in the afternoon and goes on till late in the night. At night, the decorated portrait of the Saint is taken round in a palanquin to the accompaniment of Nadaswara Music provided by the leading Nadaswara Vidwans of the South. On the second and third day there will be concert performances, vocal as well as instrumental. An important item on the second day is the 'Divyanamabhajan'. The Aaradhana Celebration ends with the "Anjaneya' festival on the night of the third day.

The Thyagaraja Aaradhana has an added significance in the present set up. It is an outstanding illustration to demonstrate that Carnatic Music does not suffer from the bane of linguistic parochialism.

Chapter—VI

MUSLIM FESTIVALS

MEELAD UN NABI

People of every religious faith celebrate as festivals the birthdays of their prophets and saints. Muslims all the world over celebrate the birthday of Prophet Mohammed. Meelad Un Nabi or Meelad, as this festival is called, is celebrated on the twelfth day of Rabi-ul-Awal which is the third month of the Muslim calendar.

Prophet Mohammed was born in the City of Mecca in Arabia, on 22nd April 570. He belonged to the Hashimite family of the Qurash. He was born as a posthumous child, and according to a legend, when he was born, his head was bowed in veneration to God, and when he lifted the head he uttered "*La Ilaha Illallaho Wa Inni Resalallah*" which, in translation, means "There is no God but Allah and I am his Prophet or messenger". He lost his mother at the age of six and was thereafter brought up under the care of his grandfather. At the age of ten, his grandfather also died and he was brought up by his uncle Abu Talib. It is said that he used to have strange experiences even as a boy of ten when he used to remain for long hours meditating on God. He grew up as an honest and well-behaved young man. At an early age, he began to manage the business of a rich widow by name Kadija whom, later on, he married at the age of twenty-five.

The social condition in Arabia at that time was really barbaric. The system of slavery was in existence. Drinking and gambling, contemptuous treatment of women etc. was rampant. New-born girls were buried alive and widows were driven away to the jungles. Law and order was practically non-existant. Mohammed was upset by these abominable practices and began to work for the eradication of these evils. He used to meditate on God for days together in the cave of Mount Hira. When he attained the age of forty, he was getting revelations from God. He used to receive them through the angel Gabriel and all the commands which he thus received from time to time were incorporated in the Holy Quran. He began to preach about the unity of God, dignity of the individual and brotherhood of mankind. In his attempt thus to bring about a new culture as well as a new social, political and economic order, he was opposed stiffly by the Arabs in his home-town, who planned to murder him. In obedience to a divine command, he moved from Mecca to Madina 622 A.D. which event is famous as the Hijrat. The Hijra era (Islamic year) commences from this date. His faith attracted large number of people in Madina, and he continued to preach tirelessly about the principles of Islam. The five basic principles of the new religion that he preached were: (1) Faith in the only Almighty God and in Mohammed, the Prophet of God (2) Prayer or 'namas' five times a day, (3) Zakath or liberal charity of at least 1/10th of one's savings (4) Fasting during Ramzan and (5) Haj or yearly pilgrimage to Mecca by all persons whose circumstances permitted it.

Numerous miracles are attributed to the Prophet during his life time. He preached about Islam for a long period of about twenty-three years, when Islam was propagated far and wide. millions had embraced it in various parts of the globe and when he passed away at the age of 63, on 8th June 632, Islam had been established firmly. It is to be noted that as a curious coincidence, the Prophet died on the 12th day of Rabi-ul-Awwal, which is also his birth day. What is now celebrated is only the birth day of the Prophet and not so much his anniversary which is called Bara Wafath.

The birth day celebrations commence even from the first day of Rabi-ul-Awal. Special shamianas or pandals are erected, decorated and illuminated from where learned moulvies give lively discourses on the Prophet and his mission during the first eleven days of the month. Where it is not possible to do it on all the eleven days, it is done necessarily on the eleventh day. In some places, poems composed in praise of the Prophet are recited melodiously on all the eleven nights. Some professional singers go about after dusk, from

house to house and recite poems about the Prophet in return for which they are given some remuneration on the eleventh day. All mosques are illuminated on the eleventh night where Muslims of the localities concerned congregate and listen to the sermons on the life and teachings of the Prophet. The ordeals that he endured to bring light and peace on the Arabs of his time, whose lives were nothing but barbarian, are emphasised during these sermons to impress on the people the need for patience and perseverance in all their endeavours. The sermons on the eleventh night extend upto 5-00 A.M. on the conclusion of which *fatiha* or prayer is offered with some sweets and the soul of the Prophet blessed. The sweets are subsequently distributed among the gathering.

On the eleventh or twelfth day of the celebrations, the wealthy Muslims arrange for a large banquet to which all Muslims of the locality including the poor and the low-placed in the community are invited, and fed sumptuously. The well-to-do people arrange for separate Milad dinners to which they invite friends and relatives. Sacred relics of the prophet such as hair, footprints, garments etc. are exhibited to the public from places where they are preserved. In the Madras State, a piece of garment which is supposed to have been worn by the prophet thirteen centuries ago is preserved in a shrine on a hillock at Pallavaram, twelve miles away from the Madras City, and huge crowds gather at this place on the Meelad Un Nabi day for having a look at this holy relic.

RAMZAN or ID UL FITR

Ramzan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. It is the most sacred of all the months of the year since the Holy Quran was revealed to the Prophet during this month. It is observed as a month of fasting when it is incumbent on all Muslims except small children and those who are sick, or engaged in travel to fast from dawn to dusk every day. Those who cannot fast during this month for exceptional reasons are expected to make it up and complete the prescribed period when circumstances are more favourable. Those who cannot observe it on all the thirty days do so particularly on the four important days, viz. 11th, 15th, 21st and 27th of the month and offer special prayers imploring God's forgiveness for their inability to fast throughout the month.

The Ramzan fast is observed in honour of God who revealed to the Muslims through their Prophet, their sacred guidance in life in the form of the Holy Quran. In the City of Madras, it commences after a direction from the Chief Kazi of Madras that the crescent moon has been sighted for the first time in the month of Ramzan and that the fast can commence. Similarly the fast is broken after he declares that the new moon has been sighted for the first time in the month of Shawal and that the fast can be terminated. For giving this direction, he has various contacts that give him the relevant information. While observing fast, the individuals are prohibited from eating, drinking or having contact with women.

Temporary abstinence from food, drink and sex enables an individual to pray to God with greater concentration and guards him against evil. The more orthodox among the Muslims abstain from outside contact during the month and stay in a corner in a mosque behind a screen or curtain restricting their movements to their daily bath and other essential needs and engaging themselves exclusively in reciting the Holy Quran throughout the day. This observance known as *I' tikaf* is purely voluntary.

The mosques become the centre of attraction during the Ramzan month. At sunset, Muslims gather together in the mosques where the trustees concerned offer them, for breaking the fast, dried fruits or dates and special gruel called "Nombu Kanji" is also prepared with broken rice and green-gram to which is added ghee, spices and coconut. The "Nombu Kanji" is also prepared in advance and distributed to the Muslim households in the locality well in time for breaking the fast. The expenditure for this purpose is met from voluntary contributions collected from the well-to-do Muslims of the locality.

Apart from the usual prayers offered five times during the day, special prayers called "Tarawiah" are offered during the nights in Ramzan. The tarawiah consists of twenty prostrations and after every four prostrations, there is a small halt or rest. A Hafiz who knows the Quran by heart leads the prayer, and every day he recites one chapter of the Quran, the aim being to complete a recital of the entire scripture by the 26th night of the month. Professional moulvis or scholars are invited even from North India for this purpose and they are remunerated suitably according to their attainments. Between the 27th and 30th day, there will be special recital of the entire Quran on a night that would suit the convenience of all the Muslim residents of the locality in which the mosque is situated, the Hafiz being paid a special remuneration for this purpose.

After breaking the fast and offering the special prayers, the congregation would disperse. Those who observe the fast, prefer to take their important night meal between 3 and 3-30 A.M. Arrangements are made for waking them up at the appropriate time, i.e, 1 A.M., 2 A.M., 3 A.M. and 4 A.M. either by neighbours or groups of people going about for this purpose. A special warning is given on the last occasion that only half an hour is left for the completion of the routine of the night. In the City of Madras, drums are beaten four times during the night at intervals as indicated above from the tower in the palace of the Prince of Arcot for giving suitable directions to the fasting Muslims regarding the time.

The twenty-sixth night of the month is considered the most important and is known as the *Lailutal Kadr* or the Night of Power (Planning). The Holy Quran was revealed to the Prophet on this auspicious night. The Muslims, therefore, keep awake the whole night repeating their prayers. After the special tarawiah in the mosques and the completion of the recital of the Quran by the Hafiz, the rich Muslims of the localities arrange for the distribution of sweets to the entire congregation in the mosques which will be unusually large on that day.

The successful termination of the fast is celebrated as a festival called Id UI Fitr or the festival of breaking the fast. This is done on the first day of the month of Shawal after the moon has been sighted for the first time after the New Moon. This festival is celebrated all over the world in a uniform manner. The faithful Muslims bathe early in the morning, put on new clothes, apply perfumes on their dress and proceed to the *Idgah* (open place of prayer) after distributing the *Fitr* or alms to the poor, as well as Zhakath. The amount that each one should distribute by way of Fitr and Zakath is ordained by the Islamic tenets. True to God, every Muslim is expected to observe this item of charity strictly, lest he should be taken to task by God on the judgement day. The Fitr is distributed to the needy poor, orphans and even to relatives in distress. (Fitr is calculated at 1/40 and Zakath at 1/10 of an individual's savings). The Idgah is usually an open space like the beach or maidan and not necessarily the mosques. In the city, the Id prayer is offered in the spacious mosques, the time for the prayer being fixed between 8 A.M. and 12 noon to suit the convenience of the local Muslims. In the villages and small towns, people gather together in the local mosque and proceed in a procession to the Idgah, all people repeating on the way the Takbir or "Allahu Akbar". All brethren of the faith participate in this function with absolute equality. The prayer is short and simple consisting of only two Rakats (prostrations) and six takbirs. There is also a kutba (sermon) which is usually in Arabic, but sometimes in a local language also. The sermon would explain shortly the significance of the Id UI Fatr. In the City of Madras, the biggest congregation estimated at 10,000 is found in the Big Mosque at Triplicane. The Prince of Arcot attends this function. The Id Prayer is wound up with shouts of Allahu Akbar which emanate from the persons gathered in the congregation. Immediately after the prayer, the people gathered at the spot embrace one another and exchange greetings of Id Mubarak (Happy and prosperous Id).

Women are not prohibited from attending the prayer at the Idga, if they observe the stipulations of the purdah system. But they generally prefer to offer their prayers at home. The women also bathe early in the morning, put on their best apparel and after offering their prayers, they engage themselves in the preparation of food and delicacies for the members of the household as well as the visitors. A special preparation for the occasion is the "Shir Khurma" which is a sweet pudding made of milk, sugar, dates and dried fruits. There will be a sumptuous feast for which the poor and the servants will be shown special consideration. After lunch, visits are exchanged and presents distributed. The newly married couples go

to their in-laws and receive new clothes and cash as presents.

The Id Ul Fitr is thus a unique festival which is celebrated without any distinction of rich or poor and in which the rich and the well-to-do show great consideration to the poor, enabling them to celebrate it and share the good things of life, in a spirit of equality along with them.

ID UL ADHA or BAKRID

The Muslim year has two canonical festivals—Ramzan or Id Ul Fitr and Bakrid or Id Ul Adha. The Bakrid, as the second festival is more popularly known, is a festival of sacrifice which is celebrated on the tenth day of Zul Haj the last month of the Muslim calendar in commemoration of the great sacrifice which Hazarath Abraham (Ibrahim) the father of the Prophets, condescended to perform at the behest of God by sacrificing his beloved son Ismail.

According to the legend, Abraham was the son of one of the cleverest idol makers of his time. He had, however, from his infancy, an innate aversion for the idol and he began to contemplate about the ultimate reality in his own way. Since wisdom dawned on him that nothing but the great Creator was all powerful, he broke all idols that came in his way and was condemned to be burnt to death for this crime. But fire would not burn him. He was, in due course, acknowledged as the first among the foremost prophets of Arabia. He was subjected to various tests by God, the last of them being a vision during three consecutive nights commanding him to sacrifice his most beloved son to God. Abraham confided this news to his son Ismail who agreed that God's will be done. Both of them therefore went to the top of a hill where Ismail surrendered himself to fate and Abraham bound him hand and foot. Abraham who was blindfolded, drew his sharp knife, and as he pierced the body of his son, it is stated that the world shivered and the angels prayed that the young man be saved from death. Abraham then heard a divine command that his sacrifice was accepted, and when he opened his eyes, he found that Ismail was not there and it was only a lamb that was sacrificed instead of Ismail.

It was Abraham and Ismail who built the Kaaba at Mecca which was the first house for the worship of Allah (Almighty). The Prophet Mohammed improved it and regulated the principles and procedure for the annual pilgrimage called 'Haj' which is one of the basic tenets of Islam. The month of Zul Haj is considered auspicious because the rites of Haj begin at Mecca from the seventh day of the month and continue up to the 10th day or Id Ul Adha.

Prophet Mohammed ordained that the anniversary of this day when Abraham had this revelation be celebrated every year and that on this occasion each individual should sacrifice, in good faith, at least a goat. He even stated that the animals so sacrificed on that day would help the individuals to cross, on the day of the final judgement, the bridge of *Pulsirath* which is thinner than a hair and sharper than the knife's edge.

The basic principles of this festival are uniform everywhere. As in the case of Ramzan, Muslims bathe early in the morning, dress themselves in their best attire and proceed to the Idgah for prayer repeating the takbir on the way. There is however a stipulation here, unlike Ramzan, that breakfast should be taken only after the Id prayers. After the Id prayer, the chief Imam lifts up his hands and prays to God for about half an hour, seeking His forgiveness for all people who could not perform the Haj that year. A special sermon on the life and sacrifice of Abraham is also delivered in the mosques. On the completion of the ceremonies at the Idgah, all those who can afford to do so sacrifice a goat in the name of God. The period of this sacrifice begins with the *Salat-al-Id* and concludes with sunset on the third day. Seven persons can jointly sacrifice a cow or a camel. Sacrifice is not permitted during the night. The goat offered for sacrifice should be above one year, the cow over two years and the camel over five years. No physically

handicapped animal should be sacrificed. It is considered appropriate for the man who sacrifices the animal to do it himself. The face of the animal being sacrificed should be turned towards the west and the back legs towards the south. While sacrificing, the names of the offerer and his father should be mentioned. The individual who sacrifices the animal should first taste the meat and then distribute it according to the prescribed rules. The sacrificed meat is divided into three portions out of which one part is given away in charity, one part distributed among relatives and friends and one part reserved for the offerer. If meat thus obtained is in excess of the requirements for the day, it is dried in the open sun for a few days and preserved. This Kabab, as it is called, is taken whenever need arises, roasted and consumed with the regular food. The sacrificed meat flow from house to house on the day of Bakrid. Just as "Shir Kurma" is the important item in the menu for Ramzan, meat preparations are important for Bakrid and are served freely. The skin of the sacrificed animal or its value is passed on to the nearby orphanage.

It is important to note that Islam lays great stress on sacrifice. A Muslim is defined in the Quran as "one who lives and dies for Allah". That the first and the last months of the Muslim calendar are associated each with a festival of sacrifice, viz. Muharram and Bakrid respectively may be a reminder of this dictum.

AKHARI CHAHARSHUMBA AND SHAB-I-MEHRAJ

Two other festivals which are associated with the life of the Prophet are: (1) the Tera Tezi and Akhari Chaharshumba festival which takes place in the month of Safar, the second month of the Muslim calendar and (2) the Shab-i-Mehraj which takes place in the seventh month.

It is said that the Prophet was bed-ridden for sometime before his death. The first thirteen days of the month of Safar when he was seriously ill are considered to be very unlucky by all Muslims. These are called the Tara Tezi or the thirteen days of heat and fever. On the last Wednesday of the month of Safar, he is supposed to have shown some improvement and this day is observed as Akhari Chaharshumba (the last Wednesday). In memory of this, the Muslims of South India wear new clothes, make sweet cakes, fried in butter over which the fatiha is performed, and move about in the gardens on this day.

On the twenty-seventh of Rajjab, the seventh month of the Hijra era, the Angel Gabriel is believed to have conducted the Prophet to Heaven. This event is celebrated as Shab-i-Mehraj (Mehraj-un-Nabi). The Muslims regard the night of this day as holy and so keep vigil, reading literature about the Prophet. Some of them also keep a fast on the next day.

SHAB-E-BARAT

Shab-e-Barat falls on the fifteenth of the month of Shaaban, the eighth month of the Muslim year and is celebrated as the Day of Assignment. It is believed that on the previous night, the fortune of every individual including those yet to be born is registered and recorded in heaven. According to tradition, there is a tree of life in heaven each leaf of which contain the name of one living human being on earth. This tree is shaken on this night and the leaves that fall down then indicate the death of the individuals, whose names they bear, during the succeeding year. Another belief is that God, on this day, descends from Heaven to ascertain through his angels the difficulties of the mortals on earth, to bless them and to grant them pardon. This festival is also celebrated in memory of the dead who are supposed to visit their surviving relatives on this particular night.

In observance of this festival, the Muslims keep vigil on the night of the fourteenth day, engaging themselves in prayers and in recitation of the Quran. Graveyards are visited, tombs cleaned, special prayers offered for the souls of the dead and food distributed to the poor. Some Muslims prepare and distribute bread and halwa on this day. A fast is observed on the fifteenth day.

THE GIYARWIN FESTIVAL

The eleventh day of the month of Rabi Ul Sanni the fourth month of the Hijra year is celebrated as the anniversary of the great saint, Abdul Quadir Jilani who is popularly known as the Pir-i-Dastagir (Saint of Saints). He was born at Jilan in Arabia. His father was a direct descendant of Imam Hassan, the grandson of the Prophet and his mother was directly related to Imam Hussain, another grandson of the prophet and younger brother of Imam Hassan. Both the father and mother were very devout saints. Brought up in such a pious atmosphere, he was religiously inclined from his infancy and as he grew up, subjecting himself to severe austerities and religious practices he became a true saint who was interested in nothing except God and religion. It is stated that he stayed at Baghdad for forty years, delivering religious discourses and died at the advanced age of ninetyone. He is the founder of the Sufi order among Muslims. His tomb at Baghdad is considered as a shrine and is visited by numerous piigrims every year. Numerous miracles were attributed to him during his life.

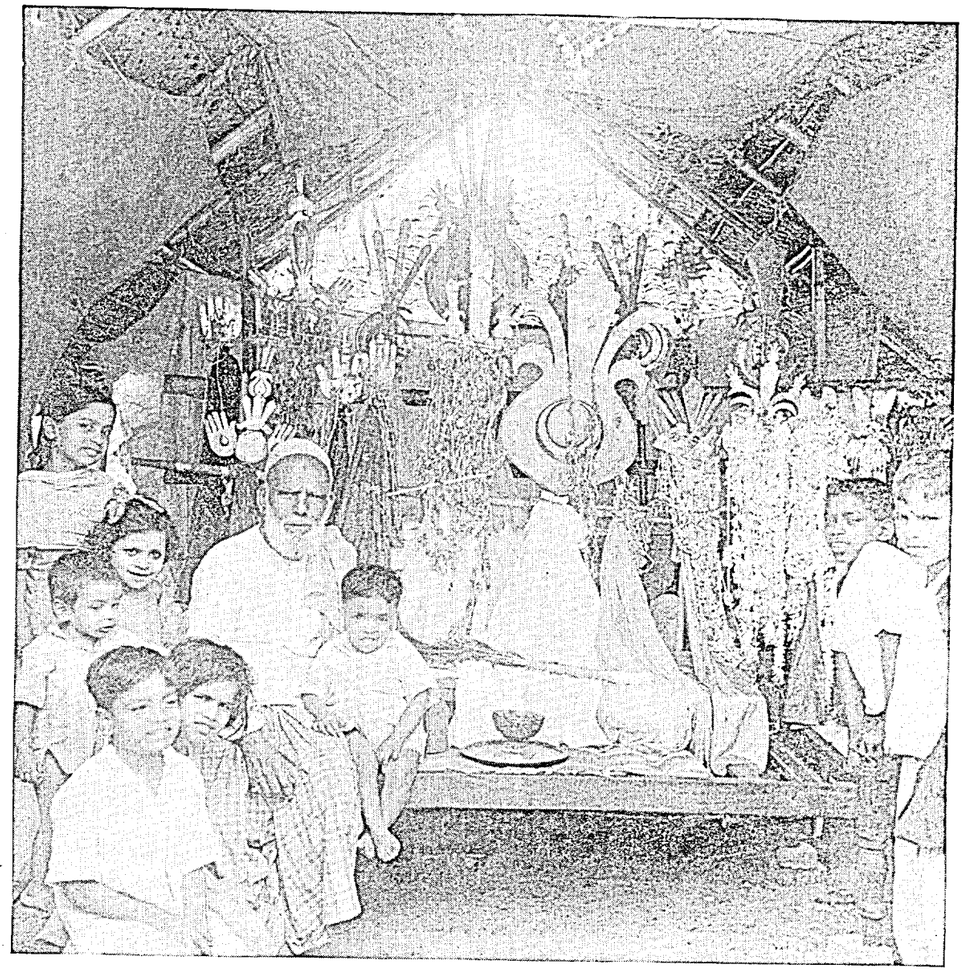
The Muslims of the Madras State arrange for religious discourses during the evenings of the first eleven days of the month of Rabi Ul Sanni in honour of this saint. Fatiha is recited and sweetmeats are distributed. Rich devotees of this saint feed the poor on the eleventh day of the month.

On the night of the tenth day, his followers arrange for a procession, accompanied by music and carrying a large green flag, bearing the impression of a spread palm on it, made of sandal wood paste, malida or a particular variety of powdered cake, sugar and flowers. The procession goes round the city or town, as the case may be, meets at an appointed place where they set up the standard, put flowers and sandal paste on the flag and recite the fatiha in the name of the saint. The function terminates with the distribution of cakes and sugar to the people assembled there.

MUHARRAM

Muharram is the first month of the Islamic calendar. The tenth day of this month is observed by every Muslim whether Shiah (follower of Ali) or Sunni (traditionist) as a day of mourning, being the anniversary of the tragic martyrdom of Imam Hussain, grandson of the Prophet who was brutally murdered along with the members of his family and a small band of followers at the historic battlefield of Karbala.

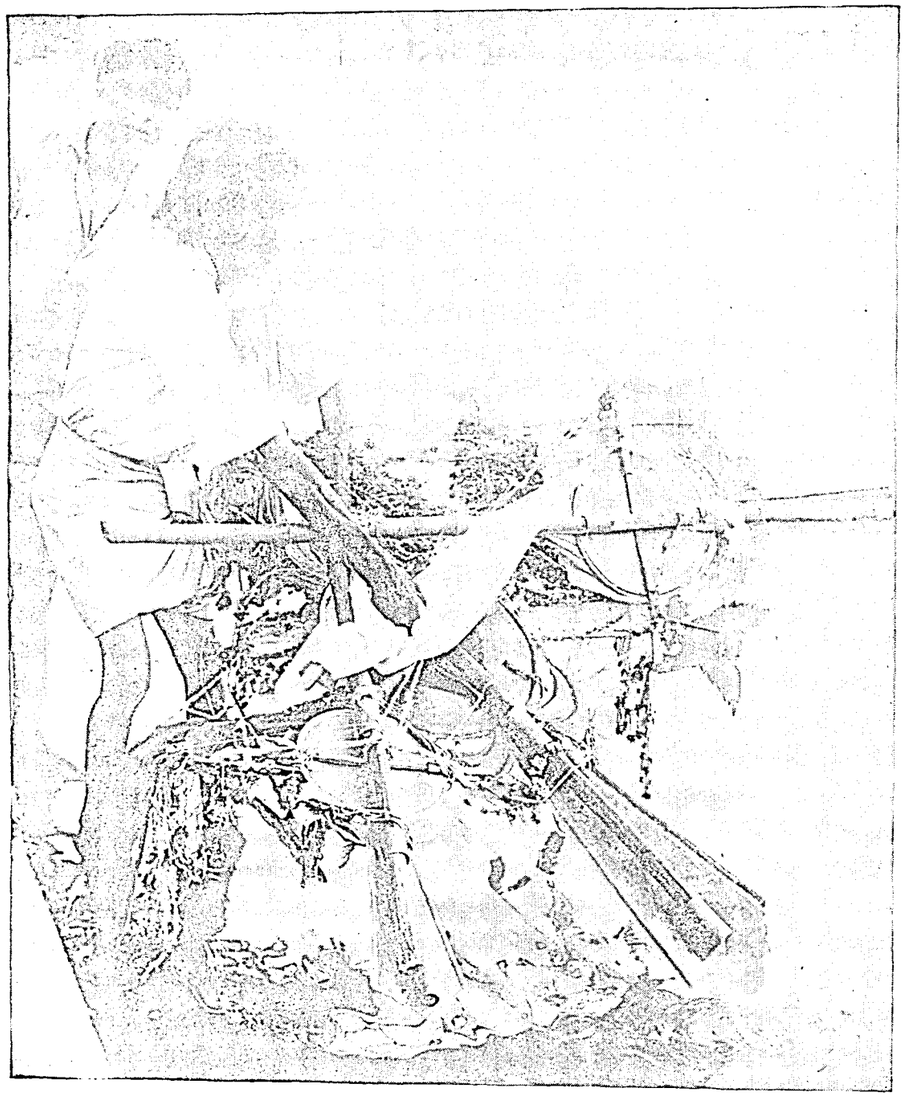
Ali, the son-in-law of the Prophet became the fourth Caliph of Islam, twenty-five years after the death of the Prophet. He left behind two sons, Hassan and Hussain, as his heirs. Normally Hassan, the elder son was to have succeeded Ali, but he preferred to step down in favour of Amir Muaviyah, the Governor of Syria. Muaviyah had promised at that time that he would be the Caliph for his life-time only and that he would have no hand in nominating his successor. It was agreed that his successor should be selected by the Muslim masses. After the death of Hassan, Muaviyah broke his promise and though Hussain was the obvious choice of the Muslims, he



Display of Panjas in an Imambara.

A scene at the Mylapore Temple Tank before dipping the Panjas on the tenth day.

The Panjas about to be dipped in the Temple Tank.



The Panjas being dipped in the tank.

decided and saw to it even during his lifetime that his son Yazid should succeed him as Caliph. Hussain, though not politically ambitious and was content to go through his worldly existence by a righteous life in strict conformity with the tenets of Islam, either in the Kaba at Mecca or by the grave of his grandfather at Madina, declined to take the oath of allegiance to Yazid who was only an usurper. The citizens of Kufa which was an important centre of Islam could not put up with the dictatorship of Yazid and persuaded Imam Hussain to take steps to overthrow him, promising their whole-hearted support in his endeavours in this regard. Hussain accepted this offer and disregarding the advice of his intimate friends and the entreaties of his relatives, set out for Kufa accompanied by the members of his family and a small band of his trusted followers.

On the first day of Muharram, they reached the borders of Babylonia where they were met by an army of Yazid which gave them the option to travel to Kufa by any road except the one that led to Mecca. Hussain chose his route and as he proceeded, he was met on the third day by an army of four thousand men under the command of Umar-Ibn-S'ad who insisted on his unconditional surrender and allegiance to Yazid. The army had successfully blockaded all access to the Euphrates and placed Hussain at its mercy even for drinking water. Stranded at Karbala, deceived and deserted by the Kufians who had insisted on his taking up the leadership, Imam Hussain, in a stirring speech entreated his opponents to permit him to retreat. But this was not responded to. Faced with the option of an unconditional surrender or a brutal massacre, Hussain appealed to his followers to return leaving him alone. But they were firm in their determination to lay down their lives, defending their leader and detested the idea of a dishonourable retreat. Thus sure of his destiny at Karbala, Imam Hussain is supposed to have celebrated on the seventh day of Muharram the marriage of his daughter Fatima with Kasim, son of his elder brother Hassan in fulfilment of an earlier promise to his brother.

On Hussain's refusal to surrender, the army of Yazid attacked him from all sides. Even when he was severely wounded, he was attacked, repeatedly whipped and when he breathed his last, his head was cut off and taken on the point of a spear to be presented before Yazid and the body was trampled by a troop of horsemen and disfigured beyond recognition. All his followers perished to a man in the battle. Even the young baby of Imam Hussain was slain. The women and children were mercilessly treated. In the words of Gibbon, "In a distant age and climate, the tragic scene of the death of Hussain will awaken the sympathy of the coldest reader". The martyrdom of this hero who refused to surrender to an atheistic usurper and fell firm in his belief in the principles of Islam and in God and His Prophet is celebrated by the Muslims all the world over through the famous festival of Muharram.

Though the festival is celebrated by both the important sections of Muslims, the manner of celebration differs in certain important respects. While the Shiahs wear black robes while participating in the processions, the Sunnis wear green robes. The Shiahs celebrate it exclusively as a festival of mourning, while Sunnis consider that there is not much place for mourning as the festival signifies the triumph of virtue and truth over evil. One significant aspect is that the majority of Muslims in both the sections abstain from meat-eating throughout the ten days of the celebration and on the tenth day the entire Muslim community turns vegetarian. The celebrations by both the sections commence after seeing the new moon in the month.

The Shiahs set apart special buildings or rooms called "Imambaras" wherein are kept the alams (panjas) which are supposed to represent the flags of Imam Hussain. The war materials viz. swords and shields of those days are also added as relics along with the panjas. During the first six days, they are busy with the erection and decoration of the Imambaras and the installation of the panjas. The actual celebration commences on the seventh day, when it is believed Hussain was denied access to the Euphrates and when the marriage of the ill-fated couple Fatima and Imam Kasim took place. A procession is taken out on this day in which men of all ages participate, clad in black garments. Paper flags and banners of Imam Hussain are carried and batches of youngsters beat their breasts, some with hands and some others with iron knives attached to chains. The crowd in one voice shout throughout the procession *Yah Hussain, Yah Hussain*. In commemoration of the unhappy

wedding, two decorated horses carrying the panjas follow the procession. These are supposed to signify the horses that carried the illfated couple during the wedding and move in the procession amidst shouts of *Yali dhoola Imam boli Imam deen.* Iced water and sherbet are carried in decorated hand-carts behind the procession for liberal distribution to those in the procession especially those who beat their breasts. Mournful elegies eulogising Hussain and narrating the tragedy of Karbala are sung by some members in the procession in such pathetic tones as would make the listeners weep. After parading the streets for some hours, the procession retires to the place from where it started and the panjas are restored to the respective Imambaras with great reverence. The participants in the procession are thereafter fed sumptuously with vegetable pulav. Similar processions are taken out on the eighth, ninth and tenth days also. On the ninth day, the Shiahs conduct special prayers and keep vigil invoking the blessings of God on the unfortunate victims of Karbala. The mosques of the Shiahs and the residences of important members of the community provide facilities for the mourners to participate in the celebrations throughout the period. The tenth day is observed by all sections of the Muslims as a day of fast and prayer.

The celebration of the Sunnis are more or less identical. After sighting the new moon in the month, the Sunnis take out in procession the boxes containing the panjas, amidst shouts of *Yah Hussain* and after parading some streets, install them in rooms, tents or huts specially set up for this purpose. The process of erecting and decorating these places and installing the panjas engage their attention for the first five days and on the sixth day, the celebration commences. In the City of Madras, the biggest panja with twelve hands is installed in Triplicane. Fatiha (offerings and prayers) is made to the panjas daily and special sweets are distributed by the devotees. The procession is continued on the following days also. The seventh day is considered very important by the Sunnis also. On this day, a procession is taken out in which panjas are carried by men in their hands and on horses covered with green clothes and decorated with flowers and lemon. Female devotees offer money in the hundies carried in the procession in token of favours received from Imam Hussain. The procession on the eighth day is on a grander scale. In Madras City, a huge procession starts from Broadway and terminates at Triplicane at about midnight. During this procession, *Aftabiris* are brought as offerings and pierced by the devotees by touching the fingers of one of the panjas carried in the procession. Aftabiris are paper kites of a peculiar shape made of bright colour paper and attached to long bamboo poles. A particular attraction on this day is the fire walking by devotees in various places. Before the tents and huts wherein panjas have been installed, pits of about 4′ diameter are dug and filled with logs of firewood. These are set fire to and in the burning cinders devotees carrying panjas, after a purificatory bath, jump bare-footed, run and walk till the fire is extinguised. This does not hurt them. The people flock round the pits and shout *Yah Hussain.* The most interesting fire-walking ceremony in Madras City takes place at Mannadi in Broadway where in a pit 12′ long and 4′ wide, full of burning charcoal and iron scrap, several devotees jump and walk till the whole fire is put out. A peculiar feature is that Hindus also participate in this fire walking in considerable numbers. Beatings of drums and loud shouts of *Yah Hussain* fill the atmosphere. After the fire walking, the procession disperses.

On the ninth day, there is an additional attraction to the procession. Tabuts (Tazias) which are miniature models of the tomb of Hussain at Karbala, made of bamboo frames and coloured paper, decorated with artistic designs in mica and illuminated with coloured lights are taken out along with the procession. Offerings of sweets, coconuts etc. are made to the tabuts. Water is sprinkled on the roadways through which the tabuts are taken. Sherbet and cold water are distributed to the processionists in memory of the thirst and hardships experienced by Hussain and his followers at Karbala. The custom is prevalent of some people painting their bodies and wearing masks to look like tigers and moving and playing like tigers along with the procession.

On the tenth day, the panjas and tabuts are carried in procession through the main streets and important places to a river or a tank where they are immersed. The panjas and the big and costly tabuts are brought back after sprinkling water on them. In the City of Madras, it is a time-honoured custom to take them to the tank of the famous Kapaleeswarar temple at Mylapore. Here the tabuts are immersed, the alams purified with the waters of the tank, fatiha performed and sherbet distributed to the devotees. The alams are packed and restored to their original places and with this, the celebrations conclude.

FESTIVAL OF SAINT QUADAR WALI AT NAGORE

Nagore, a railway terminus of the Thanjavur-Nagore branch line of the Southern Railway is a suburb of the town of Nagapattinam in Thanjavur district and is famous for the shrine (Darga) of Saint Hazareth Saiyed Shahul Hamid Quadar Wali who is believed to confer profusely on his worshippers blessings without any distinction of religion, caste, creed or colour. The devotion and respect for the saint has resulted in his elevation to Godhood with the result that the saint is famous among the Hindu community as Nagore Andavar or the God of Nagore. The anniversary of this saint is celebrated at Nagore during the first fourteen days of the month of Jamadiul Akhir (September) which is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. Pilgrims from all over India as well as from far-off countries like Arabia, Burma, Ceylon etc., attend this festival, in large numbers. It is particularly significant that a large number of Hindus participate in the festival with great devotion.

This saint to whom numerous miracles are attributed during his life was born in Manickapur near Ayodhya in the Uttar Pradesh, 400 years ago in the year 910 Hijra. His father was the 21st lineal descendant of the Prophet. He grew up as a supernatural child. At the age of eight, he is said to have mastered the Arabic language and was initiated into divine knowledge by Hazareth Saiyed Mohammed Ghouse Sahib of Gwalior. Some years after his training under this preceptor, he toured extensively with a party of 404 disciples in Afghanistan, Baluchistan etc. On his way to Mecca, he was met by one Kazi Hazareth Nooruddin Sahib with a request to be blessed with a child. The request was granted subject to the condition that the eldest son should be dedicated to the saint to be brought up as his own son. The blessing materialised and the first son was born. At the age of seven, this boy left for Mecca in response to a voice that he was wanted there by his real father. After the boy joined him, the saint undertook further travels propagating Islam. When he visited Thanjavur the then ruler Achuthappa Naik was afflicted by a grievous malady. The saint cured him miraculously and was in turn, offered various presents. He rejected them and accepted only the plot of land on which the famous darga is situated. He stayed with his son at this place till his sixty-eighth year and when he died, he was buried in the tomb according to instructions given by him earlier. The darga at Nagore also contains the tombs of his miraculous son and his wife. The big minaret in front of the darga was built by Pratapa Singh of Thanjavur. His son Tulasaji Maharaja endowed the shrine with large extent of land. Extensions were carried out to this edifice by devotees from time to time.

Many are the miracles attributed to the saint during his life-time. Nor did they stop with his disappearance from the mortal world. Several instances are narrated of sight being restored to the blind, incurable diseases being miraculously cured, children being born to the childless and several other prayers being granted. Such miracles continue to this day. Devotees undertake various vows to get relief from their maladies. Tonsure ceremony is one of the vows which is performed not only by children, but also by grown-up men. Some people undertake to sleep in the premises of the darga for some nights to have their prayers granted.

The annual Kandoori festival at Nagore commences with the *URUS* or the flag-hoisting ceremony which takes place at about 6–30 P.M. on the last day of the Jamathul–Avval month. On this day, flags are hoisted on all the five minarets of the darga. Traditional Muslim flags in green with the symbol of the crescent are brought in procession from Nagapattam to Nagore on this day in a replica of a decorated ship. The flags are donated by devotees from various parts of the country as well as from overseas like Singapore, Malaya etc. Tradition has it that the great saint was one day having a shave on the sea-shore by looking into a mirror when due to divine intuition, he knew that a ship in mid-sea had developed a leak and was about to sink. He threw the mirror in which he was looking into the sea, which closed the hole through which water was entering the ship and thus saved the ship and its crew from ruin. In commemoration of this miracle, devotees at Singapore send the flags even today as a mark of gratitude to the saint who brought safety and victory to the sinking ship. The flag hoisting ceremony is witnessed by a huge crowd from various places. Offerings of flowers, sandalpaste, brown sugar, incense and money are made on the occasion.

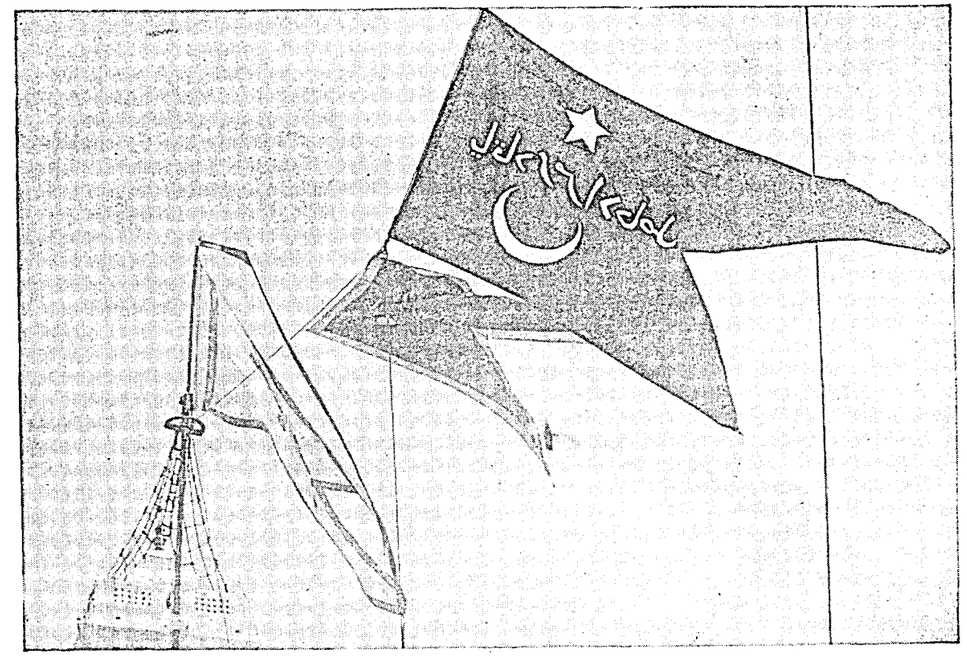
During the period of the festival, a mass Jumma prayer is conducted on Fridays by the Katheeb Saheb who is dressed in the robe of the Arabian Muslim.

On the eighth day of the festival, there is a display of fireworks. The ninth day witnesses the installation of the "Peer" or "Gnana Guru" at about 10 P.M. It would appear that a devotee of the saint who was actuated by a desire to see him in person came from a faraway country to Nagore. By the time he reached Nagore, the saint was no more and the disappointed devotee sat there in penance. On the third night, he had a darshan of the saint and his desire was fulfilled. In commemoration of this incident, on the ninth day, one of the descendents of the saint is chosen as a peer and is installed in a place inside the darga called the *Peer Mandapam*. After offering prayers at the saint's tomb, this individual sits there with folded legs which are also bound after he sits there. In that position, he fasts and keeps vigil for three days. Numerous devotees flock to him on these days for obtaining amulets and lime from him which are supposed to possess supernatural powers. They offer him money.

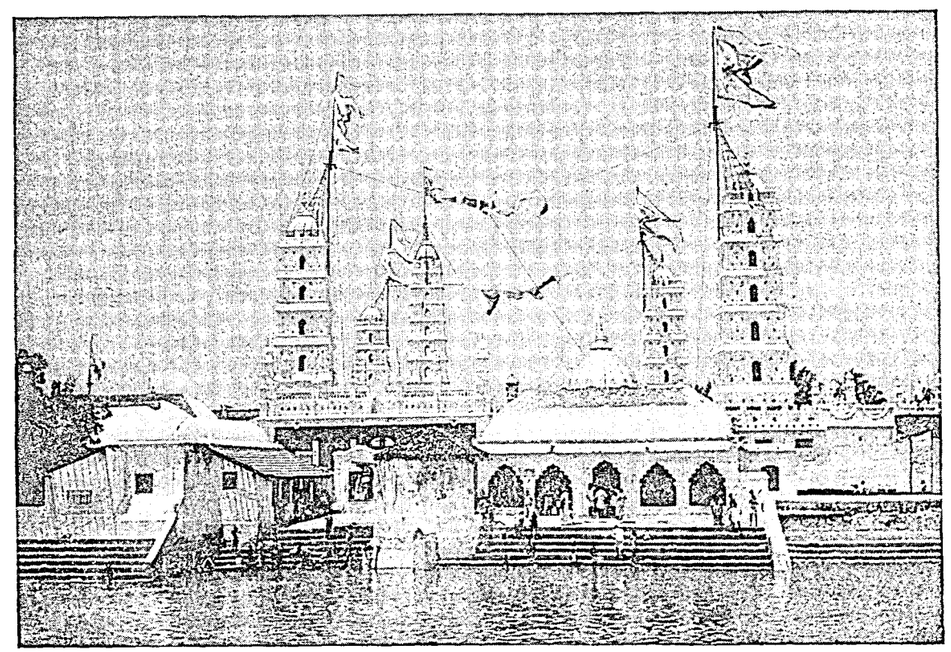
The tenth day is the most important day. It is stated that sometime after the death of the saint, a devotee approached his son with a request that he may be permitted to anoint the saint's tomb with sandal paste. The prayer was granted and since then, anointing the saint's tomb with sandal paste has become an important item of the festival. The sandal paste is brought from Nagapattinam in a procession. It is placed in a silver vessel and put in a tabooth (chandanakoodu) which will be in the shape of a decorated temple car. The procession starts from Nagapattinam at 10 P. M. and reaches the darga by about 4-30 A.M. As soon as the tabooth arrives at the darga, the hereditary high priest (Kaleefa) is taken in procession to the tomb and he performs the anointing ceremony. The Kaleefa becomes unconscious after the anointing ceremony is over and is carried home under police bandobust. When he regains consciousness, he distributes the sandal paste as "prasadam" to the devotees.

On the eleventh day, the 'peer' who was installed on the ninth day is released from the bondage when he proceeds to a place on the seashore called the "Chilladi" which is believed to be the place from where years ago, the saint threw his mirror at the sinking ship. Here the peer stands for a while in a pit and offers prayers. The water in the pit becomes sweet so long as he remains there, and after he leaves the place, it becomes saline. People flock together in large numbers to get a drop of this water and taste it.

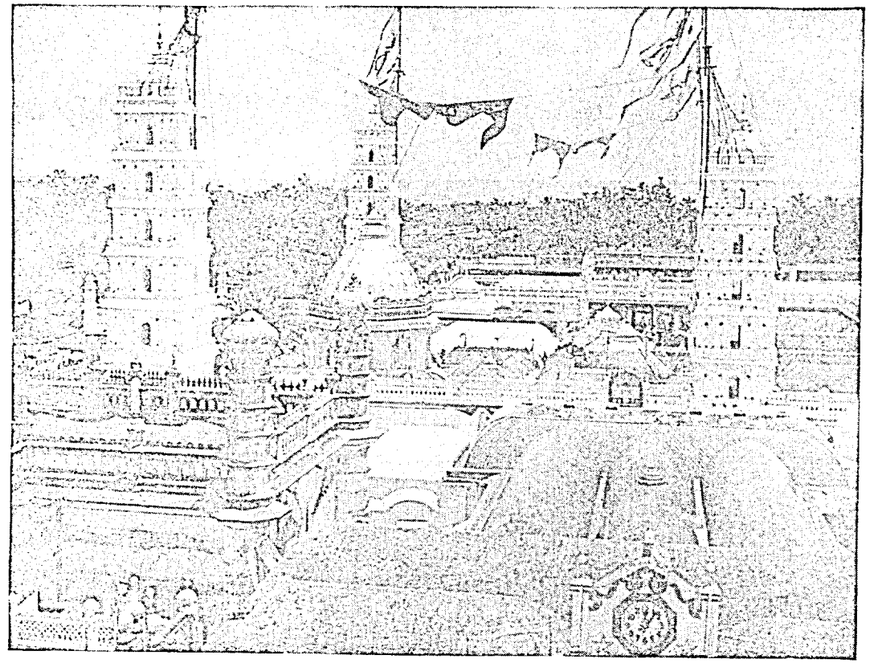
On the twelfth and thirteenth days also, people gather together in large numbers to offer their prayers. On the fourteenth day, the flags are dismounted from the minarets at 8-30 P.M. which marks the conclusion of the festival.



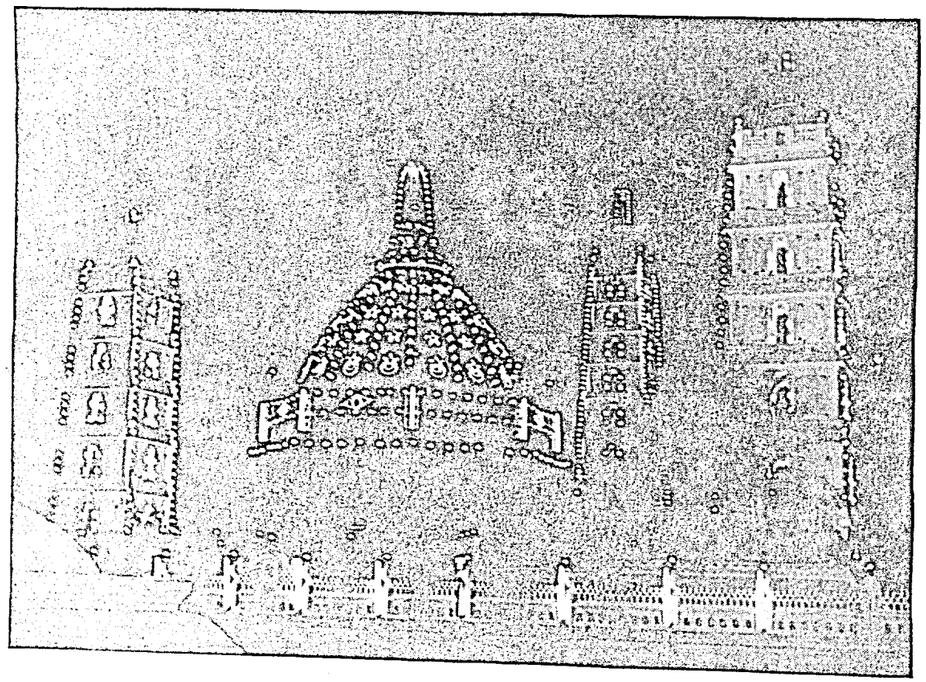
The traditional flag hoisted on the darga heralding the commencement of the Nagore festival.



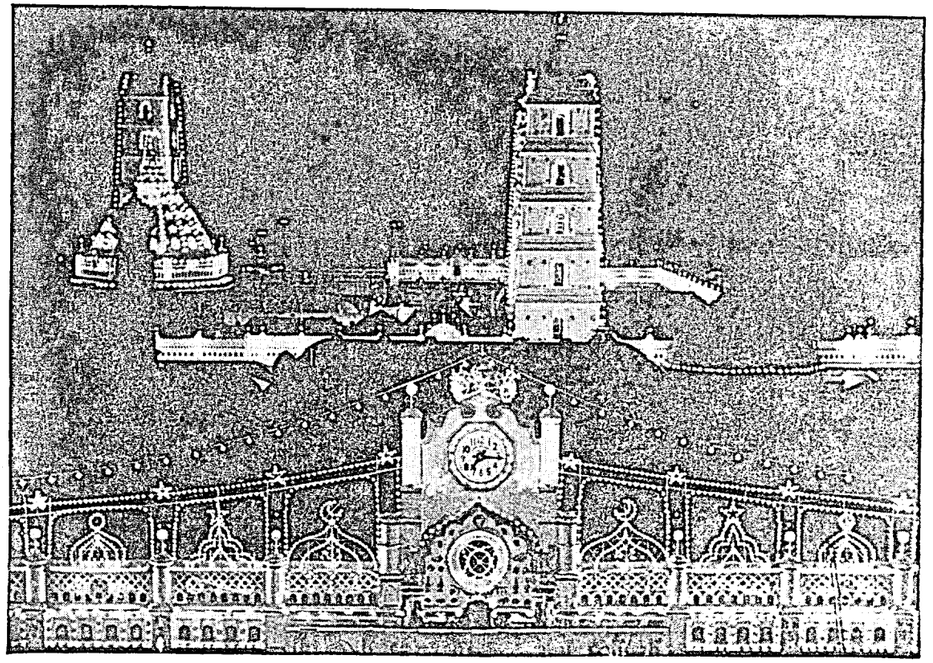
A view of the Darga with the big tank and the flags hoisted on the five minarets.



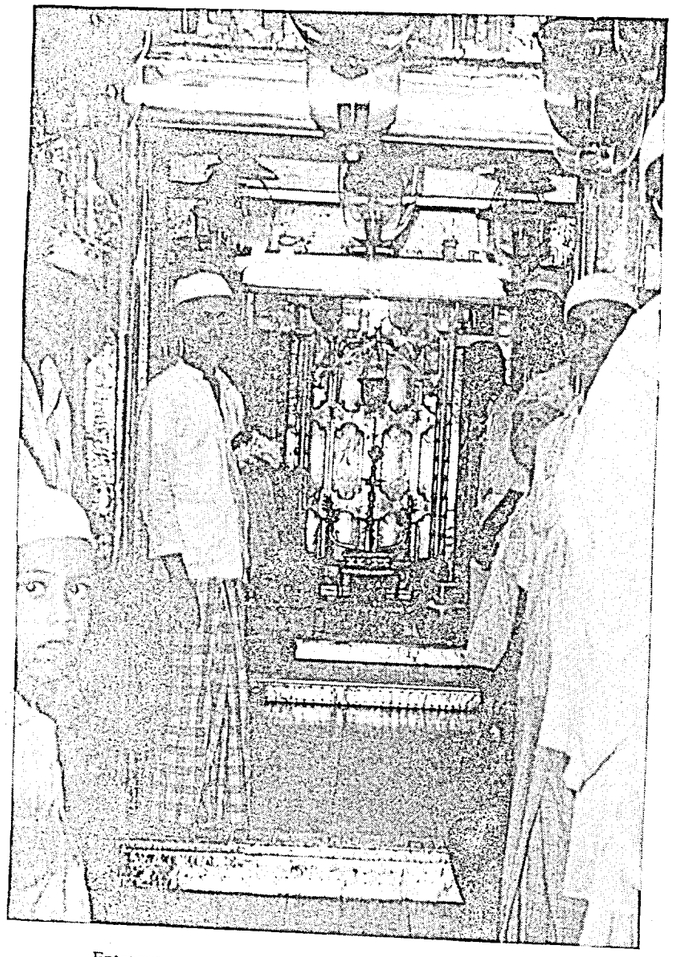
A birds eye-view of the Darga.



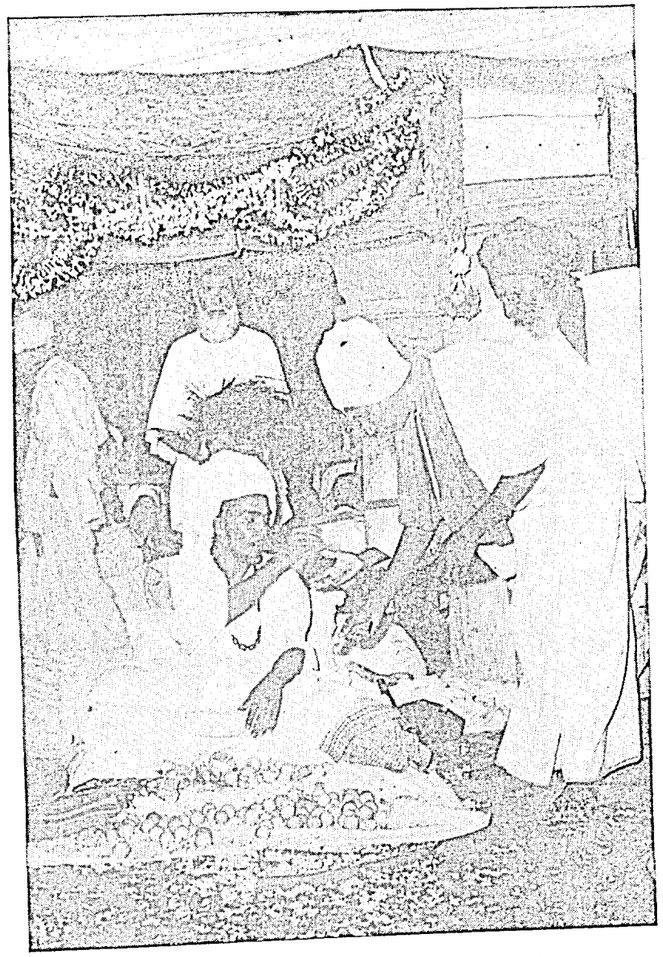
A view of the illuminated minarets.



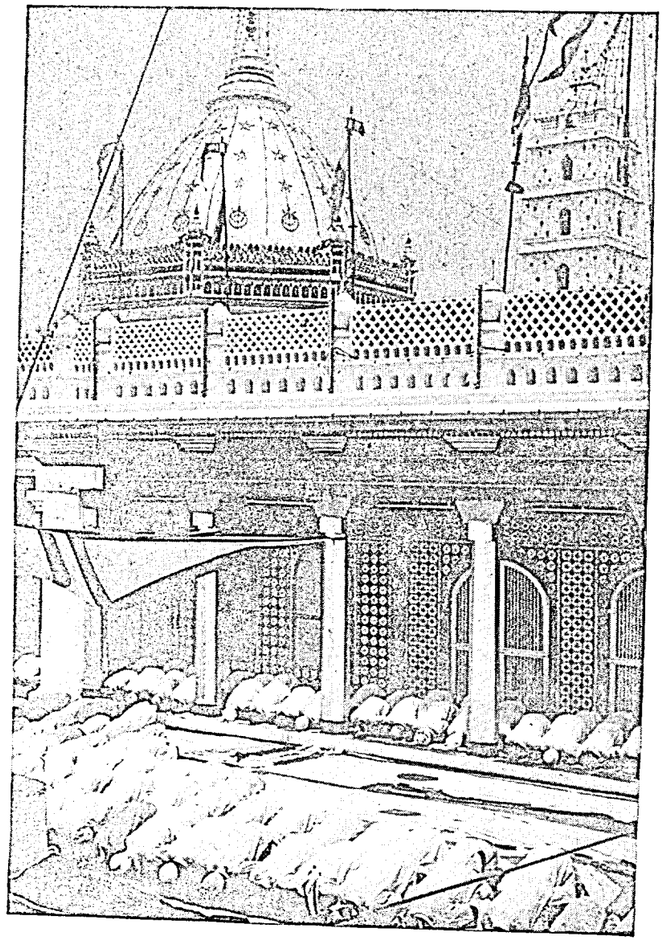
Another view of the illuminated Darga.



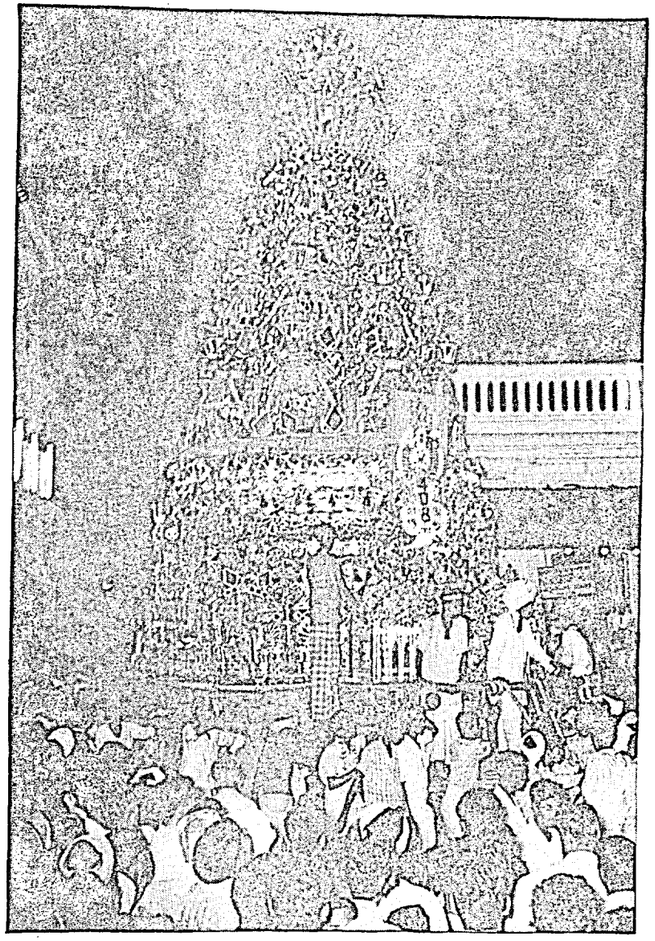
Entrance to the tomb of Saint Quadarwali in the Darga.



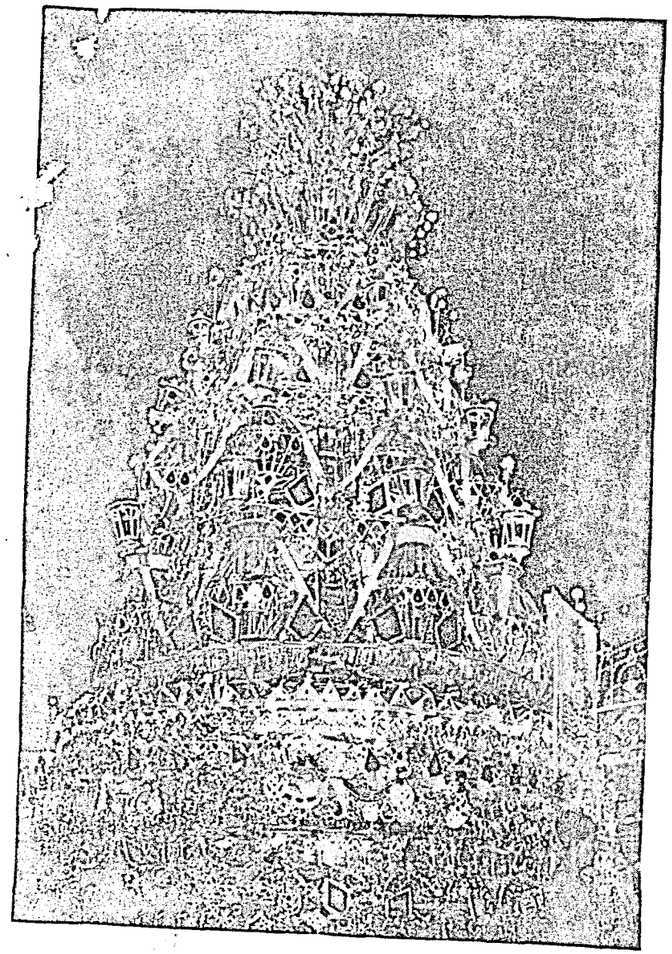
Installation of the Peer: Peer distributing amulets and lime.



Devotees offering prayers at the Darga.



Procession of the Chandanakoodu.



The Chandanakoodu–a closer view.

Chapter—VI

CHRISTIAN FESTIVALS

CHRISTMAS

Christmas which marks the birth of the Christian era, *anno domini*, falls according to the Gregarian calendar on the midnight of 24th December when Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, called the City of David in the kingdom of Judea.

It is written in a book of testament that in the days of Ceaser Agustus of Rome, a decree was passed that all the world should be taxed and all went to be taxed everyone into his own country. So came Joseph of Nazareth from Galili into the City of David in Judea with his espoused wife, Mary, who had been conceived of the Holy Ghost. It was whilst there that Mary brought forth her first born son and he was called Jesus. Bethlehem was full of people congregated to be taxed and Joseph and Mary could not get rooms in any inn. Mary wrapped her first born in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manager.

At this time, the angel of God appeared before the shepherds who were keeping watch over their flock of sheep at night. The angel pacified the frightened shepherds and gave them the joyous news that unto them has been born in the City of David their Saviour, Christ the Lord. The shepherds then had a sudden vision of a multitude of heavenly hosts praising the God and singing "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, His peace to men of goodwill".

After the angels disappeared into heaven, the shepherds hastened to find Joseph and Mary and the child. The shepherds in their turn sang in praise of the Lord and spread the news.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, there came to Jerusalem wise men from the East. They saw a bright star in the East and came to the house where Jesus was born, guided by the star. When they saw the child and Mary, the mother, they came down on bended knees and worshipped them for they knew that the child that was born was the King of the Jews. They presented unto the child gifts of gold, frankincense and mirrh. This is the significance of Christmas.

Christmas is an event of rejoicing and is celebrated all over the Christian world. 25th of December is the Christmas Day and the festivity commences on the previous day called 'Christmas Eve'. The outstanding features of the Christmas celebration are the Christmas Star, the Crib, the Christmas Tree and the singing of Christmas carols.

The star is a replica in magnification of the star that guided the wise men from the East to the temporary abode of Joseph, Mary and the child. A frame of bamboo sticks in the shape of a star covered with translucent material and illuminated from inside is hung up in a prominent place in every Christian house. There will be festoons and buntings and multi-coloured Chinese lanterns.

The Catholic churches and rich households exhibit a tableau vivant (crib) representing the manger in which the child Jesus was laid in swaddling clothes with the images of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and also the angels, the shepherds and the wise men of the East with the guiding star complete. A scrawl will also be there with the song of the angels in it.

A decorated Christmas tree is a very important item in Christmas celebration. There will be no Christian household without a Christmas tree. A branch of the fur tree is set up decorated with candles or illuminated with electric bulbs of various colours. There will also be festoons and toy balloons and a bright star to complete the assemblage. There will be packets of presents for the kids of the house hung up from the branches. The legend is that Santa Claus or Father Christmas goes round the world during Christmas distributing gifts to the children.

During Christmas week, bands of singers go round at night singing carols. Melodious songs in

English as well as the local languages with orchestral accompaniment are sung by the roving musicians. The verses relate to the nativity of Christ. These carol singers collect voluntary contributions which are mostly utilised for charitable purposes.

Christmas is religious in purport and festive in character. The celebration commences on the 24th of December called the Christmas Eve. The churches conduct a mid-night mass at the time when Christ was born at Bethlehem. For the morning service on the 25th, Christians without any exception attend the church, clad in new clothes. It is an occasion for reunion and rejoicing. The traditional Christmas cake is an indispensible fare in Christmas feast.

Though Christmas is a Christian festival, it partakes of a secular nature. Christian householders invite their friends outside their religious denomination, entertain them and exchange greetings. Christmas is in a way a unifying force.

NEW YEAR DAY

From time immemorial people of different religions and regions have celebrated their own New Year Day as an occasion for universal rejoicing and as a festival of beginnings. But the 1st of January is observed uniformly as the New Year Day by people who come under the direct influence of Christianity and the English customs and manners.

The Christian churches conduct special services in connection with the New Year Day. On the mid-night of 31st December, there will be a Watch Night Service beginning late in the night and ending by .midnight. Prayers are offered in gratitude to the Almighty God " who led us hitherto " and beseeching His blessing for the New Year that would come in shortly. After the service, the church bells peal to ring out the old year and ring in the New Year.

In certain Anglo-Indian households, there is the custom of all individuals gathering round the decorated image of Virgin Mary to ensure that they see her face as the first thing on the morning of the New Year Day before they attend the church. In certain households there is the custom of the New Year being inaugurated by the mother who kindles the fire and boils milk before anybody else enters the kitchen. Christians generally whitewash their houses, renew the curtains and cushions and other things with a view to giving a new look to everything in the house. New dresses are worn and a sumptuous feast arranged for entertaining relatives and friends. Alms are distributed to the poor. As is done for the Christmas, friends and relatives exchange greetings personally and through the media of the post. This custom has now become universal in society for members of all religious faiths.

EASTER

Easter is an annual Christian festival celebrated throughout the world to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The most grim tragedy the world has ever seen took place in history a little under 2000 years ago. Jesus of Nazareth was persecuted and crucified on Mount Calvary by the Jews on a Friday, now observed as the Good Friday. The dead body was laid in a tomb which was heavily guarded, but on the third day after the crucifixion, Christ rose from the dead and appeared to some of his followers. Easter marks this event.

The Easter month is dedicated to Eoster, the Goddess of spring. The Easter festival coming in spring symbolises the triumph of life after death. It marks the end of winter and with it the return of the sun. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox. Usually it takes place on any

Sunday from March 22 to April 25. Though Easter Sunday is the central point observed in the event associated with the death and resurrection of Christ, the Easter season commences with Ash Wednesday, the first day of lent and lasts up to Whit Sunday which commemorates the day of the Pentecost. The period of Easter cycle could be divided into :

1. Lent, being the preparatory fast for 40 days.
2. The two weeks beginning with the Sunday before and ending on the Sunday after the Easter during which period the ceremonies of the Holy Week and the services of the octave of the Easter are observed.
3. The octave of Easter during which the newly baptised wear their white garments.
4. The paschal season beginning with Easter and lasting till Whit Sunday.

Lent

This is the period of fasting preparatory for the festival of Easter. The duration of the fast and the rigour have varied with the different times and in different countries. The first mention of the lenten fast is in the 5th canon of the council of Nicaea and the period is referred to as the season of preparation for baptism, of absolution of penitents or of retreat and re-collection. This is also said to be in commemoration of the days Christ spent in the wilderness in fast and meditation. The lent usually commences from Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Eve. During this period, the Christians practise special self-discipline by fasting and penitence for their sins by abstaining from all sorts of animal food and by strict celibacy in family life. Specific services and ceremonies take place in the churches throughout this period.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday or the Day of Ashes is so called from the ceremonial use of ashes in the service prescribed for the day. It is a symbol of penitence. On this day, the palms that were blessed at the previous year's Palm Sunday services are carried to the church and burned. The ashes of the burnt palms are placed in an urn on the alter and consecrated before the High Mass. The priest makes the sign of the cross on the foreheads of the assembled members of the church as they kneel down before him with the ashes. While doing so, he chants a verse meaning " remember man, that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return ". This ceremony is derived from the public penance in the early church and the custom is still retained in the Roman Catholic church. Among the reformed churches, the Anglican church alone marks the day by a special service.

Palm Sunday

The Sunday before Easter is observed as Palm Sunday. On this Sunday, palm leaves are blessed and they are carried in procession in commemoration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This custom is still observed in the Roman Catholic churches. The Palm Sunday is reckoned as the first day of the Holy Week. The ceremonies observed by the Roman Catholic churches on Palm Sunday are :

1. The solemn blessing of the palms
2. The procession
3. The high mass

The orthodox Eastern church has not included Palm Sunday in the Holy Week. But the day is observed as a joyous occasion to mark the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The palm leaves are not taken around in procession, but are held by the worshippers during the service. Of the reformed churches, only the Church of England includes Palm Sunday in the Holy Week celebrations.

The Holy Week

The last week of the lent immediately preceding Easter is known as The Holy Week. This week commemorates the last week in the life of Christ and a series of services are conducted culminating in Good Friday and the Passion.

Maundy Thursday

The Thursday before Easter commemorates the last supper of Christ or the Holy Eucharist. On Thursday, that is the day before he was crucified, Jesus took his last supper with his disciples. After supper, he laid aside his garments and took a towel and girded himself. He then took a basin of water and washed the feet of the disciples. He then told them " if I then your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet for I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you".

Christ then gave the disciples a new commandment that " ye love one another as I have loved you ". In remembrance of this, on the Thursday before Easter called Maundy Thursday, the ceremony of feet-washing is still done in the churches though the forms have varied with the times. In the Roman Catholic churches, the priest washes the feet of 12 persons who are usually children. They are also given a loaf of bread and wine. On this day, the alter in the churches is stripped of everything except the cross. The processional cross as well as the alter cross is veiled in black at the close of the Maundy Thursday service as a preparation for the following day.

Good Friday

The Friday before Easter Sunday called Good Friday is observed as the day of mourning for it was on this day that Jesus Christ was crucified. The churches present a solemn appearance as they are bereft of all decorations. Gaiety and rejoicing are forbidden. Special services are held in the afternoon during which the history of Passion (crucifixion of Christ) as recorded by Saint John in the Gospel is read. In some churches, the service begins at 8-00 A.M. and lasts till 3-00 in the afternoon. The words uttered by Christ before he gave up the ghost, viz. " My God, my God, why have thou forsaken me " are repeated. Some time is spent in silent meditation and then the Holy Communion follows.

Easter Eve or Holy Saturday

This is also a day of mourning. There is a total silence in the churches throughout the day. Roman Catholics congregate in their churches at 10-00 P.M. for the Easter vigil. There will be no lights and in the gloom a new fire is struck and placed. A big candle is consecrated and lit from the new fire to be carried in procession through the darkness. From this are lighted in turn candles held by the priest and the worshippers symbolising that Christ has burst the flame of a new life and that its splendour is spread over the world through his disciples. Easter vigile is celebrated as the night of liberation when Jesus rose from the tomb to live for ever. On the eve of Easter, the houses are blessed; the parish priests visit the houses in their parish. The Protestant churches follow the custom of sun-rise services in the early hours of the morning on Sunday.

Easter Sunday

This is the Sunday of joy. Early in the morning of this Sunday, Christ rose from the dead and showed himself to his disciples. The chief service will commence by 8 or 9 A.M. in the churches. Resurrection of Jesus is the subject of the hymns, sermons and prayers on this occasion. Children are baptised on this day. There is a good feast and visitors and relatives are entertained. On Easter day, people greet each other as they do on Christmas day. Easter Egg is an important item of the celebration on Easter Sunday. For children particularly, it is said, Easter is no Easter without Easter Eggs. In ancient times, the egg was looked upon as a symbol of new life and the Easter egg was interpreted by the Christians as the symbol of resurrection. The eggs are brought to the table, coloured red, the red colour signifying the sun, fire, blood of Christ shed at Calvary, and joy of earth.

Ascension Day

Ascension Day falls on a Thursday, 40 days after Easter. On this day, Christ gathered together his disciples on Mount Olive and commanded them not to leave Jerusalem and to expect the descent of the Holy Ghost upon them. After he had spoken to his disciples, Christ slowly ascended to Heaven. This is the last Christian festival connected with the life of Jesus Christ. The paschal candle which was lighted during Easter tide is extinguished in the Roman Catholic churches after a gospel service indicating that Christ's physical presence on earth has ceased.

Whit Sunday or Pentecost Day

This is the day on which the Holy Ghost descended on the Apostles. It falls on the 10th day after the ascension of Christ and is considered to be the birth day of the church. The hymns, songs and sermons relating to the service conducted on that day would deal with the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Trinity Sunday

The week after the Whit Sunday is the Trinity Sunday which completes the cycle of the churches' season.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT VAILANKANNI

Vailankanni (Velankanny) is a village in the district of Thanjavur, situated six miles south of Nagapattinam. This village which is surrounded on three sides by water--on the east by the Bay of Bengal, on the west by the Vedaranyam canal and on the south by the Velliar river is famous for the Basillica Church of Our Lady of Health or Our Lady of Vailankanni. Pilgrims, from all over India, Burma and Ceylon, and other parts of the world—Hindus as well as Christians —without any distinction of caste, creed and colour flock to this place in thousands between the 29th of August and 8th September, when the annual festival, popularly known as the Feast, takes place. Very rightly this place has been called the Lourdes of the East because of the many miraculous cures that are effected. A number of buses ply between Nagapattinam and Vailankanni; but the more orthodox section of the pilgrims walk the distance of 4 miles along the beach.

The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Vailankanni faces the east and the sea. The river Velliar runs close to the church on the south. With an imposing facade with two lofty spires and a deep background of coconut trees and the white sand of the beach, the Church makes itself pleasing to the eye and elevating to the soul of the pilgrim. The origin of this magnificent shrine with the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Health with the infant Jesus in her arms, remains obscure so far as historical data are concerned. We must fall back upon tradition which attributes its origin to two innocent children of Vailankanni, two gentlemen from Nagapattinam and a few Portuguese sailors, all of whom were inspired by the Blessed Virgin herself to whom it is dedicated.

About three hundred years ago, there lived in this village a poor widow with her only son who was lame from his very birth. The widow used to place this boy in charge of a stall, underneath a banyan tree, where fresh buttermilk used to be sold. On a very hot day in summer, a woman of unequalled beauty carrying a very attractive child in her arms, approached this boy and asked him for a cup of buttermilk to quench the thirst of her baby. When the request was complied with, she wanted the boy to go to Nagapattinam and inform a certain Catholic gentleman about her presence in Vailankanni. He pleaded inability to do so due to his physical disability, when he found that he had suddenly been cured by the grace of the Lady as if by a miracle. He ran to Nagapattinam as directed. The Catholic gentleman whom he approached had a similar vision of Our Lady in his dream the previous night and he returned to Vailankanni with the boy where both of them were again favoured with the vision of the Blessed Virgin and the Infant Jesus. At Her behest, the people of the locality in whom confidence was inspired by the miraculous cure of the lame boy, built a thatched chapel wherein they installed a statue of Our Lady with the Infant Jesus. Numerous favours were conferred on the people who came to pray there, and since most of them were cures to the disabled, the Blessed Virgin came to be known as Our Lady of Health.

According to another story, a little shepherd boy was going one day from Vailankanni to Nagapattinam with a pot of milk for his master. When he reached the village tank, he placed the milk under a banyan tree, had a wash from the tank, and took rest for a while. He fell asleep when he had the vision of a beautiful lady holding a marvellous baby in her arms. The halo round them struck him dumb-founded. The lady approached him with a smile and asked for some milk for the baby. When that was given, the vision disappeared and the boy ran to his master, and narrated the story. The master was surprised to find the pot full of milk even though a portion was given to the lady, and rushed to the village tank with the boy where he found the same vision. On hearing this story, the Christians of the place built a church at the site. The tank is even today called " Our Lady's Tank ".

Another legend connected with this shrine is that a Portuguese Merchant vessel, which was sailing to Ceylon early in the 17th century, was caught up in a terrible storm while crossing the Bay of Bengal. The helpless sailors knelt and prayed that if they were saved from the calamity, they would build a church in honour of the Blessed Virgin wherever they landed safe. Their prayer was granted and they landed safe at Vailankanni. Our Lady appeared before them and directed them to the thatched Chapel built earlier. They prayed there. When they commenced fulfilling their vow, the Lady again appeared and chose for the

proposed Church the very place where the shrine now stands. A permanent Chapel was thus built, and one morning they found that the sacred statue in the thatched Chapel had been removed to the new Chapel's Altar by some unknown hand. They attributed it to Our Lady Herself. Additions and improvements were made to this shrine ever since.

A crowd, estimated at not less than two lakhs, attends the annual festival at this shrine taking place every 8th of September and the nine preceding days in honour of the Virgin Mary. The festivities start with the hoisting of a Marian Flag. The following nine days are known as Novena. Baptism is given to many on these days. The tenth day is known as the Feast—birth day of the Virgin Mary. The Bishop of Tanjore attends the festival every year and pontificates the festive Mass and the grand torchlight procession where the statue of Mary is carried round.

Over 200 sturdy men are required to move along the Car which towers tens of feet above the heads of the people, in pure gothic style. The procession accompanies the Car singing Our Lady's praises. On the return of the procession, Our Lady is entertained to lovely and inspiring poetical recitations in her honour until the small hours of the morning.

A solemn High Mass and sermon at 8 A.M. is the principal feature of the morning service. Hundreds make their confessions and receive Holy communion. The very last ceremony takes place in the evening when Our Lady's Flag is brought down from the tall mast, and placed on the High Altar. After incense, the officiating Priest reverently kisses it, which is followed by the others and the crowd. With this last homage paid to the Heavenly Queen and Mother, the crowd departs.

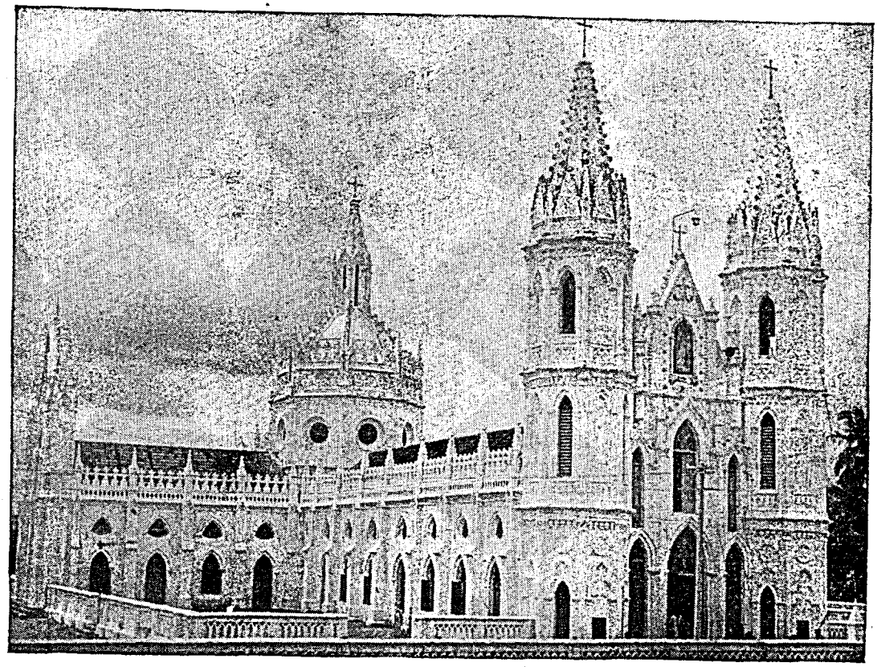
Even after the festival, pilgrims visit this shrine throughout the year. Those who cannot come personally send their offerings by post. A few of them resort to ingenious ways. The offerings are placed in the hollow of a bamboo stick, both ends of which are sealed, and then thrown into the sea with the address of the shrine duly written on it. All these arrive safe at the shrine and such articles are displayed in the presbytery.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL IN THE ST. XAVIER'S CATHEDRAL, KOTTAR

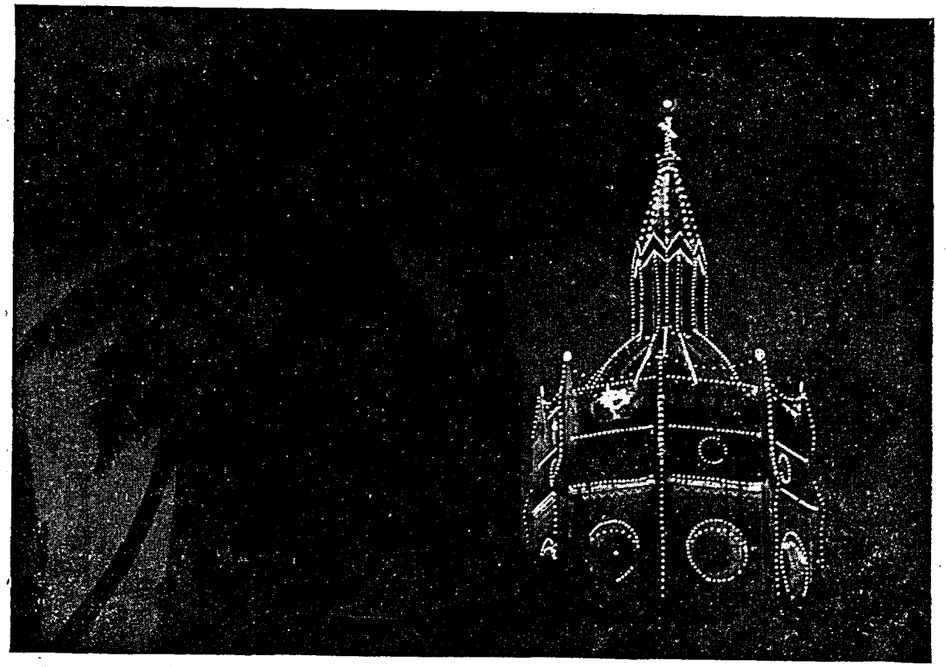
Kottar is an ancient cosmopolitan town which now forms part of the Nagercoil Municipality. The place is famous for the Roman Catholic Cathedral dedicated to St. Francis Xavier which is situated here. St. Francis Xavier, the patron of this Cathedral, and the apostle of India is reported to have come to India as a missionary in the year 1542. The saint made Kottar one of his residential centres for conducting his Apostolic activities since 1544. A little shrine which is now enclosed within the walls of the extended Cathedral is traditionally pointed out as the very spot where the saint was celebrating his Holy Mass and conducting religious services. A major relic of the saint whose incorrupt body is even now treasured and venerated in Goa is preserved in this Cathedral and is exposed for veneration during the days of the annual festival and other important occasions. This shrine which has thus been sanctified by the strenuous labour and numerous miracles of this saint of world-wide renown is now one of the most important Catholic Cathedrals in India. Pilgrims and visitors from all parts of India without any distinction of caste or creed visit this place throughout the year and pay their homage to the saint.

The major festival in the Cathedral which is celebrated annually from 24th November to 3rd December is the anniversary of the death of the holy saint which took place in Sancian, an island of China on December 3, 1552. This is considered a national festival for the Catholics in India. It attracts a crowd of not less than 50,000 pilgrims from all over South India. They take part in the celebrations during the ten days of the festival. It is estimated that at least a fourth of this big crowd would belong to creeds other than the Roman Catholic faith.

The festival usually begins with the solemn hoisting of the saint's flag on the 24th November evening,

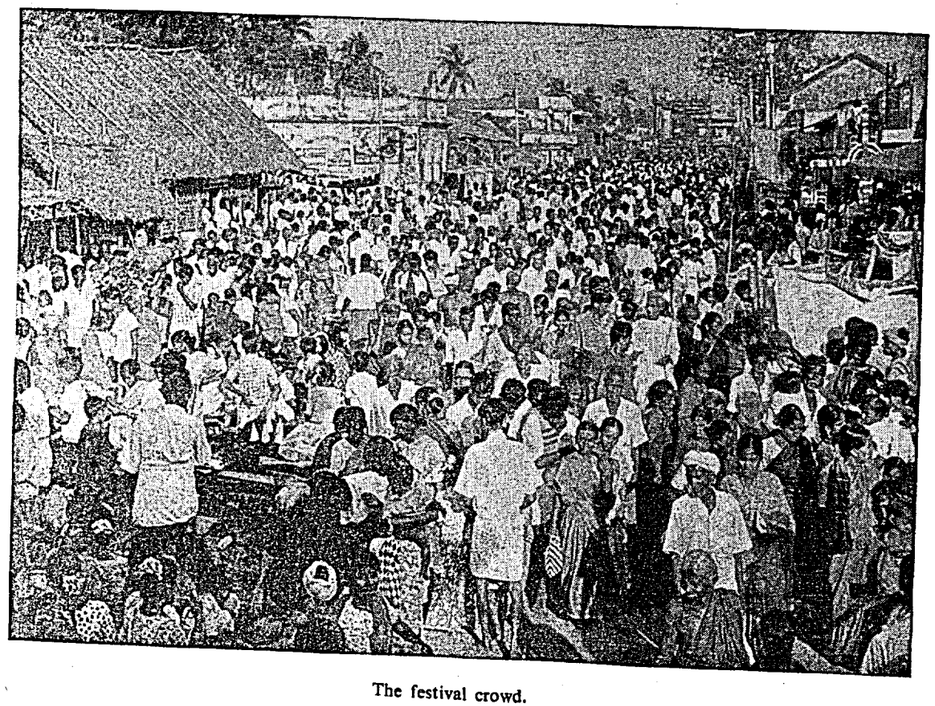


A view of the Church at Vailankanni.

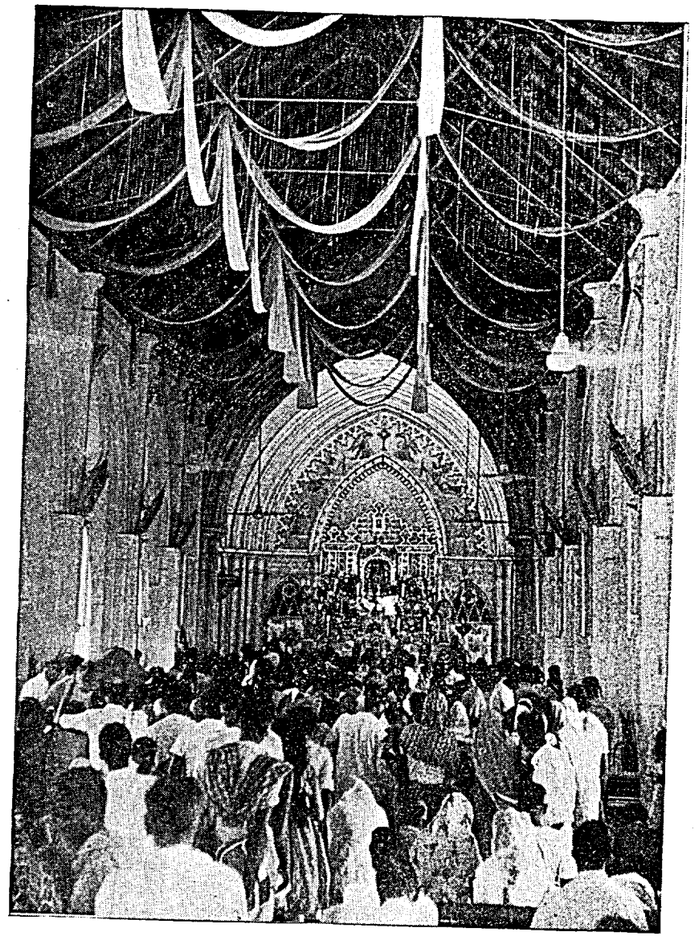


An illuminated dome of the Church at Vailankanni.

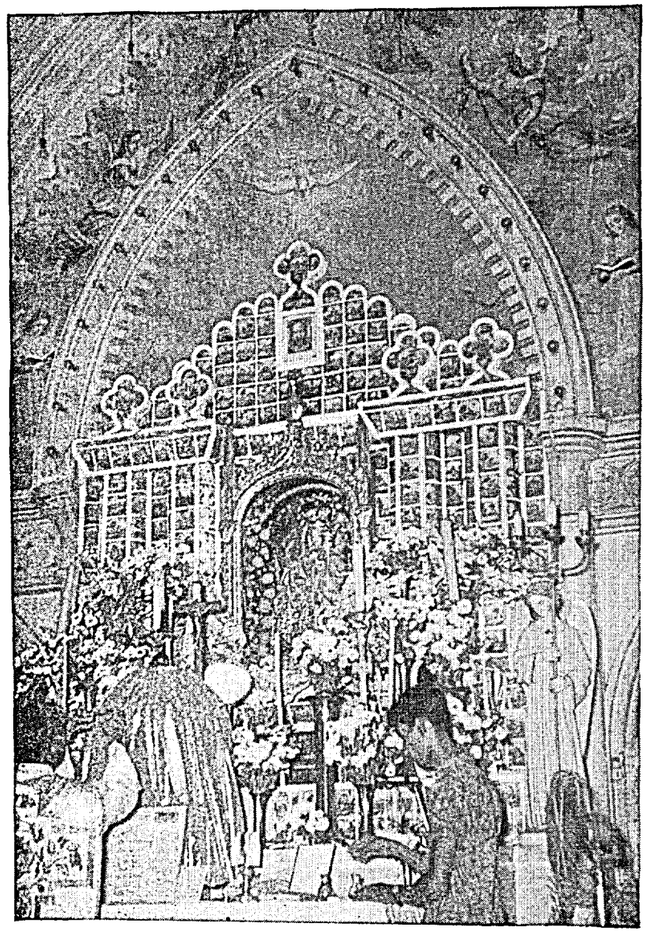
Our Lady's Tank.



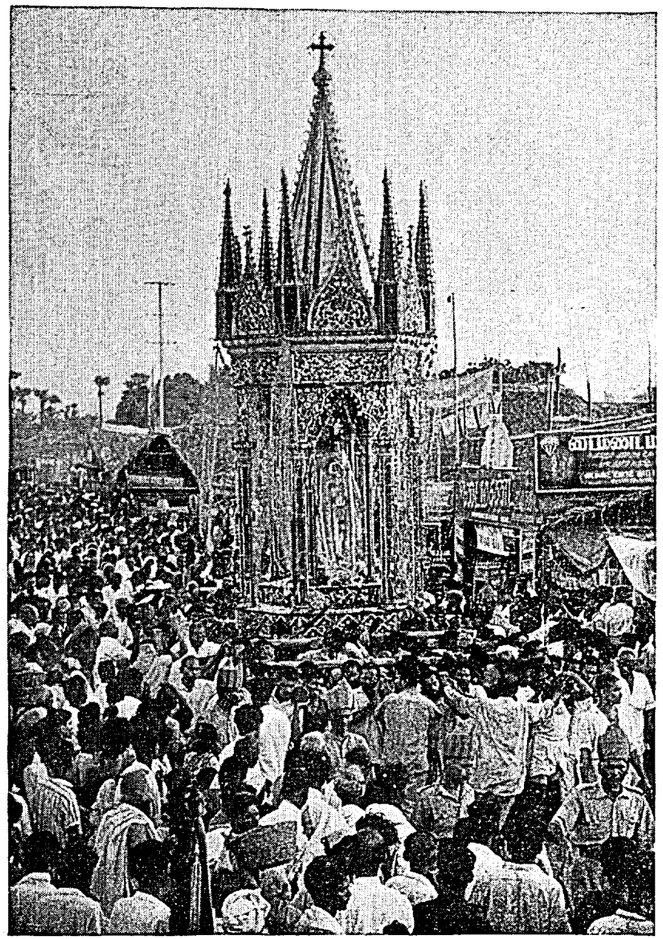
The festival crowd.



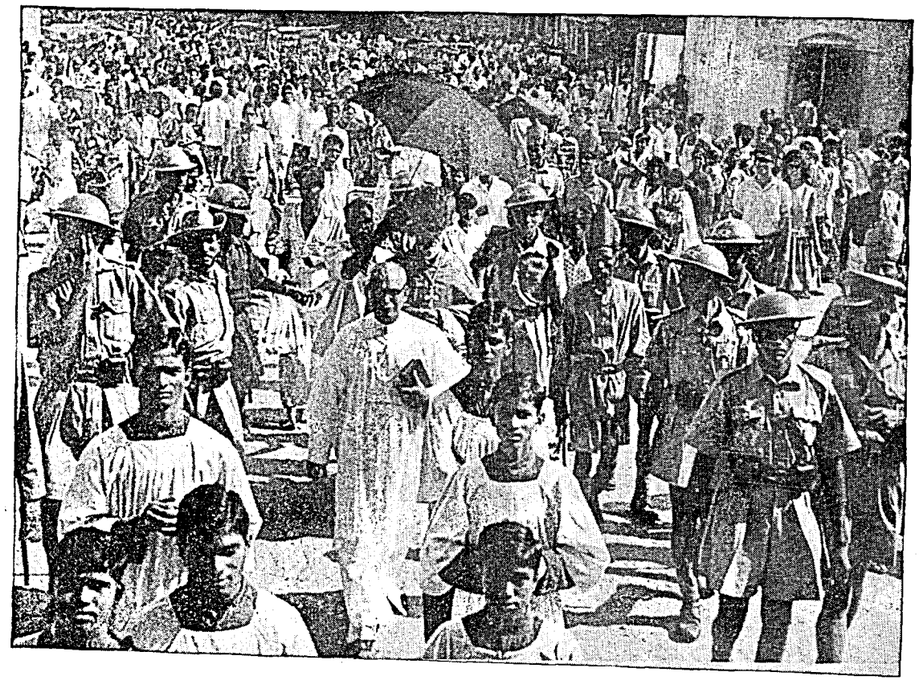
Interior of the sacred shrine at Vailankanni.



The solemn High Mass during the Festival.



The solemn procession with the statue of Our Lady.



The Bishop leading the solemn procession.

accompanied by prayers and joyful cheers of the enormous crowd. Throughout the festival, religious services are conducted every morning and evening within the Cathedral and sermons preached by renowned priests. On the last three days of the festival, the well-decorated cars with the statues of St. Francis Xavier and the Blessed Virgin Mary are drawn in procession through the streets and roads around the village, accompanied by devotees all along, praying, singing and paying their homage to the saint in different ways. The festival ends with the pontifical mass and other services by the Bishop in the well-decorated *Pandhal*, erected for the purpose, in the cathedral grounds.

THE GOLDEN CAR FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SNOWS, TUTICORIN

The Golden Car Feast of our Lady of Snows, is a very important festival for all inhabitants of Tuticorin and surrounding villages irrespective of caste or creed, and to all members of the Bharathar community all over India and Ceylon. The statue of our Lady of the Snow is a posthumous gift of St. Francis Xavier which was received at Tuticorin in June 1655. It was originally installed at St. Paul's Church. But after the Dutch took over Tuticorin from the Portuguese, this priceless gift and relic from the great apostle went into exile, and was preserved and safeguarded by the accredited head of the Bharathar community of Tuticorin. It was only in August 1711 that the present church was completed, and the statue installed permanently therein. To mark the permanent installation of the statue, the then leader of the Bharathar community constructed a small car for taking Our Lady of the Snows in procession through the streets of Tuticorin. This was later replaced by a large Golden Car which is even now in existence. The height of the car is 75 feet, and was first drawn on 2nd February 1806. The Golden Car is not drawn as an annual event, but the celebration takes place once in a decade or so. After 1806, the Car festival was celebrated on nine occasions, details being as follows:

2nd Car	...	5-8-1872
3rd Car	...	5-8-1879
4th Car	...	5-8-1895
5th Car	...	5-8-1905
6th Car	...	5-8-1908
7th Car	...	5-8-1926
8th Car	...	5-8-1947
9th Car	...	5-8-1955
10th Car	...	5-8-1964

The flag hoisting for the feast commences on 26th July every year when the preparatory Novena begins. This lasts for nine days, and daily a number of Holy Masses are said by priests from 5 A.M. to 8 A.M. The final High Mass is sung at 8 A.M. In the evenings, the congregational Rosary begins at 3 P.M. daily followed by the Litany of Our Lady of Snows, a Tamil sermon by an eminent preacher and then the blessing of the congregation with a small replica of the statue of our Lady of Snows. At 7 P.M. another congregational rosary begins followed by the singing of the Litany of Our Lord in Latin and culminates with the benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament. This is the general order of the day till 4th August. On the night of 4th August, a bishop sings the solemn vespers assisted by a host of clergy. On the 5th August, a series of Holy Masses are said from 5 A.M. At 8 A.M. the Solemn Pontifical High Mass is sung by a Bishop assisted by a host of clergy who regularly congregate from the surrounding villages to assist at the festival celebrations. During the ordinary feasts which are held annually, this is the general order of rituals.

But once in a decade, when the Golden Car is drawn through the streets, a series of Holy Masses are said on the Golden Car itself commencing from 5 A.M. on specially erected altars on the four sides of the car culminating with the final Mass on the car at 6 A.M. after which by about 7 A.M. the Car is hauled around the town by the congregation. The car returns to the campus by noon.

During the ordinary feasts the congregation is estimated at 50,000. But during the Golden Car Feasts, the congregation will be three times this number. It is noteworthy that the highest offerings are

mostly preferred by the Hindus who hold Our Lady of Snows in very high veneration. The festival draws a big crowd of pilgrims, visitors and sight-seeing folks of all denominations who vie with one another to offer their grateful thanks for favours received from Our Lady of the Snows and crave Her Blessings.

Of late, an Indian Industrial Exhibition in the open ground opposite the Church is a regular feature of the festival. This was originally organised 25 years ago by the late Chevalier J.L.P. Roche Victoria, K.S.G. Several Government and private undertakings participate in this exhibition.

FEAST OF ST. ANTONY AT UVARI (TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT)

The St. Antony's shrine in Uvari in the Tirunelveli district is held in very great esteem by the Catholics. It is situated on the sea coast and is not damaged by the encroachment of the sea. It is a centre of devotion for the sick. Every Tuesday numerous sick people pray and worship at this shrine. The annual feast of St. Antony attracts a record crowd of not less than 50,000. Special buses are arranged for carrying pilgrims from various parts of the Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari districts. The maximum congregation will be found on the twelfth and thirteenth days. It is noteworthy that a good majority of the congregation will be Hindus.

The feast falls on the third Sunday before Ash Wednesday and very often coincides with the Thai Poosam festival of the Hindus (January-February). The festival is celebrated for thirteen days. The flag-hoisting takes place on the first day and after this every morning there is a Holy Mass in the shrine. Every evening there is benediction with sermon, after which there is blessing of the sick, for whom special prayers are offered. Several persons afflicted with various maladies have been cured miraculously through prayers and penance at this shrine. On the evening of the 12th day, the Bishop of Tuticorin sings the vespers, delivers the sermon and gives the benediction. On the morning of the 13th day, there is Pontifical High Mass by the Bishop assisted by twelve priests. The sick people are blessed by the Bishop after this Mass; and the rituals connected with the festival conclude with this.

The feast is conducted mostly on the lines of a sacred pilgrimage and facilities are not, therefore, arranged for merry-making or business.

THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN MANAPAD

The Catholic Church of the Holy Cross at Manapad, in the Tirunelveli District which has been referred to as a little Jerusalam by His Highness Pope Leo XIII is one of the famous centres of pilgrimage for the Catholics all the year round. The annual feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross from 1st to 14th September attracts a very large congregation not only from the Tirunelveli district, but from all over the Coromandal and Kerala coasts. Pilgrims throng to Manapad, village-wise or in family groups.

Tradition has it that round about the year 1540, a Portuguese trading vessel, while sailing round the Cape of Good Hope, encountered a violent storm and was in danger of being foundered. The Captain of the ship who was devoted to the veneration of the Holy Cross, entrusted the safety of the ship and that of the crew to his devotion and vowed that he would plant a Cross made from the wood of the splintered mast on the shore where they alighted safely. The vessel ultimately landed at Manapad and in fulfilment

of his vow, the Captain had the Cross planted on the top of the hillock. He built a small hut also to protect the Cross from the possible ravages from exposure.

In 1542, St. Francis Xavier arrived in Manapad. The presence of a grotto carved out of the rocky ledge, ideal with his temperament of renunciation, which he could make use of as his abode and the Captain's Cross with its raised platform and overhead covering enabling him to offer daily the sacrifice of the Holy Mass made him stay at Manapad. The association of St. Francis Xavier with the Captain's Cross gave it an added sacredness and as years rolled on requisitions for favour at the spot were miraculously granted. A pious desire arose among the people to build an edifice over the Holy Cross. The Church of the Holy Cross was thus built in 1581 encasing the Captain's Cross. In 1583, Pope Gregory XIII obliged this Church with a particle of the true Cross, which arrived at Cochin in August of the same year, and was brought in solemn procession, right along the coast, halting in places of Catholic predominance and reaching Manapad a few days before the annual festival. It is thus that Manapad became a traditional place of pilgrimage to the Malabar coastal Christians.

The pilgrims thus assembled on the 14th September every year perform with great piety and fervour the devotion of the 'Way of the Cross' as they move from station to station, covering the 14 stations built on the hillock—reminiscent of the last journey of Our Lord Jesus Christ on Mt. Calvary. Thousands of pilgrims perform this devotion singing the praises:

"Forth comes the standard of the Kings
All hail, thou mystery adored
Hail cross on which the life Himself
Died and by death our life restored."

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS OF MADRAS STATE

A Statistical Analysis

The conventional festivals celebrated in the State are of two categories—purely religious and socio-religious. A succinct account of the important festivals is given separately.

Festivals which are associated with temples, mosques and churches are large in number. On the festival days people muster in considerable number and each temple is the venue of some of the most impressive celebrations. Summing up the number of festivals of this kind we find that there are 5,614 festivals for Hindus, 103 for Christians and 54 for Muslims. The district-wise break-up for these is given below:

District		Hindu		Christian		Muslim	
		No. of festivals	Attendance	No. of festivals	Attendance	No. of festivals	Attendance
Madras City	...	578	1,140,555	...	...	...	...
Chingleput	...	434	4,002,562	8	14,150	6	13,250
North Arcot	...	807	1,335,460	4	6,350	8	6,540
South Arcot	...	520	1,219,150	8	23,300	7	14,200
Salem	...	580	1,070,755	3	1,500	2	2,600
Dharmapuri	...	201	488,570	2	4,400	1	2,000
Coimbatore	...	521	1,770,335	3	1,850	1	550
Nilgiris	...	53	98,900	2	10,500	...	...
Madurai	...	292	3,047,675	8	14,500	2	5,200
Tiruchirapalli	...	742	1,146,257	17	53,450	9	29,000
Thanjavur	...	351	1,563,155	14	219,900	10	187,000
Ramanathapuram	...	317	1,473,007	7	6,850	1	150,000
Tirunelveli	...	160	898,400	14	57,850	6	65,000
Kanyakumari	...	58	531,550	13	83,500	1	5,000
Total	...	**5,614**	**19,786,331**	**103**	**498,100**	**54**	**480,340**

As may be seen from the above table, the number of festivals celebrated is the highest in North Arcot district. The festivals in Chingleput district, are attended by 19·41% of the total number of persons attending festivals in the State.

The following table shows the number of festivals and the congregation in each month.

Month	No. of festivals	Attendance	Month	No. of festivals	Attendance
January–February	752	2,058,186	August–September	296	908,225
February–March	491	2,639,920	September–October	254	1,009,616
March–April	885	3,138,337	October–November	256	1,007,303
April–May	1,010	2,961,815	November–December	132	1,913,795
May–June	533	1,858,223	December–January	267	1,108,250
June–July	203	663,983	(without details)	198	...
July–August	494	1,497,118	**Total**	**5,771**	**20,764,771**

The number of festivals is the highest during April–May and lowest in November–December. The frequency of festivals in the different congregation groups is shown in the following table for each district.

District	Total	50,000+	Congregation 20,000 to 49,999	Groups 10,000 to 19,999	5,000 to 9,999	1,000 to 4,999	Below 1,000
Madras City ...	578	8	1	4	20	100	445
Chingleput ...	448	33	10	4	10	112	279
North Arcot ...	819	2	5	20	44	239	509
South Arcot ...	535	5	8	20	26	194	282
Salem ...	583	2	2	16	36	251	278
Dharmapuri ...	204	2	1	9	13	104	75
Coimbatore ...	525	5	6	27	38	188	261
Nilgiris ...	55	...	1	2	3	22	27
Madurai ...	302	10	8	26	47	148	63
Tiruchirapalli ...	768	2	2	12	36	291	425
Thanjavur ...	375	9	5	32	51	136	142
Ramanathapuram ...	325	9	8	15	40	132	121
Tirunelveli ...	180	2	13	23	28	62	52
Kanyakumari ...	72	7	...	4	13	40	8
Total ...	5,771	96	70	214	405	2,019	2,967

Barring Dharmapuri, Ramanathapuram, Madurai, Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari, the maximum number of festivals in each district is in the category of "below 1,000." Among the districts, Chingleput holds the highest number of festivals which attract more than 50,000. Tirunelveli ranks highest in the matter of number of festivals which attract a crowd ranging from 20,000 to 49,999. Thanjavur has the largest number of festivals in the next two categories *viz*,, 10,000 to 19,999 and 5,000 to 9,999. In respect of the category 1,000 to 4,999 Tiruchirapalli has the largest number of festivals among the districts.

The temple festivals at times last for days on end. The procession of the presiding deity taken out on such occasions attract a large concourse of people. From the point of view of numerical strength the important festivals of the State are: the Arupathumoovar festival at Kapaleeswarar temple and Kirthigai festival in Vadapalani Andavar temple in Madras City, the Garuda Sevai festival in Kancheepuram, the Thula Snanam in Mayuram, the Mahamaham in Kumbakonam, the Thyagaraja Aradhana in Tiruvayyaru, the Vaikunta Ekadasi in Srirangam, the Arudhra Darshan in Chidambaram, the Chithrothsavam in Madurai and the Maha Sivarathri in Rameswaram. Festivals associated with village deities and small temples are legion.

Festivals in this State as in the rest of India epitomise the cultural, social and religious aspirations of the people. In a way the festive occasions provide physical diversion and mental recreation to the people and enable them to lead a fuller and better life.

FAIRS

Most of the periodic fairs held in the various parts of the State are religious as well as social in character. In most of the fairs, food and household articles, ornaments, clothes and artistic materials are the main items offered for sale. Though a fair goes generally with a festival, fairs with a political or economic significance (e.g., exhibitions etc.,) do come up in cities and towns. The location of a fair depends on the occasion and time. Fairs associated with festivals are generally held in the vicinity of a temple or the actual place where the festival is held and other fairs are held in a large open space in the town or village.

The number of fairs and the corresponding congregation in the different districts of the State are shown in the table. In Madras City, fairs in the nature of exhibitions (e.g., Congress Exhibition, Industrial Fair, Park Fair etc.) are held now and then. At the time of festivals in the city, fairs big and small come up near the temples where the festivals are held.

District	*No. of fairs*	*Congregation*
Chingleput	22	36,550
North Arcot	95	123,990
South Arcot	44	106,340
Salem	140	246,850
Dharmapuri	47	263,160
Coimbatore	173	746,489
Nilgiris	4	15,000
Madurai	91	232,130
Tiruchirapalli	134	94,816
Thanjavur	71	293,110
Ramanathapuram	51	146,700
Tirunelveli	62	53,200
Kanyakumari	29	433,450
Total	**963**	**2,791,785**

As may be seen from the above table, Coimbatore holds the maximum number of fairs among the districts. It is interesting to note that about 4·3 lakh people gather in about 29 fairs in Kanyakumari districts. The following table shows for the State and districts the distribution of fairs according to their duration i.e., daily, bi-weekly, weekly and annual.

District	*Daily*	*Bi-weekly*	*Weekly*	*Annual*	*Non-des cript*
Chingleput	2	...	17	3	...
North Arcot	...	8	87	...	...
South Arcot	...	...	42	2	...
Salem	...	...	131	...	9
Dharmapuri	...	...	31	...	16
Coimbatore	...	...	173	...	...
Nilgiris	...	...	4	...	...
Madurai	...	4	86	1	...
Tiruchirapalli	...	3	131	...	...
Thanjavur	...	...	69	2	...
Ramanatha-puram	...	1	46	4	...
Tirunelveli	...	...	62	...	...
Kanyakumari	8	14	7	...	...
Total	**10**	**30**	**886**	**12**	**25**

Out of a total of 963 fairs held in the districts, as many as 886 or 92 per cent are, weekly fairs. It may, therefore, be said that in this State a fair is generally a weekly feature.

The following table which shows the days on which the fairs are held in the districts is self-explanatory.

District		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Chingleput	...	5	3	...	2	4	1	2
North Arcot	...	27	12	18	11	16	11	8
South Arcot	...	9	4	7	5	9	6	2
Salem	...	23	20	15	19	22	13	19
Dharmapuri	...	6	4	5	5	4	5	2
Coimbatore	...	41	11	25	30	18	18	30
Nilgiris	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...
Madurai	...	12	13	13	11	14	14	17
Tiruchirapalli	...	21	17	17	19	25	16	22
Thanjavur	...	13	9	8	7	13	10	9
Ramanathapuram	...	6	7	5	10	3	6	11
Tirunelveli	...	15	6	13	4	12	6	6
Kanyakumari	...	3	4	5	6	6	6	5
Total	...	**184**	**110**	**132**	**129**	**146**	**112**	**133**

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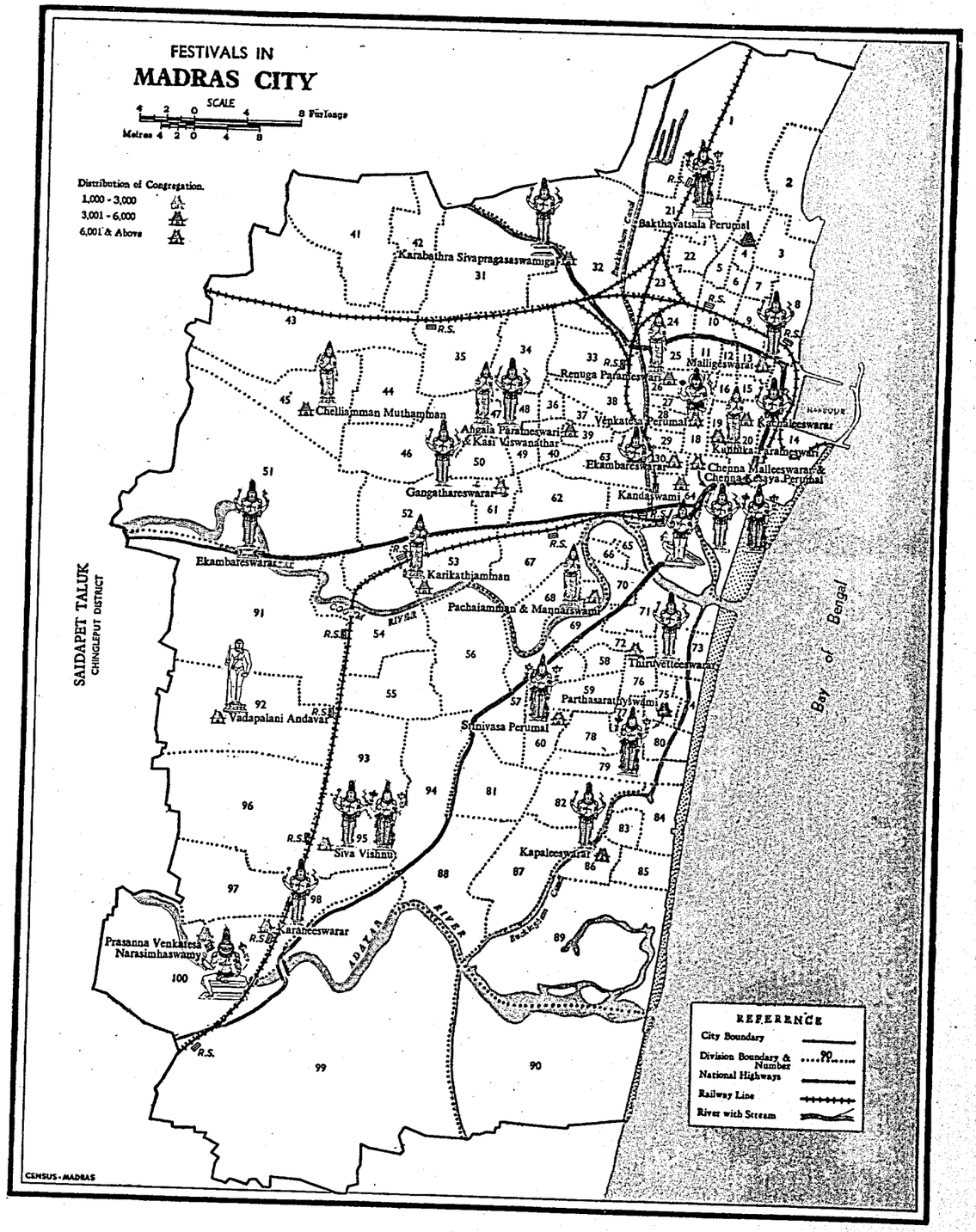
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Karabathra Sivapragasaswamigal
Malligeswarar
Renuga Parameswari
Chelliamman Muthamman
Ahgala Parameswari & Kasi Viswanathar
Venkatesa Perumal
Kapaleeswarar
Kanthimathi Parameswari
Ekambareswarar
Chenna Malleeswarar & Chenna Kesava Perumal
Gangathareswarar
Kandaswami
Karikathiamman
Pachaiamman & Mannarswami
Thiruvettieeswarar
Parthasarathyswami
Srinivasa Perumal
Vadapalani Andavar
Siva Vishnu
Kapaleeswarar
Prasanna Venkatesa Narasimhaswamy
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FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

Fairs and festivals are held in the different parts of the City almost round the year. Traditional fairs and festivals apart, modern fairs like exhibitions and festivals like Independence day, Republic day, Science and language conventions etc., are held on a larger scale in the City than in other parts of the State. The majority of fairs and festivals are, however, primarily religious though incidentally commercial and economic.

The festivals associated with Hindu temples number in all 578 in a year. The number of festivals and the corresponding attendance are given below month-wise:

Month	No. of festivals	Attendance	Month	No. of festivals	Attendance
January-February	15	18,860	August-September	103	27,500
February-March	30	48,950	September-October	60	134,850
March-April	40	166,510	October-November	43	131,200
April-May	46	146,010	November-December	27	122,100
May-June	26	121,100	December-January	85	164,200
June-July	9	9,275	Period not fixed	6	...
July-August	88	50,000	**Total**	**578**	**11,40,555**

The period August-September which corresponds to the Tamil month of Avani seems to be the month of festivals in the different temples of the city. The number of festivals is the least in June-July. With regard to the congregation in the 578 festivals it may be said that the majority of them (439) attract a crowd of less than 1,000. Hundred festivals fall in the category of congregation 1,000 to 4,999. There are only 20, 4, 1 and 8 festivals in the categories 5,000 to 9,999; 10,000 to 19,999; 20,000 to 49,999 and over 50,000 respectively. The following table shows the number of festivals in each congregation category for each month.

Month	Total No. of festivals	Congregation					
		Over 50,000	20,000 to 49,999	10,000 to 19,999	5,000 to 9,999	1,000 to 4,999	Below 1,000
January-February ...	15	...	...	...	2	2	11
February-March ...	30	...	...	...	4	11	15
March-April ...	40	2	1	1	...	12	24
April-May ...	46	1	...	1	3	6	35
May-June ...	26	1	...	...	...	8	17
June-July ...	9	...	...	...	1	2	6
July-August ...	88	...	...	...	5	7	76
August-September ...	103	...	...	...	...	7	96
September-October ...	60	1	...	...	1	17	41
October-November ...	43	1	...	1	1	6	34
November-December ...	27	1	...	...	1	7	18
Deeember-January ...	85	1	...	1	2	15	66
Total ...	**572**	**8**	**1**	**4**	**20**	**100**	**439**

Note :—This table excludes six festivals without specific period.

The table below will give an idea of the number of festivals in a year in each Corporation Division of the City.

Division No. and Name		No. of festivals
1 New Washermanpet	...	15
2 Tondiarpet	...	1
3 Grace Garden	...	2
4 Sanjeevarayanpet	...	5
5 Mottai Garden	...	2
8 Royapuram	...	16
9 Meenakshiammanpet	...	1
10 Old Washermanpet	...	9
11 Seven Wells (North)	...	3
13 Muthialpet	...	4
15 Mannady	...	7
17 Seven Wells (South)	...	7
18 Sowcarpet	...	30
19 Kothawal Chavady	...	28
20 Kachaleeswarar	...	16
21 Korukkupet	...	1
24 Basin Bridge	...	6
25 Kondithope	...	6
26 Peddunaickenpet	...	16
27 Perumalkoil Garden	...	3
31 Perambur	...	4
32 Vyasarpady	...	3
36 Pattalam	...	1
38 Dr. Besant Nagar	...	1
39 Choolai	...	30
41 Sembiam	...	1
42 Siruvallur	...	3
43 Agaram	...	6
45 Ayanavaram	...	14
46 Nammalwarpet	...	3
47 Otteri	...	1
48 Kosapet	...	8
50 Purasawalkam	...	11

Division No. and Name		No. of festivals.
51 Shenoynagar	...	1
52 Kilpauk	...	4
53 Chetput	...	3
54 Nungambakkam	...	12
56 Thousand Lights (W)	...	4
57 Thousand Lights (E)	...	2
58 Pudupakkam	...	4
60 Royapettah	...	21
61 Gangatheeswaranpet	...	3
64 Park Town	...	20
66 Chintadripet	...	26
67 Egmore	...	11
68 Pudupet	...	2
69 Komaleeswaranpet	...	16
72 Tiruvateeswaranpet	...	14
73 Chepauk	...	8
75 Triplicane	...	27
76 Zambazaar	...	5
77 Mirasahibpet	...	3
80 Krishnampet	...	6
81 Teynampet	...	4
83 Madhavaperumalpuram	...	5
84 Karaneeswarapuram	...	17
85 Santhome	...	3
86 Mylapore	...	25
89 Raja Annamalaipuram	...	1
90 Adyar	...	3
91 Aminjikarai	...	6
92 Vadapalani	...	17
94 Satyamurthinagar	...	8
95 Rajaji Nagar	...	8
96 Kamaraj Nagar	...	2
97 Saidapet (North)	...	10
98 Periapet	...	3
99 Guindy	...	3
100 Saidapet (South)	...	7
Total	...	578

Following are some of the important festivals celebrated in the city which are attended by thousands of devotees from far and near.

The Brahmotsavam (including the Arupathumoovar festival) of the Kapaleeswarar temple in Mylapore held in the Tamil month of Panguni (March-April) lasts for ten days. The Arupathumoovar festival draws about a lakh of devotees. A big fair is held in the Mada streets near the temple. The floating festival held in January–February in Mylapore is also very popular. Of all the festivals celebrated in the Parthasarathi Swami temple in Triplicane, the most important is the Vaikunta Ekadasi observed for twenty days in the month of Margazhi (December–Janunary). About 40,000 to 50,000 devotees visit the temple on this day. The Brahmothsavam in the month of Chithirai is celebrated for ten days. The car festival falls on the seventh day and is attended by about 50,000 devotees.

The Kirthigai (Karthigai asterism) day every month is a day of festival in the Vada Palani Andavar temple in Kodambakkam. About 20,000 devotees visit the shrine on this day. The annual festivals are Skanda Sashti in Ayppasi month and Uthiram in Panguni month. The floating festival during the Panguni Uthiram is also well attended. The Kandaswami temple in Kosapet (Division 48) celebrates twenty festivals in a year which attract considerable number of devotees. The Jathirai festival in Adhi Mottaiamman temple in the same division attracts about half-a-lakh of people. Among the several festivals celebrated by the Siva-Vishnu temple in T. Nagar, Navarathri, Sivarathri, Vaikunta Ekadasi and Sri Rama Navami are important festivals to which about lakh of devotees come from the city and neighbourhood.

The Muslim festivals also attract crowds and give rise to fairs in the city. The Muharam is the important festival, which is observed by thousands of devout Muslims in various parts of the city. The Easter, Christmas and the New year are marked by impressive festivities in the Protestant and Catholic Churches in the city. The popular Catholic festivals in the city are the feast of St. Thomas at the Cathedral Church at Santhome (December 21), the festivals at St. Thomas Mount (December) and Little Mount (May) the feast of our Lady of Lourdes at Perambur (February 11), the feast of our Lady of Help of Christians at Broadway etc. The Corpus Christ's processions held in June-July are other occasions of considerable congregation.

While conventional fairs associated with festivals are essentially religious and promote merriment and trade, modern fairs like exhibitions, and shows are turning out to be useful media of popular education. It is not uncommon to find that people are educated on matters of public welfare like the necessity to increase agricultural production, boost up industrial output, adopt family planning etc., through special pavilions organised by Government and private agencies on such occasions. In this respect fairs and festivals have become necessary adjuncts to city life.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1.	NEW WASHERMANPET									
	Thiruvottiyur High Road	...	Tondiarpet	1	Sri Anjaneyar Koil					
					1. Sri Rama Navami	10	April/May	50	...	3 Miles
					2. Navarathri Festival (Dhasara)	10	Sep./Oct.	50		
	Perambalu Chetti Street	...	Washermanpet (Vannarpettai)	1	Balavinayagar Devasthanam					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	...	2½ Miles
					2. Vijaya Dhasami	1	Sep./Oct.	100		
					3. Skandha Sashti	6	Oct./Nov.	100		
					4. Arudhra	1	Dec./Jan.	100		
					5. Thai Poosam	1	Jan./Feb.	100		
	Thandra Pillaiyar Koil Street	...	do		Prasanna Venkatesa Kothandaramaswami Devasthanam					
					1. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	100	...	3 Miles
					2. Purattasi Saturday	1	Sep./Oct.	100		
					3. Vijaya Dhasami	1	do	100		
					4. "Uri-Adi" Uthsavam	1	Aug./Sep.	100		
	Tiruvottiyur High Road	...	Tondiarpet	1	Arunachala Eswarar Koil					
					1. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	50	...	3 Miles
					2. Brahmothsavam	10	Nov./Dec.	1,000		
					3. Skandha Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	25		
					4. Manickavasagar Uthsavam (Arudhra)	10	Dec./Jan.	25		

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
2.	TONDIARPET									
	Thiruvottiyur High Road	...	Tondiarpet	1	Agastheesvarar—Seniamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam (for Seniamman)	1	July/Aug.	250	Sweetmeats	3¼ Miles
3.	GRACE GARDEN									
	Broadway	...	Beach Street	½	Pavamtheertha-Amman					
					Adi Uthsavam (Koozh-Varthal)	5	July/Aug.	500	Sweetmeats	1½ Miles
			do	½	Salai Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	50	...	1½ Miles
	SANJEEVARAYANPET									
	Sanjeevarayan Koil Street	...	Washermanpet	1	Sri Bakthavatchala Perumal Koil					
					1. Brahmothsavam	10	March/April	50,000	Sweetmeats, toys, fruits dolls and coconuts	2 Miles
					2. Karthigai Deepam	3	Nov./Dec.	5,000		
					3. Thiruppavai Festival	30	Dec./Jan.	5,000		
					4. Udaiyavar Uthsavam	10	April/May	5,000		
					5. Ekadasi Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	5,000		
	MOTTAI GARDEN									
	Thiruvottiyur High Road	...	do	¼	Ullaramman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	1	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats	3 Miles

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10.	OLD WASHERMANPET									
	Thiruvottiyur High Road (Chinnaya Mudali Garden)	...	Washermanpet	1	Sri Sithi Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	200	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	3½ Miles
					2. Navarathri	9	Sep./Oct.	200		
					3. Skandha Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	200		
	Hospital Road	...	do	½	Sakthi Vinayagar Dakshinamurthi Madam					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi (For Vinayagar)	1	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats	3½ Miles
	Maniyakkar Chathiram Road	...	Basin Bridge	1	Thulukanathamman Koil					
					Adi Festival	2	July/Aug.	100	Mangoes & sweetmeats	2 Miles
	Thandavarayagramani Street	...	Tondiarpet	½	Ellai Muthamman Koil					
					Adi Festival (Kuzh-varthal)	20	July/Aug.	300	Mangoes & sweetmeats	2 Miles
					Subramaniyaswami Koil					
					1- Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	100	...	2 Mlles
					2. Thai Poosam	1	Jan./Feb.	100		
					3. Skandha Sashti	1	Oct./Nov.	100		
11.	SEVEN WELLS									
	Barracks Road	...	Central	1¾	Sri Anjaneyarswami Devasthanam					
					1. Sri Rama Navami	10	March/April	250	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	3½ Miles
					2. Udaiyavar Uthsavam (Brahmothsavam)	10	April/May	250		

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11.	SEVEN WELLS (Contd.)									
	First Narayanan Street	...	Central	1½	Sri Venugopalaswami Koil					
					Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	100	Sweetmeats	3½ Miles
13.	MUTHIALPET									
	Pavalakkara Street (Coral Merchant Street)	...	Beach	½	Sri Kalahastheeswarar Koil					
					Brahmothsavam	10	Feb./March	200	Sweetmeats	¾ Mile
	Lingi Chetti Street	...	do	½	Sri Dharmaraja-Dharma Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Drowpathi Amman Uthsavam	10	May/June	100	Sweetmeats	¾ Mile
					2. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100		
			do	½	Sri Shanmuga Pillaiyar Koil					
					Brahmothsavam	10	Dec./Jan.	200	Sweetmeats	¾ Mile
15.	MANNADY									
	Jeel's Street	...	do	½	Selva Vinayagar Koil (Vallabha Pillaiyar)					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats	¾ Mile
	Lingi Chetti Street	...	do	¼	Malligeswarar Koil					
					1. Brahmothsavam	15	March/April	1,000	Sweetmeats, fruits, dolls & coconuts	1 Mile
					2. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	1,000		
					3. Skandha Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	1,000		
					4. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov./Dec.	1,000		
					5. Arudhra festival	12	Dec./Jan.	1,000		

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15.	MANNADY (Contd.)									
	Thambu Chetty Street	...	Beach	¼	Kothandarama-swami Koil					
					Sri Rama Navami Uthsavam	10	April/May	100	Sweetmeats	1 Mile
17.	SEVEN WELLS (SOUTH)									
	Anaikkara Street	...	Central	1½	Thulukkanath-amman Vedha-gireeswarar Koil					
					1. Skandha Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	100	Sweetmeats coconuts & fruits	3 Miles
					2. Arudhra	6	Dec./Jan.	100		
					3. Adi Uthsavam (for Amman)	10	July/Aug.	100		
					4. Sivarathri	1	Feb./March	100		
	Shanmugarayan Street	...	do	1¾	Periya Palayath-amman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	10	July/Aug.	50	Sweetmeats	3½ Miles
	Marimuthu Lane	...	do	2	Sri Dharmaraja Koil					
					1. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	100	Sweetmeats & fruits	3 Miles
					2. Purattasi Saturday	1	Sep./Oct.	100		
18.	SOWCARPET									
	N. S. C. Bose Road	...	do	½	Sri Siva Subra-maniaswami Devasthanam (Kumara-kottam)					
					1. Brahmothsa-vam	18	Jan./Feb.	500	Coconuts & fruits	1¾ Miles
					2. Skandha Sashti	10	Oct./Nov.	500		
					3. Vasantha Uthsavam	6	May/June	500		

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
18.	SOWCARPET (Contd.)									
	General Muthaiya Mudali Street	...	Central	½	Bairagi Madam Sri Venkatesa Perumal Devasthanam					
					1. Pavithra Uthsavam (anointing the deities & making it clean)	5	Sep./Oct.	3,000	...	2 Miles
					2. Perumal Brahmoth-savam	10	do	3,000		
					3. Thayar Brah-mothsavam	10	Nov./Dec.	3,000		
					4. Pagal-pathu Ra-pathu Festival	22	Dec./Jan.	3,000		
					5. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	do	3,000		
					6. Sankaranthi	1	Jan./Feb.	3,000		
	Anna Pillai Street	...	do	1	Sri Dharmaraja Koil					
					Fire-Festival	10	June/July	75	Sweetmeats & fruits	2 Miles
			do	1¼	Srinivasa Perumal Koil					
					1. Brahmoth-savam	10	May/June	100	Sweetmeats	2 Miles
					2. Krishna Jayanthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100		
					3. Sri Rama Navami	1	April/May	100		
					4. Thiruppavai—Thiruvem-bavai	30	Dec./Jan.	100		
	N.S.C. Bose Road	...	do	½	Sinthadu Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats	2 Miles

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
18.	SOWCARPET (Contd.)									
	Mint Street	...	Central	½	Adipatta Prasanna Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	500	Sweetmeats & fruits	2 Miles
					2. Arudhra	2	Dec./Jan.	500		
					3. Skanda Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	500		
	Mulla Sahib Street	...	Fort	½	Ranganatha-swami Koil					
					1. Brahmothsa-vam	10	Feb./March	1,000 to 1,500	...	2 Miles
					2. Udaiyavar Uthsavam	10	April/May	do		
					3. Pavithiram-Uthsavam (Renewing the holy thread)	5	Aug./Sep.	do		
					4. Navarathri Uthsavam	10	Sep./Oct.	do		
					5. Sri Vaikunta Ekadasi (Pagal-Pathu-Ra-Pathu)	22	Dec./Jan.	do		
	Krishnappa Naicken Agraharam Street	...	Central	2	Jeevakarunya kadachi Amman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	10	July/Aug.	150	Sweetmeats, coconuts & fruits	2 Miles
	Amman Koil Street	...	do	2	Vedha Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats	2 Miles
	Thiruppalli Street	...	do	2	Karpaga Vinaya-gar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	do	50	do	2 Miles

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18.	SOWCARPET (Contd.)									
	Nattu Pillaiyar Koil Street	...	Central	2	Chinna-kadum-badi Amman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	1	July/Aug.	50	Sweetmeats	2 Miles
		...	do	2	Nattu Pillaiyar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	50	Sweetmeats	2 Miles
	Sambier Street	...	do	2	Thillai Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	do	100	Sweetmeats	2 Miles
					2. Arudhra Festival	2	Dec./Jan.	100		
19.	KOTHAWAL CHAVADY									
	Varadha Muthaiy-appan Street	...	do	2	Manavala Ma-Munivan Sannadhi					
					1. Brahmothsa-vam (for Varadha-raja Perumal)	10	May/June	250	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	1½ Miles
					2. Udaiyavar Uthsavam	10	April/May	250		
					3. Chella Pillai Perumal Uthsavam	10	March/April	250		
					Elai Kattu Vina-yagar *alias* Sri Selva Vinaya-gar Koil					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	250	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	1½ Miles
					2. Arudhra (Manickavasagar)	14	Dec./Jan.	250		

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19.	KOTHAWAL CHAVADY (Contd.)									
	Thatha Muthiappan Street	...	Beach	1½	Sri Seetharama Prasanna Anjaneyar Devasthanam					
					1. Udaiyavar Uthsavam	10	April/May	300	...	1½ Miles
					2. Sri Rama Navami	10	Mar./Apr.	300		
					3. Panduranga Perumal Uthsavam	10	Aug./Sep.	300		
					4. Pavithra Uthsavam	3	do	300		
	Acharappan Street	...	do	1	Sri Adhi Kesava Perumal Koil Pazhaya Bashyakaraluswami Sannadhi					
					1. Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	500	Sweetmeats, coconuts and fruits	1½ Miles
					2. Udaiyavar Uthsavam	10	do	500		
					3. Ra-pathu—Pagal-pathu Uthsavam	22	Dec./Jan.	500		
			do	1	Sri Selva Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	Vegetables, sweetmeats & provisions	1¼ Miles

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19.	KOTHAWAL CHAVADY (Contd.)									
	Audiappa Naicken Street	...	Beach	1	Sri Kanniga Parameswari Devasthanam					
					1. Navarathri	9	Sep./Oct.	1,600	Sweetmeats, fruits, coconuts, vegetables, vessels, provisions & other articles	1¼ Miles
					2. Sri Rama Navami	20	March/April	1,600		
					3. Birthday celebration (for Amman)	1	April/May	1,600		
	Venkatachala Mudali Street	...	Central	3/8	Sri Prasanna Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	200	Sweetmeats	¾ Mile
	Devaraja Mudali Street	...	Central	⅜	Chenna Malleeswarar, Chenna Kesava Perumal Temples					
					Festival for Eswaran					
					1. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	1,000	Vessels, vegetables & flowers (All the more the periphery is a great business centre for Madras City)	¾ Mile
					2. Brahmothsavam (Nataraja Uthsavam)	20	March/April	1,000		
					3. Vasantha Uthsavam	10	May/June	1,000		
					4. Pavithra Uthsavam	4	Aug./Sep.	1,000		

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19.	KOTHAWAL CHAVADY (Contd.)									
	Devaraja Mudali Street (Contd.)	...	Central	3/8	Festivals for Perumal					
					1. Pavithra Uthsavam	5	Aug./Sep.	1,000	Vessels, vegetables & flowers (All the more the periphery is a great business centre for Madras City)	¾ Mile
					2. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	1,000		
					3. Sri Rama Navami	10	March/April	1,000		
					4. Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	1,000		
					5. Vasantha Uthsavam	7	May/June	1,000		
					6. Sri Periyazhwar Festival	10	June/July	1,000		
					7. Sri Andal Pooram Festival	10	July/Aug.	1,000		
20.	KACHALEESWARAR									
	Aranmanaikara Street (Armenian Street)	...	Beach	¼	Sri Kachaleeswarar Koil					
					1. Brahmothsavam	11	April/May	5,000	Plastic articles, toys, sweetmeats, coconuts and fruits	3 Miles
					2. Thai Poosam	1	Jan./Feb.	3,000		
					3. Ayyappan Festival (Magara Deepam)	1	do	5,000		
	Post Office Street	...	do	¼	Thulukanathamman Koil					
					Adi Festival (Kuzh varthal)	1	July	100	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	3 Miles
	Thambu Chetti Street	...	do	½	Selva Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats	¾ Mile

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20.	KACHALEESWARAR (Contd.)									
	Thambu Chetti Street (Contd.)	...	Beach	¼	Naga Pillaiyar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	150	Sweetmeats	½ Mile
					Navarathri	9	Sep./Oct.	150		
			do	½	Chennai Sri Kaligambal Kamadheeswarar Devasthanam					
					1. Brahmothsavam	12	May	2,500	Sweetmeats, fruits, dolls & coconuts	¾ Mile
					2. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	2,500		
					3. Manickavasagar Uthsavam	10	Dec./Jan.	2,500		
					4. Vasantha Uthsavam	10	May/June	2,500		
					5. Skandha Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	2,500		
					6. Masi Magham	1	Feb./March.	2,500		
			do	½	Thandu Mariamman Koil					
					1. Adi Uthsavam	10	July/Aug.	500	Sweetmeats	¾ Mile
					2. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	500		
	Mukkur Nallamuthu Street	...	do	½	Mukkur Nalla Muthu Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	75	Sweetmeats	¾ Mile
1.	KORUKKUPET									
	Cocrane Basin Road	...	Korukkupet	½	Sri Srinivasa Perumal Koil					
					Birundhavana Uthsavam	1	Sep./Oct.	100	Sweetmeats	4½ Miles

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24.	BASIN BRIDGE									
	Mint Street	...	Washermanpet	½	Irattai Pillaiyar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	200	Sweetmeats	1¾ Miles
			do	½	Sri Sundara Vinayagar Devasthanam					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	do	500	Coconuts and fruits	1¾ Miles
	Kathpada Road (Moolakothalam)	...	Basin Bridge	1	Kollapuriamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	3	July/Aug.	300	Sweetmeats	2 Miles
	Periapalayathamman Koil Street	...	do	½	Moorthi Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	do	2 Miles
				¼	Periapalayathamman Koil					
					Brahmothsavam	14	July/Aug.	400	do	2 Miles
	Wall Tax Road	...	Central	½	Sri Kalyana Venkatesa Perumal Koil					
					Thiruppavai Uthsavam	30	Dec./Jan.	500	Sweetmeats, fruits, coconuts and flowers	2½ Miles
25.	KONDITHOPE									
	Ayalur Muthaiya Mudali Street	...	do	1¼	Chengalvarayar Koil					
					1. Skandha Sashti	6	Oct./Nov.	200	Sweetmeats and fruits	2½ Miles
					2. Vasantha Uthsavam	1	May/June	200		

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25.	KONDITHOPE (Contd.)									
	Muthu Krishnan Street	...	Central	1¼	Sri Elandai Muthu Mariamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	10	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats, fruits and betel nuts	2½ Miles
	Krishnappa Naicken Tank Street	...	do	1¼	Sri Kasi Visvanathar Koil					
					Brahmothsavam	10	June/July	250	Sweetmeats	2½ Miles
	Subbarayapillai Street	...	do	1¼	Sri Jayavinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats	2½ Miles
	Mint Street	...	do	1¼	Muthiyalamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	10	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats	2 Miles
26.	PEDDUNAICKENPET									
	Mint Street	...	do	¾	Renuga Parameswari Devasthanam (Chinnakadai Amman)					
					Adi Festival	3	July/Aug.	5,000	Coconuts, fruits and aerated waters	2 Miles
	Palliappan Street	...	do	1	Sri Arunachala Eswarar, Varadaraja Perumal Devasthanam					
					1. Karthigai Brahmothsavam	10	Nov./Dec.	500	Sweetmeats, coconuts and fruits	1 Mile
					2. Adi Pooram	10	July/Aug.	500		
					3. Manickavasagar Uthsavam	30	Dec./Jan.	500		
					4. Ekadasi	1	Every month	500		

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26.	PEDDUNAICKENPET (Contd.)									
	Mint Street —(Contd.)	...	Central	1	Kamala Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	150	Sweetmeats, light refreshments, coconuts and fruits	2 Miles
					2. Skandha Sashti	6	Oct./Nov.	150		
					3. New Year's Day	1	April	150		
					4. Arudhra Festival	10	Dec./Jan.	150		
	do	2			Sriman Allur Venkatachala Madam (Ramar Koil)					
					Sri Rama Navami	10	March/April	1,000	Sweetmeats, dolls, coconuts and fruits	2 Miles
	Washermanpet	¾			Sri Subramanyaswami Koil					
					1. Skandha Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	500	Sweetmeats	2 Miles
					2. Manickavasagar Uthsavam	10	Dec./Jan.	500		
					3. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov./Dec.	500		
	do	½			Bala Palani Andavar Devasthanam					
					1. Karthigai Deepam	10	Nov./Dec.	100	Sweetmeats	2 Miles
					2. Skandha Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	100		
					3. Adi Kirthigai	1	July/Aug.	100		

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27.	PERUMAL KOIL GARDEN									
	Perumal Koil Garden Street	...	Central	1	Manthriga Pillaiyar Koil *alias* Sri Sithi Vinayagar					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats and fruits	2 Miles
	Perumal Koil Garden 3rd Lane	...	do	1¼	Sri Mahalakshmi Amman Sourna Sundara Vinayagar Koil					
					Adi Brahmothsavam	10	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats	2 Miles
	Perumal Koil Garden 6th lane	...	do	1	Mathamma Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam (Kuzh-Varthal)	3	do	100	Sweetmeats	2 Miles
31.	PERAMBUR									
	Strans Road	...	Perambur	1½	Sri Krishna Venkatesa Perumal Sannadhi					
					Sri Rama Navami	10	April/May.	500	Sweetmeats, dolls and toys	3½ Miles
	Kannapiran Koil Street		do	1	Kannapiran Koil					
					Krishna Jayanthi	1	Aug./Sep.	60	Sweetmeats	8 Miles
	Gandhi Road	...	do	½	Sri Shanmuga Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	do	100	Sweetmeats	8 Miles
	Egangipuram	...	do	½	Semathamman Koil					
					Navarathri Uthsavam	1	Sep./Oct.	50	...	8 Miles

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32.	VYASARPADY									
			Basin Bridge	1	Raveeswaran Koil					
					1. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	100	...	6 Miles
					2. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov./Dec.	100		
			do	1	Kara Pathra Siva Pragasa Swamigal Madam					
					Naga Chathurthi (Pouring of milk into the snake-pits)	1	Oct./Nov.	5,000	...	6 Miles
36.	PATTALAM									
	Angalamman Koil Street	...	do	1	Bashyagara Bajanai Madam					
					Krishna Mandiram Krishna Jayanthi	10	Aug./Sep.	100	...	4 Miles
38.	Dr. BASANT NAGAR									
	Syden Ham's Road	...	Central	½	Thulukkanath Amman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam (Kuzh Utral)	1	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats, and aerated water	3 Miles
39.	CHOOLAI									
	Choolai High Road	...	do	1	Prasanna Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Somavaram (Karthigai)	5	Nov./Dec.	1,000	Sweetmeats, coconuts and fruits	3 Miles
					2. Arudhra	2	Dec./Jan.	1,000		
					3. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	1,000		

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39.	CHOOLAI (Contd.)									
	Avadhanampapaiyar Road	...	Central	1½	Chidambaraswami Koil					
					1. Arudhra Festival	10	Dec./Jan.	100	Nil	3¾ Miles
					2. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov./Dec.	100		
					3. Skandha Sashti	8	Oct./Nov.	100		
					4. Ani Thirumanjanam	1	June/July	100		
				1½	Sri Kothanda Ramaswami Devasthanam					
					Sri Rama Navami (Brahmothsavam)	10	April/May	100	Sweetmeats	3¾ Miles
	Alathur Subramaniya Achari Street	...	Egmore	2	Sri Sundara Raja Perumal Anjaneyarswami Koil					
					1. Brahmothsavam	10	June/July	300	Sweetmeats and coconuts	3½ Miles
					2. Krishna Jayanthi	1	Aug./Sep.	200		
					3. Navarathri	9	Sep./Oct.	200		
					4. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov./Dec.	200		
					5. Panguni Uthiram	1	March/April	200		
	Anandha Krishna Ayyar Street	...	do	2	Sri Venkatachalapathi Perumal Sannadhi (Paribalana Sabah)					
					Thiruppavai—Thiruvembavai Parayanam Festival	30	Dec./Jan.	50	...	3½ Miles

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39.	CHOOLAI (Contd.)									
	Vijaya Vigneswarar Koil Street	...	Egmore	1½	Dharmaraja Vembadi Amman Koil					
					1. Fire Festival (for Dharmaraja)	1	July/Aug.	50	Sweetmeats	3 Miles
					2. Adi Uthsavam (for Amman)	1	do	50		
	Sami Pillai Street	...	do	1½	Sri Karpaga Vinayagar Subramaniar Koil					
					1. Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	200	Sweetmeats, coconuts and fruits	3 Miles
					2. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	200		
					3. Arudhra Festival	10	Dec./Jan.	200		
					4. Skandha Sashti	10	Oct./Nov.	200		
	Vathiyar Kantha Pillai Street	...	do	1½	Srinivasa Perumal Koil					
					Brahmothsavam	10	Sep./Oct.	2,000	Sweetmeats, coconuts and fruits	3 Miles
	Chokkavel Subramanyaswami Koil Street	...	Basin Bridge	1	Sri Chokkavel Subramanyaswami Koil					
					1. Skandha Sashti	1	Oct./Nov.	75	Sweetmeats and fruits	3 Miles
					2. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	75		
	Sachchithanantham Street	...	Egmore	1½	Sachchithanantha Madam					
					Thai Poosom (Guru Poojai)	1	Jan./Feb.	300	Sweetmeats	3 Miles

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39.	CHOOLAI (Contd.)									
	South Mada Street	...	Basin Bridge	1	Angala Parameswari-Kasi Viswanatha Eswarar Devasthanam					
					1. Brahmothsavam	10	March/April	1,000	Sweetmeats, dolls, toys, coconuts and fruits	4 Miles
					2. Masana Kollai	2	Feb./March	5,000		
	Angalamman Koil Street	...	do	1	Sri Venugopalaswami Devasthanam					
					1. Krishna Jayanthi	10	Aug./Sep.	600	Sweetmeats, & groundnuts	4 Miles
					2. Satru Murai	10	April/May	600		
			do	1	Anjaneyaswami Devasthanam					
					1. Sri Rama Navami (Brahmothsavam)	10	do	200	...	4 Miles
					2. Anjaneyar Brahmothsavam	10	do	200		
41.	SEMBIUM									
	Lakshmiamman Koil Street	...	Perambur	1	Sri Lakshmi Amman Koil					
					Agni Uthsavam	15	July/Aug.	5,000	Edibles and toys	4 Miles
42.	SIRUVALLUR									
	Paper Mills Road	...	do	1	Sundara Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	300	Sweetmeats, betelnut, fruits and coconuts	6½ Miles
					2. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	300		
					3. Skandha Sashti	1	Oct./Nov.	300		

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43.	AGARAM									
	Krishnan Koil Street ...		Perambur	¼	Sri Krishnan Koil					
					Sri Krishna Jayanthi	10	Aug./Sep.	50	...	8½ Miles
			do	¼	Prasanna Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats	8½ Miles
					2. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov./Dec.	100		
			do	½	Kothanda Ramaswami Koil					
					Sri Rama Navami	10	March/April	100	Sweetmeats	8½ Miles
			do	½	Thanthoniamman Koil					
					Fire Festival (Kuzh Utral)	10	July/Aug.	5,000	Sweetmeats, fruits, coconuts, dolls and toys	8 Miles
			do	½	Chinthamani Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	250	Sweetmeats	8 Miles
45.	AYANAVARAM									
	Konnur High Road ...		do	1	Kasi Viswanathaswami Koil					
					1. Vinayagar Uthsavam	1	do.	100	Sweetmeats	6 Miles
					2. Pari Vettai	1	Sep./Oct.	100		
					3. Skandha Sashti	1	Oct./Nov.	100		
					4. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov./Dec.	100		
					5. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	100		
					6. Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	100		

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45.	AYANAVARAM (Contd.)									
	Konnur High Road —(Contd.) ...		Perambur	1	Chelliamman Muthamman Koil					
					Adi Festival (Only for Chelliamman-Kuzh Varthal)	1	July/Aug.	5,000	Sweetmeats, toys, coconuts, fruits and light refreshments	6 Miles
	Parasurama Eswaran Koil Street ...		do	1	Parasurama Eswaran Koil					
					1. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	200	...	6 Miles
					2. Panja Moorthi Sevai	1	No fixed month	200		
			do	1	Kariamanicka Perumal Koil					
					1. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	100	...	6 Miles
					2. Chithirai Pournami	1	April/May	100		
					3. Krishna Jayanthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100		
	Konnur High Road ...		do	1	Chella Pillaiyar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	do	250	Sweetmeats and fruits	8 Miles
	Anderson Road ...		do	½	Sri Muthu Mariamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam (Kuzh Utral)	2	July/Aug.	200	do	8 Miles
46.	NAMMALWARPET									
	Strans Road ...		do	2½	Sri Ellaiamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	14	do	150	Sweetmeats	3½ Miles

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46.	NAMMALWARPET (Contd.)									
	Nainiyappan Street	...	Central	1	Sithi Buthi Sundara Vinayagar					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	11	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats, coconuts and fruits	3½ Miles
					2. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	100		
47.	OTTERI									
	Bricklin Road	...	do	4	Sundara Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	50	Sweetmeats	4 Miles
48.	KOSAPET									
	Vinai Theertha Vinayagar Koil Street	...	Perambur	¾	Vinai Theertha Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	4,000	Sweetmeats	4 Miles
					2. Chithirai Pournami	1	April/May	4,000		
					3. Masi Magham	1	Feb./March	4,000		
					4. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	4,000		
	Padavattamman Koil Street	...	do	¾	Padavattamman Koil					
					Amman Jathirai	1	July/Aug.	500	Sweetmeats	4 Miles
	Kandaswami Koil Street	...	Egmore	2½	Mottaiamman Koil					
					Mottaiamman Jathirai	2	April/May	500	Coconuts fruits & sweetmeats	4 Miles
			do	2½	Kandasamy Koil					
					1. Brahmothsavam	12	May/June	150	Sweetmeats	4 Miles
					2. Skandha Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	150		

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50.	PURASAWALKAM									
	Thana Street *alias* Kanthappan Mudali Street	...	Egmore	1	Sri Solaiamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	1	July/Aug.	500	...	3 Miles
			do	1	Adhi Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	500	Sweetmeats, flowers, fruits vegetables & coconuts	3 Miles
	Solaiappa Naicken Street	...	do	1	Adhi Solaiamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	3	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats	3 Miles
	Vedha Vinayagar Koil Road	...	do	1½	Vedha Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	50	...	3 Miles
					Adhi Vedha-Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	do	50	...	3 Miles
	Purasawalkam High Road	...	do	1½	Muthu Mariamman Koil					
					Amman Jathirai	1	July/Aug.	200	Provisions, coconuts, fruits and flowers	3½ Miles
	Sydenham's Road	...	Central	½	Sri Muthu Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats	3½ Miles
	Veerasami Pillai Street	...	do	¼	Sri Ellaiamman Koil					
					Amman Jathirai	1	July/Aug.	150	do	3 Miles

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50.	PURASAWALKAM (Contd.)									
	Karpura Mudali Street	...	Central	¼	Sri Anjaneyaswami Koil					
					Sri Rama Navami	1	March/April	200	Sweetmeats and fruits	3 Miles
	Vaikkakara Street	...	do	2	Vembadi Vinayagar Koil					
					Brahmothsavam	12	Aug./Sep.	300	Coconuts and fruits	3¾ Miles
	Vellala Street	...	do	1	Srinivasa Perumal Koil					
					Brahmothsavam	10	Jan./Feb.	50	Sweetmeats	3¾ Miles
51.	SHENOYNAGAR									
	Tiruveedamman Koil Street	...	Chetput	¾	Thiruveedamman Koil					
					Adi Festival (Kuzh Varthal)	3	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats	5 Miles
52.	KILPAUK									
	Kilpauk Garden Road	...	do	1	Chelliamman Koil					
					Adi Festival	9	do	100	Sweetmeats, light refreshments	5 Miles
	Barnabi Road	...	Egmore	2	Pathala Ponniamman Koil					
					1. Adi Festival	10	do	200	Coconuts, fruits, flowers and sweetmeats	5 Miles
					2. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	750		
	Lauders Gate Road	...	Chetput	1½	Sri Balakrishna Bakthajana Sabah					
					Krishna Jayanthi	10	Aug./Sep.	150	Coconuts and fruits	5 Miles

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53.	CHETPUT									
	Machnical's Road	...	Chetput	½	Kari Kathiamman Koil					
					Adi Festival (Kuzh Varthal)	1	July/Aug.	5,000	Sweetmeats and coconuts	5 Miles
	Subraya Gramani Street	...	do	½	Subramanyar Koil					
					Kirthigai Uthsavam	1	Every month	100	Sweetmeats	5 Miles
	Harington Road	...	do	½	Vembadiamman and Kolathuamman Koil					
					Adi Amman Jathirai (Kuzh Varthal)	1	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats	5 Miles
54.	NUNGAMBAKKAM									
	Ponnangipuram 2nd Street	...	Nungambakkam	1½	Adhi Thulukanathamman Koil					
					Adi Festival	1	July/Aug.	300	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	5½ Miles
	Vadavanda Mada Street	...	do	1½	Sri Asalathu Ambigai Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	3	do	200	do	5½ Miles
	Tank Street	...	do	1½	Agastheeswara Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Devasthanam					
					1. Adi Pooram	1	do	100	do	5½ Miles
					2. Arudhra Festival	10	Dec./Jan.	100		
					3. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	100		
	Ramanaickan Street	...	do	1½	Varasithi Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Thiruvathirai (Natarajar)	1	Dec./Jan.	200	...	5½ Miles
					2. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	200		

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54.	NUNGAMBAKKAM (Contd.)									
	Noori Veeraswami Ayyar Street	...	Nungambakkam	...	Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Koil					
					1. Anjaneyar Laksharchanai	5	Nov./Dec.	500	Sweetmeats, coconuts and fruits	5½ Miles
					2. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	500		
					3. Chithirai Pournami	1	April/May	500		
					4. Panguni Uthiram	1	March/April	500		
	Rama Naicken Street	...	do	1½	Karkodiamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam (Kuzh Varthal)	1	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats	5½ Miles
56.	THOUSAND LIGHTS (W)									
	Gopalapuram	...	Mambalam	3	Sri Venugopalaswami Koil					
					1. Gokulashtami	1	Aug./Sep.	25	...	6 Miles
					2. Skandha Sashti	1	Oct./Nov.	25		
					3. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	25		
					4. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	25		
57.	THOUSAND LIGHTS (E)									
	Whites Road	...	Egmore	3½	Rathina Vinayagar Durgai Amman Koil					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	500	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	5 Miles
					2. Adi Uthsavam	1	July/Aug.	500		

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58.	PUDUPAKKAM									
	Perumal Mudali Street	...	Egmore	2	Sri Velathamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	10	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	4½ Miles
	Chellapillaiyar Koil Street	...	do	2	Chella Pillaiyar Koil					
					1. Pillaiyar Chathurthi	10	Aug./Sep.	50	Sweetmeats	4½ Miles
					2. Arudhra Darisanam (Thiruvasagam, Thevara Parayanam.)	30	Dec./Jan.	50		
	Oilmonger Street	...	do	2	Ellaiamman Koil Renuga Parameswari					
					Adi Uthsavam	5	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats	4½ Miles
60.	ROYAPETTAH									
	Royapettah High Road	...	Mambalam	3	Apparswami Koil					
					Guru Poojai	1	June/July	500	...	5½ Miles
			do	3	Sri Anjaneyar Sundara Vinayagar, Selva Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Sri Rama Navami	1	March/April	100	Sweetmeats, light refreshments and textiles	5½ Miles
					2. Tami New Year's Day	1	April/May	100		
					3. Krishna Jayanthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100		
					4. Purattasi Saturday	1	Sep./Oct.	100		
					5. Garuda Sevai	1	Dec./Jan.	100		
					6. Ekadasi	1	do	100		

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60.	ROYAPETTAH (Contd.)									
	Srinivasa Perumal Koil Street	...	Egmore	3	Srinivasa Perumal Koil					
					1. Garuda Sevai	1	Sep./Oct.	1,000	Sweetmeats	5½ Miles
					2. Hanumantha Vaganam	1	do	1,000		
					3. Masi Magham	1	Feb./March	1,000		
					4. Andal Thiruppavai	30	Dec./Jan.	1,000		
					5. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	1,000		
	Muthu Mudali Street	...	do	3	Sithi-Buthi Vinayagar Sundareswara-swami Koil					
					1. Arudhra Darisanam	10	Dec./Jan.	150	Sweetmeats	5½ Miles
					2. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	150		
					3. Masi Magham	1	Feb./March.	150		
					4. Ani Thiru-manjanam	1	Aug./Sep.	150		
	Peter's Road	...	do	3	Peria Palayath-amman Koil					
					1. Adi Uthsavam	10	July/Aug.	300	Coconuts, fruits & sweetmeats	5½ Miles
					2. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	300		
	Veeraperumal Koil Street	...	Mambalam	3	Selva Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	25	...	5½ Miles
	Mohamad Ussain Lane	...	Egmore	3½	Theruveethi-amman Koil					
					Adi-Uthsavam	10	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats	5½ Miles

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60.	ROYAPETTAH (Contd.)									
	Venkatachala Mudali Street	...	Egmore	4½	Sri Thiruveethi amman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam (Kuzh Utral)	1	July/Aug.	100	...	4½ Miles
61.	GANGATHEESWARANPET									
	Gangatheeswara Koil Street	...	do	1½	Gangatheeswaran Koil					
					Brahmothsavam	10	March/April	500 to 2,000	Toys and dolls	3¾ Miles
					Sumuga Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	250	Coconut, fruits and flowers	3¾ Miles
	Gangatheeswaran Koil Road	...	do	1½	Sri Kothanda-ramaswami, Anjaneyaswami Devasthanam					
					Sri Rama Navami	9	March/April	100	...	3¾ Miles
64.	PARK TOWN									
	289. Wall Tax Road	...	Central	⅛	Moongilamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam (Kuzh Utral)	1	July/Aug.	400	Sweetmeats, coconuts and fruits	3 Miles
	Pillaiyar Koil Street	...	do	⅛	Darmaraja Koil					
					1. 'Baratha' Festival	18	do	50	Eatables	3 Miles
					2. Navarathri	9	Sep./Oct.	50		
	Mint Street	...	do	¾	Ekambara Eswarar Devasthanam					
					1. Brahmoth-savam	15	March/April	1,000	Coconuts, fruits and sweetmeats	3½ Miles
					2. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	1,000		
					3. Skandha Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	1,000		
					4. Vasantha Uthsavam	7	May/June	1,000		

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PARK TOWN (Contd.)									
Rajappa Chetti Street	...	Central	½	Kandhaswami Koil (Kandha Kottam) (Sri Muthu Kumaraswami Devasthanam)					
				1. Brahmothsavam	19	Jan./Feb.	5,000	Sweetmeats fruits, coconuts and light refreshments	3 Miles
				2. Vasantha Uthsavam	19	May/June	500		
				3. Meththai Uthsavam	7	Aug./Sep.	500		
				4. Sokkanatha Uthsavam	11	March/April	500		
				5. Skandha Sashti	6	Oct./Nov.	5,000		
Mint Street	...	do	½	Senkazhuneer Koluramman Devasthanam (Sembada Pillaiyar Koil)					
				1. Vasantha Uthsavam	10	May/June	100	Sweetmeats, coconuts and fruits	3 Miles
				2. Manickavasagar Uthsavam	10	Dec./Jan.	100		
				3. Pillaiyar Chathurthi	5	Aug./Sep.	100		
				4. Ambal Uthsavam	7	July/Aug.	100		
Pavalakkara Street	...	Beach	½	Venugopala Krishnaswami Koil					
				1. Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	100	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	3 Miles
				2. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	100		
				3. Ra-pathu Pagal-pathu	20	Dec./Jan.	100		
				4. Sri Rama Navami	9	Mar./April	100		

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66.	CHINTADRIPET									
	Palani Andavar Koil Street	...	Egmore	1	Sri Palani Andavar Koil					
					Panguni Uthsavam	10	March/Apr.	100	Coconuts, fruits & sweetmeats	3½ Miles
	Venkatesa Gramani Street	...	do	1	Angala Parameswari Koil					
					1. Masi Magham	10	Feb./March	100	Coconuts, fruits & sweetmeats	3 Miles
					2. Adi Festival	10	July/Aug.	100		
	Sami Naicken Street	...	do	1	Sri 'Thuyartheertha' Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats, fruits, dolls & coconuts	3 Miles
	Iyya Mudali Street	...	do	1	Sri Subramaniyar Koil					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	do	100	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	3 Miles
					2. Navarathri (Mandabapadi)	9	Sep./Oct.	100		
					3. Skandha Sashti	8	Oct./Nov.	100		
			do	1	Sri Subramaniyar Devasthanam					
					1. Skandha Sashti	10	Oct./Nov.	200	Sweetmeats, and coconuts	3 Miles
					2. Laksha Archanai	1	No fixed date	200		
			Central	¼	Adhi Thulukkanathamman Koil					
					Adi Festival	1	July/Aug.	200	Eatables	3 Miles

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66.	CHINTADRIPET (Contd.)									
	44—45 Agrahara Street	...	Egmore	¼	Sri Adhipureeswarar Koil					
					1. Manickavasagar Festival	10	Dec./Jan.	2,000	Sweetmeats, coconuts, fruits, toys, dolls and vessels	3 Miles
					2. Thanur month Festival (Thiruppavai, Thiruvempavai Parayanam)	30	Dec./Jan.	2,000		
					3. Brahmothsavam	15	March/April	2,000		
					4. Ani Thirumanjanam	1	June/July	2,000		
					5. Adi Pooram	11	July/Aug.	2,000		
					6. Navarathri	9	Sep./Oct.	2,000		
					7. Skandha Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	2,000		
					8. Thirukkarthigai	1	Nov./Dec.	2,000		
					Adhi Kesavaperumal Koil (Vishnu Temple)					
					1. Pagal-pathu Ra-pathu Ekadasi (Thanur month)	30	Dec./Jan.	2,000	Sweetmeats, fruits, coconuts, dolls and vessels	3 Miles
					2. Satrumurai Festival					
					(a) Nammazhwar	1	May/June	2,000		
					(b) Kulasegara Azhwar	1	Feb./March	2,000		
					(c) Thirukkachinambi	1	March/April	2,000		
					3. Brahmothsavam	10	do	2,000		
					4. Adi Pooram	11	July/Aug.	2,000		
					5. Navarathri	9	Sep./Oct.	2,000		
					6. Thirukkarthigai	2	Nov./Dec.	2,000		

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66.	CHINTADRIPET (Contd.)									
	Usmankhan Road	...	Egmore	¾	Sri Nagathamman Koil					
					Sri Nageswariammal Adi Festival	10	July/Aug.	250	Eatables, coconuts & fruits	3 Miles
67.	EGMORE									
	Ponniyamman Koil Street	...	do	1/16	Sri Adhi Ponniamman Koil					
					Ponniamman Koil Brahmothsavam	10	Jan./Feb.	200	Eatables	3½ Miles
	Lakshmi Narayana Perumal Koil Street	...	do	½	Sri Srinivasa Perumal Devasthanam					
					1. Brahmothsavam	10	Sep./Oct.	500	Estables, coconuts & toys	3½ Miles
					2. Adhyana Uthsavam	21	Dec./Jan.	500		
					3. Vasantha Uthsavam	5	May/June	500		
					4. Pavithra Uthsavam	5	Oct./Nov.	500		
	Gengu Reddy Road	...	do	½	Selva Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Adi Kirthigai	1	July/Aug.	200	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	3½ Miles
					2. Chithira Pournami	1	April/May.	200		
					3. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	200		
					4. Skandha Sashti (Sura Samharam)	6	Oct./Nov.	200		
	Poonamallee High Road	...	do	¼	Ponniamman Koil Adi Festival	1	July/Aug.	100	Eatables, fruits & coconuts	3½ Miles

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67.	EGMORE (Contd.)									
	Egmore High Road	...	Egmore	½	Sadaiathamman Koil					
					Adi Festival (Kuzh Varthal)	3	July/Aug.	100	Fruits, coconuts & eatables	3½ Miles
68.	PUDUPET									
	Sayala Mudali Street	...	do	1	Sri Thiruchadai amman Devasthanam					
					1. Adi Uthsavam	12	July/Aug.	50	Sweetmeats, and light refresh-ments	3½ Miles
					2. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	50		
69.	KOMALEESWARANPET									
	Narayana Naicken Street	...	do	½	Ranganathar Temple					
					1. Thiruppavai, Thiruvempavai Parayanam	30	Dec./Jan.	100	Sweetmeats	3½ Miles
					2. Panguni Uthiram	1	March/April	100		
			do	1	Sri Bala Subra-maniyar Devasthanam					
					1. Skandha Sashti	10	Oct./Nov.	50	Coconuts and fruits	3½ Miles
					2. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	50		
					3. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	50		
	Muniya Pillai Street	...	do	1	Kothanda Ramaswami Sannadhi					
					1. Sri Rama Navami	10	March/April	250	Sweetmeats & coconuts	3½ Miles
					2. Thanur month Festival	30	Dec./Jan.	250		
					3. Krishna Jayanthi	10	Aug./Sep.	250		
					4. Navarathri Festival	10	Sep./Oct.	250		

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69.	KOMALEESWARANPET (Contd.)									
	Sannadhi Street	...	Egmore	1	Komaleeswaran Koil					
					1. Thanur month Festival (Arudhra)	30	Dec./Jan.	50	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	3½ Miles
					2. Sivarathri	1	Feb./March	50		
					3. Panguni Uthiram	1	March/April	50		
					4. Chithira Pournami	1	April/May	50		
					5. Vasantha Uthsavam	10	May/June	50		
					6. Pillaiyar Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	50		
	Perumal Mudali Street	...	do	1½	Sri Pachaiamman Manrarswami Koil					
					Fire Festival	10	Aug./Sep.	1,000	Sweetmeats, dolls and shop articles	3½ Miles
72.	THIRUVATTEESWARANPET									
	Subadral Street	...	do	2½	Sri Panduranga Koil					
					1. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	60	...	3½ Miles
					2. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov./Dec.	60		
					3. Namadevar Uthsavam	1	Aug./Sep.	60		
					4. Thukkaram Uthsavam	1	March/April	60		
					5. Ganeswarar Uthsavam	1	Nov./Dec.	60		

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72.	THIRUVATTEESWARANPET (Contd.)									
	Pillaiyar Koil Street	...	Egmore	2½	Paripoorna Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	50	Sweetmeats	3½ Miles
					2. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	50		
					3. Kathiri Abishegam	10	May/June.	50		
	Nagappaiyar Street	...	do	2½	Sri Anjaneyar Devasthanam					
					1. Sri Rama Navami	10	April/May	500	...	3½ Miles
					2. Hanumantha Jayanthi	2	Dec./Jan.	250		
	Thiruvatteeswaran Sannadhi Street	...	do	2½	Thiruvattees-waran Koil					
					1. Brahmothsavam (Car festival)	10	April/May	1,500	Sweetmeats, fruits & coconuts	3½ Miles
					2. Skandha Sashti	6	Oct./Nov.	1,500		
					3. Sivarathri	1	Feb./March	1,500		
					4. Arudhra Festival	11	Dec./Jan	1,500		
73.	CHEPAUK									
	Big Street	...	do	2½	Arasadi Karpaga Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Brahmothsavam (Vinayaga Chathurthi)	11	Aug./Sep.	500	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	3½ Miles
					2. Vasantha Uthsavam	7	May/June	500		
					3. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan	500		
					4. Chithira Pournami	1	April/May	500		
					5. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov./Dec.	500		
					6. Thai Poosam	1	Jan./Feb.	500		

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73.	CHEPAUK (Contd.)									
	Arunachala Asari Street	...	Egmore	2½	Sri Swarna Vinayagar Thanthoni-amman Koil					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug/Sep.	100	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	4 Miles
					2. Adi Uthsavam	1	July/Aug.	100		
75.	TRIPLICANE									
	Dr. Besant Road	...	do	5	Sri Kalamani Amman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	10	July/Aug.	200	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	4 Miles
	Car Street	...	Central	3	Agobila Madam					
					1. Vedantha Desigar Uthsavam	10	Sep./Oct.	150	Sweetmeats	4 Miles
					2. Adivan Sadagopan Uthsavam	10	do	150		
	Sundaramoorthi Vinayagar Street	...	Egmore	3	Sundaramoorthi Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	10	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats	4 Miles
			do	3	Ellaiamman Koil					
					Brahmothsavam	1	July/Aug.	200	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	4 Miles
			do	5	Sri Parthasarathi-swami Devasthanam					
					1. Brahmoth-savam for Parthasarathi Perumal	10	April/May	5,000	Brass vessels dolls, sweetmeats, coconuts, fruits and other mis-cellaneous articles	4 Miles
					2. Vasantha Uthsavam for Thayar	3	May/June	3,000		

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75.	TRIPLICANE (Contd.)									
	Sundaramoorthi Vinayagar Street (Contd.)		Egmore		Sri Parthasarathiswami Devasthanam (Contd.)					
					3. Vasantha Uthsavam for Ranganathaswami	3	May/June	3,000	Brass vessels, dolls, sweetmeats, coconuts, fruits and other miscellaneous articles	4 Miles
					4. Annual festival for Gajendra Varadharajaswami	10	do	3,000		
					5. Brahmothsavam for Narasimhaswami (Thelliyasinga Perumal)	10	June/July	5,000		
					6. Thiru Adi Pooram for Andal	10	July/Aug.	3,000		
					7. Neeratta Uthsavam for Andal	9	Dec./Jan.	3,000		
					8. Pagal-pathu, Ra-pathu Festival (Ekadasi included)	22	do	10,000		
					9. Manavala Mamunigal Festival and Dhavana uthsavam for Parthasarathi	4	Feb./March	3,000		
					10. Masi Magham	1	do	3,000		
					11. Floating festival for Ranganathaswami	1	do	5,000		
					12. Floating Festival for Ramar	1	do	5,000		
					13. Annual Festival for Chakravarthi Thirumagan	10	March/April	3,000		
					14. Dhavana Uthsavam and floating Festival for Gajendra Varadharaja Perumalswamy	2	Feb./March	5,000		

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75.	TRIPLICANE (Contd.)									
	Ariamuthu Achari Street	...	Egmore	4	Kadumbadiamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam (Kuzh-Utral)	10	July/Aug.	50	...	5 Miles
	Sunkuvar Street	...	do	4	Udupi Sri Krishna Mandiram					
					1. Gokulashtami	10	Aug./Sep.	2,000	...	4 Miles
					2. Vathirajaswami Arathanai	10	Feb./March	2,000		
	Venkatrangam Pillai Street	...	do	3½	Karuppani Amman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	10	July/Aug.	200	Sweetmeats	4 Miles
	Venkatachalam Chetti Street	...	do	3½	Sri Pandurangan Koil					
					1. Sita Kalyanam	10	April/May	300	Sweetmeats	4 Miles
					2. Radha Kalyanam	30	Dec./Jan	300		
					3. Rukkumani Kalyanam	10	Aug./Sep.	300		
	Pycrofts Road	...	do	4	Kadambadiamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	7	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats, fruits & coconuts	4 Miles
76.	JAMBAZAAR									
	Thanappa Chetti Street	...	do	2	Sundara Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	10	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats, fruits & coconuts	4½ Miles
	Oil Monger Street	...	do	2	Prasanna Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	10	do	100	Sweetmeats	4½ Miles

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76.	JAMBAZAAR (Contd.)									
	Devaraja Mudali Street	...	Egmore	2¼	Sri Ellaiamman *alias* Renuga Parameswari Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	1	July/Aug.	500	Sweetmeats	4½ Miles
	Weavers' Street	...	do	2¼	Subramaniya-swami Koil					
					1. Skandha Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	50	Sweetmeats fruits and coconuts	4½ Miles
					2. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	50		
77.	MIRASAHIBPET									
	Dr. Besant Road	...	do	4	Sri Manicka Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Kathri Uthsavam	14	April/May	100	Sweetmeats & light refreshments	4½ Miles
					2. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100		
	Mavadi Vinayagar Koil Street	...	do	4	Mavadi Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	do	100	Sweetmeats	5 Miles
80.	KRISHNAMPET									
	Bridge Road Hamilton's	...	do	4	Sri Sundara Vinayagar Thulukkanath-amman Devasthanam					
					1. Amman Jathirai	3	July/Aug.	400	Sweetmeats	5 Miles
					2. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	400		
					3. Vasantha Uthsavam	10	May/June	400		
					4. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	400		

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80.	KRISHNAMPET (Contd.)									
	Lloyds Road	...	Egmore	4	Peyandiamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	2	July/Aug.	200	Sweetmeats	5 Miles
	Dr. Natesan Road	...	Central	2½	Sri Theertha Valeeswaran Koil					
					Arudhra Uthsavam	1	Dec./Jan.	50	do	4 Miles
81.	TEYNAMPET									
	Eldam's Road	...	Mambalam	1	Sri Balasubra-mania Swami, Alaiamman, Sri Ramalin-geswaraswami Koil					
					1. Skandha Sashti	6	Oct./Nov.	300	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	6 Miles
					2. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	300		
					3. Arudhra	1	Dec./Jan	300		
					4. Adi Fridays (Amman)	4	July/Aug.	300		
83.	MADHAVAPERUMALPURAM									
	Nattu Subbaraya Mudali Street	...	do	3	Manicka Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi Abishegam	1	Aug./Sep.	75	...	6 Miles
	Thiruvalluva Nayanar Koil Street	...	do	3	Thiruvalluva Nayanar Koil					
					1. Birthday celebrations	1	Feb./March	400	...	6 Miles
					2. Mukthi Day of Saint Thiruvalluvar	1	May/June	400		

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83.	MADHAVAPERUMALPURAM (Contd.)									
	Madhava Perumal Koil Street	...	Egmore	4½	Madhava Perumal Koil					
					1. Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	300	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	6 Miles
					2. Sri Rama Navami	10	March/April	300		
84.	KARANEESWARAPURAM									
	Virubhaksheeswar Koil Street	...	do	5	Virubaksheeswarar Koil					
					1. Skandha Sashti	6	Oct./Nov.	50	...	6 Miles
					2. Thai Poosam	1	Jan./Feb.	50		
	Malleeswaran Koil Street	...	do	4½	Malleeswaran Koil					
					Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov./Dec.	50	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	6 Miles
	Munda Kanniamman Koil Street	...	do	4½	Munda Kanniamman Koil					
					1. Adi Festival	30	July/Aug.	1,000	Sweetmeats	6 Miles
					2. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	1,000		
			do	4½	Sri Gnana Jothi Narthana Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	3	Aug./Sep.	500	Sweetmeats	6 Miles
					2. Sri Ramalingaswami Uthasvam	3	Jan./Feb.	500		
					3. Sri Ramalingaswami Jayanthi Festival	1	Sep./Oct.	500		

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84.	KARANEESWARAPURAM (Contd.)									
	Bazaar Road	...	Egmore	5	Karaneeswaran Koil					
					1. Pillaiyar Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats, vessels & dolls	6 Miles
					2. Skandha Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	100		
					3. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	100		
					4. Swami Thirukkalyanam	3	Feb./March	100		
					5. Karthigai Uthsavam	2	Nov./Dec.	100		
					6. Masi Magham	1	Feb./March	100		
					7. Vasantha Uthsavam	3	May/June	100		
	Thalaiyari Street	...	do	4	Mariamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	1	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats	5½ Miles
	Nachikuppam	...	do	4½	Ellaiamman Peyandiamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	1	do	100	do	5 Miles
85.	SANTHOME									
	Bazaar Road	...	do	6	Sri Thillai Vinayagar Devasthanam					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	25	Sweetmeats & Biscuits	6 Miles
	Gobathi Narayanaswami Chetti Street	...	do	5	Sadaladum Varasithi Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	do	500	Sweetmeats & betel nuts etc.	6 Miles
					Kalamuzhiamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	3	July/Aug.	50	Sweetmeats	6 Miles

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86.	MYLAPORE									
	Mari Chetti Street	...	Mambalam	3	Sri Venkatesa Perumal Devasthanam					
					1. Brahmothsavam	10	June/July	50	...	6½ Miles
					2. Masi Magham	1	Feb./Mar.	50		
					3. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	50		
					4. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov./Dec.	50		
	Sengazhuneer Pillaiyar Koil Street	...	do	4	Sri Sengazhuneer Pillaiyar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	75	Plantains, sweetmeats & light refershments	6 Miles
	Kesava Perumal Koil Street	...	do	4½	Adhi Kesava Perumal Koil					
					1. Peyazhwar Uthsavam	10	Oct./Nov.	500	Sweetmeats, coconuts, fruits & dolls etc.	6 Miles
					2. Brahmothsavam	10	Mar./Apr.	500		
					3. Ra-pathu-Pagal-pathu Uthsavam	20	Dec./Jan.	500		
					4. Navarathri Uthsavam	10	Sep./Oct.	500		
					5. Floating Festival	4	Feb./Mar.	500		
	North Chithrakulam Street	...	do	5	Koothadum Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	25	Sweetmeats	6 Miles

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86.	MYLAPORE (Contd.)									
	South Mada Street	...	Mambalam	5	Velleeswaraswami Devasthanam					
					1. Navarathri	9	Sep./Oct.	500	Coconuts, sweetmeats, fruits, betels & vegetables	6 Miles
					2. Skandha Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	500		
					3. Arudhra Festival	10	Dec./Jan.	500		
					4. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov./Dec.	500		
					5. Thirukkalyanam	10	May/June	500		
	Vadagoor Selva Vinayagar Koil Street	...	Egmore	4	Vadagoor Selva Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Every month	25	...	6 Miles
			do	5	Sri Kabaleeswarar Koil					
					1. Navarathri	9	Sep./Oct.	5,000	Vessels, dolls, toys, sweetmeats, and other miscellaneous articles	6 Miles
					2. Floating Festival	3	Jan./Feb.	15,000		
					3. Brahmothsavam (Arupathumoovar included)	10	Mar./Apr.	1,00,000		
	Kesava Perumal Sannadhi Street	...	do	5	Vedantha Desigar Devasthanam					
					1. Brahmothsavam	10	Sep./Oct.	200	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	6 Miles
					2. Srinivasa Perumal	10	May/June	200		
					3. Pavithra Uthsavam	7	Sep./Oct.	200		

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86.	MYLAPORE (Contd,)									
	Kesava Perumal Sannadhi Street	...	Egmore	5	Chithirai Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	10	Aug./Sep.	25	...	6 Miles
	Alamelu Mangapuram	...	do	5½	All India Sai Samaj					
					Maha Samadhi Celebrations	15	Sep./Oet.	1,00,000	Sweetmeats	6 Miles
89.	RAJA ANNAMALAIPURAM									
	Ramakrishna Madam Road	...	do	6	Sundara Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	Sweetmeats	6½ Miles
90.	ADYAR (KOTTUR)									
	Ellaiyamman Koil Street	...	Saidapet	3	Ellaiamman Koil					
					Amman Jathirai	3	July/Aug.	300	Sweetmeats and light refreshments	7½ Miles
	Perumal Koil Street	...	do	3	Sri Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Koil					
					1. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	75	...	7½ Miies
					2. Purattasi Saturday	1	Sep./Oct.	75		
91.	AMINJIKARAI									
	Sannadhi Street	...	Nungambakkam	1	Sri Ekambara Eswarar Devasthanam					
					1. Panguni Uthiram	10	Mar./Apr.	500	Sweetmeats & light refreshments	5 Miles
					2. Annual Festival	3	Apr./May	2,000		

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91.	AMINJIKARAI (Contd.)									
	Arumbakkam Perumal Koil Street	...	Nungambakkam	2	Sri Sathya Varadaraja Perumal Koil					
					Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	250	Sweetmeats, light refreshments & fruits	7 Miles
	Poonamallee High Road	...	do	2	Utha Natchiamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	1	July/Aug.	1,000	do	7 Miles
			Chetpet	½	Sri Mankaliamman Koil					
					Kathiri Uthsavam	30	April/May	100	Sweetmeats fruits & coconuts	5½ Miles
	Vaithiyanatha Mudali Street	...	do	½	Pillaiyar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	Poughed rice, ground nuts & sweetmeats	5½ Miles
92.	VADAPALANI									
	Choolaimedu	...	Nungambakkam	1	Kannapurathamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam	3	July/Aug.	100	Fruits & sweetmeats	7 Miles
	Puliyur	...	Kodambakkam	1	Barathvajeswarar Koil					
					1. Chithirai Pournami	1	April./May	300	Sweetmeats, cocounuts & fruits	7 Miles
					2. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	300		
					3. Mahasivarathri	1	Feb./Mar.	300		

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92.	VADAPALANI (Contd.)									
	Sannadhi Street	...	Kodambakkam	2	Viyagra Pureeswarar Azhaga Perumal Devasthanam					
					Festival for Eswaran					
					1. Chithirai Pournami	1	Apr./May	60	Sweetmeats and fruits	7 Miles
					2. Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar./Apr.	600		
					3. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	60		
					4. Pari Vettai	1	Sep./Oct.	60		
					5. Arudhra Festival	6	Dec./Jan.	60		
					Festivals for Azhagar Perumal					
					1. Sri Jayanthi	1	Aug./Sep.	60		
					2. Purattasi Saturday	1	Sep./Oct.	60		
					3. Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	60		
					4. Pongal	1	Jan./Feb.	60		
					5. Sri Rama Navami	1	Mar./Apr.	60		
	Mosque Street	...	do	2	Palithamman Koil					
					Adi Uthsavam (Kuzh Utral)	1	July/Aug.	300	Sweetmeats, coconuts and fruits	7 Miles
	Vadapalani	...	do	2	Sri Vadapalani Andavar Koil					
					1. Floating Festival	3	Mar./Apr.	30,000	Vessels, dolls, toys, light refreshments, coconuts, fruits & sweetmeats	7 Miles
					2. Skandha Sashti	7	Oct./Nov.	25,000		

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94.	SATYAMURTHY NAGAR									
	Eswaran Koil Street	...	Mambalam	⅛	Sri Kasi Viswanathaswami Koil					
					1. Arudhra Uthsavam	1	Dec./Jan.	250	Sweetmeats, dolls, coconuts and fruits	6½ Miles
					2. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	250		
	West Mambalam	...	do	1	Bashyakara-Adhi Chennakesava Perumal Koil					
					1. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	100	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	6½ Miles
					2. Udaiyavar Uthsavam	10	April/May	100		
	Kothanda Ramaswami Koil Street	...	do	⅛	Sri Kothanda Ramaswamy Koil					
					1. Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	500	Sweetmeats, dolls, fruits & coconuts	6½ Miles
					2. Floating Festival	3	Feb./March	500		
					3. Panguni Uthiram	1	March/April	500		
				1	Selva Vinayagar Koil					
					Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	200	Sweetmeats	6½ Miles
95.	RAJAJI NAGAR									
	Damodara Reddi Street	...	do	½	Chakkara Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	100	...	6½ Miles
					2. Thiruvathirai (Arudhra)	1	Dec./Jan.	100		

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95.	RAJAJI NAGAR (Contd.)									
	Usman Road	...	Mambalam	½	Siva-Vishnu Koil					
					1. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	3,000	Sweetmeats vessels, dolls, coconuts and fruits	6½ Miles
					2. Skandha Sashti	5	Oct./Nov.	3,000		
					3. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	3,000		
					4. Sri Rama Navami	1	March/Apr,	3,000		
					5. Arudhra	1	Dec./Jan.	3,000		
					6. Sivarathri	2	Feb./March	3,000		
96.	KAMARAJ NAGAR									
	Mambalam Road	...	Saidapet	¼	Sandana Vinayagar Koil					
					1. Arudhra Uthsavam	1	Dec./Jan.	50	Sweetmeats	6½ Miles
					2. Vinayaga Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	50		
97.	SAIDAPET (NORTH)									
	Perumal Koil Street	...	do	½	Prasanna Venkatesa Narasimha swami Koil					
					1. Brahmothsavam	10	Feb./March	3,000	Sweetmeats toys	8 Miles
					2. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov./Dec.	3,000		
					3. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	3,000		
					4. Sri Rama Navami	1	March/April	3,000		
			do	½	Ramanuja Bajanai Koil *alias* Ramanuja Vijaya Vilasam					
					Ubanyasam	3	Every week	300	...	8 Miles

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
97.	SAIDAPET (NORTH) (Contd.)									
	Vaithiyan Subbaraya Mudali Street	...	Saidapet	¼	Sri Siva Subramaniyaswami Koil					
					1. Brahmothsavam	13	Feb./Mar.	500	Sweetmeats fruits, coconuts and dolls	8 Miles
					2. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov./Dec.	500		
					3. Skandha Sashti	6	Oct./Nov.	500		
					4. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	500		
	Brahmana Street	...	do	½	Sri Soundharaeswarar Koil					
					Arudhra Festival	1	do	50	Sweetmeats	8 Miles
98.	PERIAMET									
			do	⅛	Sri Subramaniyaswami Koil					
					Skandha Sashti (Soora Samharam)	6	Oct./Nov.	50	...	8 Miles
	Perumal Koil Street	...	do	1	Prasanna Venkatesa Perumal Koil					
					1. Udaiyavar Uthsavam	10	April/May	50	Sweetmeats	8 Miles
					2. Adi Pooram	10	July/Aug.	50		
99.	GUINDY									
			do	⅛	Chinnamaiai Koil					
					1. Chinnamalai Festival	10	May	10,000	Aerated water, sweets toys and fancy goods	8 Miles
					2. Karanikkal Festival	10	April	10,000		
	Velacheri	...	Guindy	2½	Yoga Narasimhaswami Koil					
					Thirukkarthigai Uthsavam	1	Nov./Dec.	50	Sweetmeats	12 Miles

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
100.	SAIDAPET (SOUTH)									
	Karaneeswarar Koil Street	...	Saidapet	1/16	Karaneeswarar Koil					
					1. Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	1,00,000	Sweetmeats, fruits, coconuts, vessels, dolls & aerated water	8 Miles
					2. Vasantha Uthsavam	27	May/June	1,00,000		
					3. Karthigai Deepam	3	Nov./Dec.	1,00,000		
					4. Skandha Sashti	6	Oct./Nov.	1,00,000		
					5. Arudhra	10	Dec./Jan.	1,00,000		
	Jayaram Chetti Street	...	do	¼	Kadumbadi Chinna Amman Devasthanam					
					1. Brahmothsavam	10	July/Aug.	1,000	Sweetmeats, fruits & coconuts	8 Miles
					2. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.	300		

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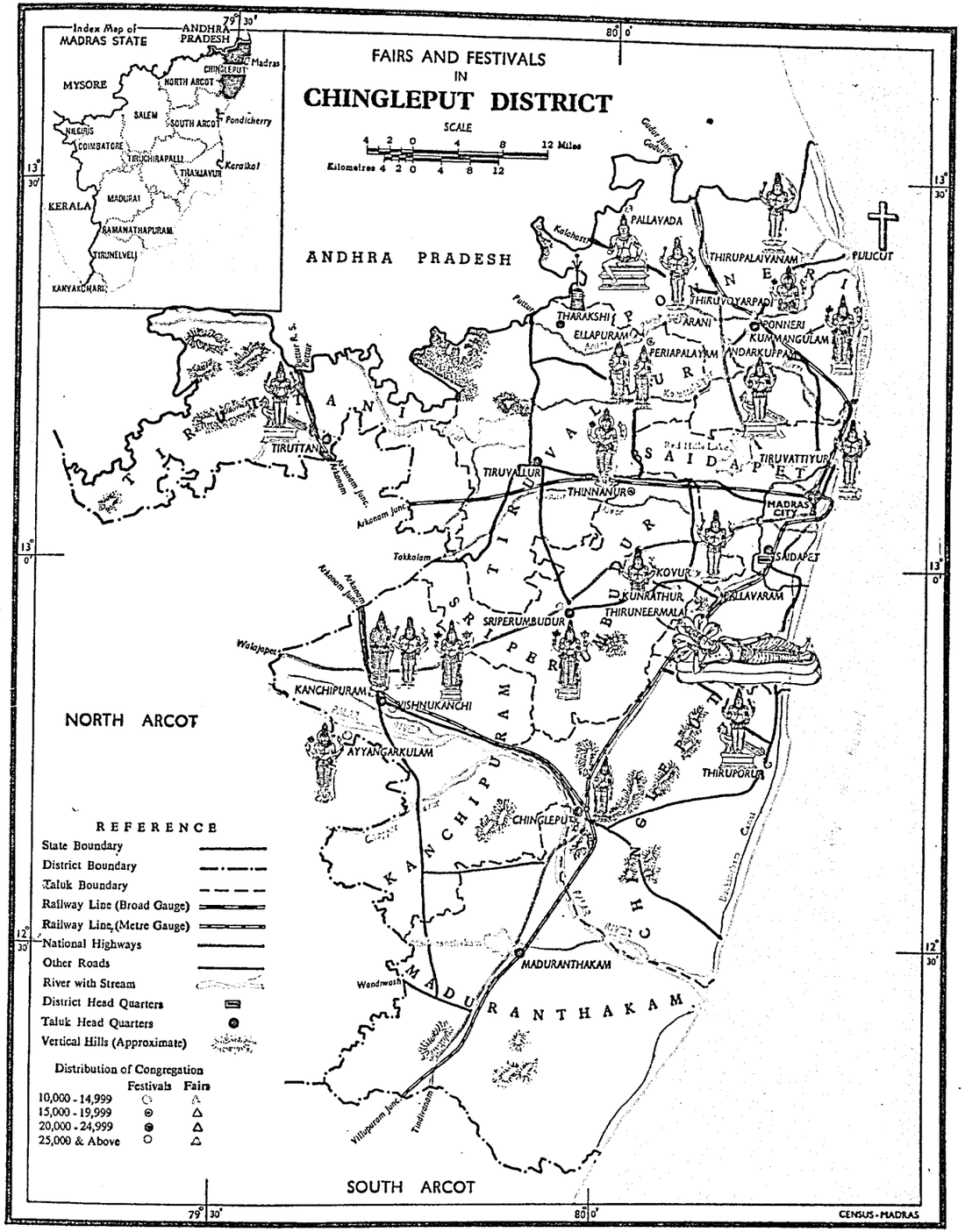
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Festivals

The Chingleput district which skirts the Madras City can boast of an aggregate of 448 festivals in the year. The district has eight taluks and each taluk claims its share, Kancheepuram claiming the maximum of 125 while Madurantakam is content with a paltry four. It is estimated that a little over forty lakhs of people witness the celebration of these festivals. The Table appended below would indicate the number of festivals in the eight taluks and the estimated attendance.

Name of Taluk	No. of festivals	Attendance
Ponneri	58	2,78,862
Tiruvallur	68	1,53,925
Tiruttani	33	12,42,100
Sriperumbudur	55	1,52,200
Saidapet	40	55,900
Chingleput	65	1,40,630
Kancheepuram	125	20,03,245
Madurantakam	4	3,100
Total	**448**	**40,29,962**

It will be noticed from the above Table that Kancheepuram taluk stands out head and shoulder above the other taluks in the matter of the number of festivals and attendance. This is nothing surprising since the three famous temples of Lord Ekambareswarar, Goddess Kamakshi Amman and Lord Varadarajaswami are situated in Kancheepuram taluk.

2. Though in the matter of number of festivals, Tiruvallur taluk ranks next in order of Kancheepuram, it is Tiruttani that runs a close second in the matter of attendance. The reason is not far to look for. In Tiruttani is situate the famous hillock temple of Lord Muruga where the monthly Kirthigai except the one in the month of Adi attracts a crowd of 25,000 on each occasion, while the Kirthigai festival in the month of Adi (July-August) which is one of the most important festivals in this district, and when the festival of float (Theppothsavam) is celebrated here for three days and not less than a lakh of Kavadis bedecked with flowers and carrying flowers and other offerings for worship such as milk, etc. are brought by devotees, draws a crowd of not less than four lakhs. The late Sri T. M. Krishnaswami Iyer, popularly known as Thiruppagazh Mani commenced the practice of conducting each year on the 31st of December thousands of devotees of Lord Muruga to this temple, singing Thiruppagazh songs while ascending the hill step by step. This has now developed into a regular and popular festival known as Padi Festival and the crowd on this occasion is estimated at not less than one lakh.

3. Of the four hundred and forty-eight festivals, eight are Christian festivals and four Muslim festivals. There is also a Jain festival.

4. The festivals are seasonal also, spread over the twelve months commencing from the Tamil month of Thai (January–February) and ending with Margazhi (December-January). The Table below gives the number of festivals seasonwar.

No. of festivals	Season	Attendance
41	January-February (Thai)	5,67,550
22	February-March (Masi)	6,99,120
25	March-April (Panguni)	2,52,900
91	April–May (Chithirai)	3,36,912
56	May-June (Vaikasi)	3,35,110
23	June-July (Ani)	1,17,350
74	July-August (Adi)	5,76,005
35	August-September (Avani)	1,09,165
28	September-October (Purattasi)	1,50,000
18	October-November (Iyppasi)	2,23,075
14	November–December (Karthikai)	4,14,275
21	December-January (Margazhi)	2,48,500
448		**40,29,962**

The Table appended below gives at a glance the number of festivals in each taluk in each month.

FESTIVALS AND CONGREGATION IN CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT AS PER SEASON

Taluks		Jan./Feb.	No. of festivals	Feb./Mar.	No. of festivals	Mar./Apr.	No. of festivals	Apr./May	No. of festivals
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Ponneri	...	300	3	500	1	10,100	3	35,162	7
Tiruvallur	...	2,650	3	6,000	2	6,100	3	12,000	12
Tiruttani	...	401,500	2	400,500	3	1,500	1	11,200	5
Sriperumbudur	...	3,600	3	5,000	1	23,000	5	94,050	28
Saidapet	...	1,750	5	10,000	1	5,200	2	22,850	13
Chingleput	...	1,900	8	115,000	3	500	3	11,600	10
Kancheepuram	...	155,850	17	162,120	11	206,500	8	149,050	15
Madurantakam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	1
Total	...	**567,550**	**41**	**699,120**	**22**	**252,900**	**25**	**336,912**	**91**

		May/June	No. of festivals	June/July	No of festivals	July/Aug.	No. of festivals	Aug./Sep.	No. of festivals
		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Ponneri	...	168,710	14	29,150	4	7,325	6	1,115	3
Tiruvallur	...	54,950	19	7,500	8	58,250	12	2,250	2
Tiruttani	...	11,450	9	...	...	400,000	1	12,950	10
Sriperumbudur	...	18,250	8	2,000	2	2,500	3	2,000	2
Saidapet	...	1,750	4	200	1	6,150	8	5,800	3
Chingleput	...	...	...	300	2	7,880	27	1,350	4
Kancheepuram	...	80,000	2	76,600	4	93,900	17	83,700	11
Madurantakam	...	...	...	1,600	2	...	...	...	...
Total	...	**335,110**	**56**	**117,350**	**23**	**576,005**	**74**	**109,165**	**35**

		Sep./Oct.	No. of festivals	Oct./Nov.	No. of festivals	Nov./Dec.	No. of festivals	Dec./Jan.	No. of festivals
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Ponneri	...	2,600	7	9,000	2	12,800	3	2,100	5
Tiruvallur	...	1,500	2	...	...	25	1	2,700	4
Tiruttani	...	3,000	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sriperumbudur	...	500	1	...	...	...	...	1,300	2
Saidapet	...	1,200	2	...	...	...	...	1,000	1
Chingleput	...	2,100	6	...	2	...	...	...	...
Kancheepuram	...	139,100	8	213,575	13	401,450	10	241,400	9
Madurantakam	...	...	...	500	1	...	...	...	...
Total	...	**150,000**	**28**	**223,075**	**18**	**414,275**	**14**	**248,500**	**21**

5. A study in contrast is furnished by the comparison of the celebration of the Mariamman festival in Ponneri taluk with the Mari Bhavani Amman festival in Tiruvallur taluk. While the former is witnessed by a negligible number, the latter is spread over sixty days and the attendance is estimated to be nearly 30,000.

6. The range of congregation at festivals in this district can be had at a glance from the following Table.

FESTIVAL CONGREGATION CLASSIFIED BY RANGE

Name of Taluk		Over 50,000	No. of festivals	20,000 to 49,999	No. of festivals	10,000 to 19,999	No. of festivals	5,000 to 9,999	No. of festivals	1,000 to 4,999	No. of festivals	Below 1,000	No. of festivals
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Ponneri	...	100,000	2	75,000	3	...	—	57,000	6	37,500	12	9,362	35
Tiruvallur	...	...	...	50,000	2	45,000	3	...	...	38,800	19	20,125	44
Tiruttani	...	1,200,000	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	35,500	16	6,600	14
Sriperumbudur	...	75,000	1	20,000	1	...	...	20,000	2	21,500	13	15,700	38
Saidapet	...	...	...	...	...	10,000	1	10,000	1	25,500	11	10,400	27
Chingleput	...	110,000	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,200	5	16,430	58
Kancheepuram	...	1,725,000	25	125,000	4	...	...	7,000	1	120,900	35	25,345	60
Madurantakam	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,500	1	1,600	3
Total	...	**3,210,000**	**33**	**270,000**	**10**	**55,000**	**4**	**94,000**	**10**	**295,400**	**112**	**105,562**	**279**

Fairs:

The Chingleput District holds 22 fairs regularly, patronised by 36,550 people. These include annual fairs, weekly fairs and daily fairs. Among the 22 fairs held in the district, eight are cattle fairs of which Madurantakam taluk conducts four as weekly affairs. It is also to be noticed that no fairs are held on Tuesdays in this district.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					PONNERI TALUK					
1.	Egumadurai (V)	5·00	Thada	4	Chelliamman Koil Festival	3	April/May	150	...	56 Once in two or three years
4.	Arambakkam (P)	6·80	Arambakkam	R.S.	1. Chelliamman Koil Festival	3	...	1,000	Fruits	45
					2. Periapalayatha Koil Festival	2	July/Aug.	500	Fruits	
					3. Perumal Koil Festival	2	Sep./Oct.	300	...	
					4. Vinayagar Koil Festival	2	September	500	...	
					5. Matha Koil Festival	2	December	700	Fruits	
6.	Poovalai Jagir (V)	1·96	do	3	Perumal Koil Festival	7	Sep./Oct.	200	...	48
8.	Pallvada (V)	3·00	do	6	Dharmaraja Koil Festival	11	May/June/ July	25,000	Brass and Aluminium vessels	50
9.	Pondavakkam (V)	1·91	do	7	Yogathambal Festival	5	...	1,500	Fruits, Coconuts, & other pooja articles	45
10.	Chedulapakkam (V)	4·59	Kavaripettai	12	St. Anne's Festival	7	June	150	...	40
11.	Nadarpakkam (V)	3·74	do	14	1. Gangamman Jathirai	2	May/June	2,500	...	42
					2. Chamundeeswari Festival	3	Nov/Dec.			
12.	Padirivedu (P)	0·54	do	13	1. Gangamman Jathirai	2	May/June	2,000	...	40
					2. Chamundeeswari Festival	3	...			
13.	Manallore (P)	2·40	Gummidipoondi	10	Chamundeeswari Festival	3	October	4,000	...	40
14.	Sangaputhur (V)	2·50	Elavoor	7	Perumal Koil Festival	1	Sep./Oct.	400	...	46
16.	Edur (V)	4·90	do	3	Venugopala-swamy Festival	1	January	200	...	47 On "Mattu Pongal" day
17.	Eguvaripalayam (V)	5·60	do	6	Sri Ramanavami Festival	10	Mar./Apr.	100	...	45

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					PONNERI TALUK (Contd.)					
21.	Elavoor (P)	10·44	Elavoor	1·5	1. Mariamman Jathirai	7	August	100	Sweets	45
					2. Ramalinga-swamy Festival	1	Jan./Feb.			
22.	Medipalayam (P)	0·43	do	3·5	Mariamman Festival	7	August	15	...	47
23.	Sunnambukulam (V)	1·69	do	3	1. Kalatheeswa-ran Koil Festival	3	Nov./Dec.	300	...	38
					2. Pidariamman Koil Festival	7	May/June			
24.	Obasamudram (P)	2·69	do	4	1. Pidariamman Koil Festival	7	May/June	200	...	39
					2. Angalamman Festival	10	May/June	1,500	Fruits and vessels	
25.	Sennavaram (V)	0·55	do	3·5	Pidariamman Jathirai	3	May/June	60	...	44
26.	Melakalani (V)	1·89	do	4	1. Bajanai Koil Festival	1	December	100	...	44 On Vaikunta Ekadasi day
					2. Pidariamman Jathirai	7	May/June	100	...	
					3. Dharmaraja Festival	10	May/June	3,000	Sweets, fruits and aerated water	
31.	Pulicut (P)	4·29	Minjur	9	Mahimaimatha Koil Festival	2	April	10,000	Articles made of palm leaves and eatables	39
33.	Thirupalaivanam (P)	3·05	Ponneri	7	Thirupaleeswarar Uthsavam	10	Mar./Apr.	10,000	Eatables	30
39.	Arasur (P)	2·13	do	4	1. Ellamman Festival	10	July	500	Beverages	25
					2. Arudhra Darisanam	1	December			
44.	Mangavaram (V)	2·89	Elavoor	5	Ponniamman Koil Festival	1	...	100	...	42
45.	Appavaram (V)	0·39	do	3	Perumal Koil Festival	3	Sep./Oct.	200	...	41

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					PONNERI TALUK (Contd.)					
49.	Thervali (V)	2·27	Gummidipoondi	2	Angalamman Koil Festival	10	...	1,500	Dolls	42
64.	Poovalambedu (P)	7·12	Kavarapettai	7·5	Vinayaga Chathurthi	...	September	1,000	...	35
69.	Karadiputhur (V)	4·10	do	16	Mariamman Jathirai	...	March/Apr.	...	...	35
89.	Mukkarambukkam (P)	2·44	do	17	1. Amman Jathirai	2	June/July	2,000	Bangles, flowers and fruits	35
					2. Mariamman Festival	2	July	1,000		
92.	Paranambedu (V)	0·38	do	3	Chithirai Pournami Festival	1	April/May	...	...	35
113.	Vadakkunallur (V)	0·62	do	4	Droupathiamman Festival	10	October	5,000	...	30·5
118.	Arani (P)	2·92	do	4	1. Pichandeeswarar Festival					
119.	Arani (V)	0·16	do	4	2. Chamundees-wariamman Brahmothsavam	10	May	50,000	Eatables clothes	32
120.	Malliankuppam (V)	0·31	do	4	Grama Devathai Uthsavam	7	April	1,000	Eatables	32
122.	Cinnambedu (P)	0·43	do	5·5	Varadharaja Perumal Festival	10	May	7,000	...	29
128.	Jagannadhapuram Athipedu	3·99	Ponneri	6	Agni Uthsavam Ellamman Festival	...	...	2,000	...	22
129.	Panjetti (P)	1·58	do	6	Sri Agastheeswa-rar swamiyar Arudhra Festival	10	January	...	...	19
130.	Andarkuppam (P)	4·83	do	4	1. Balasubrama-nia Devasthana Festival	1	Nov./Dec.	10,000	...	20 On Kar-thigai New Moon day
					2. Adi Kirthigai	10	July/ Aug.	5,000	...	...
					3. Chithirai Kirthigai		April/ May			

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					PONNERI TALUK (Contd.)					
135.	Kummangulam (V)	0·52	Ponneri	0·38	Sri Kari Krishna Perumal, Sri Agasthee-swara swamy Sandippu Uthsavam	10	April/May	10,000	Fruits, china articles, brass vessels, etc.	29
136.	Ponneri (P)	3·70	Ponneri	0·38	Sri Kari Krishna Perumal	10	April/May	10,000	Fruits, china articles, pictures, brass vessels, etc.	29
	Thiruvoyarpadi			1	Sri Agastheeswa-raswamy sandippu Uthsavam					
	Chinnakavanam			1	1. Arudhra Darisanam	10	Dec./Jan.	300	Eatables	27
					2. Lakshmiamman Uthsavam	1	July/Aug.			
141.	Marattur (P)	1·52	...	2	Latchamman Festival	...	Sep./Oct.	...	Utility articles	50
144.	Voyalur (V)	10·54	Minjur	3	Festival	1	August	1,000	Sweetmeats	60
152.	Ariyanvoyal (V)	1·23	do	0·13	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, clothes and china articles	20 Fair meets on every Sunday
153.	Minjur (V)	2·77	R. S.	0·13	Sri Varadharaja Perumal Brahmothsavam	10	June	2,000	Coconuts, fruits and china articles	20
155.	Anuppambattu (P)	1·78	do		Sanmarga Gangadaran Andu Vizha	3	May/June	50	...	26
165.	Erumavettipalayam (P)	1·22	Avadi	...	Angalamman Koil Festival	3	Feb./Mar.	500	Fruits and eatables	11
170.	Padianallur (V)	1·41	Perambur	8	Gangaiamman Agni Festival	10	July/Aug.	25	Eatables	13
171.	Angadu (P) Pannivakkam	2·01	do	10	Kanniamman Koil Festival	5	April/May	12	Eatables	15
174.	Budur (P)	1·99	Minjur	7	Virupaksheeswa-rar Devalaya Uthsavam	1	Dec./Jan.	500	Fruits, coconuts & eatables	15

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					PONNERI TALUK (Concld.)					
186.	Valuthigaimedu (P)	0·85	Minjur	3	Gramadevathai Ellamman fire Stamping Festival	2	September	500	Eatables	25
191.	Vichoor (P)	0·31	do	5	Annamar Koil Festival	...	May/June	5,000	Eatables	15
					TIRUVALLUR TALUK					
1.	Uthukkottai (P)	1·97	Tiruvallur	16	1. Grama Devathai Uthsavam	1	April/May	1,000	Coconuts and fruits	40
					2. Eswari Koil Uthsavam	1	Dec./Jan.	1,000		
					3. Perumal Koil Uthsavam	1	do	1,000		
4.	Sengarai (P)	2·35	Kavaraipet	17	1. Sri Kattu Pidari Chelli-amman Koil Festival	1	...	200 to 400	Coconuts, fruits Camphor, sweetmeats	56 Fair meets on every Thursdary
					2. Weekly fair	1	...		Foodgrains and other articles	
9.	Vannan Kuppam (P)	0·43	Kadappet	13	Chelliamman Koil Bajanai Festival	10	July	500	Sweetmeats	38
10.	Athupakkam (P)	1·97	Kavaraipet	13	1. Dharmaraja Koil Festival	10	June	1,000	do	38
					2. Chelliamman Koil Festival					
	Ariyapakkam (H)		Kadappet	12	1. Ariyathamman Koil Festival	10	July/Sep.	400	do	...
					2. Bajanai Koil Festival					
	Ellapuram (H)		do	12	Mari Bavani-amman Festival	60	July/Aug.	30,000	Dates, beverages and aerated water	38
11.	Rallapadi (P)	1·31	Ponneri	13	Vaiya Servai Festival	10	May/June	500	...	28

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					TIRUVALLUR TALUK (Contd.)					
12.	Periyapalayam (P)	1·23	Ponneri	15	Mari Bavani-amman Festival	70	July/Aug. to Oct.	20,000	Pots, sweetmeats & household articles	25
19.	Vadamadurai (P)	7·47	Avadi	16	Thirugnana-sambandar Festival	1	April	1,000	...	40
25.	Tharakshi (P)	1·98	Tiruvallur	20	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Agni Festival 3. Gramadevi Festival	3	May/June	1,500	Sundry and household articles	55
27.	Anandari (P)	1·13	do	16	Karthigai Somavaram	4	Nov./Dec.	25	...	48
	Vadathillai (H)				Sivan Koil Abishegam Festival					
	Perittavakkam (H)			18	Mariamman Festival	2	Mar./April	100	Eatables	47
28.	Pondavakkam (P)	1·82	do	15	Amman Jathirai	3	May/July	300	Bangles, eatables, betelnuts, flowers and sweetmeats	47
30.	Malakaramanur (P)	...	do	16	Amman Jathirai Festival	3	May/July	200 to 300	...	60
	Avicheri (H)									
38.	Katchur (P)	2·26	do	20	Mariamman Festival	3	July	150	...	53
40.	Kalavai (P)	4·17	do	14	do	3	May/July	100	Sundry and household articles	54
	Athilivakkam		do	14	do	3	May/July	100	do	154
	Edambedu		do	14	do					
41.	Mambakkam (P)	included in L.C. Nos. 39 & 40	do	16	1. do	2	April/May	50	Sweetmeats	40
					2. Dharmaraja Festival	10	May/June	250	do	

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					TIRUVALLUR TALUK (Contd.)					
47.	Velakapuram (P)	1·00 included in L.C. No. 46	Tiruvallur	16	1. Mariamman Festival	3	May	500	Fancy goods and sweetmeats	62
					2. Dhramaraja Festival	10	June			
50.	Alapakkam (P)	0·76	Tiruvallur	20	Mariamman Festival	3	May/July	100	...	53
60.	Perumudivakkam (P)	0·59	Avadi	16	Sri Ramanavami Uthsavam	10	April/May	500	Sweetmeats	50
64.	Pagalmedu (P)	0·95	do	12	Athu Uthsavam Festival	1	April/May	1,000	do	29
71.	Nelvoy (P)	1·56	Tiruvallur	17	1. Mariamman Festival	1	Between May/July	moderate	...	42
					2. Vampulamman Festival	1				
					3. Gramadevathai Festival	1				
74.	Goonipalayam (P)	6·87 included in L. C. No. 75	do	15	Gramadevathai Festival	3	May/July	moderate	Sundry and household articles	40
76.	Vellathukottai (P)	2·50	do	15	Dharmaraja Koil Festival	10	May/June	1,000	Eatables	45
77.	Thimmaboopala-puram (P)	5·18	do	20	Gramadevathai Festival	7	...	...	...	40
78.	Placepalayam (P)	1·86	do	22	1. Amman Jathirai	1	July/Aug.	500	Sweetmeats, Coconuts and Camphor	50
					2. Bajanai Koil Festival	1	Sep./Oct.			
	Hudsonpuram		do	22	1. Amman Jathirai	1	July/Aug.	1,000	Coconuts, camphor & sweetmeats	50
					2. Moharam Festival	1	June/July			
					3. Mungatha Koil Amman Festival	...	July/Aug.			

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					TIRUVALLUR TALUK (Contd.)					
84.	Odappai (P)	1·79	Tiruvallur	9	Poongavanathal Festival	3	Feb./Mar.	5,000	Sweetmeats, textiles, fancy goods, flowers and groceries	30
96.	Magaral (V)	2·14	Tiruninravur	7	1. Chithira Pournami Perumal Sannadhi Festival	1	April	1,000	...	25
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	June	1,000	...	...
104.	Chithambakkam (P)	1·51	Tiruvallur	7	Arudhra Festival	1	December	200	...	36
105.	Poondi (P)	3·65	do	8	Sri Pushkaranee-swara Koil Festival	10	April	300	...	37
106.	Moyur (P)	1·39	do	5·5	Jathirai Festival	7	April/May or May/June	150	...	36
122.	Ikkadu (P)	3·88	do	4	1. Christmas Festival	10	December	500	...	30
					2. Jathirai Festival	9	August	750		
125.	Kilambakkam (P)	1·53	Sevoypet	2	Murugan Festival	10	June	500	Sweetmeats	30
129.	Puliyur (P)	2·00	Tiruninravur	3·5	Amman Jathirai	1	January	400 to 500	Sweetmeats and flowers	22
131.	Veppampattu (P)	0·37	do	1·5	Gangamman Festival	3	July/Aug.	3,000	Sweetmeats	25
132.	Ayathur (P)	1·61	do	3	1. Perumal Festival	1	Sep./Oct.	1,000	Sweetmeats, coconuts, ect.	27
					2. Chelliamman Festival	3	June/July			
					3. Poongavana-thu Eswari Festival	1	Feb./Mar.			
134.	Thozhur (P)	2·22	Sevoypet	1	Fire Stamping Festival	10	August	1,500	...	20
136.	Kakkalur (P)	2·50	Tiruvallur	2	Mattu Pongal Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	150	...	28

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	TIRUVALLUR TALUK (Concld.)									
137.	Tiruvallur (P)	4·16	Tiruvallur	2	Veeraragavar Brahmothsavam	10	January and April	2,500	Sweetmeats, fancy goods	30
	Pungathur (H)		do	1	Mattu Pongal Festival	1	January	40	...	28
	Perumbakkam (H)		do	2	Droupathiamman Koil Agni Festival	10	July/August	300	...	30
141.	Nemki Agaram (P) Kaliyanur	2·62	Manavur	2	Fire Stamping Festival	11	May	500	...	...
147.	Melnalathur (P)	1·20	...	2	Amman Jathirai	8	May/June	3,800	...	30
150.	Putlur (P)	1·63	...	1·5	Amman Jathirai	1	Mar./April	1,000	Sweetmeats	30 Takes place on 'Uthiram' Star day
151.	Tirur (P)	3·80	Sevoypet	1·5	Sri Ramanavami Festival	1	April	1,000	...	20
152.	Veppampattu (P)	0·66	...	2	Amman Festival	5	June	1,500	Coconuts, fruits & sweetmeats	22
155.	Koppur (P)	2·44	Sevoypet	4	Hari Sevai	3	March/April	5,000	Coconuts, camphor & flowers	30
160.	Pulivakkam	4·87	...	3·38	Amman Jathirai	10	May/June	2,500	...	30
167.	Perambakkam (P)	2·17	Kadambathur	5	Kanni Pongal Festival	1	January	2,000	Sweetmeats, miscellan-eous articles	40 On the third day of "Thai" month
170.	Mappedu (P)	6·06	do	6	Mariamman Fire Stamping Festival	1	July	1,000	Earthenwa-res, fruits & sweetmeats,	32 3rd Sun-day in "Adi" month
179.	Kumaracheri (P)	1·44	...	6	Brahmothsavam	...	April/May	3,000	Sweetmeats aluminium works	42
180.	Koovam (P)	2·29	...	6	Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	500	Fancy goods, sweetmeats & groceries	38

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	TIRUTTANI TALUK									
2.	Pallipat (P)	2·34	Nagari	11	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, vessels, cloth, fruits & groceries	80 Fair meets on Saturday
5.	Nedium (P)	1·45	do	6	Jathirai	1	April	2,000	Fancy goods	60
6.	Kariambedu (P)	3·18	do	5	Jathirai	1	April	2,200	Fancy goods	60
7.	Ponayam (P)	1·55	do	6	Dharmaraja vizha	10	Aug./Sep.	1,500	Vegetables, flowers, eatables & household articles	70
10.	Melapudi (P)	5·37	do	10	1. Sri Venugopa-laswamy Brahmoth-savam		June	...	...	95
					2. Sri Dharma-raja Koil Brahmoth-savam	10	September	3,000	Coconuts, sundry and household articles	
19.	Prodoaturpet (N.C.U.)	2·10	do	7	Gangaiamman Jathirai	1	May	5,000	Coconuts & eatables	68
					Oor Jathirai	1	August			
					Dharmaraja Koil Fire Stamping Festival	15	February	500	Vessels, fancy goods & eatables	68
					Weekly Fair	1	...	1,500	Vegetables, groceries & fancy goods	68 Fair meets on every Sunday
20.	Pandaravedu (P)	3·11	do	6	1. Gangaiamman Festival	1	May	1,200	Coconuts, eatables, sundry and household articles	70
					2. Oor Jathirai	1	August			
21.	Gollalukuppam	0·86	do	5	1. Jathirai (Gangaiamman)	1	May	1,500	Coconuts & eatables	65
					2. Oor Jathirai (Gangaiamman)	1	August			

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					TIRUTTANI TALUK (Contd.)					
24.	Nedigallur (P)	2·52	Ponpadi	5	1. Gangaiamman Jathirai	1	May	1,200	Coconuts, eatables	60
					2. Oor Jathirai	1	August			
25.	Kakalur (P)	0·92	Nagari	10	1. Gangaiamman Jathirai	1	May	800	do	80
					2. Oor Jathirai	1	August			
26.	Ramapuram (P)	1·50	do	10	1. Grama Jathirai (Gangaiamman)	1	May	450	do	80
					2. do	1	August			
30.	Korakuppam	0·31	Tiruttani	16	1. Grama Jathirai (Gangaiamman)	1	May	300	do	66
					2. do	1	August			
31.	Krishnamarajakuppam	1·71	do	12	1. Grama Jathirai (Gangaiamman)	1	May	1,000	...	62
					2. do	1	August			
32.	Nochili (P)	3·93	do	13	1. Jathirai	2	March	1,500	...	66
					2. Temple Festival	10	January			
33.	Keechalam (P)	2·11	Ponpadi	6	Jathirai	1	May	...	...	66
58.	Ammawarikuppam (P)	0·69	Tiruttani	14	1. Jathirai	1	September	...	...	...
					2. Fire Stamping Festival	21	August	...	...	...
85.	Madam (M) (Tiruttani)	...	do	2	1. Adi Kirthigai	1	July/Aug.	3 or 4 lakhs	...	55
					2. Padi Uthsavam	1	January			
					3. Brahmoth-savam	10	Feb./Mar			
99.	Mahankalipuram (P)	2·08	...	20	Ganga Jathirai	1	...	200	...	72
104.	Vediangadu (P)	5·75	Ramapuram	9	Ganga Jathirai	2	April	5,000	Textile goods	67
105.	Pedhanagapudi (P)	1·52	...	15	1. Nageswara-swamy Brahmoth-savam	...	...	200	...	70
					2. Ganga Jathirai					
107.	Veeramangalam (P)	3·16	Sholingu	12	do	...	...	400	...	65
108.	Aswarenthapuram (P)	1·38	Walajah Road	12	do	...	...	1,000	...	55

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					TIRUTTANI TALUK (Concld.)					
109.	Koleri (P)	1·00	Walajahbad	15	1. Nageswara-swami Brahmoth-savam	...	...	1,000	...	61
					2. Ganga Jathirai					
110.	Pedharamapuram (P)	1·24	do	15	do	...	February	...	...	65
112.	Paivalsa (P)	2·96	do	15	do	4	April	1,000	...	67
113.	Mailarvada (P)	2·32	...	12	do	...	...	1,000	...	63
115.	Channurmallavaram (P)	1·55	...	16	do	...	...	2,000	...	67
117.	Misaragantapuram(P)	3·37	Walajah Road	15	do	...	April	1,000	...	63
					SRIPERUMBUDUR TALUK					
1.	Thinnanur (P)	5·36	R. S.	0·5	Bakthavathsala Perumal Panguni Uuthiram Car Festival	10	March/April	20,000	Sweetmeats, coconuts, fruits & eatables	22
4.	Thandarai (P)	1·81	Pattabiram	0·8	Fair	1	...	1,500	Cattle, clothes vessels, poultry & retail articles	18
13.	Thirumanam (P)	0·60	Pattabiram	2·5	Sundararaja Perumal, Sundaravalli Thayar Festival					
					1. Panchaparva Uthsavam	3 to 5 days	Mar./Apr.	200	Coconuts, fruits & sweets	16
					2. Panguni Uthsavam					
					3. Chithira Pournami					
					4. Garudoth-savam					
					5. Bouthra Uthsavam		April/May	200	...	
					6. Sri Jayanthi (Uriyadi Festival)					
					7. Bogirajar Uthsavam					
					8. Sri Perumal Thiru-Nakshatram					
					9. Thatheeswar Poonguzhali amman Festival					

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					SRIPERUMBUDUR TALUK (Contd.)					
17.	Sundarasholavaram (P)	0·55	Avadi	3	Grama Devathai Festival	5	June/July July/August	1,000	Fancy goods,	8
					Chelliamman Mariamman	1	May	2,000	Coconuts, fruits & sweets	14·5
20.	Tiruverkadu (P)	0·65	do	3	1. Thiru Ural Uthsavam	1	May	2,000.	Coconuts, fruits & sweets	14·5
					2. Vedhapureeswar Chithira Pournami Uthsavam	1	April/May	600	Eatables	14·5 On Full Moon day of Chithirai
34.	Thirumazhisai (P) Udaiyavar Koil	3·81	Pattabiram or Tiruninravur	5 or 7	Sri Othandeeswa-rar Devasthana Brahmoth-savam	10	Mar./April	1,500	Coconuts, fruits & fancy goods	11
				5	1. Thirumazhisai Avathara Alwar Uthsavam	10	Jan./Feb.	2,000	Coconuts, plantains, eatables and fancy goods	11 Magham Star day
					2. Jagannatha Perumal Brahmoth-savam	10	June/July	1,000		
36.	Varadarajapuram (P)	0·76	Avadi	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
39.	Nazarathpet (P)	3·37	do	8	Sri Periapalayath-amman Koil Festival	10	August	1,000	...	11
40.	Poonamallee (P)	2·36	do	7	1. Varadaraja Perumal Uthsavam	...	May/June	500	Sweets & fancy goods	10
				6	2. Varadaraja Perumal Brahmoth-savam	10	May/June	1,000	Coconuts & fruits	8
					3. Mirugaseera-dham Sathumari Uthsavam (Avathara Uthsavam)	...	Feb./Mar.	5,000		

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					SRIPERUMBUDUR TALUK (Contd.)					
41.	Poonamallee (P)	2·36	Aavdi	...	4. Vaitheeswaran Koil Pancha-parva Uthsavangal					
					5. Manickavasa-gar Uthsavam	10	Januray/ February	600	Coconuts, fruits, puffed rice and bengal gram	8
					6. Manickavasa-gar Sashti Uthsavam	2				
44.	Agrammel (P)	0·29	do	7	Sri Pachavarna Perumal Sannidhi Uthsavam	10	March	300	Sweetmeats, fruits, retail articles	14
					Sri Mudaliandan Sannidhi Uthsavam	10	April			
51.	Mangadu (P)	2·88	do	8	Daily fair	...	...	...	Betel leaves	9
61.	Kovur (P)	1·12	Pallavaram	6	1. Daily fair	for 1 hour	...	...	Betel leaves	...
					2. Sundareswa-rar swamy Festival	10	May	10,000	...	...
65.	Sivapuram (P)	0·53	Kadambathur	9	Amman Jathirai	5	April	300	Eatables	35
66.	Oragadamaha-devi Mangalam (P)	0·76	Thakkolam	7	...	5	April	500	...	40
71.	Kunrathur (P) (N.C.U.) Tirunageswaram	4·97	Pallavaram	5	Thirunageswarar Festival	10	April	10,000	...	10
75.	Elimiankottur (V)	0·13	Kadambathur	10	Brahmothsavam (in Easwaran Koil)	10	May	400	Eatables	35
77.	Chellampattadai	...	Tirumalpur	8	Christmams	10	December	300	...	40
86.	Sriperumbudur (P)	7·50	...	11	Sri Bashyagara-swamy Brahmoth-savam	10	April	75,000	...	22
91.	Mahadevi Mangalam	1·57	Tirumalpur	11	Amman Jathirai	5	April/July	300	...	32
93.	Ekanapuram (P) Akkanpuram	2·22	do	9	Sri Ellamman Uthsavam	5	April/July	300	...	35

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	SRIPERUMBUDUR TALUK (Concld.)									
4.	Singilpadi (P) Kodamanallur	1·30	Tirumalpur	11	1. Amman Jathirai	5	April	250	Eatables	40
					2. Achuderdasar Festival (Gurupoojai)	3	April/July			
102.	Maduramangalam	3·52	do	12	Sri Embarswamy Uthsavam	10	Jan./Feb.	1,000	...	36
103.	Kandur (P)	2·25	Kadambathur	14	1. Chithirai Astha Nakshathra Uthsavam	1	April	500	Flowers, fruits, coconuts & eatables	27
					2. Mariamman Jathirai	4	July/Aug. or Aug./ Sep.			
104.	Sogandi (P)	1·83	Seevaram	12	Amman Jathirai	5	April/July	200	Eatables	25
	Nandimedu (P)		Walajahbad	13		4	May/June	350	Fruits, flowers, coconuts & eatables	27
105.	Molasur (P)	1·25	do	11	Christmas	1	December	1,000	...	25
106.	Tirumangalam (P)	1·69	do	11	1. Ponniamman Festival (Pongal)	1	July/Aug.	1,000	...	25
					2. Vinayaga Chathurthi	10	August			
119.	Podavur (P)	2·08	Kancheepuram	10	Amman Jathirai	5	April/July	500	Eatables	30
120.	Santhavelur (P)	6·90	do	10	do	5	April/July	400	do	35
	Chittoor	...	do	10	do	5	April/July	400	do	35
121.	Balanallur (P)	2·44	Walajahbad	11	do	5	April/May	250	do	30
	Salayanoor		do	11	do	5	April	200	do	30
128.	Echoor (P)	10·34	do	8	Mungilamman Festival (Grama Devathai)	10	September	500	...	33
	Kunnam			11	1. Panguni Uthiram Festival	1	March/April	1,000	...	38
					2. Chithira Pournami	1	April/May			

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	SAIDAPET TALUK									
1.	Keralapakkam (P)	2·06	Tiruninravur	...	Droupathi amman Festival	10	July	1,500	...	55
	Kilkendaivur (V)									
3.	Kadayur (V)	0·42	Avadi	4	Chelliamman Festival	5	August	600	...	57
10.	Pammadukulam (P)	3·06	Perambur	12	1. Gangaiamman Pidari Festival	7	April	1,000	Sweets, fruits, eatables, refreshments, aluminium wares & fancy goods	20
					2. Perumal Koil Uthsavam	7	July			
					3. Ellamatham-man Koil Uthsavam	7	April			
					4. Droupathi amman Uthsavam	7	April Once in 3 years			
					5. Grama Devathai Uthsavam	7	...			
23.	Tiruvottiyur. (M)	...	Tiruvottiyur	0·5	Sri Kalyana Varadaraja-swamy Koil (Pavalavannar)					
					1. Brahmoth-savam	12	May/June	1,000	Coconuts, fruits & fancy goods	12
					2. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.			
					3. Sri Rama Navami	1	Apr./May			
					4. Navarathri	9	Sep./Oct.			
			do	0·13	1. Magizhadisevai	10	Feb./March	10,000	Baskets, plates palmyrah baskets, fancy goods & other bamboo articles	12
					2. Thyagaraja-swamy Brahmoth-savam					
47.	Thirumullaivoyal (P)	3·00	Avadi	2	1. Brahmoth-savam (Pushpavaganam at Sri Masilamani Eswarar Devasthanam)	10	April/May	2,000	Groceries & eatables	20

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					SAIDAPET TALUK (Contd.)					
48.	Kovilpodagai (P)	4·30	Avadi	2	1. Panguni Uthiram	1	March	200	...	22
					2. Chithira Pournami	1	April			
					3. Garudothsavam	1	June			
					4. Krishna Jayanthi	1	August			
					5. Purattasi Saturday	1	September			
62.	Koladi (V)	1·07	Ambathur	5	Sri Karu Mariamman Festival	2	April/May	5,000	Sweets & fancy articles	20 On Full Moon day
68.	Koyambedu (P)	1·33	Egmore	5	Adithiamman (Kirthigai)	1	July/August	2,000	...	7·5
75.	Virugambakkam (P)	1·25	Kodambakkam	3	Mariamman Koil Adi Pongal Chithirai Pongal	10	Jan./Feb April/May July/Aug.	500	Fancy goods & eatables	5
	Nasapakkam (H)		do	3	Adi Pongal, Chithirai Pongal	10	Jan./Feb. June/July April/May	500	do	8
	Senacheri (H)		do	3·5	Mariamman Pongal	10	July/August	400	Earthenwares, fancy goods & eatables	8
	Kaikarakuppam (H)		do	3·5	do	7	Jan./Feb. April/May July/Aug.	300 to 400	do	8·5
76.	Ramapuram (P)	1·04	St. Thomas-mount	2	Pongal, Temple Festival	7	Jan./Feb. April/May July/Aug.	150	Earthenwares & eatables	5
77.	Valasaravakkam (P)	1·15	Kodambakkam	4·5	Mariamman Festival	7	Jan./Feb. April/May July/Aug.	200	Fancy goods, earthenwares & eatables	8
89.	Thirusoolam (P)			1	Meeladi Nabi	1	August	5,000	Sandal, bathies and incense	8

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					SAIDAPET TALUK (Concld.)					
104.	Pallavaram (P)		Chrompet	0·25	1. Githeriamman Uthsavam	1	April	300	Candles, jaggery & sweetmeats	10
				0·38	2. Cattle Fair	1	...	10,000	Cattle	
105.	Thiruneermalai (P)	2·22	Pallavaram	4	1. Ranganathaswamy Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	10,000	Articles required for Uthsavam and household articles	12
					2. Neervanna Perumal Uthsavam	10	Mar./April	5,000	Articles required for Uthsavam, earthenwares sweets & aluminium wares	12
					CHINGLEPUT TALUK					
1.	Mannivakkam (P)	1·97	Vandalur	1	1. Eswarar Koil Festival	1	Sep./Oct.	100	Beverages and eatables	16
					2. Amman Jathirai	3	July/Aug.			
					3. Gangamman Jathirai	3	do			
2.	Vandalur (P)	2·16	do	R.S.	1. Amman Jathirai	3	do	100	do	15
					2. Gangamman Jathirai	3	do			
					3. Bajanai Koil Uthsavangal	1	Sep./Oct.			
4.	Urapakkam (P)	2·48	Guduvanjeri	1·25	1. Amman Jathirai	4	July/Aug.	800	...	13
					2. Pillaiyar Koil Uthsavam	1	Aug./Sep.			
	Kilambakkam (V)	2·48	do	1·5	1. Amman Jathirai	1	July/Aug	500	...	13·5
					2. Perumal Koil Uthsavam	1	Sep./Oct.			

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					CHINGLEPUT TALUK (Contd.)					
4.	Iyyencheri (V)	2·48	Guduvanjeri	1·75	Punthaiamman Koil Festival	1	Aug./Sep.	200	...	13·75
5.	Unanmancheri (P)	3·33	Vandalur	4	1. Thai Poosam	1	Jan./Feb.	200	...	20
					2. Chithra Pournami	1	April/May			
					3. Sri Rama Navami	9	Mar./Apr.			
8.	Karanaipuducheri (P)	2·65	Karanaipudu-cheri	R.S.	1. Amman Jathirai	1	April/May	700	Eatables, coconuts and flowers	15
					2. Uriyadi Uthsavam	4 1	July/Aug. Sep./Oct.			
9.	Arungal (P)	4·11	Arungal	R.S.	1. Amman Jathirai	2 2	April/May July/Aug.	700	do	17
					2. Uriyadi Uthsavam	2	Sep./Oct.			
23.	Covelong (P)	2·01	...	15	1. Sandal urush Festival (Ansaridurgah)	1	...	5,000 to 6,000	...	24
					2. Madha Koil Festival	1	July	1,000	...	First Festival comes on the cresent day
25.	Sathankuppam (V)	0·78	...	13	Kanu Pongal	1	Jan./Feb.	600	...	21
28.	Puduppakkam (V)	3·35	Vandalur	1·5	1. Adi month Festival	1	July/Aug.	150	Eatables	34
					2. Kanu Pongal	1	Jan./Feb.	1,000	Coconuts & fruits	21
39.	Ninnakarai (P)	2·17	Kattankolathur	0·44	Amman Festival	3	...	...	...	9
40.	Kattankolathur (P)	2·29	do	0·19	do	3	...	...	...	9
44.	Palur (P)	9·59	Palur	R.S.	Thiru Ooral Festival	1	April/May	4,000 or 5,000	...	41
47.	Venkatapuram (P)	1·43	...	2·5	1. Deepavali Festival	1	Oct./Nov.	...	...	8
					2. Sangaranthi Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	...	...	...

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					CHINGLEPUT TALUK (Contd.)					
48.	Chettipunyam (P)	2·11	...	2	1. Deepavali Festival	1	Oct./Nov.	...	...	...
					2. Sangaranthi Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	...	...	...
					3. Parivettai	1	January	100	Plantains, coconuts & sugar	5
49.	Singapuerumal Koil			...	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	4,000 or 5,000	Cattle & groceries	30 Fair meets on Wednesday
					2. Sri Narasinga-swamy Brahma Festival	10	...	500	Beverages and eatables	25
	Thiru theri (V)	1·44	...	0·25	Thulukkanammal Koil Grama Pidari Festival	3	...	500	Beverages	25
	Pareri (V)			0·38	do	3	...	50	Eatables	25
	Vinjiambakkam (V)			...	do	3	...	50	Beverages & eatables	25
50.	Tirukachur (P)	2·74	Singaperumal Koil	1·5	Thiyagaraja-swamy annual Festival	11	April/May	1,000	Eatables	6
61.	Venbedu (P)	2·07	Chingleput	10	Kanu Pongal Festival	...	...	3,000	Coconuts, fruits & beverages	25
64.	Thiruvadanthai (V)	2·46	...	18	Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	1,200	Fruits & coconuts	21
68.	Thiruporur (P)	5·66	Chingleput	16	Kirthigai Uthsavam	12	Feb./Mar.	60,000	Puffed rice, eggs, dates, cashewnuts & plantains	16
81.	Manamathy (P)	4·27	...	16	Weekly Fair	1	...	2,000	Groceries & earthen-wares	16 Fair meets on Sunday
83.	Karumpakkam (P)	3·19	Chingleput	9	Weekly Fair	1	...	150	Groceries, vegetables and clothes	9 Fair meets on Wednesday

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					CHINGLEPUT TALUK (Contd.)					
91.	Pataravakkam (P)	1·48	...	3	Mariamman Festival	...	July/Aug.	...	...	3·5
	Thenur (V)			2	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Ponniamman Festival	...	July/Aug.	...	...	3
92.	Vallam (P)	2·40	...	2	1. Mariamman Festival	...	July/Aug.	...	...	3·5
	Ammanambakkam (V)				2. Chelliamman Festival	...	Sep./Oct.			
98.	Athur (P)	6·81	...	0·25	1. Dhasara Festival	...	April/May	250	...	3
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	June/July			
					3. Sandanakudam	...	July/Aug.			
					4. Pillaiyar Chathurthi	...	Aug./Sep.			
					5. Panguni Uthiram	...	Sep./Oct.			
					6. Sri Krishna Jayanthi	...	Dec./Jan.			
					7. Garuda sevai	...	Mar./April			
99.	Chingleput (M)	1·96	Chingleput	R.S.	1. Brahmoth-savam	10	April/May	1,000	Groceries, sweetmeats, clothes & fruits	19
					2. Masi Magham	1	Feb./Mar.	50,000		
107.	Sogandy (P)	1·68	Ottivakkam	3	Adi Festival	1	July/Aug.	100	Eatables	39
	Adavilagam (H)		do	2·5	do	1	July/Aug.	50	...	35·5
124.	Kadumbadi (P)	3·50	...	18	Theppothsavam (Floating Festival)	2	Feb./Mar.	5,000	Coconuts, flowers & eatables	38
126.	Kuzhipanthandalam (P)	2·77	...	13	Parivettai (or Kanu Pongal day)	...	January	500	Sweetmeats, flowers & fruits	13

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130.	Thazhambedu (P)	2·23	Chingleput	5	Kanniamman Festival	1	August	100	Eatables	39
131.	Ponpadirkuttam (P)	2·14	Ottivakkam	2	1. Sri Mari Koil Car Festival	10	June	50	Eatables	39
					2. Kothanda-paniar Koil Uthsavam	10	Mar./April			
132.	P. V. Kalathur (P)	4·67	...	0·5	Kothandaswamy Koil Festival Lakshminara-simhaswamy Festival and Sri Munkula-mirastar Devasthanam Festival	10	April/Mar.	50	Eatables	37
133.	Manapakkam (P)	4·70	Ottivakkam	3	Kanniamman Temple Festival	1	July/Aug.	1,500	...	34
	Ottivakkam (V)		do	R.S.	Adi Festival	1	July/Aug.	100	Eatables	36
	Punnapattu (V)		do	1·38	Adi Velli (Friday) Festival	15	July/Aug.	20	do	36
	Udayam-bakkam (V)		do	1·88	do	15	July/Aug.	50	do	37
134.	Anur (P)	3·59	do	3	Asthapuriswarar Devastham Uthsavam	1	January	300	do	39
	Korapattu (V)		do	3	Fire Stamping Festival	1	July/Aug.	100	...	39
	Elumicham-pattu (V)		do	4	Subramaniya Koil Theppo-thsavam	1	January	200	Eatables	41
135.	Salur (P)	2·53	do	3	Droupathiam-man Festival	18	...	200	Beverages, eatables	39
139.	Thathalur (P)	3·05	do	7	Chelliamman Koil Festival	7	July/Aug.	800	...	47
	Narapakkam (V)		do	5	Kaliamman Koil Festival	7	July/Aug.	400	...	46
	Gurumugai (V)		do	7	Ponniamman Koil Festival	7	July/Aug.	60	...	48

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	CHINGLEPUT TALUK (Concld.)									
.	Pattikadu (P) Puliyur (V)	3·41	...	12	Dharmarajah Festival	18	April/May or July/Aug.	1,500	Beverages, fruits, sweetmeats, betelnuts	47
.	Kunnathur (P)	2·48	...	18	Soorthamman Festival	10	July/Aug.	200	...	50
.	Neikuppi (P)	2·53	Chingleput	16	Sri Kanniamman Pidari Uthsavam	7	July	...	...	16
.	Zaminpandur (P)	3·24	Ottivakkam	7	Dharmarajah Koil Festival	20	...	200	Sweetmeats & fancy articles	14
	KANCHEEPURAM TALUK									
.	Govindavadi (P)	3·66	...	3·75	Dakshinamoorthi Koil Brahmo-thsavam	18	July/Aug.	2,600	Eatables and eathern-wares	31
.	Pullalore (P)	3·33	...	2·5	Dharmarajah Temple Fire Stamping Festival	18	June/July	700	...	33·5
.	Valathur (P)	3·56	Tirmalur	5·5	1. Moharam Festival 2. Ramzan Festival	10 1	June/July March	500	Fruits, sugar and perfumery	42
.	Thaipakkam (P)	0·64	Kancheepuram	10	Mariamman Festival	3	July/Aug.	300	Eatables	61
16.	Melbangaram	0·45	do	9	do	3	July/Aug.	300	do	60
17.	Kuram (P)	3·37	Injambakkam	2	Sri Koothalu "Sathumarai" Festival	10	Jan./Feb.	1,500	Fruits, betelnuts, flowers, camphor, coconuts, light ref-reshments, iron and wooden wares	61
20.	Veliyur (P)	2·27	do	3	Mariamman Kappu Festival	7	August	1,000	Eatables	30

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26.	Ariambakkam (P) Nirvalore (P)	3·24	...	12	"Sathumarai" Festival	1	January	100	Eatables	34
35.	Sirunaiperugal	...	Kancheepuram	9	Amman Koil Festival	1	July	200	...	60
36.	Tirupukuzhi (P)	2·32	do	9	1. Amavasai Festival 2. Fair 3. Adi Amavasai 4. Garuda Sevai	1 1 1 1	Monthly ... July/Aug. Feb.	500 300 2,000 500	Groceries	50
37.	Damal (P)	7·19	do	10	Weekly Fair	1	...	300	Eatables, groceries & food grains	40 Fair meets on Saturday
39.	Perumbakkam (P)	1·29	do	10	Thai Poosam Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	2,000	Sweets, household articles and fancy goods	62
42.	Melottivakkam	1·05	do	7	Grama Devathai Festival	5	...	500	...	59
50.	Illuppapattu Chittiambakkam (P)	2·02	Mathapettai	5	Kanchi Varadha-rara Perumal Floating Festival (Rajakulam)	1	Feb./Mar.	550	Sweetmeats &fruits	40 This festival takes place on 'Magha Nakshatram'
51.	Attuputhur (P)	1·98	Kancheepuram	10	Soora Samharam Festival	1	November	100	Eatables	34
73.	Kilkadirpur (P)	0·94	do	2·5	Jain Temple Festival	1	April	...	...	51
79.	Thiruparuthi-kundram (P)	0·82	do	...	Ugadi Festival	1	April	...	...	...
80.	Kancheepuram (M)	4·50	do	1	Sri Yathoktha-kari Temple					
					(a) Thiru Avataram	...	April/May	5,000	...	47
					(b) Orikkai Festival	...	Jan./Feb.	5,000	...	...
					(c) Annual Festival	...	Mar./April	5,000	...	...

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0.	Kancheepuram (M) —(Contd.)	4·50	Kanchee-puram	1	(d) Sri Poigai Azhvar annual Festival	...	Oct./Nov.	5,000	...	...
					(e) Navarathri Festival	...	September	5,000	...	...
					(f) Pagal-pathu Ra-pathu Festival	...	Dec./Jan.	5,000	...	...
				...	2. Ashtabujam Temple					
					(a) Thiru Avatharam	...	April/May	5,000	...	Takes place on Rohini star in Chithirai month
					(b) Gajendra Moksham	...	July/Aug.	5,000	...	do
					(c) Vaikunta Ekadasi	...	Dec./Jan.	5,000	...	do
					(d) Adyayana Uthsavam	...	Jan./Feb.	5,000	...	do
					3. Chitragupta-swamy Temple					
					Chithira Pour-nami Festival	...	April/May	5,000	...	...
				0·5	4. Sri Ulagalan-dar Temple					
					(a) Annual Festival	...	Jan./Feb.	5,000	...	...
					(b) Vaikunta Ekadasi Festival	...	Dec./Jan.	5,000	...	...
				...	5. Sri Kamakshi-amman Temple					
					(a) Amman Festival	...	Feb./Mar.	25,000	...	On the day of "Masi" Magham

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80.	Kancheepuram (M) —(Contd.)	4·50	Kancheepuram	1	(b) Panguni Uthiram Festival	...	Mar./April	25,000	...	...
					(c) Poora Nak-shatram Festival	...	Oct./Nov.	25,000	...	...
				...	6. Sri Kumara-kottam Temple					
					(a) Skanda Sashti	...	Oct./Nov.	5,000	...	...
					(b) Vaisakha Festival	...	May	5,000	...	...
				...	7. Sri Ekambara-nathar Temple					
					(a) Thai Poosam	...	Jan./Feb.	50,000	...	...
					(b) Maha-sivarathri	...	Feb./Mar.	50,000	...	...
					(c) Panguni Uthiram	...	Mar./April	50,000	...	...
					(d) Sarvatheer-tham floating Festival	...	Mar./April	50,000	...	...
					(e) Adi Kirthigai	...	July/Aug.	50,000	...	...
					(f) Navarathri Festival	...	September	50,000	...	...
					(g) Skanda Sashti	...	Oct./Nov.	50,000	...	...
					(h) Deepavali Festival	...	November	50,000	...	...
					(i) Karthigai Deepam	...	Nov./Dec.	50,000	...	...
					(j) Arudhra Festival	...	Oct./Nov.	50,000	...	...
				...	8. Sri Kailasana-thar Temple					
					Mahasivarathri	...	Feb./Mar.	5,000	...	...

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					KANCHEEPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
80.	Kancheepuram (M) —(Contd.)	4·50	Kancheepuram	1	9. Sri Kachapes-warar Temple					
					(a) Annual Festival	...	April/May.	5,000	...	...
					(b) Karthigai Deepam	...	Nov./Dec.			
99.	Agaram	1·05	Walajahbad	6	1. Sri Varadaraja swami floating Festival	1	March	2,000	Sweetmeats and other eatables	20
					2. Grama Devathai Festival	3	...	...	...	...
113.	Vishnu Kanchee	...	R.S.	1·5	Sri Varadaraja-swami Temple					
					(a) Palayaseevaram Parivettai (floating Festival)	3	January	75,000	...	On Thai Poosam day
					(b) Masi Magham floating Festival in Rajakulam and Dhava-nothsavam	3	February	75,000	...	...
					(c) Panguni Uthiram and Gandhapodi Vasantham	2	March	75,000	...	...
					(d) Chithira Pournami (palar Festival) and Thotta Uthsavam	1	April	75,000	...	...
					(e) Garuda Sevai Annual Festival 3rd day	7	May	75,000	...	on Vaisakha Pournami day grand car festival on the 7th day holy bath, on the 9th day Vasantha Uthsavam

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1	2			5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					KANCHEEPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
112.	Vishnu Kanchee	...	R.S.	1·5	(f) Garuda Uthsavam on Sri Perialwar's Birthday	1	June	75,000	...	...
					(g) Thiru Adi Pooram Sri Andal Birth Festival	1	July	75,000	...	Adi Garuda Sevai (Gajen dra Moksham)
					(h) Pavithra Uthsavam	7	August	75,000	...	Begins on Avani Full Moon day
					(i) Sri Krishna Jayanthi and Uriyadi Uthsavam	1	September	75,000	...	...
					(j) Navarathiri Festival	9	October	75,000	...	From Maha-laya Ama-vasai day to Saras-wathi pooja day
					(k) Aippasi Moolam Sri Manavala-mamunigal Uthsavam Deepavali Festival Karthigai Deepam	3	November	75,000	...	...
					(l) Sri Thatha desiga Festival Pagal-pathu Ra-pathu Festival Anushtana-kulam Festival	...	December	75,000	...	...
116.	Ayyangarkulam (P)	1·54	Kancheepuram	6	1. Nadapavai Uthsavam	2	April	50,000	Eatables & beverages Betelnut	27
					2. Masi Magham Uthsavam	1	March	2,000		

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					KANCHEEPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
120.	Orikkai	1·77	Kancheepuram	2·5	Yathokthakari Devaraja Perumal Festival	1	January	...	Sweetmeats	22
124.	Thenambakkam (P)	1·77	do	1·5	Grama Devathai Festival	...	...	900	...	20
126.	Ayyampettai (P)	0·36	Nathapettai	1	Soorasamharam Uthsavam (Sashti)	1	Oct./Nov.	1,200	Eatables	18
130.	Thangi (P)	0.43	Walajahbad	3	Amman Koil Festival	...	January	...	...	46 Takes place on Pongal day
134.	Walajahbad (M)	...	R.S.	0·5	Navarathri Festival	1	Sep./Oct.	7,000	...	12
					Velleriamman Uthsavam	7	...			
151.	Palayasivaram (P)	6·10	R.S.	0·5	Mattu Pongal Festival	1	January	4,000	Sweetmeats and fancy goods	40
168.	Elayanarvelur (P)	1·50	...	5	Chithirai Festival	1	April/May	300	...	19
172.	Adavapakkam (P)	1·40	Kancheepuram	10	Ellaiamman Festival	...	September	100	...	25
	Kadambar Koil		do	11	Kadambanatha-swamy Festival	10	October	700	...	20
173.	Kavampai (P)	2·55	Walajahbad	7	Pillaiyar Festival	1	October	75	...	15
	Sembulam		do	...	do	1	October	50	...	
175.	Voyalakavoor (P)	1·49	do	6	Kalitcertha amman flre Stamping Festival	1	September	1,000	Eatables and fancy goods	15
177.	Thirumukkoodal (P)	1·82	...	1·5	Mattu Pongal	1	January	3,000	Toilets and eatables	42
180.	Gurumancheri (P)	·69	...	1·5	Brahmothsavam	11	April/May	100	...	30
	Seethancheri									
185.	Thiruvanai Koil (P)	1·97	...	3	Thai Poosam Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	250	Eatables	30 On Poosam star
	Mulaginimeni									

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					KANCHEEPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
191.	Malayankolam (P)	4·15	Walajahbad	6	1. Ekadasi Festival	1	January	1,000	Eatables	30
					2. Mariamman Festival	3	April	1,000		
192.	Marudham (P)	2·23	Kancheepuram	16	Rathothsavam	1	July/August	500	Plantains and light refreshments	17
195.	Ozhugarai (P)	0·91	do	13	Agatheeswara-swamy Thai Poosa Festival	1	January	1,000	Light refresh-ments and aluminium wares	24
196.	Silambakkam (P)	1·07	do	15	1. Kanniamman Festival	7	April	300	Light refresh-ments and bangles	25
	Vengaram	...	...	...	2. Bala Ganapa-thi Vinayagar Festival	1	October	250	...	...
201.	Perunagar (P)	6·38	...	13·25	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	500	Cattle and groceries	27 Fair meets on Monday
					2. Thai Poosa Uthsavam	...	Jan./Feb.	2,000	Fruits and fancy goods	...
202.	Manampathy (P)	2·78	Kancheepuram	16	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	800	Eatables	24 Fair meets on every Thursday
					2. Eswari Koil Uthsavam	5	Monthly			
203.	Ravathanallore (P)	2·23	do	18	Mariamman Festival	3	July/August	200	Sweetmeats, eatables	50
204.	Kaliyampoondi (P)	2·10	do	16	1. Mariamman Koil Festival	3	July/August	700	Sweetmeats	50
					2. Chelliamman Festival	10	Aug./Sep.			
206.	Thirupulivanam (P)	2·74	...	12·5	1. Adi Kirthigai	1	August	2,000	...	21·5
					2. Lakhsha Deepam	1	April	2,000		

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1	2			5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				KANCHEEPURAM TALUK (Contd.)						
207.	Uttiramerur (P)	15·38	...	12	Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Groceries	27
	Malliankaranai	...	...	12	Uttiramerur Subramaniya-swamy floating Festival	1	Feb./March	520	do	17
	Ongur	...	Karunguzhi	9	Roman Catholic Christian Festival	7	Dec./Jan.	500	do	18
	Neeradi	...	Madurantakam	16	1. Mariamman Festival	3	July/August	250	Eatables	46
					2. Floating Festival	3	Feb./March			
208.	Maruthuvanpadi (P)	2·56	Kancheepuram	13	Grama Devathai Uthsavam	1	July/August	500	do	46
209.	Kadalamangalam (P)	2·58	Walajahbad	14	Kanniamman Festival	1	July/August	750	do	44
210.	Vadavoor (P)	2·15	do	12	Arudhra Festival	1	December	400	...	18
	Sadachivakkam		...	12	Mariamman Jathirai	5	June	400	...	17
211.	Kunnavakkam (P)	2·31	...	16	Mariamman Festival	3	August	300	...	42
	Pondavakkam (P)			17	Ellamman Festival	1	April	150	...	43
	Vendivakkam			16	Mariamman Festival	3	April	200	...	42
227.	Perunguzhi (P)	2·98	Karunguzhi	10	do	...	July/August	400	...	47
229.	Nanjipuram (P)	1·48	do	7	do	1	August	1,600	...	21
230.	Kariamangalam (P)	0·38	do	8	do	1	August	900	...	20
231.	Thalavarampondi (P)	0·72	do	9	Vinayagar Abishekam	1	Nov./Dec.	50	...	18
232.	Puliyur (P)	0·68	do	9	Mariamman Festival	3	August	200	Fruits, coconuts, flowers and light refresh-ments	18

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				KANCHEEPURAM TALUK (Contd.)						
233.	Kammalampoondi (P)	2·01	Karunguzhi	8	1. Gangaiamman Festival	1	August	2,000	...	22
					2. Mariamman Festival					
					3. Droupathi-amman Festival					
234.	Kavanur Puducheri (P)	1·28	do	9	Mariamman Festival	1	August	1,000	...	21
235.	Menallur (P)	2·04	...	20	do	...	July/August	150	Groceries	20
239.	Ammayappanallur (P)	0·86	Kancheepuram	15	Pillaiyar Koil Festival	...	Aug./Sep.	200	...	52·5
240.	Pennalore	1·12	do	16	1. Droupathi-amman Festival	...	...	...	...	54
					2. Perumal Koil Festival					
					3. Thanthoni-amman Festival					
241.	Karanai	2·15	...	19	1. Ponniamman Festival	7	July/August Sep./Oct.	500	Eatables	54
	Voyalur				2. Mariamman Festival					
	Nadupattu				3. Perumal Festival					
242.	Thandarai (P)	3·38	Kancheepuram	16	Thai Poosam Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	1,000	Vegetable and groceries	24 On Thai Poosam day
	Serpakkam (P)		do	18	Mariamman Festival	3	July/August	200	Groceries and eatables	...
243.	Visoor (P)	1·78	do	16	Masi Magham Festival	1	Feb./March	1,000	Vegetables and utility articles	25

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					MADURANTAKAM TALUK					
16.	Vaiyavoor (P) Malaivaiyavoor	4·42	Padalam	5	Sri Prasanna Srinivasa perumal Brahmothsavam	10	June	100	...	
25.	Vedanthangal (P) Thoraiyur	6·57	Karunguzhi	8	Thoraiyur Weekly fair	1	...	1,500	Vegetables, textiles groceries, and cattle	72 Fair meets on Thursday
35.	Mudurantakam (P)	8·40	Madurantakam	0·38	1. Weekly fair (General)	1	...	4,500	Vegetables and pulses	45 Fair meets on Monday
					2. Brahmothsavam in Kothandarama Temple	10	June	1,500	...	45
103.	Madhur (P) Elapakkam	2·92	Acharapakkam	7	Cattle fair	1	...	1,000	Cattle, pulses, grains and vegetables	61 Fair meets on Monday
119.	Acharapakkam (P)	2·00	do	1	1. Cattle fair	1	...	2,000	Cattle and groceries	54 Fair meets on Sunday
					2. Brahmothsavam	10	April	1,000	...	...
150.	Anaicuttu (V)	0·07	Madurantakam	21	Cattle and General fair	1	...	2,000	Cattle, groceries and fish	66 Fair meets on Friday
180.	Perumbairkandigai (P)	1·62	Thozhupedu	1	Tiruppakshi Festival	1	October	500	...	57
229.	Cheyyur (P)	13·75	Madurantakam	16	Weekly fair (General)	1	...	2,000	Groceries	61 Fair meets on Thursday

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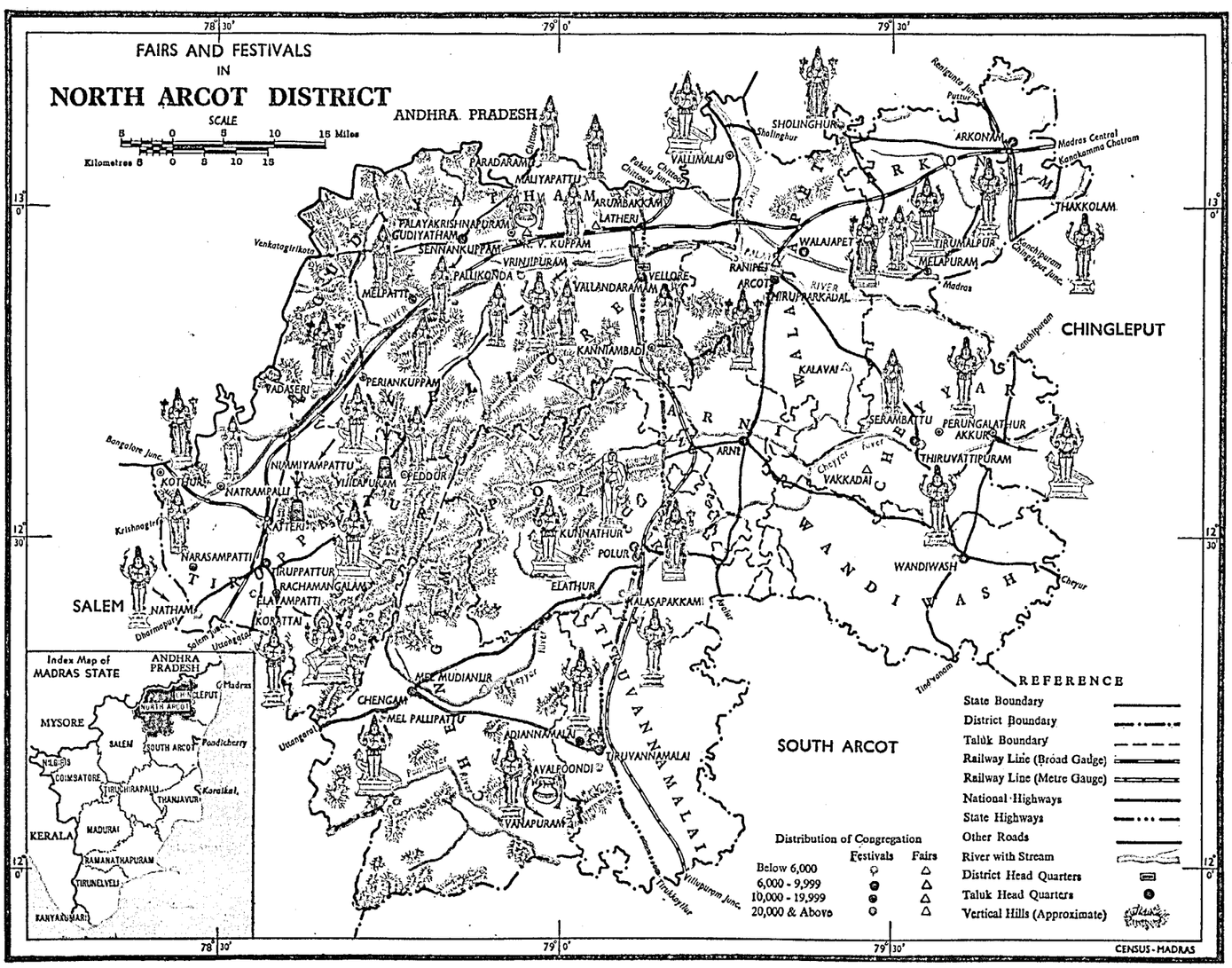
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FAIRS AND FESTIVALS IN NORTH ARCOT DISTRICT

The North Arcot district does not lag behind other districts in the matter of religious and quasi-religious festivals. Statistically viewed, over 800 Hindu festivals are held, spread throughout the year. A good majority of the festivals are for the propitiation of deities of a lower order in the divine heirarchy. The superstition-ridden villagers pamper to the wrath of the village deities as a prevention for the incidence of virulent epidemics and foul diseases. The local festivals are celebrated with great pomp and eclat, though crude in conception according to sophisticated standards. No doubt, local festivals attract quite a huge crowd. It is a matter of common knowledge that these local festivals are turned to advantage by the trading community who hold their fairs in the locality during the festival season.

The religious festival dedicated to deities of the aristocratic order are very few. Statistics reveal that in a year there are 808 Hindu festivals comprising festivals of various order, 8 Muslim festivals and 4 Christian festivals. The population being predominantly Hindu, it is nothing surprising that on an average nearly 14 lakhs of people in the aggregate would have witnessed the seasonal festivals. Compared to them, the overall attendance for the 8 Muslim festivals is a little under 6,500 while the 4 Christian festivals attract a crowd of nearly 6,400. The reason for the higher ratio of attendance of the Christian festivals is probably the fact that non-Christians also participate in the celebration.

Most of the festivals in North Arcot district attract a crowd of about 1,000 people, the number of such festivals being 504. Classified by the congregation-range, the following statement illustrates the position:

Congregation range	No. of festivals	Attendance
Below 1,000	504	180,413
1,000 — 4,999	245	412,137
5,000 — 9,999	44	231,000
10,000 — 19,999	20	210,000
20,000 — 49,999	5	115,000
Above 50,000	2	200,000
Total	**820**	**1,348,550**

The festivals are seasonal. The Table appended below gives the number of festivals distributed throughout the year on a seasonal basis :

Season	No. of festivals	Attendance.
January–February	266	340,950
February–March	48	176,815
March–April	72	125,790
April–May	146	194,707
May–June	70	107,875
June–July	32	49,855
July–August	85	114,623
August–September	31	30,590
September–October	13	120,100
October–November	24	35,470
November–December	19	35,095
December–January	14	16,680
Total	**820**	**1,348,550**

There is the aggregate of 820 festivals. Of these, only two are worth notice. Pongal, as everywhere else, is a very important festival celebrated in January. It is a thanksgiving gesture on the conclusion of the harvest. The next one which may be only of local importance is celebrated during April–May in propitiation of the village Goddess to ward off the spread of epidemics in summer.

It might appear queer, but it is a fact that there is a wide, inexplicable disparity in the matter of the duration of and patronage at these festivals. To cite a few illlustrations, while the Dharma Uthsavam in Arkonam taluk attracts only an infinitesimally negligible number, the festival in propitiation of Goddess Mariamman in Gudiyatham taluk attracts a crowd estimated over a lakh. In point of duration of some of these festivals, a Mariamman festival celebrated in Tiruppattur taluk lasts only a few hours while the Bharatham and Chamundeeswari festival in Vellore taluk spreads over two months.

The Table appended below gives at a glance the aggregate number of festivals arranged talukwar and distributed on the seasonal basis. This aggregate number includes 8 Muslim festivals and 4 Christian festivals. The Muslim festivals are celebrated in the four taluks of Arkonam, Vellore, Chengam and Thiruvannamalai while the 4 Christian festivals are celebrated in Polur, Chengam and Thiruvannamalai taluks. The maximum number of 152 festivals are held in Thiruvannamalai taluk while the minium of six in Cheyyar.

Taluk		Jan./Feb.	Feb./Mar.	Mar./Apr.	Apr./May	May/June	June/July	July/Aug.	Aug./Sep.	Sep./Oct.	Oct./Nov.	Nov./Dec.	Dec./Jan.	Total
Arkonam	...	29	4	3	21	5	5	14	6	4	1	1	...	93
Walajapet	...	4	2	4	8	2	...	6	1	2	...	1	...	30
Gudiyatham	...	34	11	7	12	14	5	3	...	2	3	1	1	93
Tiruppattur	...	13	4	7	11	5	4	9	3	...	...	...	1	57
Vellore	...	27	5	9	21	14	4	9	6	1	...	3	1	100
Arni	...	4	...	6	6	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	21
Cheyyar	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Wandiwash	...	12	6	14	21	11	7	24	8	...	2	3	...	108
Polur	...	39	2	5	2	3	1	3	...	2	4	2	1	64
Chengam	...	35	6	8	6	5	...	11	6	1	8	5	5	96
Thiruvannamalai	...	65	6	9	38	8	6	4	1	1	6	3	5	152
Total	...	**266**	**48**	**72**	**146**	**70**	**32**	**85**	**31**	**13**	**24**	**19**	**14**	**820**

From the following Table, it may be observed that Cheyyar taluk distinguishes itself with an average attendance of 10,250 to its six festivals while Wandiwash with its 108 festivals has only an average attendance of 577.

Taluk	No. of festivals	Attendance
Arkonam	93	147,650
Walajapet	30	230,215
Gudiyatham	93	263,870
Tiruppattur	57	130,650
Vellore	100	130,550
Arni	21	25,750
Cheyyar	6	61,500
Wandiwash	108	62,380
Polur	64	71,700
Chengam	96	114,815
Thiruvannamalai	152	109,470
Total	**820**	**1,348,550**

The celebration of the Muslim and Christian festivals does not claim any prominence presumably by reason of the number of followers of these two religious faiths being comparatively small in this district. The Table appended below gives an idea of the number of Muslim and Christian festivals, the season and duration. A distinct feature is that fairs are not in evidence during these festivals.

Taluk	Festival	Duration	Season	Attendance
Arkonam	Moharrum (M)	10	June	500
	Miladi Nabi (M)	12	August	500
Vellore	Kundurusa Urs (M)	2	June	300
Chengam	Ramzan (M)	1	March	2,000
	Moharrum	10	June	2,000
	do	10	do	1,000
	Arch Susaiappar (C)	10	May	4,000
Polur	Pathirikoil Matha (C)	5	Jan/Feb.	1,000
Thiruvannamalai	Ramzan (M)	1	March	120
	Bakrid (M)	1	July	120
	Christmas (C)	N.S.	December	350
	do	N.S.	do	1,000

FAIRS

Village fairs, as a necessary appendage to celebration of religious festivals, have come to stay at least for more than half a century. They are temporary markets where all varieties of merchandise are offered for sale. Besides these seasonal fairs, there are weekly fairs which do not owe their existence to any religious festival. Agricultural produce, consumer goods, livestock etc., would be available for sale. The rigidity of the organised permanent markets is not observed here; but the buyers get ample opportunity to drive a hard bargain.

Ample entertainment is also provided at these fairs. Giant-wheels, merry-go-rounds, lucky dips, sports events, circus displays, fortune telling, music and folk dancing are the more common medium of entertainment.

In the North Arcot district, 87 fairs feature regularly. The Table appended below is self-explanatory.

Taluk	No. of fairs every week	Weekly fairs	Bi-weekly fairs	Annual fair
1. Arkonam	6	6	...	...
2. Walajapet	5	5	...	...
3. Gudiyatham	15	15	...	...
4. Tiruppattur	11	10	1	1
5. Vellore	6	6	...	...
6. Arni	17	10	7	...
7. Cheyyar	4	4	...	...
8. Wandiwash	5	5	...	...
9. Polur	9	9	...	...
10. Chengam	7	7	...	...
11. Thiruvannamalai	2	2	...	...
Total	**87**	**79**	**8**	**1**

Besides the regular weekly fairs, Tiruppattur taluk alone holds an annual fair. Bi-weekly fairs are held in Tiruppattur and Arni taluks. There are 19 cattle fairs where one can have milch cows, bullocks for labour and even studbulls and cattle for slaughter. Polur taluk specialises in bamboo, Walajapet in hides and skins, Gudiyatham and Chengam in fruits, and Tiruppattur in jaggery. In almost all taluks agricultural implements, groceries and vegetables are sold.

As the Table appended here would show, Tuesday would seem to be more favoured for holding fairs, Wednesdays and Fridays running a close second.

Day of week	No. of Fairs
Sunday	8
Monday	12
Tuesday	13
Wednesday	11
Thursday	6
Friday	11
Saturday	8

The fairs in Walajapet taluk seem to be the most popular considering the small number of fairs. It is noteworthy that the Thiruvannamalai taluk which celebrates as many as 152 festivals has only two fairs. The Table below gives an indication of the popularity of the fairs, arranged talukwar.

Taluk		Weekly fair	Bi-weekly fair	Cattle fair	Attend-ance	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-day	Thurs-day	Fri-day	Satur-day
Arkonam	...	6	...	...	2,700	2	1	2	...	1	...	...
Walajapet	...	5	...	3	25,300	...	1	...	2	...	2	...
Gudiyatham	...	15	...	2	25,730	2	3	3	2	...	...	2
Tiruppattur	...	11	1	1	15,870	...	2	2	2	1	1	1
Vellore	...	6	...	2	9,000	...	...	2	1	1	1	1
Arni	...	17	7	1	9,000	1	1	1	...	1	1	...
Cheyyar	...	4	...	2	13,000	...	...	1	...	...	1	2
Wandiwash	...	5	...	4	3,320	...	...	1	1	1	2	...
Polur	...	9	...	1	10,870	...	3	1	2	...	1	1
Chengam	...	7	...	2	7,700	2	1	...	1	1	1	1
Thiruvannamalai	...	2	...	1	1,500	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
Total	...	**87**	**8**	**19**	**123,990**	**8**	**12**	**13**	**11**	**6**	**11**	**8**

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					ARKONAM TALUK					
1.	Perungalathur (P)	3·16	Tiruttani	4	Droupathi Amman Festival	18	June/July	500	Fancy goods & sweetmeats	60
2.	Kilandur (P)	2·84	Itchiputhur	2	do	18	April/May	500	Coconuts, camphor, roasted nuts & edibles	50 Starting from April 15
6.	Mudur (P)	2·79	Arkonam	6	do	20	June/July	1,000	Sweetmeats, coconuts, fruits & roasted nuts	50
12.	Vadamambakkam (P)	2·18	do	3	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Perumal Procession	... ...	Aug./Sep. Sep./Oct.	200	Nil	53
16.	Thandalam (P)	3·01	...	4	Pongal Festival	3	Jan./Feb.	500	do	50
18.	Perumalrajapettai (P)	2·39	Munnal	4	Dharmaraja Koil Festival	18	May	500	Fancy goods & sweetmeats	50
19.	Sembedu (P)	3·12	do	6	Gangaiamman Festival	2	April/May Aug./Sep.	...	do	40 Handloom Industry is famous.
20.	Nandivedu Thangal (P)	1·44	do	8	Droupathi Amman Festival	18	May	2,500	do	47
22.	Paranji (P)	5·81	do	4	1. Perum Pongal 2. Village Jathirai	1 1	January	1,000	do	40
27.	Thalikkal (P)	2·82	Banavaram	4	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Kanum Pongal	1 1	July/Aug. January	2,150	Nil	35
30.	Munnal (P)	5·57	...	2	Weekly fair	1	...	200	Grocery	35 Fair weekly once on Tuesday
					Chithira Pournami	1	April/May	1,500	do	On Full Moon day
35.	Arkonam (N.M)	1·00	Arkonam	½	Droupathi Amman Festival	18	July	2,000	Miscellane-ous articles	51

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					ARKONAM TALUK (Contd.)					
37.	Ambarishapuram (V)	0·24	Mosur	½	Padam Uthsavam	2	October	200	Roasted nuts, coconuts, pops & edibles	50
39.	Mosur (P)	5·46	...	Station	1. Padam Uthsavam	2	do	200	do	50
					2. Mukkoti Ekadasi Uthsavam	2	January	250	do	...
					3. Dharmaraja Koil Uthsavam	18	September	1,500	do	...
45.	Anwardikanpet (P)	2·33	Munnal	1	Grama Jathirai	3	July/Aug. September	300	Edibles	35
48.	Thappoor (P)	2·14	Banavaram	3	1. Mariamman Festival	1	July/Aug.	2,500	Nil	35
					2. Kanum Pongal	1	January			
49.	Pulipakkam (P)	3·34	Sholinghur	5	Dharma Uthsavam	18	May	20	Sweetmeats	40
53.	Banavaram (P)	3·31	...	¼	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Vegetables grocery, clothes, roots & retail things	16 Fair weekly once on Thursday
55.	Kattupakkam (P)	4·58	Munnal	2	Kottayamman Festival	2	January	3,000	Aluminium wares, fruits, pops & roasted nuts	...
56.	Meleri (P)	2·30	...	2	1. Jathirai & Sathayam	1	January	1,000	Sweetmeats, pops & roasted nuts	40
					2. Kanni Pongal Festival	1	February			
					3. Muthalamman Festival	1	...			
58.	Elathur	1·30	...	3	1. Mariamman Festival	3	July/Aug.	1,000	Coconuts, betel leaves & camphor.	35
					2. Anjathamman Festival	...	Aug./Sep.			
61.	Nagavedu (P)	2·55	...	5	Gangai Amman Jathirai	2	July/Aug.	758	Sweetmeats	45

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					ARKONAM TALUK (Contd.)					
64.	Parthiputhur (P)	2·10	...	4	1. Kavathammal Festival	...	Jan./Feb.	300	Nil	46
					2. Palaniammal Eswaran Koil Festival	1	July/Aug.			
67.	Athur (V)	1·87	Arkonam	3	1. Dharmaraja Brahmoth-savam.	10	July	1,500	Sweetmeats pops & roasted nuts	45
					2. Prasanna Varadaraja Perumal Brahmoth-savam	10	May/June			
71.	Anairattaputhur (P)	1·10	Thiruvalangadu	5	1. Dharmaraja Festival	10	May	2,000	...	...
					2. Droupathi Amman Festival					
72.	Pudukesavaram	2·24	Thakkolam	5	1. Moharrum	10	June	500	Nil	...
					2. Miladi Nabi	12	August			
74.	Thakkolam (P)	6·32	do	4	Weekly fair	1	...	...	Grocery,	45
					1. Jala Vaythe-swaraswamy Festival	10	April/May	5,000	Sweetmeats	Fair takes place on every Tuesday
					2. Somanathee-swaraswamy Festival	10	October			
					3. Droupathi Amman Festival	1	July			
77.	Parameswaramanga-lam (P)	1·44	Thakkadam	¾	Ponniamman Festival	2	January	1,000	Sweetmeats	45
79.	Kilvenkatapuram (P)	2·24	do	4	Ponniamman Festival	2	May	1,100	Light refreshments	47
80.	Sirunamalli (P)	3·36	...	7	Kanum Pongal	1	Jan./Feb.	500	Nil	40
82.	Kilvidhi (P)	3·21	Munnal	5	Droupathi Amman Festival	4	...	200	Sweetmeats	45

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84.	Velithangipuram (P)	2·80	...	3	Mariamman Grama Deva-thai Festival	3	July/Aug.	1,100	Coconuts, betel leaves & camphor	40
86.	Karnavoor (P)	3·72	...	5	Perumal Koil Uthsavam	1	Jan./Feb.	90	Nil	39 The same day of Kanum Pongal in Thai month
88.	Mangalam (P)	2·54	...	5	Amman Festival	2	Aug./Sep.	...	Nil	27
93.	Perapperi (P)	1·44	Munnal	5	Pidari Festival	1	July	700	Nil	45
94.	Ulianallur (P)	2·32	Sholinghur	7	1. Gangaiamman Jathirai	1	April/May	1,500	...	39
					2. Jathirai	1	July/Aug.			
					3. Amman Festival	1	January			
					4. Agni Uthsavam	20	February			
					5. Perumal Festival	1	Sep./Oct.			
95.	Vepperi (P)	1·46	Munnal	7	Osooramman Jathirai	3	July/Aug.	500	Light refreshments	40
96.	Nemili (P)	...	Thirumalpur	6	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, cattle & textile	40 Weekly once on Monday
					1. Chithirai Paruvam	...	...	...	...	...
					2. Masi Magham	1	April/May			
					3. Ponni Amman	...	February			
					4. Thai Kirthigai	1	March			
	Punni	3·56	Munnal	5	Amman Festival	2	Mar./April	1,200	Edibles	...
	Kariakudath		Thakkolam	5	Moongil Vizhiamman Festival	2	Jan./Feb.	1,000	do	...
97.	Sayanavaram (P)	4·45	do	3½	Grama Devathai Festival	2	Jan./Feb.	750	do	41

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					ARKONAM TALUK (Contd.)					
98.	Attupakkam (P)	1·40	Munnal Thakkolam	2	1. Perumal Koil Festival	1	April/May	300	Edibles	72 Before 15th of Chithirai month
					2. Gangaiamman Jathirai	1	do			
100.	Chittoor (P)	2·06	Pallur	3	1. Gangaiamman Jathirai	5	do	1,000	do	60
					2. Devatha Amman Kappu	5	do	1,000	do	...
					3. Thai Poosam Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	1,000	do	On Poosam star
103.	Pallur (P)	4·28	Thirumalpur	3/16	Amman Festival	2 to 3	Mar./April May	100	Nil	65
106.	Vettangulam (P)	0·97	do	5	1. Subramania-swamy Poornima Festival	1	...	300	Light refreshments	38
					2. Ponniamman Festival	1	...	300	do	...
					3. Mariamman Festival	1	...	300	do	...
107.	Agavalam (V)	2·96	do	5½	Mariamman Jathirai	3	May	400	Nil	37
108.	Thoraiyur (P)	1·28	Sholingapuram	7	1. Chinna Moor-thiamman Festival	3	May/June	940	Confectionery, fruits	35
					2. Jathirai Festival	...	July/Aug.	940	do	...
110.	Alapakkam (P)	2·61	...	7	Sri Selva Vinaya-gar Festival	1	April/May	100	Nil	32
112.	Cheri (P)	2·77	...	5	Anniamman Festival (Grama Devathai)	10	June/July/ August	400	Sweetmeats	30
116.	Thoraiperum-bakkam (P)	1·40	Sholingapuram	8	1. Kannu Pongal Festival	1	January	100	Nil	25
					2. Thai Poosam	1				

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					ARKONAM TALUK (Contd.)					
118.	Tharmanidhi (P)	0·60	Sholingapuram	13	1. Thoniamman Festival 2. Pillaiyar Koil Festival	1	...	150	Coconuts, camphor & toiletry	32
119.	Ayarpadi (P)	1·20	do	13	1. Grama Devathai Ponniamman Festival	1	July/Aug. September	300	do	30
					2. Pillaiyar Festival	1		300	do	...
120.	Melapuram (P)	2·40	Thirumalpur	10	1. Soora Samharam	7	Oct./Nov.	10,000	Nil	34
					2. Navami Festival	1	Mar./Apr.			
					3. Par Vettai	1	Jan./Feb.			
					4. Thai Poosam	1	do			
	Nangamangalam (H)	...	do	10	1. Droupathi Amman Agni Festival	30	Apr./May/ June	10,000	Nil	34 30 days for both the festivals
					2. Par Vettai	...	Jan./Feb.			
121.	Panapakkam (P)	1·40	do	7	Weekly fair	1	...	1,500	Edibles	44 Fair weekly once on Sunday
				7	Mayuranatha-swamy Koil Festival	10	May/June	1,500	do	...
122.	Nedumbuli (P)	1·63	...	...	1. Gangaiamman Jathirai	7	April/May	400	Sweets	75
					2. Perumal Koil Festival	...	May/June	400	...	...
					3. Mayana Kollai (Weekly fair)	1	Feb./Mar.	400	Light refresh-ments	Fair weekly once on Sunday
125.	Thirumalpur (P)	2·40	Thirumalpur	3	Sri Manikande-swaraswamy Devasthanam Brahmoth-savam	10	Feb./Mar.	5,000	Light refreshments & aluminium utensils	37
127.	Jagirthandalam (P)	3·39	do	5	Mailar Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	2,000	Sugarcane	40

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					ARKONAM TALUK (Concld.)					
129.	Ocheri (P)	0·65	...	12	Vaikunta Ekadasi Festival	1	December	1,000	Beverages, aerated waters, confectionery, cigarettes & tobacco	30
131.	Sirukarambur (P)	1·86	Sholinghur	12	Sri Karumbath-amman Car Festival	2	July/Aug.	1,000	Coconuts, fruits, fancy goods & toiletry	30
133.	Vegamangalam (P)	1·27	Banavaram	12	1. Masi Magham	1	Feb./March	75	Nil	30
					2. Perum Pongal Rishaba Vahanam Festival	1	Jan./Feb.			
					3. Adi Kirthigai	1	July/Aug.			
					4. Kandar Shasti Festival	1	...			
					5. Thai Kirthigai	1	Jan./Feb.			
134.	Mamandur (P)	1·74	...	13	Brahmothsavam	13	May	100	Nil	31
135.	Karivedu (P)	2·70	Kancheepuram	16	Sri Hariprasadee-swaraswamy Car Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	500	Nil	30
136.	Kalathur (P)	3·70	do	20	Dharmaraja Koil Festival	18	May	500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	56
138.	Avalur (P)	1·59	...	12	Mariamman Festival	3	July	150	Nil	36
					WALAJAPET TALUK					
9.	Gollapalli (P) Kokkeri (H)	3·76	Ramapuram	6	Ponniamman Uthsavam	1	July/Aug.	200	Pulses, vegetables & edibles	20
10.	Erakkambattu (P)	0·94	do	6	Mariamman Festival	3	May/June	250	Pulses & vegetables	20 Begins on a Tues-day every year
12.	Vallimalai (P)	0·94	do	6½	Masi Mahoth-savam	10	Feb./Mar.	15,000	Vessels, eatables & textiles	19

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					WALAJAPET TALUK (Contd.)					
15.	Melpadi (P)	4·14	Ramapuram	6½	Weekly fair	1	...	100	Pulses & vegetables	19 Fair takes place on every Friday
31.	Sholinghur (P)	5·49	R. S.	9	1. Brahmoth-savam	10	April/May	25,000	Copper, brass, aluminium wares, turmeric, edibles & textiles	32 (1) After Chithrai New Moon (2) Every Sunday Karthigai
					2. Kirthigai Sunday Festival	4	Nov./Dec.	10,000		
					3. Padi Uthsavam	1	January	10,000	...	...
					4. Navarathiri Uthsavam	10	Sep./Oct.	1,000	...	...
					5. Bowthvioth-savam	5	Aug./Sep.	2,000	...	(5) Third week of Avani
					6. Weekly Cattle Fair	1	...	10,000	Cattle, hides, textiles & provision	Fair takes place on Wednesday
71.	Ranipet (M)	4·00	R. S.	½	Weekly Fair	1	...	10,000	Cattle & vegetables	17 Fair takes place on Friday
74.	Walajapet (M)	1·03	Walajapet	3	Brahmothsavam	10	Feb./March	3,000 to 5,000	Eatables & fancy goods	18
84.	Muppaduvetti (P)	1·05	Ranipet	5	Mariamman Koil Festival	5	May/June	350	Sweetmeats	16
	Poongodu (P)	...	...	6	Mariamman Festival	5	July/Aug.	250	do	17
85.	Arcot (M)	2·90	do	3	1. Gandhi Jayanthi	10	October	1,00,000	Sweets & fruits	14
					2. Varadaraja Perumal Brahmoth-savam	10	May	25,000	do	...
					3. Gangathara-Eswaran Laksha Deepam	1	April	...	...	...

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					WALAJAPET TALUK (Contd.)					
86.	Tajpura (P)	1·27	Ranipet	4	Pidari Amman Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	300	Sweetmeats	15
95.	Puduppadi (P)	2·09	do	7	Mariamman Festival	3	May	500	do	20
96.	Kilambadi (P)	0·56	do	8	do	3	April	300	do	21
99.	Tirupparkadal (P)	1·04	Sholingur	9	Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	January	5,000	Fancy articles and vessels	26
102.	Sakkaramallur (P)	7·51	Ranipet	10	Varadaraja Perumal Brahmoth-savam	10	April	1,000	Sweetmeats	22
103.	Ekkundi (P)	4·39	do	9	Mariamman Koil Festival	3	April/May	300	do	20
104.	Papperi (P)	0·69	do	9	do	3	do	200	do	21
116.	Thimiri (P)	4·95	do	7	1. Gangaiamman Festival	2	April	800	Sweetmeats, vessels, fruits, flowers & coconuts	20
					2. Adi Kirthigai	1	July/Aug.	2,500	...	...
120.	Karivedu (P)	1·02	do	10	Mariamman Koil Festival	3	Feb./Mar.	75	Sweetmeats	20
121.	Velur (P)	2·17	do	12	do	5	July/Aug.	225	do	23
126.	Karikkanthangal (P)	0·96	do	12	1. Ellamman Festival	2	Jan./Feb.	150	do	25
					2. Mariamman Festival	3	April/May			
	Kilanthangal	...	...	12	1. Ponniamman Festival	3	April/May	150	do	25
					2. Mariamman Festival	4	July/Aug.			
127.	Sembedu (P)	2·63	do	12	Mariamman Koil Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	110	do	23
	Ozhalai			12	Grama Devathai Festival	1	April/May	55	do	23

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					WALAJAPET TALUK (Concld.)					
147.	Kalavai (P)	1·80	Ranipet	14	Weekly fair	1	...	5,000	Cattle, vegetables, textiles, earthenwares, and grocery	26 Fair takes place on every Wednes-day
180.	Mambakkam (P)	2·19	do	20	Weekly fair	1	...	200	Handloom clothes, sweetmeats & vegetables	32 Fair takes place on every Tuesday
182.	Valapandal (P)	2·73	Kalambur	14	Mannarswamy Koil Festival (Adi Thingal Festival)	5	July/Aug.	4,275	Eatables, aerated waters, puja articles, coconuts, fruits, camphor, fancy goods, earthenwares, vegetables & maize etc.,	31 The five Mondays of Adi month are important days on which the festival takes place
					GUDIYATHAM TALUK					
5.	Mudicuppam (P)	2·90	Gudiyatham	8	Weekly fair	1	...	300	Grocery, rice, vegetables & various, kinds of oil	19 Fair takes place on Sunday
7.	Kallapadi (P)	4·46	do	8	do	1	...	400	Clothes, grocery & vegetables	23 Fair on every Saturday
8.	Viludonpalayam	1·62	Chittoor	22	1. Pongal Festival	4	January	2000	Clothes, eatables & fancy goods	35
					2. Deepavali Festival	2	Oct./Nov.			
					3. Tamil New Year's day	1	April			
9.	Varadareddipalli (P)	2·05	do	13	Pongal Festival	4	January	1,500	Nil	30
10.	Veerichettipalli	3·15	do	13	do	4	do	3,000	Clothes, grocery & eatables	30

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					GUDIYATHAM TALUK (Contd.)					
13.	Paradarami (P)	3·36	Chittoor	14	1. Gangai Jathirai	3	May	5,000	Coconuts, aluminium, wares & earthenwares	30
					2. Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, clothes, earthenwares, betel nuts, leaves & retail articles	
15.	Maliyapattu (V)	1·65	Latheri	4½	Thoralamman Festival	3	Feb./Mar.	100,000	Sweets, fancy goods & toys	10
16.	Panamadangi (P)	1·60	do	4½	Gangaiamman Festival	1	May	2,000	Sweetmeats	10
17.	Senji (P)	3·57	do	3	do	1	do	2,000	Eatables and retail articles	11
18.	Thondan Thulasi	1·30	do	4½	1. Pongal Festival	1	January	2,000	Eatables	10
					2. Gangaiamman Festival	...	Jan./Feb.	1,500	Earthenwares	...
19.	Vandran Thangal (P)	3·38	R.S. or Katpadi	¼ furlong or 2	1. Weekly fair	1	...	1000	Fruits	10 Fair on every Wednes-day
					2. Grama Festival	2	Jan./Feb.			
					3. Gangaiamman Festival	7	May/June			
21.	Darapadavedu (P)	3·00	do	½ furlong	Weekly Fair	1	...	250	Vegetables, earthenwares & eatables	3 Fair on every Saturday
23.	Kandiapedu (P)	3·70	Bomma Samudram	3	1. Ponniamman Festival	1	August	700	Oil, Vege-tables & clothes	8 Fair on every Tuesday
					2. Thai Poosam Festival	3	January			
					3. Weekly fair	1	...			
	Oddanthangal	3·78	do	3	Kettathu Mariamman Festival	1	January	200	Eatables & fancy goods	8
24.	Serkadu (P)	3·20	Katpadi		1. Jathirai Festival	1	April	1,000	Nil	10
					2. Garuda Sevai	1	June			

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					GUDIYATHAM TALUK (Contd.)					
28.	Tiruvalam (P)	2·67	R.S.	2	Weekly fair	...	...	300	Vegetables, clothes	16
					Vilwanathaswami Festival	15	Feb./Mar.	2,000	Eatables	...
32.	Arumbakkam (P)	1·87	Latheri	1½	1. Kannu Pongal (Madu Vidum Vizha)	3	January	5000	Fatables & beverages	8
					2. Gangaiamman Festival	3	May/June			
					3. Navarathri	10	Sep./Oct.			
33.	Kalambattu (P)	2·16	do	3½	1. Pongal Festival	3	January	1000	Eatables	13
					2. Gangaiamman Festival	...	May/June			
34.	Kilmuttukur (P)	2·08	Virinjipuram	2½	Padavettamman Festival	2	January	2,000	Sweetmeats, beverages, eatables, fruits & flowers	15 Kanum Pongal day
35.	Melmoil (P)	2·93	do	2½	1. Madu Vidum Vizha	2	Jan./Feb.	1,000	Eatables & fancy articles	15
					2. Gangaiamman Festival	...	May/June			
36.	Kankuppam (P)	2·86	Kavanoor	3	1. Gangaiamman Festival	1	May/June	2,000	Sweets, eatables & coconuts	18 Madu Vidum Vizha celebrated on Ratha Saptami day
					2. Madu Vidum Vizha	...	January			
37.	Murukkambattu (P)	1·03	do	2½	Mayana Kollai	1	February	800	Coconuts, fruits & eatables	15
38.	Machanur (P)	0·83	do	2½	1. Kamakshi-amman Festival	7	June/July	500	Coconuts, fruits & eatables	15
					2. Gangaiamman Festival	1	...			

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					GUDIYATHAM TALUK (Contd.)					
41.	Ramalai (P)	2·62	Gudiyatham	6	1. Vijaya Naga-rathamman Festival	15	July/Aug.	500	Sundry articles	24
					2. Mariamman Festival					
47.	Pernambut (N.P.)	2·64	Melpatti	8	Gangaiamman Festival	1	May/June	500	Fruits, coconuts & sweets	30 15 days after New Moon
					Weekly fair	1	...	30	Clothes & baskets	Fair on every Monday
48.	Thottithurai Mottur	2·94	Gudiyatham	9	Gangaiamman Festival	1	May/June	500	Sweets, eatables, earthenwares and beverages	...
50.	Agraharam (P)	2·52	do	6	Sri Chamundi-amman Festival	1	Feb./Mar.	1,000	Eatables, sweets, aerated waters, confectionery and fruits	23 No fixed duration for the festival
	Rangasamudram (H)	...	...	7	Sri Kaliamman Festival	1	Jan./Feb. or Apr./May	500	...	...
51.	Thattaparai (P)	2·76	do	6	Gangaiamman Festival	3	May/June	4,000	Edibles	21
52.	Chinnala Palli (P)	0·62	Vinnamangalam	3	Chamundi-amman Festival	4	July/Aug. Dec./Jan	2,500	Eatables, fancy goods	40 Once in two years
53.	Mukkundram (P)	0·90	Gudiyatham	6	1. Kaliamman Festival	1	October	500	Nil	25
					2. Pongal Festival	1	January			
54.	Pakkam (P)	1·50	do	5	do	3	do	400	Nil	25
60.	Pasumathur (P)	5·01	do	1½	do	3	do	400	Sugar cane, fancy goods	14
61.	Sennankuppam (P)	1·73	Kavaloor	1	1. Pongal Festival	1	January	100	Eatables	17
					2. Mattu Pongal	1	do	100		
					3. Gangaiamman Festival	1	June/July	5,000		

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					GUDIYATHAM TALUK (Contd.)					
62.	Palayakrishnapuram	1·09	Kavanur	1	1. Perum Pongal (Mattu Pongal also)	2	January	10,000	Nil	16
					2. Gangaiamman Festival	1	May/ June			
63.	K. V. Kuppam (P)	1·14	do	1½	Weekly fair	1	...	10,000	Cattle, eatables, clothes, agricultural implements, vegetables & miscellaneous articles	16 Fair on every Monday
					1. Gangaiamman Festival	1	May/June	7,000		
					2. PongalFestival	1	June	...		..
64.	Vepanganeri (P)	0·93	do	1½	Gangaiamman Festival	1	May	500	Eatables	14
66.	Angarankuppam (P)	1·67	Virinjipuram	2	Sri Pidari Nagalamman Festival	2	February	1,000	Eatables. fancy goods	15
	Thuttithangal		do	1½	Sri Kaliamman Festival	2	do	1,000	do	15
67.	Vaduganthangal (P)	3·05	do	1	1. Vembathai-amman Festival Grama Devathai	2	Feb./Mar. or April	500	Sweets, coconuts, betel-leaves and nuts	11
	Kilvilachur	...			2. Skanda Sashti	6	Oct./Nov.			
70.	Latheri (P)	2·65	R.S.	3/8	Weekly fair	1	...	10,000	Vegetables	10 Fair on every Sunday
78.	Arumbaruthi (V)	1·01	Katpadi	3	1. Mariamman Festival	...	May	1,600	Coconuts, camphor, flowers, aerated waters & fancy goods	8½
					2. Ponniamman Festival	5				
					3. Pongal Festival	3	January			
79.	Kangeyanellore (P)	2·25	do	4	1. Laksha Deepam.	1	Feb./Aug.	3,000	Vessels, eatables, fruits, fancy goods & coconuts	4
					2. Adi Kirthigai	...	Aug.			

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					GUDIYATHAM TALUK (Contd.)					
86.	Thirumani (P)	2·39	Latheri	2	Mayana Kollai	1	Feb./Mar.	3,000	Sweetmeats, savouries & roasted nuts	5 On Masi New Moon day
87.	Sholamur (P)	2·16	do	3½	Ponniamman Festival	2	Jan./Feb.	2,000	Aerated waters, sweetmeats & eatables	12
88.	Velambut (P)	1·38	Virinjipuram	1½	do	2	Feb./Mar.	700	Sweetmeats	10
89.	Kothamangalam (P)	2·72	do	4	do	2	Feb./Mar.	500	Eatables	12
	Vadavirinjipuram	...	do	2	Gangaiamman Festival	1	May	1,000	do	9
90.	Mudinambut (P)	1·37	Vaduganthangal	2	Sankaranthi Festival	2	January	750	do	10
91.	Kavasambattu (P)	2·20	Kavanur	2	Gangaiamman Festival	1	March	200	Sweetmeats	10
	Melur				Mariamman Festival	1	February	150	do	13
	Pillandipet	...	Virinjipuram	...						
92.	Kavanur (P)	2·81	R. S.	3/4	Perumal Festival Gangaiamman Festival or Grama Devathai Festival	1	May/Dec.	500	Eatables	15
96.	Veppur (P)	2·31	Gudiyatham	1	Gangaiamman Festival	1	May/June	500	do	18
98.	Gudiyatham (P)	1·28	do	3	1. Cattle fair	1	May	...	Sundry articles	18 Fair on every Tuesday
					2. Gangaiamman Festival					
99.	Seevur (P)	1·25	Thiruvalam or Gudiyatham	3½ or 4	Weekly fair	1	...	250	Vegetables, grocery & clothes	8 Fair on every Thursday
					Kaliamman Festival	2	February	200	Nil	20
100.	Moongapattu (P)	1·01	do	5	Gangaiamman Festival	1	May/June	1,000	Fancy goods vegetables & eatables	25

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					GUDIYATHAM TALUK (Contd.)					
106.	Eri Guthi (P)	1·24	Melpatti	6	Madu Vidum Festival	1	January	1,000	Sweetmeats, coconuts, aerated waters, sugarcane & eatables	30
120.	Chettikuppam (P)	1·41	Mel Alathur	3	Chamundiamman Festival	1	Apr./May	500	Eatables & beverages	21
125.	Pattu (P)	1·08	do	2	Ponniamman Festival	2	July & Jan./ February	500	Fancy goods & eatables	20
128.	Anaganellur	0·91	Valathur	2	Gangaiamman Festival	1	May	20	Eatables & fancy goods	20
131.	Valathur (P)	1·58	Ulli	1	Kaliamman Festival	2	Jan./Feb.	500	Nil	20 Takes place once in 3 years
136.	Byrapalli (V)	1·01	Ambur	6	Kaliamman Festival or Nemiliamman Festival	6	May	500	Eatables	38
137.	Mittalam (P)	3·01	do	5	Nemiliamman Festival	6	May	2,000	do	37
138.	Kailasagiri (P)	2·05	Ambur	4½	1. Adi Kavadi	1	November	1,000	Vegetables, grains & eatables	38 Fair takes place on every Monday
					2. Karthigai Deepam	1	December			
					3. Weekly fair	1	...			
144.	Melpatti (P)	1·67	R. S.	⅛	1. Droupathi-amman Festival	...	May/June	10,000	Coconuts, fancy goods, eatables & fruits	30
					2. Gangai Festival (Fire stamping Festival)	2 or 3	June/July	...		
					3. Weekly fair	1	...	2,000	Rice, grocery, vegetables, clothes, & eatables	30 Fair on every Wednesday

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					GUDIYATHAM TALUK (Concld.)					
149.	Periavarigam (P)	1·91	Ambur	2½	Droupathiamman Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	500	Eatables	34
152.	Kadavalam (P)	1·65	do	5	Gangaiamman Festival	1	April	800	Grains, vegetables & eatables	35
153.	Parsanapalli (P)	1·36	do	...	do	1	do	800	do	35
154.	Karumbur (P)	0·80	do	4½	Chamundiamman Festival	2	do	500	Grains & vegetables	36
155.	Thuttipet (P)	2·62	do	1	Gangaiamman Festival	2	March	600	Eatables	32
	Thavalupuram (H) Labaimankuppam (H)				do	1	April	500	do	32
156.	Kumaramangalam (P)	1·20	do	4½	1. Gangaiamman Festival	2	January	1,000	Eatables & grains	35
					2. Koothandar Festival	2	April	1,000		
159.	Eachambattu (P)	1·65	Vannamangalam	4	Chamundiamman Festival	4	July	2,000	Eatables & fancy goods	42
162.	Vadacheri (P)	1·13	do	3	Chennakesava Perumal Uthsavam	10	May	5,000	do	39
165.	Vadakarai (P)	0·31	do	½	Ponniamman Festival	1	February	250	Eatables	36
166.	Veerankuppam (V)	1·09	do	2½	1. Weekly fair	1	...	200	Vegetables & eatables	45 Fair on every Tuesday
					2. Chamundi-amman Festival	1	March	300		

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					TIRUPPATTUR TALUK					
5.	Nakkanamalai (V)	1·71	Vaniyambadi	6	Kaliamman Festival	1	February	200	Puffed rice, camphor & betel nuts	45
6.	Girisamudram (P)	3·64	do	4	Mariamman Festival	1	do	350	Coconuts, Fruits, puffed rice, camphor & sweetmeats	42 Every year in the first week of Masi month
19.	Thumberi (P)	5·11	do	3	Mariamman Festival	½	August	50	Nil	45
23.	Vaniyambadi (V)	...	do	2	Agastheeswarar Swamy Festival	10	April/May	1,000	Eatables	44
30.	Vadakkupattu (P)	1·70	do	2½	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Poongavana-thamman Festival	1 ...	do Feb./Mar.	300	do	48
32.	Ambalur (P)	2·07	do	2½	1. Adi 18th Festival 2. Pongal Festival	1 ...	July/Aug. January	1,500	Puffed rice & sweetmeats	47
34.	Kalandrachetti-appanur Kalandra (H)	2·40	do	1½	Gangaiamman Festival	2	do	1,000	Nil	43
35.	Nakkundi (V)	...	Jalarpet	1	Mariamman Festival	2	July	250	Eatables & fancy goods	48
46.	Vijilapuram (V)	...	Vaniyambadi	5	1. Mayilar Festival 2. Mariamman Festival	1 3	January May/June or June/July	5,000	Eatables, puffed rice & sweetmeats	47 Once in three years
48.	Vellakuttai (P)	5·33	do	7	Chennakesava Perumalswamy Festival	1	June	3,000	Eatables	48

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					TIRUPPATTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
49.	Alangayam (P)	4·90	Vaniyambadi1	11	1. Weekly fair 2. Gangaiamman Festival 3. Mariamman Festival	1 3 3	... July ...	600	Grocery, vegetables, coconuts, fruits, betel nuts, puffed rice & sweetmeats	38 Fair takes place on every Thursday
	Peddur (P)	...	do	11	1. Weekly fair 2. Chamundi-amman Koil Festival	1 2	... June/July	1,500 6,000	Vegetables, food grains, coconuts, fruits, grocery & edibles	52
50.	Nimmiyambattu (P)	4·26	do	8	1. Weekly fair 2. Mayilar Festival 3. Pethapuli-amman Festival	1 2 2	... Jan./Feb. Apr./May	5,0000	Vegetables, cattle, eatables, food-grains, textiles, poultry & grocery	49 Fair takes place on every Tuesday
54.	Koothandakuppam	...	Kuthandapatti	⅜	Mariamman Festival	2	May	150	Eatables & fancy goods	50
60.	Kothur (P)	6·49	Pachur	4	Chennakesavar Car Festival	10	Mar./Apr.	1,0000	Eatables & vessels	61
61.	Pachur (P)	3·60	do	1	Bi-weekly fair	1	...	2,000	Textiles and eatables	58 Fair takes place on Saturday and Monday
62.	Natrampalli (P)	2·63	do	4	1. Weekly fair 2. Chamundees-wariamman Festival	2 1	... Apr./May	500 15,000	Eatables, cattle, food-grains & vegetables	52

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					TIRUPPATTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
63.	Athurkuppam (P)	3·08	Jalarpet	3	Droupathi or Dharmaraja Koil Festival	1	Apr./May or May/June	2,000	Grocery gold, camphor, coconuts, fruits, puffed rice and eatables	56 The discourse on the epic work 'Mahaba-ratha' is done for 40 days
66.	Chinnakamiyambattu	...	do	2	"Erudhu Vidu" Festival	1	January	1,000	Eatables	51 This festival is celebrated on the day of Kanum Pongal
68.	Mandalavadi (P)	3·70	Kuthandapatti	3	Vediyappan Festival	1	July/Aug.	3,000	Vegetables and sweet-meats	44 The festival takes place once in 3 years
70.	Narasingapuram (P)	3·46	Vaniyambadi	13	1. Thirupathy Gangai-amman Festival	1	May/June	3,000	Eatables, puffed rice, coconuts, & fruits	38½ Every year on Saturday in Vaikasi month
					2. Kaliamman Festival	...	...	2,000		
73.	Poongulam (P)	6·37	Tiruppattur	18	Mariamman Festival	23	Apr./May	1,500	Eatables	60
74.	Nacharkuppam (P)	2·44	do	13	1. Weekly fair	1	...	150	Grocery & vegetables	69 Fair takes place on every Wednes-day
					2. Mariamman Festival	3	June	2,000		
	Marimanikuppam (H)	...	do	14	do	3	Apr./May	1,000	Eatables	60
5.	Elagiri Hills (P) Puthur (H)	7·06	do	32	do	1	August	700	Nil	88

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					TIRUPPATTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
76.	Jalarpet (P) Sakkaraikuppam (H)	8·00	Jalarpet	¼	Weekly fair	1	...	2,500	Vegetables and skin	50 Fair takes place on every Wednes-day
84.	Katteri (P)	1·70	do	1	1. Katteriamman Festival 2. Mariamman	4	Aug./Sep.	5,500	Vegetables & eatables	55½ This festival takes place on Fridays of Avani month
85.	Yelagiri (P)	2.68	do	1½	Malaiamman Festival	1	January	700	Eatables & fancy goods	52
86.	Andiappanur (P)	5·70	Tiruppattur	12	Mariamman Adi 18th Festival	1	July/Aug.	2,000	Vegetables & clothes	70
89.	Palanankuppam	3·63	Jalarpet	2	Erudhu Festival	1	January	1,500	Edibles	53 This festival is celebrated on the Kanum Pongal day
93.	Oddapatti (P)	...	Tiruppattur	6	Mariamman Festival	1	January	2,500	Edibles	57 This festival is celebrated on Kanum Pongal day
99.	Thokkiyam (P)	2·83	do	9	Sundara-Vinayagar Festival	5	Aug./Sep.	700	do	65 This festival is cele-brated on the Avit-tam star of Avani Month

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					TIRUPPATTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
112.	Pungampattumadu (V)	7·60	Tiruppattur	5	Mariamman Festival	1	August	400	do	72
119.	Tiruppattur (P)	...	do	¼	1. Shandy	1	November December	2,120	Jaggery & ground-nuts	56 Fair takes place on every Monday
					2. Muthu-kumaraswami Festival	1	do			
125.	Kandili	2·30	do	8	Kandili fair	1	...	3,000	Rice, foodgrains & eatables	60
126.	Gummidigampatti (P)	2·68	do	9	Dharmaraja Koil Festival	2	May	500	Coconuts, fruits & eatables	65
128.	Narasampatti (P)	...	do	9	Poongavanath-amman Festival	2	August	7,000	Rice, foodgrains & edibles	96
139.	Kasinaickanpatti (P)	2·23	do	3	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	500	Edibles	60
140.	Molakkarampatti (V)	0·55	Molakkarampatti	¼	do	2	do	500	do	65 Tuesday in Chithirai month
154.	Rachamangalam	4·09	Tiruppattur	3	Pasalai kuttai Subramaniyar Koil "Adi pathinettu"	3	August	7,000	Eatables & puja things	56
155.	Elavampatti (P)	3·89	Molakkarampatti	1½	Mariamman Festival	1	Feb./March	2,000	Fruits, puffed rice & eatables	61
	Seirappatti (H)	...	do	2	Seirappatti Kaliamman Festival	2	March	5,000	Fruits, coconuts, camphor & betel nuts	61

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					TIRUPPATTUR TALUK (Concld.)					
161.	Sundarampalli (P)	1·58	Kakangarai	3	1. Kasi Varada-raja Perumal Car Festival	10	April/May/June	2,000	Edibles	70 Murugan Festival takes place on Uthiram of Panguni month
					2. Sri Subra-maniaswami Festival	1	Mar./April			
163.	Chinnakammala-patty (V)	0·55	do	3	Mariamman Festival	1	January	250	Fruits and eatables	63
164.	Kakangarai (V)	2·13	do	2½	1. Weekly fair	1	...	1,500	Grocery, food-grains, vegetables, fruits and flowers	63 Fair takes place on every Friday
					2. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.	700	Vegetables, sweetmeats, paddy and grocery	63
					3. Vinayagar koil Pongal Festival	8	Jan./Feb./March	...		
166.	Sevathur (P)	5·46	Tiruppattur	1/8	Vediyappan Festival	2	January	500	Eatables, coconuts and fancy goods	119
167.	Koratti (P)	2·61	do	5	Koratti Sri Kalastra Eswarar Car Festival	10	April	5,000	Fruits and coconuts	60
168.	Mattrapally (P)	3·81	do	6	Weekly fair	1	...	2,000	Cattle, vegetables, fruits and grains	61 Fair takes place on every Tuesday
171.	Natham (P)	3·69	Kakangarai	2½	1. Juragadees-waraswami Car Festival	10	March	5,000	Eatables and fancy goods	75
	Narvindampatti (H)	...	do	2	Osooramman Car Festival	3	April	500	Eatables, fancy goods and puja articles	75
	Chokkanampatti (H)	...	do		do					
	Genginaickenpatti (H)	...	do		do					
	Karungalipatti (H)	...	do		do					
175.	Nelvasal Nadu	8·01	do	29	Mariamman Festival	1	August	do	Nil	85

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					VELLORE TALUK					
3.	Brahmanamangalam (P)	0·92	Gudiyatham	3	Kaliamman Festival	2	January	100	Eatables & fancy goods	15 Festival takes place on Poosam star in Thai month
4.	Palliconda (P)	9·52	do	3	1. Sriman Ranga-nathaswmy Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	4,000	Eatables, brass, aluminium wares & fancy goods	14
					2. Gangaiamman Festival	1	May/June	5,000		
					3. Ranganathar Mukkoti Ekadasi Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	5,000		
	Kilachur (V)	...	do	3	Chamundeeswari Amman Festival	1	February	200	Puffed rice & bengal gram	12
	Vettuvanam	...	do	3	Ellamman Festival	30	July/Aug.	10,000	Grocery	15
	Govindambadi	...	do	4	Grama Devathai Gangaiamman Festival	1	April/May	50	Eatables	16
6.	Kandaneri (P) Renukapuram	1·50	do	7	Gangaiamman Festival	1	do	75	Eatables & fancy goods	11 Festival takes place on the last week of Chithirai month
7.	Kalanipakkam (P)	2·78	do	3	do	1	May/June	50	do	do
8.	Erayankadu (P)	2·14	Virinjipuram	3	Chelliamman Festival	1	June/July	75	do	10
9.	Vasanthanadai (V)	0·67	do	3	Grama Devathai Vembathamman Koil Festival	1	May/June	500	do	10
10.	Okkanapuram (V)	0·63	Vada-Virinji-puram	4	Gingginyamman Koil Festival	1	May	600	do	10 Festival takes place in the last week of Vaikasi month

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				VELLORE TALUK (Contd.)					
Vallandaraman	1·30	Virinjipuram	4	Sri Pourkodi-amman Festival	1	April/May	5,000	Grocery	10
Virinjipuram (P)	1·12	Vada Virinji-puram	3	Sri Markaban-dhuswamy Koil Festival	4	December	5,000	Eatables and fancy goods	8 Festival takes place on every Sunday in Karthigai month
Seduvalai (P)	2·76	Virinjipuram	3	Gangaiamman Festival	1	April/May	2,000	do	7 Festival takes place on first Friday in Chithirai month
Sathyamangalam (P)	1.72	do	4	Nallathaiamman Koil Festival	1	do	1,500	Eatables	6 Festival takes place on Full Moon day in Chithirai month
Poigai (P)	1·67	Vada Virinji-puram	3	Weekly fair	1	...	2,000	Cattle & grocery	6 Fair takes place on every Tuesday
Anpoondy (V)	1·42	Vellore	6	Ponniamman Festival	3	January	1,500	Eatables	6
Abdullapuram (V)	1·86	do	4	Droupathiamman Festival	30	April/May	1,300	do	4
Helmanavoor (V)	1·77	do	3	1. Ponniamman Festival	2	do	500	Eatables & fancy goods	4
				2. Padavettamman Festival	...	July/Aug.			
				3. Sri Viswanathan Festival	...	Jan./Feb.			

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					VELLORE TALUK (Contd.)					
19.	Kilmanavoor (V)	0·80	Vellore	3	1. Ponniamman Festival	2	Aug./Sep.	400	Eatables and fancy goods	4
					2. Ganga Jathirai Festival	2	Jan./Feb.			
					3. Mayana Kollai Festival	2	Feb./Mar.			
					4. Ratha Sapthami Festival	2	Mar./April			
					5. Pillaiyar Uthsavam Festival	2	September			
21.	Konavattam (P)	1·05	Vellore Town	¾	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	1,000	Eatables	1
22.	Shenbakkam (P)	1·76	Vellore	½	Selva Vinayagar Koil Brahmothsavam	10	Aug./Sep.	100	Retail articles	1½
25.	Sathuvacheri (P)	1·82	do	2½	1. Garaga Festival	1	Feb./March	1,000	Edibles	2 Garaga Festival takes place on New Moon day in Masi month; Gangaiamman festival takes place after New Moon
					2. Gangaiamman Festival	7	June/July	4,000		
					3. Ponniamman Festival	15	May/June	1,000		
					4. Sri Subramaniaswami Brahmothsavam	10	March/April	2,000		
26.	Alamelumangapuram (V)	1·13	do	5	1. Ponniamman Festival	1	July/Aug.	500	Edibles	4
					2. Papathiamman Festival	...	April/May			
					3. Droupathi amman Festival	...	May/June			

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					VELLORE TALUK (Contd.)					
27.	Sampanginellore (P)	0·39	Vellore	6	1. Mariamman Festival	5	June/July	200	Eatables	5
					2. Shenbagavalli amman Festival	1	February			
28.	Venkatapuram (V)	0·61	do	6	Uthukattamman Festival	1	July/Aug./ Jan./Feb.	100 150	do	5
29.	Perumugai (V)	0·82	do	6	1. Kundurusa Urusu Festival	2	June	300	do	6
					2. Vinayaga Chathurthi Festival	2	September	500	do	6
					3. Ponniamman Madupidi Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	...	...	...
					4. Mariamman Festival	1	Feb./Mar.	...	...	...
30.	Allavaram (P)	3·04	Vellore Cantonment	1½	Grama Devathai Festival	2	July/Aug. Jan./Feb.	250	Eatables and fancy goods	½
34.	Kuppam (P)	1·29	Vellore	4	Ponniamman, Mariamman Festival	1	Aug./Sep.	1,000	Edibles	4
	Murukkeri (V)	...	...	...	do	1	do	600	do	1
36.	Usoor (P) Sekanur (V)	5·50	Pennathur	6	Grama Devathai Festival	2	July/Aug./ Jan./Feb.	250	Eatables	7
37,	Athiyur (P)	2·76	Vellore	9	Chelliamman Festival	1	May	250	Puffed rice, bengal gram and bread	8
38.	Pulimedu (V)	1·85	do	10	Koothandar Festival	2	May/June	300	do	9

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					VELLORE TALUK (Contd.)					
39.	Budur (V)	...	Vellore	8	Koothandavar Festival	1	January	200	Eatables and fancy goods	8
	Govindareddi-palayam (H)	2·13	do	8	Koothandarswamy Uthsavam	1	do	2,00	do	9 Garuda sevai takes place every year on Visa-kam star of Full Moon day in Chithirai month
40.	Pothur (V)	1·49	do	8	Ponniamman Festival	3	April	300	Beverages and eatables	8 This Festival is celebrat-ed on first Friday of April month
41,	Elavambady (P)	1·88	do	8	Grama Devathai Pongal Festival	1	April/May	50	Eatables & fancy goods	8
42.	Anaicut (V)	3·92	Kavanur	8	Gangaiamman Festival	1	May/June	1,000	Eatables	
	Genganellore (V)	...	do	7	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Grocery	12 Fair takes place on every Saturday
43.	Appukkal (P)	1·03	do	8	Grama Devathai Pongal Festival	1	Apr./May	200	Eatables	13 Every Sunday in Chithirai month
44.	Unai (P)	1·58	do	8	1. Kaliamman Festival 2. Sri Ramar Festival	3	April	·1,000	Eatables	13 Festival is celebrated since the the last 40 years. Takes place on Friday in April month every year

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					VELLORE TALUK (Contd.)					
45.	Vaniyambady (P)	3·23	Gudiyatham	8	Eriputhur, Viru-bakshiamman, Chitraiamman Festival	2	April	500	Eatables & fancy goods	14
46.	Othiathur (P)	4·00	do	10	Gangaiamman Festival	3	Mar./Apr.	200	Eatables	16
	Rajapuram (H)	...	do	10	Kaliamman Festival	3	Feb./Mar.	200	Eatables	16
	Kommalankutti (V)	...	do	10	Gangaiamman Festival	2	February	400	Eatables	17½
47.	Devichettikuppam (P)	1·01	do	9	Baratham and Chamundees-wari Festival	60	May/June	1,000	Puffed rice, bengal gram & fancy goods	21 For 40 days dis-courses on the epic Mahaba-ratha is conducted and there is also the Fire festival
48.	Tippa Samudram	1·55	do	7	Navarathri (Dasara Festival)	10	Sep./Oct.	200	Puffed rice, bengal gram & eatables	18
49,	Kilkrishnapuram (P)	0·99	do	6	Ponniamman Festival	1	January	50	Eatables	18
60.	Karungali (P)	1·57	do	8	Mariamman Festival	1	Apr./May	50	Eatables & fancy goods	18
61.	Mahammadapuram (P)	1·54	do	10	Gangaiamman Festival	1	do	50	Eatables	30
62.	Karadgud (P)	1·88	do	13	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Paddy, rice, ragi & maize pulses	18 Fair takes place on Thursday

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					VELLORE TALUK (Contd.)					
	Pichanatham (H)	...	Vellore	15	Angalaparames-wari Pooja (Mayana Kollai)	1	March	2,500	Puffed rice & Bengal gram	20
63.	Ongapady (P)	1·28	Gudiyatham	19	Sitheriamman Festival	1	January	900	do	22
69.	Palamidhi (V)	1·99	Vellore	7	Anjaneyar Uthsavam	6	Apr./May	200	Eatables	6
70.	Adukkamaparai (V)	0·82	Pennathur	1	Osamman "Erudhu pidi" Uthsavam	1	January	500	Food stuffs, sugar cane & beedi	5
71.	Thuthipattu (P)	0·84	do	3	Pongal	3	do	300	Eatables	5
	Sirukalambur (V)	...	do	½	do	3	do	200	do	5½
72.	Pennathur (P)	0·84	do	¾	Cattle fair	1	...	2,000	Cattle, textiles & vegetables	5 Cattle fair takes place on every Wednes-day
76.	Pinathurai (V)	2·96	Latheri	18	Kaliamman Festival	1	April/May	500	Eatables & fancy goods	20
77.	Kilkothur (V)	2·62	do	18	1. Kaliamman Festival 2. Gangaiamman Festival	1 ...	May/June	400	do	20
78.	Varadalambattu (V)	1·60	do	16	Kaliamman Festival	2	April/May	400	do	20
84.	Ambur (M)	...	Ambur	¼	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Foodstuffs, clothes, utensils & cattle	31 Fair takes place on every Friday
	Melkrishnapuram (V)	7·20	do	½	Gangaiamman Festival	1	December	1,000	Grocery & vegetables,	...

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					VELLORE TALUK (Contd.)					
91.	Chinnapalli-kuppam (V)	0·88	Valathur	14	Weekly fair	1	...	2,500	Edibles	24 Fair takes place on on every Tuesday
94.	Veppankuppam (V)	1·11	do	10	Gangaiamman Festival	1	June/July	2,500	do	24
95.	Thothikadu (P)	2·43	Kaniyambady	1½	Pongal	1	January	3,000	Eatables, and fancy goods	9 The third day is more important (Kanum pongal)
96.	Solampakkam (P)	0·72	do	1½	1. Adi Kirthigai Murugar Festival 2. Pongal	1 1	July/Aug. January	1,000	do	10
97.	Solavaram (P)	3·40	do	2½	1. Kuluttal Festival (Brahmothsavam) 2. Gangaiamman Festival 3. Koothandar Festival	10 — 2	July/Aug. May/June Jan./Feb.	200	Edibles	8
98.	Sathupalayam (V)	0·96	do	8	Droupathiamman Festival	30	April/May	1,000	Edibles, puffed rice and bengal gram	8
99.	Veppambattu (V)	1·76	do	½	Pongal Festival	1	January	100	...	8
100.	Nelvoy (P)	...	do	1½	Madu vidum Festival	1	do	4,000	Eatables	...
	Sathumadurai (V)	0·19	Pennathur	2½	do	1	do	3,000	do	Festival takes place in Thai New Moon day

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					VELLORE TALUK (Concld.)					
	Pangalatham (V)	0·19	Kaniyambady	2	Madu vidum Festival	1	January	2,000	Eatables	Festival takes place on 3rd Friday of Adi month
	Munjurpet (P)	...	Pennathur	2½	1. Gangaiamman Festival	2	April/May	1,500	...	...
					2. Mechiamman Festival	2	Jan./Feb.	2,000		
					3. Padavettamman Festival	1	July/Aug.	1,000		
102.	Kaniyambady (P)	3·00	Kanyambady	¾	1. Sri Gangai-amman Festival	2	May/June	8,000	Eatables & fruits	8
					2. Madu vidum Festival	1	January	1,500	Puffed rice & coconuts	...
103.	Palathuvannan (V)	1·36	do	2	Mariamman Festival	1	August	2,000	Nil	10
104.	Kanikiniyan (V)	0·69	do	3/8	1. Madu vidum Festival	1	January	2,500	Nil	8
					2. Mariamman "Kuzh varthal" Festival	1	April/May	1,000	Eatables	9
106.	Vallam (V)	1·82	Kannaman-galam	½	Achudananda Swamiyar Guru pooja	2	Nov./Dec.	300	Nil	12 This festival is celebrated in Karthigai month on Swathi star
120.	Periancuppam (P)	2·12	Ambur	3	Chamundeeswari Festival	3	February	7,000	Utensils, bangles & clothes	35
127.	Asanambattu (V)	2·05	Valathur	20	Thesamariamman Festival	1	May/June	500	Eatables & fancy goods	30 This Festival is being celebrated since the last 50 years
134.	Pinjimandai (V)	5·73	Pennathur	...	Kaliamman Festival	1	January	2,000	do	40

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					ARNI TALUK					
4.	Kannamangalam (P)	1·15	Kannaman-galam	4 furlons	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables & clothes	12 Fair meets on every Monday
9.	Sirumur (P)	1·24	do	6	1. Anjaneyar Festival	10	April/May	2,000	Sweetmeats, clothes & grocery	18 Fire stamping once in two years
					2. Mariamman Festival	7	March	...		
					3. Fire stamping Festival	1	April	...		
11.	Poosimalaicuppam	1·98	do	13	Chelliamman Festival	10	Mar./Apr. or July/Aug.	...	...	...
					Mariamman Festival	...	April/May			
12.	Mullandrum (P)	1·74	Ranipet	12	Mariamman Festival	3	April	3,000	Edibles	24
					Renukambal Rathothsavam Festival	2	June			
13.	Vethajipuram (P)	0·65	do	10	Gangamman Festival	1	April	500	Sweetmeats & fruits	25
15.	Puthur (P)	3·21	Kannaman-galam	10	Chengamalai amman Festival	1	April	1,500	Sweetmeats, plantains, clothes & aerated waters	26
16.	Vettiyanthuluvam (P)	1·53	do	9	Mariamman Festival	1	April/July	400	Sweetmeats fruits & sugarcane	26 Twice in a year
17.	Morappanthangal (P)	3·28	Arni Road	13	Pongal Festival	3	January	300	Nil	26
18.	Velleri (P)	1·62	Kalamburi	10	Mariamman Festival	3	July/Aug.	250	Nil	25

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					ARNI TALUK (Contd.)					
30.	Subanraopet (P)	0·09	Arni Road	10	Gangaiamman Festival	2	May/June	200	Plantains & eatables	25
33.	Meyyur (P)	1·82	Kalambur	9	Meikanda Eswaran Brahmothsavam	10	April/June	300	Plantains, fruits, sweets & condiments	22
34.	Adayapulam (P)	0·95	do	7	Mariamman Festival	...	January	1,000	Miscellaneous articles, plantains, fruits & sugarcane	23
35.	Rattinamangalam	1·26	Arni Road	8½	Radha Madhava Perumal Temple Brahmothsavam	10	August	100	Nil	23
38 & 39.	Kunnathur (P)	2·19	Onnupuram	4	Adi Kirthigai Ratha sapthami	1 1	July/Aug. Jan./Feb.	2,000	Vegetables & sweetmeats	19
40.	Ariapadi (P)	3·30	Kannamangalam	5	Erudhattam Festival (Playing with bulls)	20	January	3,000	Sugarcane, condiments, sweets & savouries	16
42.	Kilnagar (P)	1·05	Onnupuram	2	Kannammal Festival	1 week	May/June	500	Sweetmeats	16
44.	Onnupuram (P)	0·61	do	¾	Weekly fair	1	...	3,000	Vegetables, cattle & grocery	18 Once in a week on Thursday
45.	Melnagar (P)	2·05	do	2	Mariamman Festival	1	Between April/July	1,000	Eatables	18
50.	Puthur (P) Madur Chinnaputhur	4·38	do	3½	do	1	do	2,000 to 3,000	do	17
54.	Sambarayanallur (V)	0·78	Sithirampattu	1	Sri Virupakshee-swarar Devasthanam Brahmothsavam	10	May	300	Sweetmeats, brass wares & fancy goods	20
58.	Kamakkur (P)	2·60	do	3	Eswaran Koil Brahmothsavam	10	April	500	Sugarcane, sweetmeats & fancy goods	...

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					ARNI TALUK (Concld.)					
68.	Arni (M)	4·50	...		Bi-Weekly fair	1				
	1. Arnipalayam (H)		Arni Road	6	do	1	...	1,500	Paddy, ragi, maize, groundnut, clothes and eatables	68 Fair takes place on Friday and Sunday
	2. Arnithottam (H)		do		do	1				
	3. Tirumalaisamudram		do		do	1				
	4. Vandipalayam (H)		do		do	1				
	5. Kilarni (H)		do		do	1				
	6. Ananthapuram (H)		Arni Road (Kalambur)	6	do	1	...	—	...	24 Twice a week on Friday and Sunday
104.	Devigapuram (P)	4·41	Polur	9	Weekly fair	1	...	3,500	Cattle, vegetables, clothes, cholam, rice and grocery	35 Once a week on Tuesday
					CHEYYAR TALUK					
3.	Brahmadesam (P)	2·77	Ranipet	15	Weekly fair	1	...	200	Vegetables, textiles and eatables	25 Weekly once on Saturday
20.	Thiruppanangadu (P)	2·87	Kancheepuram	9	Brahmothsavam	11	Feb./March	1,500	Grocery and sweetmeats	45
34.	Karandai (P)	1·78	do	12	do	10	do	1,000	Grocery	43
47.	Mamandur (P)	2·40	do	6	Weekly fair	1	...	2,000	Paddy, Sugarcane, cows, food-grains and vegetables	53 Once a week on Friday
93.	Akkur (P)	3·26	do	12	Thai Poosam	1	Jan./Feb.	9,000	Food stuffs-sugarcane and light refreshments	51

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					CHEYYAR TALUK (Concld.)					
99.	Perungalathur (P)	1·56	Kancheepuram	18	Tiruvattipuram Vedapureeswara-swami Koil Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	10,000	Sugarcane, pops & nuts	40
109.	Serambattu (V)	0·72	Arni Road	20	Kannu Pongal, Parivettai Festival	1	do	20,000	Fruits, sugarcane, pops & nuts	45
110.	Thiruvattipuram (P)	4·14	Kancheepuram	18	Sri Vedapurees-warar Koil Brahmothsavam	10	do	20,000	Sugarcane, pops & nuts	43
157.	Vakkadai (P)	2·13	do	25	Weekly fair	1	...	10,000	Vegetables & food grains	47 Once in a week on Tues-day
168.	Purisai	3·82	do	24	do	1	...	800	Sundry articles, cattle & clothes	46 Fair takes place on every Saturday
					WANDIWASH TALUK					
1.	Mellanur (P)	1·33	Arni Road	7	Kanum Pongal Festival	1	January	300	Puffed rice, bengal gram & paddy	31
2.	Konaiyur (P)	1·74	do	9	Mariamman Festival	3	September	500	Puffed rice, bengal gram & groundnuts	32
3.	Sundrakatteri (P)	1·36	do	15	do	1	July/Aug.	150	do	31
4.	Anmarudai (P)	1·80	do	16	do	1	do	250	do	32
5.	Nariambadi (P)	0·75	do	13	Mandiamman Festival	1	do	100	do	32

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					WANDIWASH TALUK (Contd.)					
6.	Vinayagapuram (P)	1·59	Kalambur	15	Ruthragiri-amman Festival	2	Aug./Sep.	100	Puffed rice, bengal gram & maize	32
7.	Melsathamangalam	1·16	Arni Road	19	Droupathiamman Festival	18	March/Apr.	250	...	37
8.	Chandrambadi (P)	1·59	do	22	do	18	do	300	Puffed rice & bengal gram	40
	Kattamangalam	...	do	22	Mariamman Festival	6	July/Aug.	100	do	40
9.	Avaniapuram (P)	2·13	do	15	Lakshmi Narasimhaswami Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	500	do	33
10.	Solavaram (P)	0·86	do	17	Padavettamman Koil Festival	4	July/Aug.	50	Puffed rice, bengal gram & sugarcane	35 Every Friday in Adi month
11.	Peranamallur (P)	5·80	Arni Road (*alias*) Kalambur	22	Kanum Pongal Festival	1	Jan/Feb.	1,250	Puffed rice, bengal gram & paddy	36
12.	Ariapadi (P)	1·45	Arni Road	21	Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	250	Puffed rice & bengal gram	36
13.	Nambedu (P)	2·20	do	23	do	3	May/June	350	do	40
14.	Anabogi (P)	2·38	do	25	Sri Rama Navami	10	Mar./April	150	Puffed rice, bengal gram & sugarcane	42
	Melsembedu	...	do	25	Mariamman Festival	3	July/Aug.	200	Puffed rice & bengal gram	42
15.	Vilanallur (P)	2·28	Arni Road	25	Keniamman Festival	3	April/May	300	Puffed rice, bengal gram, maize & groundnut	42
16.	Ayalavadi (P)	1·88	Kalambur	25	Mariamman Festival	3	July/Aug.	150	Puffed rice & bengal gram	42
	Thenalapirandan	...	do	25	Thekathiamman Festival	2	do	100	Puffed rice, bengal gram, groundnut & maize	42

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					WANDIWASH TALUK (Contd.)					
35.	Kilkodungalore Kavedu (P)	2·78	Sothupakkam	10	Droupathiamman Festival	20	April	700	Eatables	59
	Kilkodungalur	...	do	10	Floating Festival	10	February	1,000	do	59
40.	Padiri (V)	1·16	Acharapakkam	20	Adi Pongal Festival	2	July/Aug.	200	Mat	56
41.	Sennavaram (P)	0·84	do	...	do	5	do	200	Handloom cloth	56
42.	Wandiwash (P)	...	do	18	1. Weekly fair	1	...	20	Textiles & eatables	52 Weekly once on Wednesday
					2. Jalakandeswarar Brahmoth-savam	10	Feb./March. & April	500	All articles required for pooja, fancy articles, perfumeries and edibles	52
					3. Mayana Kollai Uthsavam	...	...	5,000		
					4. Ranganatha-swamy Brahmoth-savam	...	...	500		
43.	Vengunam (P)	2·04	Tindivanam	24	Karthigai Kirthigai Festival	1	Nov./Dec.	1,000	Handloom cloth	52
49.	Erumbur	3·17	Acharapakkam	16	1. Garudasevai Uthsavam	1	...	200	Puffed rice & bengal gram	25
					2. "Thai Ama-vasai"	1	Jan./Feb.			
					3. Purattasi first Saturday	...	May/June			
					4. Kanum Pongal	...	Oct./Nov.			
50.	Arasoor (P)	2·98	do	23	Mariamman Festival	1	August	1,000	Eatables	50

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					WANDIWASH TALUK (Contd.)					
51.	Thakkandarayapuram	1·01	Acharapakkam	26	Gangaiamman Festival Mariamman Festival	3	July/Aug.	600	Eatables, textiles, wooden & clay articles	48
52.	Urgudi (P)	0·66	do	26	do	3	July	500	do	48
53.	Melpathi (P)	0·86	do	26	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Ettiamman Festival 3. Chengammal Festival	3	July/Aug./ September	600	Eatables, textiles & fancy goods	50
54.	Vadavanakkambadi	1·02	do	26	Gangaiamman Festival	3	September	500	do	50
55.	Vallam (P)	3·63	do	28	Mariamman Festival	3	Aug./Sep.	400	Puffed rice, bengal gram & groundnuts	40
56.	Jhadi Nolambai (P)	0·90	Kalambur	27	do	3	May/June	100	Puffed rice & bengal gram	42
57.	Septankulam (P)	2·50	do	25	Drowpathiamman Baratham Festival	25	do	250	do	40
58.	Injimedu (P)	2·37	do	20	Mariamman Festival	2	July/Aug.	150	Puffed rice & groundnuts	40
59.	Mahadevimangalam	1·75	do	25	do	2	do	150	do	40
60.	Alliandal (P)	1·29	Arni Road	16	do	3	Aug./Sep.	500	do	25
61.	Marakkunam (P)	1·12	do	16	do	3	May/June	300	Puffed rice & bengal gram	25
63.	Narayanamangalam	1·38	do	18	Mariamman "Kuzh Uthi Garagam" Festival	3	Jan./Feb.	150	Puffed rice & maize	36
64.	Imapuram (P)	1·05	do	17	do	3	do	150	do	36
66.	Gengapuram (P)	2·29	do	12	Mariamman Festival	3	July	100	Puffed rice, bengal gram & groundnuts	34

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					WANDIWASH TALUK (Contd.)					
80.	Kothandapuram	2·07	Tindivanam	25	Mariamman "Kuzh Varthal" Festival	3	August	200	Eatables, textiles & clay articles	48
81.	Mazhaiyur (P)	2·21	do	25	1. Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Cattle, grocery & eatables	48 Weekly once on Friday
					2. Mariamman "Kuzh Varthal" Festival	3	August	200	do	...
84.	Thenkarai (P)	2·04	Wandiwash	28	1. Mariamman Koil Festival	1	August	200	Textiles, clay articles & eatables	50
					2. Droupathi-amman Koil Festival	18	May			
85.	Kilvelliyur (P)	2·06	Acharapakkam	24	Mariamman "Kuzh Varthal" Festival	3	June	200	Eatables, textiles and clay vessels	50
86.	Koothambattu (P)	0·79	do	24	Kannapiran Pandari 'Bajanai'	1	April	200	do	50
87.	Poonur (P)	3·73	Tindivanam	25	1. Weekly fair	1	...	900	Cattle & grocery	65 Fair takes place on every Tuesday
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	May	4,000	Eatables, textiles, flowers & clay vessels	55
					3. Baratham Festival	10	April			
					4. Laksha Deepam	1	July			
					5. Pongal	1	January			
90.	Sembur (P)	1·57	Acharapakkam	18	Droupathi-amman Festival	20	May/June	1,000	Sugarcane, fruits & other eatables	50

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					WANDIWASH TALUK (Contd.)					
91.	Athipakkam (P)	1·58	Acharapakkam	18	Sri Elangiamman Festival	7	July/Aug.	500	Sugarcane & fruits	50
97.	Salavedu (P)	2·46	Sothupakkam	9	Weekly fair	1	...	400	Vegetables, grocery, cattle, skin & food grains	61 Once in a week on Friday
109.	Navalpakkam (V)	0·33	Tindivanam	20	Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	500	Eatables	50
114.	Nalleri (V)	0·75	do	22	Amman Festival	3	May	400	Eatables, clay vessels & textiles	56
115.	Soraputhur (P)	0.97	do	25	do	3	do	400	do	56
116.	Kilputhur	2·23	do	28	1. Mariamman Festival	3	do	300	Textiles & grocery	50
					2. Sri Rama Navami	10	August			
117.	Kandavaratti (P)	2·68	do	25	Mariamman Festival	1	April	400	Brass, aluminium, earthenwares & edibles	56
118.	Thirakole (P)	2·18	do	25	Chithirai Pournami Festival	1	May	300	Handloom cloth	56
119.	Sathampoondi	1·42	do	24	1. Amman Festival	3	July	110	Earthenwares, textiles & eatables	48
					2. Sri Rama Navami	10	May			
127.	Nedungunam (P)	2·56	Polur	19	Sri Ramachandra Perumal Koil Brahmothsavam	10	April	3,000	Brass, iron, aluminium, plastic wares & grocery	40
133.	Madam (P)	0·66	do	27	Eswaran Koil 'Floating' Festival	7	March	700	Eatables & fancy goods	50

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					WANDIWASH TALUK (Contd.)					
134.	Ariampoondi (V)	1.15	Tindivanam	18	1. Gangamma-lukku 'Kuzh Varthal'	1	April	200	Textiles, sugarcane, eatables & clay vessels	50
					2. Guru Pooja	1	August	250	do	50
135.	Perungadaputhur (V)	1·15	do	18	Gangammalukku 'Kuzh Varthal'	1	April	150	Clay vessels, sugarcane & textiles	50
136.	Desur (P)	2·56	do	22	1. Adhi Kesava Perumal Koil Car Uthsavam	1	do	500	Clothes & miscellaneous articles	52
					2. Kasi Viswa-nathar Koil Car Festival	1	May			
					3. Mariamman Koil Festival	1	February			
					4. Angalamman Koil Festival	1	March			
137.	Thenthinnalur (P)	0·53	do	25	Veliamman Festival	3	May	300	Clay vessels, textiles & eatables	50
138.	Panjarai (V)	1.28	do	24	Mariamman Festival	3	do	400	do	51
163.	Thellar (P)	3·68	do	17	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Cattle, grocery, clothes & vegetables	60 Weekly once on Thursday
166.	Kilnamandi (V)	1·69	do	18	1. Gangaiamman Festival	4	May	400	Textiles,	58
					2. Mariamman Festival	4	August	400	Eatables	...
					3. Baratha Neruppu Festival	18	do	400	Clay vessels	...
					4. Kanum Pongal	1	January	200	...	...

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					WANDIWASH TALUK (contd.)					
167.	Achamangalam (P)	1·32	Tindivanam	27	1. Laksha Deepam Festival	2	July	2,000	Clay vessels & eatables	56
					2. Vinayagar Brahmothsavam	10	September	500	...	...
168.	Chittarugavur (P)	1·08	do	22	1. Chithira Pournami	1	May	250	Clay vessels and eatables	57
					2. Grama Devathai Festival	1	July	1,000		
169.	Seeyamangalam (P)	2·52	do	22	1. Floating Festival	3	January	400	Textiles, clay vessels & eatables	54
					2. Grama Devathai Festival	1	May			
170.	Arunthodu (P)	1·10	do	22	1. Vaikunta Ekadasi	2	December	375	Textiles, wooden products & clay pots & eatables	54
					2. Gajendra Moksham	...	April	400		
					3. Grama Devathai	1	May	...		
171.	Thennathur (P)	2·34	do	25	1. Mariamman Festival	3	July	500	Coconuts, vegetables, fruits, flowers & incense	55
					2. Kanum Pongal Festival	1	January			
					3. Saraswathi Pooja Festival	1	September			
172.	Vayalur (P)	1·79	Polur	22	'Suluppa' Festival	5	May/June	200	Eatables	50
174.	Vadakkupattu (V)	0·66	Tindivanam	21	Mariamman 'Kuzh Varthal' Festival	3	June	350	Textiles, aluminium, clay wares & eatables	49

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					WANDIWASH TALUK (Concld.)					
175.	Gengampoondi (V)	1·24	Tindivanam	20	Mariamman 'Kuzh Varthal' Festival	3	June	360	Textiles, aluminium, earthen wares and eatables	49
177.	Mahamaithiramani (P)	1·65	do	20	1. Baratham Festival	18	April	400	Textiles, earthen-wares and eatables	59
					2. Amman Festival	3	May			
					3. Kanum Pongal	1	January			
178.	Kunnagampoondi (P)	1·01	do	18	1. Baratham Festival	18	April	350	do	58
					2. Grama Devathai Festival	7	July			
					3. Amman Festival	3	May			
179.	Vedal (P)	1·25	do	20	1. Neelakandes-warar Car Festival	10	Feb./Mar.	300	Textiles, earthenwares, eatables and vessels	47
					2. Soora samharam Festival	7	Oct./Nov.			
					3. Karthigai Deepam Festival	2	Nov./Dec.			
					4. Chithira Pournami Festival	1	April/May			
					5. Kirthigai Festival	12	...			
					6. Pachayamman Neruppu Festival	5	July/Aug.			
					7. Krishna Jayanthi Festival	1	Aug./Sep.			
					8. Mariamman Festival	1	May/June			

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					POLUR TALUK					
2.	Nammiampattu (P)	6·95	Kanaimbadi	22	Weekly fair (Bamboo)	1	...	200	Bamboos	30 Fair meets on every Wednesday or Sunday
	Eriyur (V)	...	do	24	do	1				
5.	Kuppam (P)	2·47	Kannaman-galam	3½	Vegetable fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables	12 Fair meets on every Monday
10.	Pudavedu (P)	8·92	Kalambur	9	1. Amman Koil Festival	4	July/Aug.	5,000	...	25 Festival takes place on every Friday of Adi month
					2. Weekly fair	1	...	470	...	
11.	Vellur (P) Thuluva Pushpagiri (P)	3·23	do	4½	1. Deepavali Festival	1	October	200	Eatables	22
					2. Nonbu Festival	1	November			
					3. Sankaranthi Festival	1	Jan./Feb.			
12.	Sedarampattu (P)	1·61	Sedarampattu R.S.	1	1. Grama Devathai Festival	1	April/May June/July	300	do	19
					2. Deepavali Festival	1	Oct./Nov.			
					3. Nonbu Festival	1	January			
					4. Sankaranthi Festival	1	February			
13.	Erikuppam (P) Parvathiagaram (V)	3·31	Sedarampattu or Kalambur	1½ 2½	Pongal	1	Jan./Feb.	100	do	21
14.	Allyabad (P) (Kalambur)	3·02	Arni Road	½	Sri Droupathi-amman Festival	1	January/ February	500	do	22

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15.	Illuppukunam (P)	1·59	Arni Road	1	1. Mariamman Festival	7	...	300	Sweetmeats	22
					2. Deepavali Festival	2				
					3. Pongal Festival	3				
16.	Naranamangalam (P)	0·75	Kalambur (Arni Road)	3	1. Grama Devathai Festival (Arama Devathai)	3	January/ February	300	Sweetmeats, sugarcane & eatables	22
					2. Pongal Festival					
17.	Santhavasal (P)	4·88	Arni Road	4	1. Paliamman Festival (Arama Devathai)	3	Jan./Feb.	300	Sweetmeats	...
					2. Pongal					
	Kangiranandal (V)	...	Kalambur (Arni Road)	4	1. Grama Devathai Kaliamman Koil Festival	7	June/July	300	Sugarcane & sweetmeats	22
					2. Deepavali Festival	2	Oct./Nov.			
					3. Pongal Festival	3	Jan./Feb.			
	Pushpagiri (V)	...	Kalambur	4.	1. Grama Devathai Kaliamman Koil Festival	2	do	200	Sweetmeats	24
					2. Veera Koil Droupathi Amman Koil Festival	1	June	500	Fruits & eatables	...
26.	Vadamadimangalam (P)	2·80	Vadamadi-mangalam	1	Sri Magha Deva Eswara Brahmothsavam	10	Mar./April.	1,000	Fruits & fancy goods	33 Takes place at the time of Panguni Uthiram

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					POLUR TALUK (Contd.)					
27.	Kelur (P) Teppanamdal (V)	2·54	Vadamadi-mangalam	1½	Weekly fair	1	...	2,500	Cattle and grocery	24 Weekly once on Saturday
29.	Potharai (P)	2·46	Polur	5½	Pongal Festival	3	Jan./Feb.	400	Sweetmeats	30
30.	Sengunam (P)	2·61	do	3½	do	3	do	200	do	30
32.	Thirumalai (P)	3·60	Vadamadi-mangalam	4	Kanum Pongal Festival	1	do	1,000	Fried bengal gram, fruits and coconuts	36 During the time of this festival pooja to Sri Sigamani-nathar takes place
41.	Murugapadi (P)	2·02	Polur	4	Pongal Festival	3	do	300	Sweetmeats	27
42.	Kunnathur (P)	1·87	do	2	Sri Thandapani Swamy Devasthanam Malai Kunru Koil Uthsavam	1	July/Aug. Nov./Dec. Jan./Feb.	5,000 3,000 2,000	Sweetmeats	70
43.	Periagaram (P)	3·63	do	2½	Pongal Festival	3	Jan./Feb.	500	do	32
50.	Polur (P)	5·32	do	2/8	Sri Lakshmi Narasimhaswami Devasthanam Brahmothsavam	10	May/June	6,000	Fruits, fancy goods, ready-made clothes & sweetmeats	32
51.	Venmanai (P)	1·88	do	1½	Pongal Festival	3	Jan./Feb.	50	Grocery	30
	Pappambadi (V)	...	do	1½	do	3	do	100	do	30
52.	Karapoondi	2·54	do	2½	1. do	3	do	500	Sweetmeats	32
					2. Chithira Pournami	1	April/May			
54.	Mandakolathur (P)	3·55	do	6	Ratha Sapthami	3	Jan./Feb.	1,000	Sweetmeats, fruits & fancy goods	36

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64.	Chetput (P)	4·68	Polur	17	1. Pathiri Koil Matha Festival	5	Jan./Feb.	...	Grocery, textiles, paddy, cumbu, cholam and grocery	36 (1) This festival takes place on the 1st week of Thai month to celebrate the birth-day of Virgin Mary by the Christians
					2. Weekly fair	1	...	4,000	...	(2) Weekly fair meets on every Monday
	Kannanore (V)	...	do	16	Weekly fair	1	...	...	Rice, foodgrains, textiles & grocery	Weekly fair meets on every Monday
74.	Vasur (P)	1·08	do	1½	Pongal Festival	3	Jan./Feb.	100	Sweetmeats	38
75.	Pudupalayam (P)	1·15	do	2½	do	3	do	100	do	38
79.	Sengaputheri (P)	1·18	Kalasapakkam	8	do	3	do	250	do	40
80.	Siruvallur (P)	2·53	Polur	9	Kaliamman Festival (on Kannu Pongal day)	1	do	1,500	Sweetmeats and fruits	42
82.	Gangalamahadevi (P)	0·91	do	12	Pongal	3	do	200	Sweetmeats	43
83.	Adamangalam (P)	0·78	do	12	Mattu Pongal and Pongal	2	do	3,000	do	44
84.	Devarayampalayam	1·23	do	13½	Thai Uthsavam	2	do	1,000	do	45½
86.	Melsholankuppam (P)	2·98	do	16	1. Kamakshi-amman Festival 2. Angalamman Festival	10	Mar./April	2,000	do	43

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					POLUR TALUK (Contd.)					
88.	Mattuvettu (P)	3·02	Kalasapakkam	15	1. Pongal Festival 2. Deepavali	1 1	Jan./Feb. Oct./Nov.	300	Sweetmeats	49
89.	Kilpalur (P) Melpalur (H)	2·87	Polur	17½	1. Pongal Festival 2. Deepavali	3 1	Jan./Feb. Oct./Nov.	500	Nil	60½
90.	Thenmahadevi-mangalam (P)	1·63	Kalasapakkam	6	Malai Prathat-china Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	1,000	Nil	41
91.	Thenmahadevi-mangalam (P) cantonment	...	do	8	Maha Sivarathri	1	February	400	Fancy goods, ready made clothes & sweetmeats	42
95.	Elathur (P)	1·62	do	5	1. Weekly fair 2. Karthigai Festival 3. Car Festival 4. Adi Kirthigai	1 1 1 1	... Every month Mar./Apr. July/Aug.	500 1,000 5,000 5,000	Grocery, textiles & vegetables	38 Fair meets on every Tuesday
98.	Kuruvimalai (P)	0·98	Polur	4	Pongal Festival	...	...	...	...	...
99.	Anaivadi (P)	1·53	Kalasapakkam	1½	Kanum Pongal					
100.	Pelasur (P)	2·45	Polur	4½	1. Adi Friday	1	July/Aug.	...	...	36
					2. Perumal Festival	5	Sep./Oct.	...	...	This Festival is celebrated once in 2 or 3 years
					3. Navarathri Festival	9	December	...	...	...
					4. Pongal Festival	2	Jan./Feb.	...	...	...
					5. Panguni Uthiram	1	March/April	500	Pops, nuts, sugarcane & edibles	
					6. Maha Baratham Festival	18	June	...	...	...
					7. Pari Vettai	1	...	...	...	...
108.	Kalur (P)	1·14	Kalasapakkam	1	Kanum Pongal	1	Jan./Feb.	300	Sugarcane, & sweetmeats	33

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					POLUR TALUK (Concld.)					
109.	Kalasapakkam (P)	1·37	R. S.	2	1. Weekly fair	1	Jan./Feb.	300	Sugarcane, sweetmeats & vegetables	37 Fair meets on every Friday
					2. Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	...	...	...
					3. Theerthavari Festival on Ratha Sapthami	1	Jan./Feb.	5,000	Vegetables	Theerthavari festival takes place in Thai month on Ratha Sapthami day
114.	Ladavaram (P)	2·89	Kalasapakkam	2	Kanum Pongal	3	do	300	Sweetmeats	37½
	Ganganallur (V)	...	do	2½	do	3	do	300	do	38
					CHENGAM TALUK					
5.	Puliyur (V)	0·98	Vaniyambadi or Thiruvannamalai	36	Mariamman Festival	5	January	500	Nil	90
10.	Kilpattu (V)	0·64	Thiruvannamalai	32	Mariamman Festival (Pongal)	5	do	500	Sweetmeats	90
21.	Damarapakkam (P)	2·44	Naidu Mangalam	8	1. Kanum Pongal Kaliamman Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	400	do	43
					2. Adi Festival	1	July/Aug.			
					3. Naraga Chathurthi (Nonbu)	2	Oct./Nov.			
					4. Pongal Festival	4	Jan./Feb.			
23.	Kanji (P)	3·09	Thiruvannamalai	14	Panguni Uthiram Sri Karai Kandeeswarar Brahmothsavam	10	March	1,500	Sweetmeats	50

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					CHENGAM TALUK (Contd.)					
25.	Karapet (P)	5·56	Thiruvannamalai	16	1. Fire Festival	40	September	2,000	Fancy goods and sweetmeats	48
					2. Pongal Festival	3	January			
					3. Deepavali Festival	1	November			
26.	Pudupalayam (P)	2·76	do	22	Weekly Fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, foodgrains, textiles & grocery	53 Fair takes place on every Thursday
27.	Perieri (V)	1·72	do	18	1. Pongal Pandigai	4	Jan./Feb.	300	Nil	54
					2. Mariamman (Endowment of "Kanji" liquid food to the poor)	1	June			
					3. Deepavali	1	November			
29.	Pudurchengam	1·19	do	20	Mariamman Festival	4	July/Aug./ September	2,000	Sweetmeats	50 During Adi month for Mariamman festival the attendance will be 5,000
35.	Paramanandal (P)	6·84	do	25	1. Pongal Festival	3	Jan./Feb.	1,500	Plantain fruits, jack fruits, lemon & grocery	65 Fair meets on every Friday
					2. Weekly fair	1	...	1,000		
	Kottavur	...	do	27	Pongal Festival (Madu Pidi Sandai)	4	do	100 to 150	Edibles	60 After Pongal there will be bull fight

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					CHENGAM TALUK (Contd.)					
36.	Valayambattu (P)	3·71	Thiruvannamalai	22	Mariamman Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	300	Sweetmeats	63
38.	Kayambattu (P)	2·90	do	22	do	1	do	1,000	do	61
	Chinnakayambattu	...	do	24	1. Pongal Festival	4	Jan./Feb.	1,500	Sweetmeats	63
					2. New Margazhi month Festival	1	...			
					3. Deepavali Festival	1	Nov./Dec./ Jan.			
					4. Komutti Kula Thiru vizha	1	...			
39.	Chengam (P)	8·35	do	21	Weekly Fair	1	...	200	Vegetables, food grains, edibles & oil varieties	64 Fair meets on every Wednesday
40.	Manmalai (P)	0·81	do	18	1. Deepavali Festival	2	Oct./Nov.	...	...	...
					2. Pongal Festival	4	Jan./Feb.	1,000	Sweetmeats	70
42.	Kottakulam (P)	2·55	do	17	1. Pongal Festival	4	January	...	...	...
					2. Krishna Jayanthi	1	Aug./Sep.	1,000	Nil	66
43.	Muthanur (P)	1·62	do	20	Pongal Festival	1	January	1,000	Nil	68
44.	Melmudianur (P) Ammapalayam	300	do	14	Weekly Fair	1	...	5,000	Edibles, textiles & cattle	65 This fair is very important for cattle. Once in a week on Monday

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					CHENGAM TALUK (Contd.)					
45.	Torapadi (P)	2·88	Thiruvannamalai	15	1. Pongal Festival	4	January	1,700	Nil	60
					2. Deepam Festival	...	Nov./Dec.	...	...	...
					3. Deepavali Festival	...	do	...	...	...
46.	Padiagraharam (P)	2·10	do	16	Thai Poosam Car Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	500	Sweetmeats, coconuts & camphor	53 On Poosam star
48.	Panayaolapady (P)	5·45	do	15	Pongal Pandigai	4	January	725	Sweetmeats	52
49.	Oravandavadi (P)	5·81	Thiruvannamalai	12	Pongal Festival	1	January	...	...	85
51.	C. Nammiandal (V)	0·57	do	9	Arch-Susaiappar Festival	10	May	4,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	50
52.	Nayambady (P)	1·57	Agaramsippandhi	8½	Pongal Festival	5	January	1,000	Sweetmeats	50
63.	Melapunjai (P)	1·61	Thiruvannamalai	14	Kanniamman Festival	1	July/Aug.	100	Sweetmeats	60
64.	Vasudevambattu (P)	1·15	do	14	1. Pongal Pandigai	1	January	...	...	...
					2. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan	...	...	...
					3. Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar./Apr.	...	...	...
					4. Arudhra Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	500	Edibles and sugarcane	60
					5. Gokulashtami Festival	1	Aug./Sep.	...	...	...
67.	Melpulidiyur (P)	2·90	do	24	Sangu Festival	10	September	2,000	Sweetmeats, textiles, and brass wares	72 This festival takes place on third Friday

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					CHENGAM TALUK (Contd.)					
69.	Pakkiripalayam (P)	4·98	Thiruvannamalai	24½	1. Kaman Festival	1	Feb./Mar.	...	...	...
					2. Ramzan Festival	1	March	...	...	...
					3. Muharam Festival	10	June	500	Sweetmeats	35 This festival falls on Full Moon day
73.	Melpallipattu (P)	2·22	do	27	Murugar Festival	10	Mar./Apr.	5,000	Grocery, textiles, iron, brass, aluminium & earthenwares	67
83.	Kannakurukkai (P)	1·76	do	10	Pongal Festival	7	Jan./Feb.	1,000	Sweetmeats	62
88.	SE. Agaram (P)	1·27	do	5½	Mariamman Festival	1	do	500	Sweetmeats & vegetables	55½
93.	Melkaripur (P)	2·14	do	15	1. Pongal Festival	3	January	...	...	...
					2. Deepavali Festival	1	November	1,000	Sweetmeats	67
					3. Karthigai Festival	3	do	...	...	...
					4. Mahabaratham in Droupathi-amman Koil	18	May	...	...	...
94.	Kozhundampet (P)	3·04	do	22	1. Sivarathiri	1	Feb./March	900	Sweetmeats	14
					2. Pongal Pandigai	3	Jan./Feb.	800	do	..
					3. Karthigai Deepam	3	Nov./Dec.	600	do	...
					4. Deepavali Festival	1	Oct./Nov.	700	...	...
					5. Vinayagar Chathurthi	1	Aug./Sep.	500	...	...
					6. Ugathi Festival	1	March/April	600	Sweetmeats	...
					7. Adi Festival	1	July/Aug.	...	...	...

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					CHENGAM TALUK (Contd.)					
98.	Neepathurai (V)	1·84	Thiruvannamalai	37	Adi Perukku	10	July/Aug.	1,000	Sweetmeats, fruits, coconuts, betel leaves & nuts	87
106.	Sathanur (P)	6·29	do	16	Angala Parameswari Festival	10	Feb./March	3,000	Edibles	69
108.	Kilvannagambadi (P)	4·31	do	10	Andal Amman	1	July/Aug.	300	Fancy goods & edibles	60 Takes place on Pooram Natcha-thiram
111.	Varaghur (P)	1·32	do	8	1. Panguni Car Festival	1	March/Apr.	500	Sweetmeats, sugarcane & fancy goods	60 Takes place on Pooram Natcha-thiram
					2. Pongal Festival (Mariamman)	1	Jan./Feb.	...	...	...
					3. Ayyanarappan Pongal	1	July/Aug.	...	...	...
112.	Kambattu (P)	1·04	do	9	1. Pongal Festival	3	January	...	...	...
					2. Deepavali Festival	1	November	800	Sweetmeats	60
					3. Karthigai Deepam	1	do	...	...	...
113.	SE. Gudalur (P)	1·94	do	12	Pongal Festival	1	January	250	Sweetmeats,	68
114.	Serpapattu (V)	0·94	do	8	1. Koothandar Festival (Baratham Car Festival)	2	Jan./Feb.	2,000	Fancy goods & sweet-meats	60 Festival takes place once in 3 years
					2. Pongal Pandigai	...	...	1,000	...	...

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					CHENGAM TALUK (Contd.)					
116.	Radhapuram (P)	5·03	Thiruvannamalai	8	Angalamman Festival	10	Feb./March	1,000	Sugar-cane, coconuts & sweetmeats	58
117.	Thadarambattu (P)	4·68	do	10	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Textiles, vegetables & cattle	60 Fair meets on every Saturday
121.	Malamanjanur (P)	4·91	do	22	Pongal Festival	3	Jan./Feb.	1,000	Sweetmeats	75
122.	SE. Andapattu (V)	1·53	do	23	1. Weekly fair	1	...	...	...	...
					2. Deepavali Festival	1	Oct./Nov.	...	...	...
					3. Kirthigai Festival	1	Nov./Dec.	500	Grocery & textiles	72 Fair meets on every Sunday
					4. Pongal Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	...	...	
123.	Thanipadi (P)	3·48	do	23	1. Weekly fair	1	...	...	Textiles, vegetables, iron wares, rope & agricultural implements	76 Fair meets on every Sunday
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	May	2,000		
124.	Velur (P)	3·43	do	20	Panguni Uthiram	1	March/April	1,000	Aerated waters	72 On Full Moon day
137.	Narayanakuppam (P)	4·48	do	19	1. Pongal Festival	4	January	1,000	Sugarcane, fruits & sweetmeats	70
					2. Mariamman Festival	10	April/May			
					3. Muharam Festival	10	June			
					4. Chithira Pournami	8	April/May			
140.	Edathanur (V)	2·50	do	15	1. Pongal Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	...	...	...
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	July/Aug.	500	Grocery	65

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					CHENGAM TALUK (Concld.)					
141.	Allappanur (V)	1·11	Thiruvannamalai	15	Droupathiamman Fire stamping Festival	20	June	600	Sweetmeats	67
142.	Rayandapuram (P)	4·44	do	15	1. Adi pathinettu	1	August	...	Fruits, iron wares, textiles and fancy goods	65
					2. Pongal Festival	3	January	3,000		
144.	Agarampallipattu (P)	2·31	do	20	Sri Mariamman Festival	5	July/Aug.	2,000	Coconuts, sweets, grains and miscella-neous articles	70 All the days in Adi month are important
145.	Sadakuppam (V)	1·16	do	14	1. Deepavali Festival	2	November	...	...	...
					2. Pongal Festival	4	January	700	Food stuffs, textiles and fancy goods	65
147.	Kottaiyur (P) Valavachanur (H)	6·09	do	15½	1. Murugar Vel Festival (Panguni Uthiram)	3	Mar./Apr.	300	Grocery and vegetables	65½
					2. Mariamman Festival	3	April/May/ June	300	...	...
148.	Vanapuram (P)	3·52	do	10	1. Ayyanmalai Festival	1	Sep./Oct.	5,000	Coconuts, camphor, pops, nuts and fruits	60 Third Saturday of Purattasi is an important festival day
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	January			
					3. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec./Jan.			
152.	Perungolathur (P)	8·35	do	25	1. Panguni Uthiram Brahmoth-savam	10	Mar./Apr.	3,000	Grocery, edibles, brass, aluminium and earthen wares	77 On Uthiram star
					2. Venugopala-swamy temple Sri Rama Navami	...	Mar./Apr.			
					3. Krishna Jayanthi	...	August			
					4. Garuda Sevai	...	May/June			
					5. Pongal Mahothsavam	...	January			

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					THIRUVANNAMALAI TALUK					
1.	Meppathurai (P)	3·08	Agaram-sippandhi	6	Pongal Festival	1	January	100	Sweetmeats	54
2.	Killathur	...	do	6	do	1	do	50	do	55
4.	Natham Poondi (P)	3·70	do	3	1. Pongal Festival 2. Angalamman Festival	10	January/ Feb./March	1,500	Pooja articles & sweetmeats	45
5.	Vadapuluthimur (P)	2·83	do	1	Pongal Festival	1	January	200	Groundnuts & grocery	40
6.	Naidumangalam (P)	1·60	do	1	Garuda Sevai Uthsavam	1	May/June	100	Vegetables, groundnuts & grocery	...
	Agaramsippandhi	...	do	1	Garuda Sevai Uthsavam	1	do	100	do	40
7.	Maruthuvambady (P)	3.44	do	2	1. Garuda Sevai Uthsavam 2. Sri Rama-navami Festival	1 10	May/June April/May	100	do	41
8.	Porkunam (P)	2·59	do	2	1. Pongal Festival 2. Mariamman Festival	1 1	January May/June	1,200 ...	Sugarcane, eatables and beedi	41
9.	Velunganandal (P)	2·39	do		1. Pongal Festival 2. Mariamman Festival	1	do	1,200	do	41
10.	Salayanur (P)	2·80	Kalasapakkam	½	Pongal Festival	1	January	200	Eatables	45
11.	Mallappanaicken-palayam (P)	1·43	Agaram-sippandhi	3	do	1	do	100	do	48

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					THIRUVANNAMALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
20.	Mangalam (P)	8·55	Thiruvannamalai	10	Pothurajaswami Uthsavam	1	Feb./March	350	Sugarcane & grocery	68 On Uthiram star
21.	Palanandal (P)	2·24	do	7	Pongal Festival	1	January	100	Groundnuts & grocery	62
22.	Sorakolathur (P)	8·55	Agaram-sippandhi	2½	1. Droupathi-amman Festival 2. Pongal Festival	1 ...	do	500	Groundnuts, grocery & paddy	62
23.	Vadakaringalipadi (P)	0·33	do	2	Pongal Festival	1	do	350	do	42
24.	Devanampattu (P)	1·91	do	4	1. Sashti Uthsavam 2. Pongal Festival	1 ...	Sep./Oct. Nov. January	800	Groundnuts, grocery, paddy and ragi	49
25.	Udirampoondi (P)	5·03	do	5	1. Droupathi-amman Festival 2. Pongal Festival	1 1	April/May January	400	Groundnuts, paddy & grocery	50
26.	Kilakkaravadi (P)	1·66	Thurinjapuram	3½	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Deepavali Festival 3. Pongal Festival	1	July November January	150	Nil	47
	Kolathur (H)	...	Tandarai	8	Panguni Uthiram	1	March/April	1,000	Vegetables & coconuts	66 Celebrated in memory of Lord Murugan
27.	Silappandal (P)	1·63	Thurinjapuram	1½	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Deepavali Festival 3. Pongal Festival	1	January November January	100	Nil	47

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	Pichanandal	...	Thurinja-puram	2½	1. Mariamman Festival	1	January	350	...	47
					2. Deepavali Festival	...	November			
					3. Pongal Festival	...	January			
28.	Karunthuvampadi (P)	1·78	do	2½	1. Hari Sevai	1	December	270	do	46
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	July			
					3. Deepavali Festival	...	November			
					4. Pongal Festival	...	January			
29.	Mallavadi (P)	2·80	do	1	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Grocery, fruits and vegetables	55 Fair meets on every Sunday
30.	Usambadi (F)	0·59	do	1	Ratha Sapthami Festival	1	February	400	Groundnut, paddy and grocery	56
31.	Thurinjapuram	3·01	R. S.	1	Pongal Festival	1	January	300	Eatables	56
32.	Vadakarimbalu (P)	2·40	do	2	do	1	do	75	Sugarcane	50
	Koothavadi				do	1	do	30	Grocery	50
33.	Madalambadi (P)	3·23	...	3	do	1	do	125	Sugarcane, groundnuts & grocery	52
35.	Ganalapadi (P)	6·03	Thiruvannamalai	10	do	3	do	200	Groundnuts, sugarcane & grocery	64
	Iyyengunam	...	do	10	1. Vaikunta Ekadasi Festival	1	December/ January	250	Sugarcane and groundnuts	64
					2. Pongal Festival	1	January			
	Udhapoondi	...	do	10	Pongal Festival	3	do	250	do	64
	Vaitraputhur	...	do	10	Vaikunta Ekadasi Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	180	do	64

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41.	Mokkalur (P)	5·31	Thiruvanna-malai	13	Car festival	1	April	300	Sugarcane, paddy and groundnuts	64
50.	Somasipadi	3·96	do	6	Kirthigai (Adi)	1	July/Aug.	4,000	Sweetmeats, fruits, aluminium, earthenwares and grocery	59
					Kirthigai (Thai)	1	Jan./Feb.			
54.	Kalasathampadi (P)	3·34	Thurinjapuram	3	Amman Festival	1	Dec./Jan.	...	Sugarcane & eatables	50
	Sanandal	...	do	3	do	1				
55.	Sadayandai (P)	0·91	Thiruvanna-malai	3	do	1	do	150	Sweetmeats and sugar-cane	50
59.	Adiannamalai (P)	1·46	do	3	1. Annamalai Deepam Festival (Karthigai Festival)	10	Nov./Oct.	10,000	Coconuts, fruits, bengalgram, eatables, camphor and betel nut	55
					2. Adi 18th Day	1	July/Aug.			
					3. New Year's Day	1	April			
80.	Pallikondapattu (P)	0·62	do	3	Masi Maghan	1	February	2,000	Coconuts, fruits, eatables, betel nut, earthenwares, and fancy goods	55
92.	Savalpoondi (V)	1·34	do	2	1. Mariamman Festival	2	June/July	500	Coconuts and plantains	53
					2. Pongal Festival	3	January	5,000		
93.	Kilanakkarai (V)	1·13	do	2	1. Mariamman Festival	2	June/July	300	do	53
					2. Pongal Festival	3	January			
94.	Melthikkan (V)	1·07	do	2	1. Mariamman Festival	2	June/July	400	do	53
					2. Pongal Festival	3	January			

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96.	Sellankuppam (P)	5·15	Thiruvannamalai	3	Mariamman Festival	1	January	50	Sugarcane, groundnuts and grocery	61
99.	Konalur (P)	2·27	Velanandal	2½	do	5	do	500	Fruits and coconuts	59
101.	Sanipoondi (P)	1·30	Tandarai	5	Angalamman Festival	10	March	1,000	Sugarcane and rice	62
103.	Vayalore (P)	0·81	do	11	Mariamman Festival	10	April/May	500	Groundnuts, sugarcane and grocery	61
104.	Z. Goodalore (P)	2·86	do	6	Thai Poosam	3	January	2,000	Vegetables	66
105.	Neivanatham (P)	1·35	do	6	1. Thai Poosam Festival	10	Jan./Feb.	300	Sugarcane and groundnuts	71
					2. Pongal Festival	3	January	200		
					3. Sri Subramaniaswamy Thai Poosam Festival	1	Apr./May.	200		
					4. Gangaiamman Festival	1	do	200		
106.	Avoor (P)	2·44	Thiruvannamalai	11	1. Sri Sivasubramaniaswamy Koil Panguni Uthiram Festival	3	March	200	do	68
					2. Gangaiamman Festival	10	April			
					3. Manmadha Festival	1	May			
107.	Anukkamalai (V)	1·26	do	11	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	100	do	65
108.	Vettavalam (P)	4·80	do	15	1. Mariamman Festival	1	do	1,000	do	66
					2. Manonmani amman Festival	10	July/Aug.			
					3. Christmas Festival	3	December			

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					THIRUVANNAMALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
110.	Z. Kallayee (P)	1·81	Thiruvannamalai	17	Thai Poosam Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	200	Sugarcane & groundnuts	68
	Sorathur		do	15	Palaniyandi Kavadi Pooja on Thai Kirthigai	1	do	200	do	67
112.	Olaipadi (P)	2·53	Tandarai	11	1. Mariamman Festival	15	April/May	500	do	62
					2. Pongal Festival	3	January			
113.	Vanniyandal (V)	1·04	Thiruvannamalai	15	1. Ramzan Festival	1	March	120	Groundnuts, sugarcane & grocery	66
					2. Bakrid Festival	1	July			
114.	Kilkaripur (P)	1·85	do	12	1. Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	375	Groundnuts & sugarcane	63
					2. Pongal Festival	5	January			
115.	Tandarai (P)	2·09	R. S.	⅛	Pongal	5	January	500	do	62
116.	Isukkalikatteri (P)	2·50	Thiruvannamalai	13	1. Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	500	Groundnuts, sugarcane & grocery	63
					2. Pongal Festival	5	January			
118.	Pavitram (P)	3·29	Tandarai	9	Siddamallai Fair	1	...	500	Clothes, grocery, bulls, vegetables, fruits and coconuts	64 Fair meets on every Friday
125.	Thenmathur (P)	1·74	Thiruvannamalai	4	1. Mariamman Festival	1	May	100	Fruits, sweet-meats & coconuts etc.,	62
					2. Droupathi-amman Festival	30	June	...		
134.	Meyyur (P)	3·32	do	6	1. Mariamman Festival	5	April/May	150	Sugarcane, groundnuts & grocery	60
					2. Pongal Festival	...	January			

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					THIRUVANNAMALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
35.	Melakatchirapattu	1·87	Thiruvannamalai	6	1. Mariamman Festival	5	Apr./Mar.	150	Sugarcane, groundnuts & grocery	50
					2. Pongal Festival	...	June			
36.	Nachanandal (V)	1·06	do	6	1. Mariamman Festival	5	January	150	Groundnuts and sugarcane	60
					2. Pongal Festival	...				
37.	Pavupattu (P)	1·72	do	10	1. Mariamman Festival	3	May/June	300	Coconuts and fruits	65
					2. Pongal Festival	...	January			
138.	Kattampoondi (P)	7·16	do	10	1. Mariamman Festival	3	do	400	do	65
					2. Pongal Festival	...	do			
139.	So. Pappambadi (P)	0·39	do	10	1. Mariamman Festival	3	do	300	do	65
					2. Pongal Festival	...	do			
141.	Su. Kambupattu (V)	0·88	Tandarai	1½	1, Mariamman Festival	4	Jan./Feb.	400	Groundnuts and sugarcane	63
					2. Ramzan Festival	...	March			
142.	Su. Nallur (V)	0·95	do	¾	Mariamman Festival	11	Apr./May.	500	do	26
143.	Andampallam (P)	3·65	Thiruvannamalai	13	1. Vembiamman Festival	8	April/May	1,500	do	63
					2. Pongal Festival	5	January			

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					THIRUVANNAMALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
144.	Panniyur (P)	1·89	Tandarai	3	1. Madurai Veeraswami Festival	11	April/May	500	Groundnut & Sugarcane	66
					2. Mariamman Festival	10	do			
					3. Pongal Festival	3	January			
145.	Angunam (V)	1·86	do	3	1. Mariamman Festival	10	Apr./May	500	do	67
					2. Pongal Festival	3	January			
146.	Naraiyur (P)	2·73	Thiruvanna-malai	14	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	250	do	65
147.	Vaipur (P)	2·88	do	17	1. Kavadi Pooja or Thai Poosam Festival	1	Jan./Feb.	800	do	67
					2. Gangaiamman Festival	5	July/Aug.			
					3. Pidariamman Festival	10	Apr./May			
148.	Z. Agaram (V)	0·89	Thiruvanna-malai	14	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	250	Groundnuts sugarcane and grocery	65
149.	Madurampattu (P)	2·48	Adichanur	1½	1. Subramaniar Festival	2	Mar./April	700	do	66
					2. Suram Festival	2	April/May			
150.	Anandandal (P)	1·05	do	2	Droupathiamman Festival	10	April/May	700	do	65
151.	Thiruvannaimugam (V)	1·10	Thiruvanna-malai	12	Mariamman Festival	10	do	500	do	62
154.	Veraiyur (P)	1·10	Tandarai	2½	do	1	July	600	Groundnuts, paddy and sugarcane	

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					THIRUVANNAMALAI TALUK(Contd.)					
155.	Kallari (P)	1·77	Thiruvannamalai	12	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	400	Groundnuts, paddy and sugarcane	60
					Subramaniar Festival	1	Mar/April			
156.	Chinnakallapadi (P)	1·42	do	11	1. Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	300	do	61
					2. Panguni Uthiram Festival	1	Mar/April			
157.	Periyakallapadi	2·04	Agaramsippandhi	6	Pongal Festival	3	January	200	Eatables	51
158.	Nariyapattu (R)	7·66	Thiruvannamalai	10	1. Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	500	do	60
					2. Pongal Festival	5	January			
	Sakkarathamadai	...	do	10	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	200	do	60
	Talayampallam	...	do	10	1. Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	500	do	60
					2- Krishna-Jayanthi	1	Aug/Sep			
					3. Pongal Festival	5	January			
159.	Paraiyampattu (P)	0·86	do	10	1. Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	500	do	60
					2. Pongal Festival	5	January			
161.	Palayanur (P)	1·80	do	15	1. Pongal Festival	1	January	200	do	65
					2. Periyayi Festival	7	Feb/Mar			
162.	Kandiyankuppam (V)	1·52	do	17	1. Pongal Festival	1	January	200	do	67
					2. Subramaniar Festival	1	Mar/April			

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					THIRUVANNAMALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
163.	Vellayampakkam (P)	1·71	Thiruvannamalai	15	Gangaiamman Festival	1	April/May	200	Eatables	65
164.	Kallottu (V)	0·54	do	17	1. Gangaiamman Festival	1	do	200	do	67
					2. Mariamman Festival					
165.	Navampattu (P)	1·79	do	12	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	400	Groundnuts, paddy & sugarcane	62
166.	Allikondapattu (V)	0·43	do	10	Christmas Festival	2	December	350	Groundnuts, paddy, sugarcane & grocery	61
167.	Tachampattu (V)	1·59	do	9	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	300	Groundnuts & sugarcane	60
168.	Su. Nayarpattu (V)	0·23	do	11	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	500	do	63
					Pongal Festival	5	January			
169.	Su. Valavetti (P)	1·88	do	12	1. Mariamman Festival	10	April/May	500	do	63
					2. Pongal Festival	5	January			
170.	Kadagaman (P)	1·33	Adichanur	2	1. Mariamman Festival	10	April/May	790	Groundnuts, paddy, sugarcane, grocery	67
					2. Pongal Festival	5	...			
					3. Panguni Uthiram		Mar/April			
171.	Viruduvilanginam (P)	1·12	do	3	1. Gangaiamman Festival	...	April/May	1,500	do	68
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	do			
					3. Thamthoriyur Festival	10	July/Aug			
					4. Pongal Festival	5	January			

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				THIRUVANNAMALAI TALUK (Concld.)						
172.	Porikkal (V)	0·59	do	2½	Gangaiamman Festival	1	April/May	350	Groundnuts, paddy and sugarcane	67½
173.	Perumanam (P)	5·00	Tandarai	8	Mariamman Festival	10	July/Aug	1,000	do	60
174.	Devanur (V)	1·25	do	10	Koothandar Festival	10	April/May	600	Groundnuts, paddy, sugarcane and grocery	64
175.	Panaiyur (P)	4·56	do	7	Pidariamman Festival	10	do	700	do	64 Takes place once in 4 years

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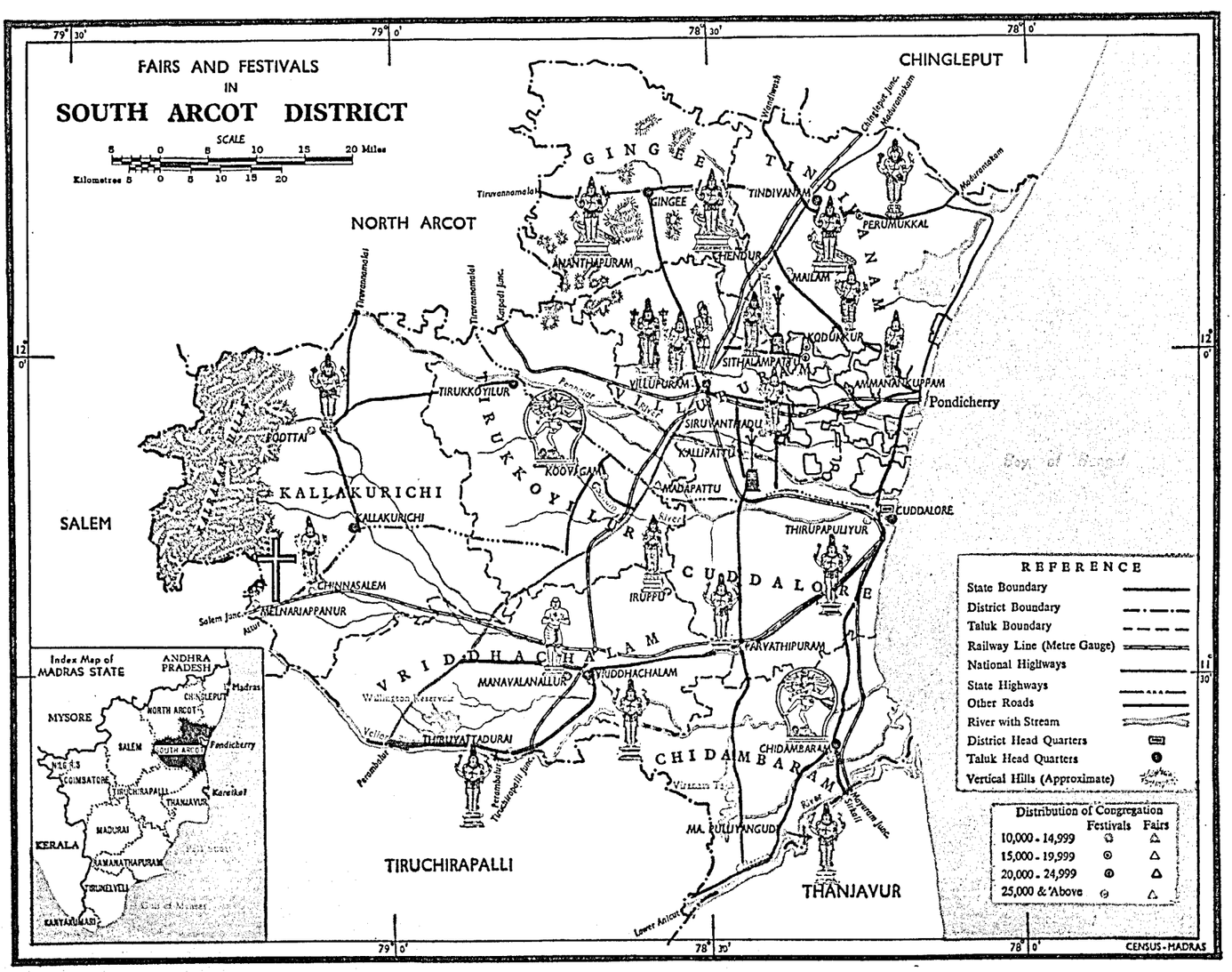
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The South Arcot district celebrates 535 festivals every year. Among these, Hindus celebrate 520, Christians 8, and Muslims 7. Hindu festivals indeed attract the largest crowds.

Community	No. of festivals	Attendance
Hindu	520	12,19,150
Christian	8	23,300
Muslim	7	14,200
Total	**535**	**12,56,650**

Of the eight taluks in South Arcot district, Villupuram taluk, with 134 festivals, ranks foremost, while Cuddalore taluk celebrates only 13 festivals every year. Vridhachalam taluk, celebrates only 33 festivals, but draws in a patronage of 264,700. The following statement gives in one view the position relating to each taluk :

Taluk	No. of festivals	Attendance
Gingee	88	68,870
Tindivanam	60	141,510
Villupuram	134	343,900
Tirukoilur	41	77,170
Kallakurichi	92	173,450
Vridhachalam	33	264,700
Cuddalore	13	49,500
Chidambaram	41 +33 festivals without full details.	137,550
Total	**535**	**12,56,650**

Among the months of the year the maximum number of 109 festivals are celebrated in April–May. March–April, though celebrating only 63 festivals, attracts the record attendance of 340,900. September–October celebrates the minimum number of festivals namely seven. The following statement would illustrate the position.

Month	No. of festivals	Attendance
January–February	71	182,850
February–March	37	134,950
March–April	63	340,900
April–May	109	208,560
May–June	59	119,400
June–July	20	31,350
July–August	80	115,470
August–September	20	12,320
September–October	7	4,750
October–November	18	23,100
November–December	10	28,000
December–January	8 +33 festivals lacking details.	55,000
Total	**535**	**12,56,650**

In the South Arcot district, the size of congregation at festivals is of every range. Smaller the size of the crowd, greater is the number of festivals. Gingee taluk where festival crowds are below 1,000 celebrates a record number of 76 such festivals. In the 1,000–4,999 bracket, Villupuram taluk has 58 festivals, Cuddalore taluk conducts 8 festivals in the 5,000–9,999 range, even as Kallakurichi taluk celebrates 9 festivals in the 10,000–19,999 range. In the 20,000–49,999 range of festival crowd, Villupuram taluk records 5 festivals. Vridhachalam taluk celebrates 2 festivals where attendance exceeds 50,000 persons.

Taluk	Over 50,000	No. of festivals	20,000 to 50,000	No. of festivals	10,000 to 20,000	No. of festivals	5,000 to 10,000	No. of festivals	1,000 to 5,000	No. of festivals	Below 1,000	No. of festivals	Total attendance	Total festivals
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Gingee	...	...	...	...	20,000	2	5,000	1	18,000	9	25,870	76	68,870	88
Tindivanam	50,000	1	30,000	1	15,000	1	5,000	1	26,300	12	15,210	44	141,510	60
Villupuram	50,000	1	105,000	5	35,000	3	30,000	6	98,300	58	25,600	61	343,900	134
Tirukoilur	...	...	25,000	1	15,000	1	...	...	31,800	22	5,370	17	77,170	41
Kallakurichi	...	...	...	...	90,000	9	5,000	1	61,800	45	16,650	37	173,450	92
Vridhachalam	150,000	2	25,000	1	10,000	1	32,500	6	46,500	21	700	2	264,700	33
Cuddalore	...	...	...	...	...	...	44,500	8	5,000	5	...	...	49,500	13
Chidambaram	50,000	1	...	...	35,000	3	15,000	3	33,000	22	4,550*	12	137,550	41
											(*33 festivals lacking details)			
Total	**300,000**	**5**	**185,000**	**8**	**220,000**	**20**	**137,000**	**26**	**320,700**	**194**	**93,950**	**249**	**1,256,650**	**535**

Villupuram, Tirukoilur, Kallakurichi and Vridhachalam taluks, among them, celebrate the 8 Christian festivals of the district. Most of them are Catholic festivals.

Gingee, Kallakurichi and Chidambaram are the three taluks which celebrate Muslim festivals prominently. Moharrum is the favourite festival among Muslims.

The greatest Christian and Muslim festivals, at which a 10,000 strong congregation gathers, are both celebrated in Kallakurichi taluk.

Chidambaram taluk celebrates the most colourful Hindu festivals, particularly those relating to the Nataraja shrine in Chidambaram town. The most trite festivals are those celebrated in honour of village goddesses.

FAIRS

In the South Arcot district eight taluks conduct 42 weekly fairs regularly. Gingee taluk holds two annual fairs as a unique feature. Tirukoilur taluk has nine fairs — the maximum in the district. Though Tindivanam taluk has only six fairs, it attracts record patronage.: Cuddalore taluk, on the contrary, projects only two fairs and draws a scant attendance.

Tindivanam taluk, conducts the biggest fair in the district. To its weekly fair on Sundays, a mammoth 50,000 people crowd in to buy cattle, brass, and aluminium vessels.

Fairs in general cater cattle, sheep, meat, pulses, grains, vegetables and hardware. Tuesdays appear to be very popular for conducting fairs. Saturdays are least popular.

Taluk	Weekly fair	Annual fair	Attendance	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Gingee	3	2	7,600	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Tindivanam	6	...	51,800	3	...	1	1	...	1	...
Villupuram	4	...	5,000	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
Tirukoilur	9	...	8,750	1	...	1	1	3	1	1
Kallakurichi	6	...	13,940	...	1	1	...	2	1	1
Vridhachalam	5	...	12,000	...	...	1	1	2	1	...
Cuddalore	2	...	3,000	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
Chidambaram	7	...	4,250	1	1	1	1	1	2	...
Total	42	2	106,340	6	4	7	5	9	6	2

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					GINGEE TALUK					
1.	Edapattu (P)	4·15	Kalasapakkam	12	Droupathiamman Festival	3	Jan/Feb	200	Sweetmeats	91
2:	Melvailamur (P)	5·93	do	15	Thanthoniamman Festival	1	do	200	Sweetmeats, betel leaves & nuts	91
5.	Paruthipuram (P) Chinnanolambai	2·04	Tindivanam	36	Mariamman Festival	...	April/May	300	Eatables	87
7.	Marakonam (P)	1·65	do	32	Mariamman Festival	...	July/Aug	500	Sweetmeats	83
8.	Devandavadi (P) Modipattu Kaivaynthangal	0·75	do	32	Mariamman Festival	...	April/May	400	do	83
9.	Peravalur (P) Chokkapalayam	3·06	do	32	Mariamman Festival	...	October	500	Bangles & eatables	83
15.	Kaduvanpoondi (P) Arkampoondi Sinthagampoondi	1·23	do	30	Mariamman Festival	...	July/Aug	600	Sweetmeats, Betel leaves, coconuts & groundnuts	81
17.	Eyyil (P)	4·29	Thiruvannamalai	24	1. Ponniamman Koil Festival 2. Eswaran Koil Festival	...	January	700	Sweetmeats	55
18.	Naranamangalam (P) Unnamanandan	1·45	Tindivanam	20	Mariamman Festival	...	April/May	500	Eatables	93
19.	Thalangunam (P)	2·58	Thiruvannamalai	18	Droupathiamman Festival	...	Jan/Feb	800	do	89
20.	Kappalambadi (P)	2·23	do	18	Droupathiamman Festival	...	do	800	do	89
21.	Kottaipoondi (P) Sindipattu	4·40	do	20	1. Perumal Koil Garuda sevai Festival 2. Navarathri Festival 3. Droupathiamman Festival	...	...	200	do	91

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22.	Sangilikuppam (P) Palanpoondi Parayanthangal	1·73	Thiruvannamalai	22	Grama Devathai Festival	...	April/May	450	Eatables	84
24.	Devanur (P)	2·94	Tindivanam	29	Muthalamman Festival	...	July/Aug	500	Sweetmeats, coconuts, betel leaves & camphor	80
25.	Gengapuram (P) Samathakuppam	1·02	do	31	Perumal Koil Festival	...	May/June	450	Eatables	82
26.	Sitheri (P)	1·00	do	31	Perumal Koil Festival	...	do	450	do	82
33.	Melolakkur (V)	2·75	do	18	1. Perumal Koil Festival 2. Laksha Deepam for Vinayagar 3. Fair	1 1 1	March April ...	500	Vegetables, & buffaloes	40 Weekly fair on Tusedays
51.	Valathi (P)	3·95	do	37	Weekly fair	1	...	800 to 1,000	Food-stuffs, brass vessels & house-hold articles	60
53.	Melmalayanur (P)	2·49	do	41	1. Angalamman Festival 2. Cattle Festival	10	February	5,000	Food-stuffs, brass vessels, household articles & cattle	64
58.	Vadugapoondi (P) Kadambadi	1·80	Thiruvannamalai	20	Mariamman Festival	...	April/May	100	Food-stuffs	58
59.	Avalur (P)	3·69	do	15	1. Cattle fair 2. Panguni Uthiram Festival	1 10	... Mar/April	800 to 1,000 2,000 to 5,000	Food-stuffs, fish, vegetables & cattle	71 On Uthiram star day flooding festival and religious discourses
77.	Melsithanur (P)	2·55	Tindivanam	11	Aruganatha Brahmothsavam	10	Mar/April	1,500	Food-stuffs & bangles	50

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78.	Nattaramangalam (V)	0·83	Tindivanam	11	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Mariamman Festival	1 10	April/May June	300 200	Food-stuffs do	45 55
79.	Kalaiyur (V)	1·32	do	12	1. Droupathi-amman Festival 2. Droupathi-amman Festival	1 15	April/May June	300 200	do do	45 55
83.	Kadambur (V)	0·87	do	13	1. Droupathi-amman Festival 2. Grama Devathai Kanji pouring	15 1	July/August ...	300 ...	Sweetmeats & bangles Sweetmeats	63 ...
84.	Servilagam (V)	0·55	do	13	Pouring of Kanji for Grama Devathai	1	July/August	250	Cocounts, fruits & sweetmeats	63
85.	Vadavanur (V)	0·87	do	13	Pouring of Kanji for Grama Devathai	1	do	250	Coconuts, fruits & sweetmeats	63
86.	Perunbugai (V)	2·25	do	16	Mariamman Festival	7	Dec/Jan	300	Eatables	53
87.	Anathur (V)	1·77	do	16	Mariamman Festival	7	do	300	Eatables	54
89.	Gingee (P)	0·63	do	17	Kamala Kanni-amman Festival Vinayagar Laksha Deepam	9 9	April do	1,000 1,000	Coconuts, camphor, clay vessels, bangles, plantain & fruits ...	48 ...

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					GINGEE TALUK (Contd.)					
103.	Alampoondi (P)	3·07	Thiruvannamalai	18	1. Weekly fair	1	Jan/Feb	100	Shop articles, toys & groceries	68 Weekly fair on Wednes-day on Poosam Saturday
					2. Thai Poosam Festival (Lord Subramanyar)	3	do	4,000	...	
108.	Kavarai (P)	1·42	Tindivanam	14	1. Pachiamman Pongal Festival 2. Radha Uthsavam	3	Aug/Sept	500	Fancy articles, tea, puffed rice, fruits, coconuts & conch etc.	35
110.	Jayankondam (P)	1·42	Perani	12	1. Verya Nacha Festival	7	May	400	Food-stuffs, bangles, coconuts & camphor etc.	61
					2. Moharrum	10	July			
111.	Meledayalam (P)	1·25	do	12	Mariamman Festival	7	May	500	F ood-stuffs, bangles, tea, coconuts, aerated water, betel leaves and nuts	61
112.	Ponpathi (P)	1·07	Tindivanam	18	Droupathiamman Festival	20	June	300	Bangles, coconuts, camphor, clay vessels & food stuffs	48
113.	Nangilikondam (V)	0·67	Tindivanam	13	Grama Devathai Festival (Pouring of kanji (Ragi).	1	July/Aug	250	Coconuts, fruits & sweet-meats	63
114.	Rajampuliyur (V)	1·09	do	13	Mariamman Festival	1	May/June	50	...	59
116.	Vallam (P)	1·55	do	10	Gangaiamman Festival	1	July/Aug	200	Coconuts, camphor, Jaggery, betel leaves & nuts	52

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117.	Maruderi (V)	0·39	Tindivanam	10	Gangaiamman Festival	1	July/Aug	120	...	...
120.	Maniampattu (P)	0·46	do	14	Magham Festival	1	Feb/March	250	Sweetmeats & coconuts	58
122.	Thaiyur (V)	1·35	do	16	Thai Poosam Festival	8	Jan/Feb	300	Coconuts, camphor, plantains & fruits	52
123.	Thudupakkam (V)	0·89	do	12	Droupathi-amman Festival	18	July/Aug	200	Bangles, sweetmeats & coconuts	56
124.	Kurinjipad (V)	1·71	do	14	Thai Poosam Festival	1	Jan/Feb	250	do	55
125.	Jambodi (P)	1·69	Perani	10	Mariamman Festival	3	May	100	Toys & food-stuffs	79
128.	Sirunampoondi (P)	1·13	Villupuram	23	do	3	July	200	Puffed rice, bengal gram taps & food-stuffs	44
129.	Sittampoondi (P)	1·50	do	20	Kanniamman Festival	4	May/June	500	Puffed rice, bengal gram, toys and provisions	44
130.	Athiyur (P)	1·00	do	20	do	2	August	300	Food-stuffs, tea & flowers	57
138.	Nayanambadi (P)	1·62	Thiruvannamalai	19	Thai Poosam Festival	2	January	100	...	58
156.	Ananthapuram (P)	0·38	Villupuram	...	1. Dandapani-swami Uthsavam	7	Jan/Feb	10,000	Sugarcane, plantains, fruits & food-stuffs	18
					2. Karthigai Deepam	7	Nov/Dec			
157.	Konalur (P) Pulivandi	1·13	Tindivanam	...	1. Koothandar Festival	...	July	500	Coconuts, tea, bangles and camphor	...
					2. Droupathi-amman Festival	10	Aug/Sept			
					3. Uthama-amman Festival	2	July/Aug	...	...	...

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					GINGEE TALUK (Contd.)					
160.	Karai (P)	2·38	Villupuram	16	Ponniamman Festival	9	May	300	Bangles, clay, vessels, camphor & coconuts,	40
162.	Ottampattu (P)	4·25	do	16	Mariamman Festival	9	April	300	Food-stuffs	40
163.	Thiruvathikunnam (P)	1·10	do	17	1. Mariamman Festival	3	May	300	Bangles, coconuts & camphor	45
					2. Pidari Garaha Festival	3	May			
164.	Pudupattu (P)	1·54	Perani	9	Droupathiamman Festival	10	May/June	500	Food-stuffs	42
				9	Pidariamman Festival	10	July/Aug	300	do	44
165.	Palapattu (P)	1·55	do	9	Droupathiamman Festival	10	May/June	400	do	43
168.	Thiruvampattu (V)	1·28	do	10	Mariamman Koil Festival	9	May	2,000	Textiles, bangles & food-stuffs	73
170.	Melsevur (P)	1·49	Kooteripattu (Mylan)	7	1. Tiruvadhirai Festival	1	Dec/Jan	250	Bangles & coconuts	45
					2. Droupathi-amman Festival	18	May/June	200	Bangles, coconuts & sweetmeats	45
173.	Kalladi Kuppam (V)	1·80	Perani	6	1. Kallayamman Festival	10	April	100	Food-stuffs & bangles	55
					2. Palani Andavar Festival	7	Jan/Feb	1,000	Retail articles	80
					3. Angalamman Festival					
174.	Erambatti (V)	0·70	do	8	1. Grama Deva-thai (Gangai amman) Festival	3	January	300	Food-stuffs & sweetmeats	...
					2. Iyanarappan Festival					

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					GINGEE TALUK (Contd.)					
175.	Vilvamadevi (V)	0·27	Tindivanam	10	Grama Devathai (Gangai amman) Festival	1	July/Aug	100	Food-stuffs, coconuts & plantains	45
176.	Dalavanur (V)	1·55	do	10	Grama Devathai Festival	1	do	200	do	45
177.	Kallalipattu (V)	1·11	do	10	Grama Devathai Festival	1	do	300	do	...
178.	Vavulkunnam (V)	0·19	do	10	...	1	do	100	do	...
179.	Gudalur (V)	1·11	Perani	6	1. Grama Devathai (Gangai-amman) Festival	...	January	500	Food-stuffs	68
					2. Iyanarappan Festival	10	April			
					3. Mariamman Festival	...	August			
				8	Droupathiamman Festival	10	January	500	Food-stuffs & edibles	43
180.	Aniladi (V)	0·56	do	8	1. Bagavathi-amman Festival	...	January	300	Food-stuffs	...
					2. Iyanarappan Festival	...	April			
					3. Mariamman Festival	15	September			
					4. Mada Koil Festival	...	...			
					5. Grama Devathai (Droupathi-amman) Festival	8	January	1,500	Food-stuffs & edibles	43
1.	Kilvailanur (V)	1·53	do	6	1. Grama Devathai Festival	...	January	400	Food-stuffs	66
					2. Gangaiamman Festival	7	April			
					3. do	8	January	1,000	Food-stuffs & edibles	...

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					GINGEE TALUK (Concld.)					
183.	Nagadur (P)	1·89	Perani	5	1. Sri Patta-biramaswami Festival	10	April	250	Food-stuffs, bangles & dolls	...
					2. Perumal Koil Festival	8	March/April	400	Coconuts, camphor, fruits & sweetmeats	...
184.	Thalavalapattu (V)	0·64	do	...	1. Mariamman Festival	2	April	250	Bangles & dolls	50
			Mailam	...	2. Grama Devathai Festival	8	May/June	200	Coconuts, fruits, camphor & sweetmeats	54
					TINDIVANAM TALUK					
18.	Ongur (P)	3·56	Nallakkur	3	Weekly fair	1	...	300	Vegetables, pots, provi-sions, betel leaves & textiles	65 The Fair meets on Tuesday
38.	Purangarai (V)	0·89	Mailam	9	Angalamman Festival	7	March	300	Food-stuffs, bangles & dolls	29
88.	Siruvadi (P)	2·58	Tindivanam	15	1. Mariamman Festival	1	Apr/May	200	Food-stuffs & toys	37
					2. Droupathi-amman Festival	10	do			
				14	Mariamman Festival	1	do	50	do	37
89.	Vaidapakkam (P)	1·47	do	14	Mariamman Festival	1	May/June	300	Food-stuffs & bangles	35
95.	Perumukkal (P)	2·55	do	8	1. Magha Festival	1	March	15,000	Food-stuffs & shop articles	58
					2. Masana Kollai Festival	7	do	5,000		
					3. Droupathi-amman Festival	10	April	2,000		

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					TINDIVANAM TALUK (Contd.)					
96.	Kattalai (P)	2·44	Tindivanam	8	Droupathiamman Festival	7	May/June	1,300	Food-stuffs	58
99.	Athur (P)	1·78	do	...	Mariamman Kuzh varkkum Festival (Endowment of kanji or liquid food to the poor)	2	April/May	250	...	46
100.	Manur (P)	1·08	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
120.	Bramhadesam (P)	2·78	do	10	Shandi (Fair)	1	...	200	Provisions, vegetables, cattle & textiles	60 The shandy meets on Wednesday
123.	Kolathur (P)	2·60	do	15	1. Chokkivazhi-amman Koil Uthsavam	1	April	250	Food-stuffs	37
					2. Droupathi-amman Festival	10	June	250	do	37
				14	Ponniamman Festival	1	April	100	do	86
125.	Adavallikothan (P)	1·29	do	15	Mariamman Festival	5	April	350	do	42
	Sorapattu		do		do	...	do	250	do	24
127.	Nadukuppam (P)	11·44	do	18	Fair	1	...	500	Coconuts, date fruits, puffed rice & bengal-gram	47 The shandy meets on Friday
150.	Avayakuppam (P)	3·40	Mailam	2	Mariamman Festival	1 1 5	May/June June/July July/Aug	1,000	...	35

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					TINDIVANAM TALUK (Contd.)					
151.	Pettanai (P)	5·77	Mailam	5	1. Vanniamman Koil Alagu Uthsavam	1	April	500	Coconuts, date fruits, puffed rice, & bengal-gram	47 Takes place after New Moon
					2. Droupathi-amman Koil Neruppu Uthsavam	10	June			
152.	Nallalam (V)	1·17	Perani	4	1. Pidari Mari-amman Uthsavam	1	July/Aug	50	Puffed rice & ground nuts	44
					2. Vinayagar Chathurthi	1	Aug/Sep			
153.	Panchalam (V)	1·38	...	3½	Mariamman Uthsavam	4	July/Aug	850	Food-stuffs, toys, sugar-cane & clay vessels	44 Adi month Fridays are important festival days
154.	Kotnamangalam S. E. (V)	1·35	Tindivanam	14	Amman Koil Uthsavam	1	April	160	Food-stuffs	36
163.	Vilangabadi (P)	2·18	Mailam	2	Fair	1	...	500	Clay vessels, vegetables, fruits, coco-nuts & dry fish	42 Fair meets on Sunday
164.	Mailam (P)	2·15	do	4½	Panguni Uthiram	12	March	30,000	All kinds of things	32
182.	Anumandai (P)	2·80	Pondicherry	15	Angalamman Koil Festival	0	Mar/April	4,000	Food-stuffs	30 Car festival (fire walking on 9th day)
183.	Cheyyankuppam (P)	0·64	Tindivanam	14	Chelliamman fire Festival	10	May/June	700	do	80 Car festival and Masa-na Kollai takes place on 9th day

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185.	Koonimedu (P)	7·28	Pondicherry	12	Droupathiamman Koil Uthsavam	8	July/Aug	600	Food-stuffs	28 Fire festival on 8th day
187.	Pudupakkam (V)	1·19	Tindivanam	20	Pongal Festival	3	January	500	Clay vessels, & coconuts	35
200.	Chendur (P)	2·47	Mailam	2½	1. Fair	1	...	50,000	Cattle, brass vessels & aluminium things	40 Fair meets on Sunday
					2. Mailam Panguni Uthiram Festival	10	Mar/Apr			
201.	Perani (P)	2·48	Perani	¾	1. Pidari Festival	10	May/June	150	Coconuts & puffed rice	40
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	Aug/Sep			
					3. Sri Gopala-krishnaswamy Festival	10	Dec/Jan			
					4. Sri Chenna-keswaraswamy Festival	1	Sep/Oct			
					5. Pillaiyar Festival	1	Feb/Mar			
					6. Pasuvathe-thangar Festival	1	Jan/Feb			
202.	Periathachur (P)	4·66	do	2	1. Vinayagar Festival	2	Apr/May	4,000	Puffed rice, bengal gram, bangles, clay vessels & food-stuffs	40
					2. Pidari Festival	9	May/June			
					3. Droupathi-amman Festival	12	do			
203.	Sithani (V)	1·78	do	3	Kutheripattu Fair	1	...	300	Sweetmeats & vegetables	48 The shandy meets on Sunday

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					TINDIVANAM TALUK (Contd.)					
205.	Padirapuliyur (P)	3·62	Perani	3	1. Droupathi-amman Koil Festival	18	May/June	500	...	40
					2. Solai vizhi amman Brahmothsavam	8	June/July	1,000		
209.	Veedur (P)	5·32	do	...	1. Jain Festival	1	January	300	Puffed rice, bengal gram, coconuts, fruits & clay vessels	...
					2. Droupathi-amman Mariamman Festival	10	July/Aug			
214.	Karasanur (V)	0·23	Mailam	8	Droupathiamman Festival	18	April	500	Food-stuffs, clay vessels, & toys	30
219.	Thailapuram (P)	3·79	Tindivanam	14	Droupathiamman Festival	13	do	2,000	Clay vessels & food-stuffs	30 After the New Moon day
221.	Kodur (P)	1·88	do	13	1. Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	250	Bangles, clay vessels & food-stuffs	35
					2. Droupathi-amman Festival	10	do	250		
227.	Kilputhupattu (P)	4·94	do	9	Kathan Festival	8	July/Aug	500	Food-stuffs	24
229.	Rayapudupakkam (V)	0·43	Puduvai	8	1. Mariamman Koil Festival	1	June	500	Clay vessels	25
					2. Pongal Festival	3	January			
230.	Thuruvai (V)	0·18	do	6	1. Mariamman Koil Festival	1	June	500	Clay vessels, fruits, coco-nuts, food-stuffs & sugar cane	23
					2. Pongal Festival	3	January			
232.	Olindiyampattu (V)	3·20	Tindivanam	17	Car Festival	7	May/June	1,000	Clay vessels & bangles	27 Takes place on Visaka
247.	Theruvakkarai (V)	0·37	Mailam	11	Kanum Pongal	1	January	300	Clay vessels, food-stuffs & toys	35

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					TINDIVANAM TALUK (Concld.)					
253.	Vanur (P)	1·14	Kandamangalam	8	1. Gangaiamman Festival	1	March	500	Coconuts, fruits, clay vessels & vegetables	...
					2. Pongal	3	January			
254.	Pulichapallam (P)	0·98	Puduvai	10	1. Mariamman Festival	1	March	650	Coconuts, fruits & clay vessels	24
					2. Pongal	3	January			
255.	Agasampattu (V)	0·06	do	6	Mariamman Festival	9	April/May	200	Bangles, toys & food-stuffs	21
263.	Kadapperikuppam (V)	0·43	Villiyanur	5	1. Droupathi-amman Festival	7	...	1,000	Toys, food-stuffs & clay vessels	19
					2. Meenakshi-amman Festival					
					3. Mariamman Festival					
264.	Peramabai (V)	0·25	Puduvai	¾	Mariamman Festival	2	January	500	Food-stuffs, fruits, coco-nuts & clay vessels	20
					VILLUPURAM TALUK					
1.	Kunnathur S.E. (V)	1·90	Perani	7	Angalamman Festival	2	Feb/Mar	500	Tea, coffee, bangles, coconuts, fruits, eata-bles & bengal gram peas	42
2.	Tirunandipuram (V)	1·06	do	5	1. Sivarathri Festival	...	Feb/Mar	400	Food-stuffs	55
					2. Masi Magham	3	do			
					3. Mariamman sagai vartha Uthsavam	...	July/Aug			

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4.	Ennayiram (V)	1·08	Perani	5	1. Mariamman Festival	2	July	400	Food-stuffs	50
					2. Droupathi-amman Festival	7	August			
9.	Nagar (V)	0·60	do	9	Mariamman Festival	8	Mar./April	1,500	Bell-metal vessels, clay vessels & household articles	44
10.	Nangathur (P)	1·87	do	10	Mattu Pongal Festival	1	January	2,300	Sweetmeats	46
11.	Sangeethamangalam (P)	1·21	Villupuram	17	1. Fair	1	...	...	...	...
					2. Grama Devathai	...	...	500	All household articles	46 Fair meets on Sunday
					3. Pidariamman	4	...	...		
12.	Muttathur (P)	3·28	Perani	8	1. Fair	1	...	2,500	Cattle, vegetables & provisions	Fair meets on Tuesday
					2. Mattu Pongal Festival	1	January			
15.	Mandagapet (V)	1·12	do	7	1. Mariamman Festival	9	Apr./May	300	Eatables	50
					2. Drowpathi-amman Festival	4	August	500	Coconuts, fruits, betel-nuts, cam-phor & incense	15
					3. Mariamman Festival					
16.	Nandivadi (V)	1·35	Vikravandi	7	Ponniamman Festival	7	April	300	Tea, Coffee, fruits, coco-nuts & eatables	40
17.	Echankuppam (V)	0·77	Perani	6	Mariamman Sagai vartha Uthsavam	1	Apr./May	200	Aluminium & brass vessels	50

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					VILLUPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
18.	Thenpair (P)	3·87	Vikravandi	5	1. Dharmaraja Koil Festival	3	July/Aug	2,500	Toys, eatables, fruits, coco-nuts and camphor	64
					2. Gangaiamman Sagai vartha Uthsavam	1	Apr/May	4,000	Eatables	37 Festival takes place after Amavasai day
19.	Chinnathachur S. (P)	0·43	do	4½	Ponniamman Festival	15	July/Aug	3,000	do	55 Festival takes place on the 5th day after Amavasai
20.	Kongarampoondi (V)	1·33	do	3	Droupathi-amman Festival	10	do	4,000	Sugarcane etc.	35 Fire walk-ing on 10th day
21.	Salai V. (V)	2·26	do	2	Mariamman Festival (Endowment of kanji or liquid food to the poor)	1	June/July	1,000	Toys, catabl-es, fruits & coconuts	38
23.	Vikravandi (P)	4·72	do	1	1. Laksha Deepam	1	April	2,000	Toys and catables	45
					2. River Festival					
					3. Tamil New Year's day					
					4. Pongal Festival	...	January	...	...	...
24.	Melakondai (V)	1·76	do	2	1. Iyanar Koil Festival	1	July/August	1,000	Sugarcane & toys	...
					2. River Festival	1	Jan/Feb	5,000	do	34
					3. Mariamman Festival	1	July/Aug			

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					VILLUPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
25.	Asur (P)	5·07	Vikravandi	6	Angalamman Car Festival	10	Mar/April	1,000	Sugarcane	48
26.	Vembi (V)	1·38	do	5½	1. Droupathi-amman Festival	7	May	800	Eatables, bangles, coconuts & toys	38
					2. Iyanar Festival	2	August			
					3. Pongal Festival	5	January			
					4. Deepavali	2	Oct/Nov			
					5. Adi-pandigai Festival	1	July/Aug			
27.	Narasinganur (V)	1·40	do	7	Droupathiamman Festival	7	April	500	Coffee, tea, food-stuffs, coconuts & fruits	39
31.	Kaliyanampoondi (V)	1·19	do	8	1. Ekadasi Festival	2	Dec/Jan	2,000	Brass and aluminium vessels, betel leaves & nuts	42 Takes place during Ekadasi Thithi
					2. Sura-Samharam	2	Oct/Nov			
35.	Panamalai (P)	3·86	Villupuram	17	Droupathiamman Festival	18	April/May/ June	2,000	Food-stuffs	42 The festival is celebrated once in 5 years
38.	Karuvakshi (P)	2·92	Ayanthur	8	Pidari Festival	8	June/July/ Aug/Sep	1,000	Eatables, vegetables, fruits & sweetmeats	41 This festival is celebrated once in 3 years
41.	Odayanatham (V)	1·20	Mambatapatti	8	1. Droupathi-amman Festival	7	July/Aug	700	Eatables, betel leaves nut, aluminium vessels & bell metal vessels	66
			Ayanthur	6	2. Pidariamman Festival	7 to 10	July/Aug	1,000	do	40

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					VILLUPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
42.	Kulirsunai (V)	1·28	Ayanthur	6	Mariamman Festival	7 to 10	Feb/Mar	1,000	Bell-metal & aluminium vessels	40
43.	Athiyur Thirukkai (V)	3·12	Mambalapattu	8	1. Gangaiamman Festival	1	Apr/May	2,000	Bell-metal & aluminium vessels	4
					2. Subramaniar Festival	1	May/June			
					3. Subrmaniaswami Kirthigai Festival	1	Jan/Feb			
44.	Vengamur (V)	1·19	Ayanthur	...	Subramaniaswami Kirthigai Festival	1	Feb/March	1,000	do	40
45.	Hanumanthapuram (P)	1·93	Mambalapattu	7	Gangaiamman Festival	2	April/May	500	do	40
53.	Kanjanur (V)	2·35	Mundiampakkam	7	Eswaran Koil Festival	1	Jan/Feb	200	Provisions & food-stuffs	37
56.	Olangalampoondi S. (V)	0·23	Vikravandi	5	Droupathiamman Neruppu Festival	1	April/May	1,000	Toys, food-stuffs, cocounts, & fruits	40
57.	Kottyampoondi S. (V)	1·13	do	3	Sivarathri	1	February/ March	500	Toys, food-stuffs, coconuts & fruits	35
62.	Kunnathur Thangai (V)	0·04	Mundiampakkam	11	Gangaiamman Festival	2	May/June	300	Bangles, metal & aluminium vessels	35
63.	Siruvalai (V)	2·86	Venkatesapuram	8	Droupathiamman Festival	18	May/June	1,500	Bell-metal & alum'nium vessels	40
65.	Kakkanur (P)	2·55	Mambalapattu	5	1. Vinayagar Festival	...	Jan/ Feb	1,000	do	35
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	July/ August			
					3. Perumal Festival	2	September/ October			
					4. Madha Koil Festival	...	April/May			

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					VILLUPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
66.	Ariyalur Thirukkai (P)	2·15	Mambalapattu	4	1. Kaliaperumal Festival	...	May/June	500	Bangles, eatables, bell-metal aluminium vessels, puffed rice & bengal gram	36
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	July/Aug			
					3. Iyanar Festival	1	July/Aug			
					4. Subramaniyar Festival	...	Jan/Feb			
70.	Arumbuli (V)	0·74	Venkatesa-puram	...	Mariamman Festival	18	July/Aug	1,500	Bell-metal & aluminium vessels	...
72.	Adanur (P)	3·14	Villupuram	6	1. Chelliamman Koil Festival	18	May/June	500	Bangles, eatables, bell-metal, aluminium vessels, puffed rice and bengal gram	32
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	July/Aug			
					3. Iyanar Koil Festival	18	May/June			
77.	Panayapuram (V)	1·92	Mundiam-pakkam	1	Suria Poojai (Eswaran Koil Festival)	7	April/May	5,000	Eatables and bangles	40
79.	Thoravi (V)	2·37	do	3	Droupathiamman Festival (fire walking)	7	July/Aug	2,500	Food-stuffs	41
81.	Avadayarpattu (V)	2·66	Vikravandi	2	Mariamman Festival	2	July/Aug	500	Sugarcane	42
85.	Radapuram (V)	1·57	Mundiam-pakkam	5	Cattle Fair	1	...	2,000	Textiles, vegetables and provsions	50 The fair meets on Monday
91.	Vakkur (P)	3·42	do	5	Perumal Koil (Garuda sevai)	1	May/June	4,000	Toys, eatables, coconut, fruits, bell-metal and aluminium vessels	37

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					VILLUPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
92.	Siruvalikuppam (V)	0·85	Mundiam-pakkam	4	Sivarathri Festival	1	Feb/Mar	3,000	Bell-metal & aluminium vessels, toys, eatables, coconut and fruits	...
99.	Vengandur (V)	2·58	Venkatesa-puram	4	1. Droupathi-amman Festival	3	May/June	850	Bell-metal	33
					2. Muthambizai	1	Feb/Mar			
100.	Agaramsithamor (V)	1·23	do	3	Droupathiamman Festival	1	April	200	Bell-metal & aluminium vessels	...
101.	Kangianor (P)	2.55	Mambala-patti	2	do	18	...	200	do	40
102.	Palliandur (P)	0·87	do	6	1. Mariamman Festival	7	July/Aug	1,000	Eatables, bell-metal & aluminium vessels	67
					2. Iyanar Koil Festival	2	April/May	200	Bell-metal & aluminium vessels	...
					3. Mariamman Festival	...	Jan/Feb.	...	...	...
103.	Kozhipattu (P)	1·13	do	3	Mariamman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
104.	Maligaipattu (V)	0·02	do	2	1. Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	300	Eatables & bangles	34
					2. Iyanar Koil Festival	2	July/August	300	Bell-metal & aluminium vessels	...
105.	Mambazhpattu (P)	3·05	do	3/16	Droupathiamman Festival	1	July/August	2,500	Eatables, bell-metal and aluminium vessels	64

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					VILLUPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
106.	Kalpattu (P)	2·56	Mambalapatti	1½	1. Mariamman Koil Festival	10	April	1,000	Bell-metal & aluminium vessels	65
				1	2. Mada Koil Festival	7	July	1,500	Bell-metal & aluminium vessels	...
107.	Siruvakkur (V)	2·19	do	2	1. Vinayagar Uthsavam	2	September	1,000	Sweetmeats & eatables	40
					2. Kaman Festival	...	...			
					3. Mada Koil Festival	11	July			
109.	Kanai (P)	1·89	Venkatesapuram	4	Mariamman Festival	7	July/Aug	2,000	Eatables, bell-metal & aluminium vessels	62
110.	Kuppam (V)	1·72	do	4	1. Perumal Koil Festival	1	June	200	do	64
					2.. Mariamman Festival	7	July/Aug	600	...	...
111.	Ariyur (V)	2·19	do	2	1. Mariamman Festival	1	July/Aug	500	Food-stuffs, bangles, fruits, bell-metal and alumi-minium vessels	32
					2. Vigneswarar Koil Festival	4	Nov/Dec	500		
					3. Subramaniar Koil Festival	1	Jan/Feb.	500		
					4. Durgaiamman Festival	10	April/May	500		
					5. Thai Poosam Festival	11	Jan/Feb	2,000		
113.	Tiruvamathur (P)	2·32	Villupuram	3	Muthambizai Aprama Eswarar Brahmin Festival	10	March	5,000	Fruits, coconuts, eatables, and bangles	34

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					VILLUPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
119.	Sengadu (P) Vaduganatha-kuppam	2·07	Valavanur	3	Droupathi-amman Festival	10	March	1,500	Sugarcane, coconuts, cattle, bangles & eatables	30
121.	Kumulam (P) Mudaliyarkuppam	0·66	Pallineliyanur	6	Perumalkoil Panguni Uthiram Festival	10	do	2,000	Fruits, vessels, eatables & bangles	35
122.	Vadanur (P)	2·38	do	4	Droupathi-amman Koil Festival	10	May/June	2,000	Provisions, food-stuffs, bangles, clay vessels, betel leaves nuts and coconuts	32 Walking over fire is an import-ant festi-val in the village
123.	Seshanganur (V)	0·99	do	4	Kaliamman Festival	1	Jan/Feb	200	Eatables	20
124.	Kurampalayam (V)	0·63	do	...	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	200	do	20
125.	Tirumangalam (V)	2·02	do	6	do	2	do	400	Textiles, brass & alumi-nium vessels, bangles & eatables	20
126.	Sithalampattu (V)	0·58	Mundiampak-kam	9	1. Mariamman Koil Festival	1	May	20,000	Fruits, brass vessels & bangles	20
					2. Angalamman Koil Festival	7	do			
127.	Kodukkur (V)	1·21	do		Droupathi-amman Festival	18	May	20,000	do	27
128.	Muttrampattu (V)	1·37	Chinnababu-samudram	7	Mariamman Festival	9	May/June	200	Camphor, betel leaves, nuts, fruits & eatables	30

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					VILLUPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
129.	Nerkunam V. (V)	1·16	Chinnababu-samudram	1	1. Sundara Vinayagar Festival	10	Nov/Dec	1,000	Eatables, pooja articles, and clay vessels	20
					2. Sri Mariamman Festival	10	Apr/May			
130.	Kalingamalai (V)	0·66	do	4	Droupathi-amman Festival	8	April	2,000	Fruits, Clay vessels & eatables	25
131.	Vazhodavur (V)	2·11	do	4½	1. Mariamman Festival	1	March	200	Bangles, toys, books and eatables	...
					2. Durga Festival	2	May	200	...	...
132.	Pakkiripalayam (V)	0·74	do	...	Droupathiamman Festival	8	April	2,000	Fruits & clay vessels	65
133.	Kalithirampattu (V)	0·59	do	3	Mariamman Festival	8	April/May	200	Fruits & brass vessels	...
134.	Periababu-samudram (P)	3·24	do	½	Droupathi-amman Festival	1	April	300	Coconuts, fruits, betel leaves, nuts, bangles and eatables	20
135.	Ammanankuppam (V)	0·86	do	½	do	11	March	20,000	Fruits, brass & clay vessels, bangles & food stuffs	20
137.	Pallithennal (V)	1·73	do	3	Mariamman Koil Festival	3	August	1,000	Textiles, brass and aluminium vessels, plastic toys & bangles	23
138.	Navammalkappair (V)	1·43	do	2	Sri Muthalam-man Koil Festival	4	June/July	500	Coconuts, fruits, bangles & eatables	40

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					VILLUPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
139.	Kandamangalam	1·12	Chinnababu-samudram	1/32	Muthalamman Koil Festival	3	July	1,000	Food-stuffs	15
140.	Navamalmarudur	1·64	do	1	Droupathiamman Koil Festival	1	April/May	1,000	Coconuts, fruits, camphor and eatables	14
141.	Azhiyur (V)	1·54	do	1	Mariamman Koil Festival	1	July	500	Toys and textiles	15
142.	Pallipudupattu (V)	2.27	Pallineliyanur	4	1. Droupathi-amman Koil Festival 2. Lakshminara-yana Peru-mal Festival	11	April	500	Fruits, brass vessels, clay vessels, bangles & eatables	14 Lakshmi-narayana-Perumal Festival is celebrated on "Ama-vasai" day
143.	Pallineliyanur (V)	0·77	do	¾	Droupathiamman Festival	10	March/April	500	Coconuts, fruits, cam-phor, betel leaves, nuts & eatables	13
144.	Kothambakkam (V)	0·11	do	¾	do	10	April	1,000	Fruits, brass vessels, bangles, eatables & pottery	25
145.	Pallicherry (V)	0·32	do	...	do	...	April	1,000	do	25
153.	Kolianur (P)	1·68	do	3/8	Fair	1	...	...	...	...
				2	Mariamman Festival	10	April/May	300	Cattle & vegetables	24 The fair meets on Friday
157.	Villupuram (M)	3·49	Villupuram	1	1. Anjaneya-swami Laksha Deepam Festival	11	April	10,000	Fancy articles, bangles, bell-metal vessels, eatables and toys	24
					2. Droupathi amman Festival	10	March/ April	15,000		
					3. Sivan Koil Festival	10	April/May	25,000		

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					VILLUPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
161.	Perumbakkam (P) Venkatesapuram	2·39	Venkatesa-puram	...	1. Kaliyathal Festival	7	June/July	2,000	Bell-metal & aluminium vessels	36
					2. Angalamman Festival	9	Apr/May			
162.	Kothamangalam (P)	0·42	do	2	Mariamman Festival	2	May	250	Eatables and bangles	33
163.	Konur (V)	1·08	do	3	do	7	...	1000	Eatables, bell-metal & aluminium vessels	63
164.	Theli (P)	1·42	do	3	do	7	July/August	1,000	Eatables, bell-metal and aluminium vessels	63
165.	Venmaniyathur (P)	0·91	do	2	Mariamman Festival	2	June	200	Eatables, bangles, bell-metal and aluminium vessels	33
178.	Siruvanthadu (P)	1·51	Valavanur	3½	1. Droupathi-amman Festival	6	March	10,000	Eatables, provisions, betel leaves & nuts	18
					2. Fire walking Festival	10	February	5,000	Bangles and eatables	...
					3. Sivarathri Festival	1	March	5,000	do	18
195.	Sendanur (P)	1·36	Sendanur	¾	Mariamman Festival	7	July/Aug	500	do	24
197.	Kallipattu (P)	1·03	do	2½	River Festival	1	January	50,000	Provisions, betel-nuts and eatables	22

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					VILLUPURAM TALUK (Concld.)					
203.	Kongambattu (P)	1·52	Valavanur	6¾	1. Sri Lakshmi Narayana Perumal Festival	11	April	1,500	Brass and aluminium vessels, bangles, textiles and plastic toys	24
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
					3. Pidariamman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
205.	Rambakkam (P)	1·59	Pallineliyanur	5	1. Sri Lakshmi Narayana Perumal Festival	6	...	5,000	Fruits and eatables	15
					2. Droupathi-amman Festival					
					3. Pandurangan Festival					
206.	Sorappur (V)	1·42	do	5	Droupathi-amman Neruppu Festival	9	May/June	1,000	Fruits, betel nuts, clay vessels and eatables	14
210.	Pakkam (P)	2·61	do	5	Mariamman Festival	1	May	150	Fruits, coconuts, betel leaves, nuts and eatables	10
					TIRUKOILUR TALUK					
11.	Manalur Pettai (V)	2·86	Tirukoilur alias Aran-gandanallore station	9	1. Weekly Shandy (fair)	1	...	1,500	Cattle, provisions, vegetables and brass vessels	54 Shandy meets on Sunday
					2. Araw Festival	3	January	15,000		

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					TIRUKOILUR TALUK (Contd.)					
25.	Veerapandi (P)	1·53	Tirukoilur	6	Veerapandi Shandy (fair)	1	...	2,000	Textiles, provisions, vegetables, cattle and retail articles	54 Shandy meets on Thursday
31.	Kandachipuram (P)	2·35	Mugaiyur	6	1. Shandy (fair)	1	...	1,500	Textiles, cattle, provisions, vegetables and eatables	45 Shandy meets on Friday
					2. Easwaran Koil Festival	10	January	1,000	Bangles, sweetmeats, vessels and fruits	...
36.	Alambadi (P)	1·86	do	2	1. Mattu Pongal	3	Jan/Feb	300	...	74
					2. Mariamman Jathirai	9	Feb/Mar			
					3. Sri Rama Navami	1	Mar/Apr			
40.	Devanur (P)	1·50	Aranganda-nallur	1¾	Mariamman Festival	1	August	1,000	Sweetmeats	46 Birth place of Meiporul Nayanar
59.	Tirukoilur (M)	4·63	Tirukoilur	2	Tiruvikrama-swami Uthsavam	10	...	...	...	...
61.	Andal (P)	0.83	Aranganda-nallur	1	Panguni Uthiram (Subramaniyar Festival)	1	March/April	1,500	Sweetmeats	47
69.	Ayandur (V)	1·54	do	2/8	1. Pandu Rangar Festival	1	February	400	Bangles and sweetmeats	35
					2. Murugar Festival					

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					TIRUKOILUR TALUK (Contd.)					
70.	Sennakunam (V)	2·82	Ayanthur	½	1. Iyanar Koil Festival	3	Apr/May	2,000	Sweetmeats, bangles, coconuts, fruits, food-stuffs and mud pots	40 On Thai Poosam day Subra-maniya-swami Kavadi Uthsavam will take place
					2. Subramaniya-swami Festival (Brahmothsavam)	10	Mar/April			
71.	Gudalur (V)	1·39	do	6/8	Mariamman Festival	1	April	300	Bangles and sweetmeats	35
77.	Kilakondur (V)	0·84	Mugaiyur	2	Droupathiamman Koil (Neruppu Thiruvizha)	10	Feb/March	500	Bangles, eatables and vessels	...
91.	Malathayanur (V)	1·19	Arangandanallur	5	Pachaiamman Koil Festival	1	July/Aug	1,500	Shop articles, vegetables and sweet-meats	51
108.	Shro-Vengur (V) Settithangai (M)	0·64	Tirukoilur	8	Shandy	...	...	1,000	Cattle, oils, textiles, fruits, mud pots, dried fish and vegetables	Shandy meets on every Tuesday
111.	Eravalam (V)	0·24	Aranganda-nallur	5	Mariamman Festival	9	April/May	400	...	50
121.	Andrayanur (V)	1·90	Alanguppan	8	Shandy	1	...	1,500	Provisions, textiles, vegetables, cattle and other articles	35 Shandy meets on every Thursday
139.	Pannavalam (P)	2·64	Aranganda-nallur	10	Koothandar Festival	15	May/June	500	Fruits, vegetables and shop articles	36 On Pour-nami day

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					TIRUKOILUR TALUK (Contd.)					
152.	Konakkalavadi (V)	1·31	Tirukoilur	17	Droupathiamman Koil Festival	1	April/May	200	Sarees, handloom textiles and shop articles	62
153.	Kattuvedayar (P)	2·83	do	12	1. Vijayadasami 2. Mariamman Festival	1 2	October April	1,000	...	55 On Vijayadasami day "Mahisha Sena Samharam" will take place
154.	Seedevi (P)	4·13	do	18	1. Panguni Uthiram	5	March/April	500	...	61½
				18½	2. Mariamman Festival	4	April	1,500	Plantains, coconuts & sweetmeats	61
202.	Koovagam (P)	3·07	Parikkal	3	Koothandavar Festival	4	April/May	25,000	Coconuts, bamboo, ploughing implements, camphor, fruits, sweets, bangles, vessels and books	45
206.	Killiyur (P)	3·40	Ulundurpettai	14	Mariamman Festival	3	April	3,000	Sweetmeats, coconuts and betel leaves	41
210.	Eraiyur (P)	2·90	Tirukoilur	13	Matha Festival	2	May	1,300	Eatables and fruits	43
211.	Kunjaram (P)	3·72	Ulundurpettai	9½	Weekly fair	1	...	200	Cattle, vegetables, clothes & retail goods	40 Shandy meets on every Thursday

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					TIRUKOILUR TALUK (Contd.)					
216.	Veeramangalam (P) Vangapadai	2·48	Ulundurpettai	10	Peristhurai	...	August/ September	1,000	Sweetmeats	40
219.	Sembattamalayanur (P)	1.09	do	16	Lakshmi-Narayana Perumal Festival	1	do	1,300	...	49
221.	Neivanai (P)	2·58	do	6	1. Pongal Pandigai 2. Masi Magham	3 1	Jan/Feb Feb/Mar	1,000 200	... ...	43 45
222.	Adanur (P)	5·75	do	6	Mariamman Annapadayal	3	April	1,200	Tea, bangles & fruits	45
229.	Parikkal (P)	2·35	do	¾	Sri Lakshmi Narasimha-swami Festival	10	May	3,000	Vessels & shop articles	30
234.	Madapattu (P)	0·67	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
238.	Somasipalayam (P)	1·33	Panrutti	6½	Adi Festival	3	July	50	...	22½
	Sirupuliyur	...	...	...	do	2	August	20	...	22½
239.	Kilakkumarudur (P)	1·90	do	8	Koil Festival	18	April	200	Coconuts, fruits & sweetmeats	24
242.	Tirunavalur (P)	3.90	Parikkal	2½	1. Nakta Janeswarar Festival 2. Subramaniar Panguni Uthiram Festival	10 4	May March	1,000	Sundry articles	26
247.	Padur (P)	8·16	Padur	¾	Festival	10	Aug/Sep	300	...	30

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					TIRUKOILUR TALUK (Concld.)					
252.	Kondavadi Pu (P)	2·81	Ulundurpettai	33	1. Mannadaswamy Festival	8	April/May	1,000	Pooja articles	30
					2. Karumbiamman Festival	18	July/Aug	500	Wooden articles, toys, eatables & fruits	...
260.	Pidagam (P)	5·16	do	8	Cattle shandy	1	...	50	Cattle, goats, vegetables, food-grains betel leaves, nuts, dry fish and clothes	43 Shandy meets on every Thursday
266.	Tiruppaiyur (P)	3·05	Kuthaladi	5	Mariamman Festival	9	April/May	2,000	Retail articles, sweetmeats coconuts, fruits and flowers	43
275.	Ulundurpet (M) Keeranur	4·08	Ulundurpet	3	1. Panguni Uthiram Festival	2	Mar/Apr	1,500	Eatables and toys	...
					2. Shandy	1	...	1,000	Cattle, goat, horse, fowls, provisions, clothes, vegetables, and toys	Shandy meets on every Wednesday
283.	Sengurchi (P)	4·24	Padur	1¼	Weekly fair	1	...	Village people	...	32 Shandy meets on every Saturday
289.	Sendanadu (P)	4·59	Parikkal	6	Droupathiamman Festival	8	Apr/May	1,000	Sweetmeats and fruits	28

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					KALLAKURICHI TALUK					
8.	Powunjipattu (P)	2·67	Tirukoilur	25	1. Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/Apr	300	Bangles	69
					2. Pongal pandigai	3	January			
					3. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov			
15.	Arumbarampattu (P)	2·53	Aranganda-nallur	15	Konganattu Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	5,000	Plantains & coconuts	75 On 'Chithirai Pournami' day
24.	Rowuthanallur (P)	2·81	do	25	Angalamman Festival	2	March	1,500	Pots, sweetmeats and fruits	60 On 'Amavasai' day
25.	Pudupattu (P)	...	Tirukoilur	25	1. Adi 18th Festival	1	July/Aug	1,600	Vessels and pots	80
					2. Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/Apr			
					3. Pongal Festival	3	January			
26.	Lakkinaickanpatti (P)	2·39	Arangandanallur	22	Sri Mariamman Festival	2	June/July	1,000	Mud pots & bangles	71
36.	Sorapattu	...	Chinnasalem	19	1. Uthiram	1	Mar/April	800	Mud pots, textiles & handloom cloth	71
					2. Pongal	4	January			
					3. Poosam	1	Jan/Feb			
					4. Karthigai	1	Nov/Dec			
					5. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov			
					6. Adi Festival	1	July/Aug			
					7. Moharrum	1	July			
41.	Rangappanur (P) Mallapuram	7·97	Tirukoilur	26	Panguni Uthiram Festival	1	March	1,500	Articles made of bamboo, sweetmeats & pots	81
		7·97	Arangandanallur	26	1. Panguni Uthiram Festival	1	March	1,000	Pots & articles made of bamboos	83
					2. Pongal Festival	4	January			

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					KALLAKURICHI TALUK (Contd.)					
42.	Puthirampattu (P)	1·64	Aranganda-nallur	23	1. Shandy (Fair)	1	...	1,500	Pots and articles made of bamboos	83 The Shandy meets on Thursday
			do		2. Panguni Uthiram	1	March			
	Chittanthangal		do	27	Panguni Uthiram	1	do	200	...	83
44.	Kaduvanur (P)	2·96	Tirukoilur	18	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	1,500	Textiles of many varieties	62
45.	Athiyur (P)	2·84	do	18	Shandy	1	...	2,000	Food-grains, goats, cows & textiles	40 The Shandy meets on Tuesday
52.	Ariyalur (P)	1·93	do	19	Mariamman Festival	13	May/June	3,500	Bangles, flowers & fruits	40
54.	Varagur (N.P.)	0·71	do	19	1. Panguni Uthiram	1	March	300	Bangles, coconuts, camphor & fruits	63
					2. Pongal pandigai	3	January			
					3. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov			
57.	Soundaravalli-palayam	2·84	do	26	Panguni Uthiram (Murugar)	1	March	500	...	67
	Oorangani		do	25	do	1	do	300	...	68
58.	Thiagarajapuram (P)	1·17	Aranganda-nallur	22	Perumal Koil Festival	1	January/ February	2,000	Fruits and light refresh-ments	60
59.	Poottai (P)	5·94	Tirukoilur	27	1. Uthiram	1	March	10,000	Bangles, pots, textiles, sweetmeats & bell-metal vessels	...
					2. Pongal	4	Jan/Feb			
					3. Poosam	1	do			
					4. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov/Dec			
					5. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov			
					6. Adi-festival	1	July/Aug			
					7. Mohurrum Festival	1	July			

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				KALLAKURICHI TALUK (Contd.)					
osapadi (P)	3·73	Aranganda-nallur	25	Uthiram Festival	1	March	300	Coconuts, fruits, betel leaves, nuts, camphor and incense	71
oikunam (P)	2·45	Tirukoilur	26	1. Uthiram	1	March	1,000	Pots, bangles and house-hold articles	66
				2. Pongal		January			
				3. Poosam	1	Jan/Feb			
				4. Karthigai	1	Nov/Dec			
				5. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov			
mbruampatu (P)	1·57	do	24	1. Uthiram	1	March	1,000	Pots, bangles & household articles	69
				2. Pongal	4	January			
				3. Poosam	1	Jan/Feb			
				4. Karthigai	1	Nov/Dec			
				5. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov			
nkarapuram (P) attuvannanjur	3·67	Aranganda-nallur	22	1. Droupathiam-man Festival	1	May/June	1,000	Pots and bangles	64
				2. Moharrum Festival	1	July			
				3. Deepavali Festival	1	Oct/Nov			
				4. Pongal Festival	1	January			
dasiruvalur (P)	2·26	Tirukoilur	21	Droupathiamman festival	2	Feb/Mar	2,000	Sweetmeats	62
ur (P)	0·76	do	20	1. Panguni	1	March	400	Bangles, coconuts, camphor & fruits	64
				2. Pongal	3	January			
				3. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov			
himmanandal (N.P.)	0·40	do	20	1. Pongal	3	January	300	Coconuts, fruits & camphor	...
				2. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov			

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	KALLAKURICHI TALUK (Contd.)									
102.	Viriyur (P)	1·57	Chinnasalem	20	Matha Koil Festival	3	May	2,000	Pots & bangles	70
107.	Maiyanur (P)	1·56	Tirukoilur	19	Masi Magham	1	Feb/Mar	400	Pots, nuts, coconuts, fruits, camphor, bathies, flowers & sweets	58
108.	Palayanur (N.P.)	1·15	Chinnasalem	20	Chamundeeswari Festival	2	January	1,000	Sweetmeats	70
109.	Ramarajapuram (N.P.)	0·85	do	20	Masi Magham	1	Feb/Mar	1,000	Pots	70
114.	Karadisithur (P)	7·25	do	15	Droupathiamman Festival	1	July/Aug	300	Sweetmeats	75
141.	Parigam (P)	3·36	do	14	1. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov	1,500	do	70
					2. Karthigai Deepam	2	Nov/Dec			
					3. Pongal	4	January			
143.	Mathur (N.P.)	3·14	do	12	Subramaniyar Festival	1	March	150	Pots, nuts & sweetmeats	72
144.	Palrambattu (P)	1·03	do	12½	Droupathiamman Festival	1	July/Aug	1,000	Pots, nuts, sweets, shop articles, books and vessels	72
149.	Murarbad (P)	1·27	do	15	1. Pongal Festival	4	January	500	Bangles, pots, mats and sweetmeats	68
					2. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov			
					3. Sandana Koodu	1	do			
					4. 'Adi 18th' Festival	1	July/Aug			
150.	Melapattu (P) Kilapattu	2·44	do	19	1. Karthigai Deepam	1	November	1,200	Pots, bangles & sweetmeats	71
					2. Moharrum	1	July			

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154.	Sithal (P)	1·60	Aranganda-nallur	20	Siruthondar Festival	2	April/May	1,200	...	61 on Amavasai day
155.	Peral (P)	2·05	do	19	Manmathan Festival	2	do	500	...	42 on Pournami day
157.	Kilpadi (P)	2·25	do	19	Droupathiamman Festival	8	May	2,000	Pots & bell-metal vessels	60
177.	Vadakkanandal (P)	9·37	Chinnasalem	12	1. Perumal Koil Festival	1	June	500	Sweetmeats, pots, nuts & aluminium vessels	68
	Kadhirapalayam				2. Shandy	1	...	10		The shandy meets on Monday
220.	Neelamangala (P)	2·04	do	12	Mariamman Festival	1	Once in 7 years	500	Coconut, plantain, fruits, pots, nuts, camphor, betel leaves & nuts	60
223.	Veerasholapuram (P)	4·81	Kallakurichi	6	1. Masi Magham	1	Feb./Mar.	2,000	Coconuts & sweetmeats	56
					2. Panguni Uthiram	10	March			
229.	Thiagadurgam (P) Periamambattu	6·34	Ulundurpet	16	Weekly Shandy	1	...	1,430	Cattle, iron articles, textiles, vegetables, bamboos & ropes	50 The Shandy meets on Saturday
232.	Sithalur (P)	5·01	Asakalathur	7	Angalamman Festival	10	Feb./Mar.	3,000	Bell-metal vessels, sweetmeats, fruits & coconuts	56
241.	Bangaram (P)	2·09	Chinnasalem	4½	Mariamman Festival	3	July/Aug.	1,700	Many kinds of articles, bangles, sweetmeats & fruits	65

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	KALLAKURICHI TALUK (Contd.)									
243.	Namasivayapuram	1·84	Chinnasalem	4	Mariamman Festival	3	July/Aug	1,500	Many kinds of articles, bangles, tea, fruits & provisions	65½
248.	Thimmapuram (P)	1·00	do	4	Panguni Uthiram (Subramania-swamy)	3	Mar/Apr	1,000	Sweetmeats, bangles, betel leaves & nuts	74
250.	Vettiperumala-garam	4·22	do	3	Panguni Car Festival (Subramania-swamy)	7	do	150	Sweetmeats bangles, betel leaves, nuts, camphor & coconuts	60
	Maravanatham		do	3	do	7	do	750	do coconuts	68
272.	Koothakudi (P)	3·86	do	1¼	Shandy	1	...	4,000	Textiles, vegetables and bamboo	60 The shandy meets on Friday
275.	Varanjaram (P)	1·14	Asakalathur	3	Pasupathee-swarar Festival	1	Mar/April	300	Fruits, coconuts, sweetmeats, bangles and beads etc.	62
286.	Chinnasalem (P)	7·78	do	3/8	1. Weekly Shandy	1	...	5,000	Cattle, Textile and leather	60 The shandy meets on Thursday
					2. Droupathi-amman Festival	1	April/May	10,000	...	...
288.	Elavadi (P) Poosapadi (H)	2·33	Mel Nariyap-panur	2	Mariamman Festival	3	July/Aug	300	Betel leaves, nuts, coconuts, plantains, fruits, camphor, sweetmeats, peas, pots and nuts	65

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	KALLAKURICHI TALUK (Concld.)									
289.	Mel nariappanur (P)	3·09	Mel Nariyap-panur	3/8	Christians Matha Festival	7	June	10,000	Bell-metal vessels, articles and refreshments	75
297.	Olagianallur (N.P.)	1·72	Pukiravari	3	Mariamman Festival	3	May/June	1,000	Betel leaves, nuts, fruits, coconut, camphor, pots and nuts	64 Once in 10 years
304.	Alambalam V. (V) Krishnapuram V. (H)	2·07	Chinnasalem	...	Chelliamman Festival	No fixed date	April/May	100	Betel leaves, nuts, fruits, coconuts, pots, nuts & camphor	69 Once in 10 years
306.	Pakkambadi (N.P.)	5·52	do	5	Pongal Pandigai	3	January	700	...	70
	VIRDHACHALAM TALUK									
3.	Narayur (H)	6·06	do	10	1. Iyanar Festival 2. Chelliamman Festival 3. Thanthoni-amman Festival 4. Mariamman Festival	10	April/May	2,500	Sweetmeats and mud pots	65 Once in three years on Full Moon day of Chithirai month
25.	Kattuparur (V)	2·03	Parur	3	Adhikesava Perumal temple Festival	30 days or one month	Dec/Jan	500	Glass bangles, mud pots & sweetmeats	45
29.	Nangalampettai (P)	1·21	Poovanur	4	Mangalanayagi Amman Koil Festival	10	Mar/Apr	...	Mud pots, sweetmeats bangles and shop articles	48

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					VIRDHACHALAM TALUK (Contd.)					
33.	Poovanur Ko. (P)	3·07	Poovanur	1	Thai Poosam Festival	10	January	500	Sweetmeats	45
35.	Pavalangudi Ko. (V)	1·15	do	2½	Brahmothsa-vam or Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/Apr	2,000	Eatables	47
36.	Mathur (P) Veerareddikuppam	3·97	do	2½	Kallari Festival	7	October	200	Mud pots & sweets	46
44.	Iruppu	6·39	Uthangal mangalam	8	Pidari Arasi-amman temple sedal car uthsavam	16	Apr/May	25,000	Sweetmeats brass, bell-metal vessels, textiles and retail things	32 Takes place on Chithirai month during Avittam and Thiru-vonam star.
50.	Mudanai (P)	5·39	do	4	Sembagathur Iyanar Thai Poosam Festival	10	January/ February	5,000	Sweetmeats, vessels, textiles and mats	34
54.	Erusalakuppam (V) Gopurapuram (H)	1·71	Virdhachalam Junction	3	Chithira Pournami Brahmothsa-vam	10	Apr/May	1,000	Sweetmeats	42
59.	Parur Mu. (P) Konakuppam (H)	5·90	Chinnaparur	3	Konakuppam Catholic Christian Festival	10	January	5,000	Mud pots, sweetmeats, shop articles & dried fish etc.	44 Festival's last day falls on Full Moon day
63.	Nallur (P)	1·73	Virdhachalam Town	10	Masi Magham Festival	10	February	7,500	Sugarcane, bamboo, pots & brass vessels	50
71.	Mangalur (P)	5·83	Chinnasalem	10	Droupathi-amman Festival	10	April/May	2,000	Brass vessels, pots, sugar-cane, plan-tains and fruits	58

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					VIRDHACHALAM TALUK (Contd.)					
98.	Shrotrium-Erumanar (P)	0·36	Virdhachalam	2	Agni Festival (Droupathi)	18	April/May	2,000	Pots, flowers, sweets & household articles etc.	40
108.	Manavalanallur (V)	1·28	do	2	Panguni Uthiram Sri Kolan-jappan temple	10	Mar/Apr	10,000	Sweetmeats, mud pots, coconuts, plantains & shop articles	41
115.	Podaiyur Te. (P)	3·41	do	8	Pasupathees-warar Koil Festival	...	...	1,500	Mud pots, various fruits, flowers & sweetmeats	48
120.	Avatti (V)	3·62	Pennadam Kuthakudi	24	Droupathi-amman Festival	18	May/June	2,000	Aerated water, pots dried fish, sweet-meats and bangles	59 The story of Mahabha-rata is narrated for the eighteen days
145.	Sirumangalam (V)	1·97	Thalanallur	5	Chelliamman Koil Car Festival	10	April	3,000	Vegetables, sweets & clothes	48
155.	Vridhachalam (P)	2·48	Virdhachalam	1½	1. Masi Magham Festival	10	February	50,000	Brass vessels, toys, bam-boo rods, baling rod & sugarcane	38
					2. Cattle shandy	1	...	3,000	Cattle	Shandy meets on Thursday
					3. Shandy	1	...	2,500	Coconuts, plantains, green plan-tains, castor seeds, curry lea-ves, mats and pots	Shandy meets on Wednesday

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					VIRDHACHALAM TALUK (Contd.)					
155.	Vridhachalam (P) —(contd.)	2·48	Virdhachalam	1½	4. Adi Poosam Festival	10	July/August	2,500	Brass vessels & shop articles	...
					5. Pillaiyar Festival	10	Aug/Sep	1,000	Shop articles & brass vessels	...
					6. Mariamman Festival	10	July/Aug	1,500	Mud pots & shop articles	...
					7. Chelliamman Festival	10	Feb/Mar	1,000	do	...
156.	Poonthottam (V)	1·29	do	3	Vedappar Festival	10	April/May	5,000	do	41
166.	Uthangal (V) Kombedikuppam (H)	3·25	Uthangal	1½	Droupathi-amman Agni Festival	13	Feb/Mar	3,000	Sweetmeats & pots	32
169.	Koonankurichi (V)	1.54	do	1	Panguni Festival	10	May	1,500	Sweetmeats	32
180.	Neyveli (P)	1·20	Neyveli	1	Shandy	1	...	2,000	Vegetables, grains, mud pots, castoroil & groceries	26 Shandy meets on every Tuesday
205.	Perumulai (P)	1·70	Pennadam	11	Panguni Uthiram Festival	10	Mar/Apr	2,500	Mud pots, shop articles & brass vessels	59 Last day of the festi-val is on Uthiram day

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					VIRDHACHALAM TALUK (Concld.)					
207.	Tittagudi (P)	4·36	Pennadam	7	1. Shandy	1	...	2,000	...	53 Shandy meets on Friday
					2. Panguni Uthiram	10	May/April July/Aug	4,000	Mud pots & country mats	...
					3. Adi Pooram; 4. Vaithia-nathaswamy temple Brahmo-thsavam	10	Mar/Apr	5,000	Coconuts & plantains	...
					5. Ranganatha-swami temple Brahmothsavam	10	May/June	1,500	Coconuts, plantains, pots and shop articles	55
234.	Tiruvattadurai (V)	0·23	do	4½	Theertha Pureeswar temple Masi Magham Festival	10	February	10,000	Mud pots and shop articles	52½
236.	Pennadam (P)	2·49	do	2	1. Sri Pudlaya Kaleeswarar Pennadam Koil Brahmothsavam	10	April	5,000	Coconuts, bangles, shop articles & mud pots	...
			do	2	2. Shandy	1	...	2,500	Food-grains, vegetables, mud pots and mats	Shandy meets on every Thursday
245.	Rajendira-pattinam (P)	2·43	Virdhachalam	8	Panguni Uthiram in Thiru Kumaraswamy Devasthanam	10	Mar/April	2,500	Vegetables,	46

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					CUDDALORE TALUK					
33.	Pulavanur (P)	2·20	Tiruthurayur	3	Pennaiyarru Uthsavam	1	January	5,000	Coconuts, camphor & pots	21
70.	Cuddalore (M)	10·70	Cuddalore	½	1. Kamakshi-amman Koil	10	Mar/Apr	5,000	All kinds of articles	31/8
					2. do	1	Feb/Mar			
	Tirupuliyur (H)	...	Tirupuliyur	½	Sri Yadalees-warar Koil Uthsavam (Silver Car Festival)	15	No fixed date or month	10,000	Stone vessels, (Kal chatties) bell-metal vessels, clothes & iron articles	1¼
75.	Karamanikuppam (P)	0·54	Karamani-kuppam	½	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Boats, sheep, handloom textiles, vegetables & dry fish	5½ Weekly fair meets on Monday
93.	Panruti (M.P.)	2·54	Panruti	2	Appar Swami Uthsavam	1	April	1,000	Pooja articles such as coconuts & camphor	16
115.	Panikuppam (P)	2·16	do	1	Panikuppam Cattle Shandy	1	...	2,000	Cows, goats, fowls & clothes	17 Shandy meets on Thursday
129.	Thiruvendipuram (P)	1·60	Tirupuliyur	3	1. Sri Devanatha swami Festival	10	April/May	1,000	Pots, silver articles, shop articles & bangles	4
					2. Sri Desiga-swami Festival	10	Sep/Oct			
163.	Velayadampattu (P)	3·00	Vadalur	4	Panguni Uthiram	4	March	5,000	Sugarcane, brass vessels & sweetmeats	26

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					CUDDALORE TALUK (Concld.)					
198.	Ellappampettai (V)	4·00	Kurinjipadi	3/8	Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/April	5,000	Sugarcane, plantains & fruits	20
208.	Parvathipuram (P)	5·92	Vadalur	8	1. Thai Masa pooja Festival	1	Jan/Feb	6,500	Sugarcane, plantains, coconuts & provisions	23
					2. Poosam Festival	1				
				1½	3. Aahilyam Festival	1				
217.	Kurinjipadi (M.P.)	2·75	Kullicharadi	...	Sri Puthumari-amman Koil Festival	10	August	1,000	Iron & bell metals	20
227.	Kundiamallur (P)	2·75	Kullanchavadi	...	Sedal Festival	2	July/Aug	1,000	Sugarcane, plantains, brass vessels sweetmeats & varieties of articles	20
					CHIDAMBARAM TALUK					
8.	Ambapuram (P)	1·58	Vadalur	7	Chelliamman Car Festival	7	April	100	Nil	31
21.	Vayalamur (P)	1·75	Chidambaram	10	Mariamman sedal Festival	1	July/Aug	300	Fruits, peas & bangles	20
22.	Sendrakillai (P)	1·47	Parangipettai	6	Laksha Deepam (Muniyanur-swamy)	3	April	200	Dolls & sweetmeats	20
29.	Kothatai (P)	2·32	do	3	Koothandavar Festival	1	May/June	2,000	Sweetmeats, jack fruits & plantains	17
30.	Ariaghosti (V) Part	1·58	do	2½	Kanthoi Sallikhan Sahib (Darga)	1	April/May	300	Sweetmeats	18½

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					CHIDAMBARAM TALUK (Contd.)					
40.	Cusba Alambadi (P)	1·52	Chidambaram	9	Boovaragaswami Masi Magham Festival	2	February	3,500	Sugarcane, plantains, fruits, sweetmeats & shop articles	35
44.	Sethiathope (P)	2·21	Vadalur	9	Cattle Fair	1	...	1,500	Sweetmeats & flowers	33 Fair meets on Wednesday
54.	Sathamangalam (P)	1·37	Chidambaram	12	1. Andavar Uthsavam 2. Ramalingaswamy Uthsavam	12	Mar/May	500	Sweetmeats & flowers	33
56.	Vatharayanthethu (P)	1·61	do	10	Theemithi	1	July/Aug	750	Provisions, bangles & pots	10
62.	Mel Bhuvanagiri (V)	...	do	5	1. Boovaragaswamy	...	February	2,000	Sweetmeats & vegetables	27
					2. Shandy	1	...	500	...	Weekly shandy meets on Friday
					3. Masi Magham	2	Feb/Mar	5,000	Sweets, sugarcane, plantains & date fruits	...
64.	Kil Bhuvanagiri (V)	...	do	6	Masi Magham (Boovaragaswamy)	2	do	5,000	Sweetmeats, sugarcane, plantains & date fruits	25
75.	Kil Anuvampattu (P)	1·71	do	2/8	Shandy	1	...	500	Provisions, vegetables, fish & pots	30 Weekly shandy meets on Sunday

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					CHIDAMBARAM TALUK (Contd.)					
104.	Srimushnam (P)	3·50	Virdhachalam	12	1. Panchayat Shandy	1	Feb/March	1,000	Vegetables & provisions	50 Shandy meets on every Friday
					2. Brahmothsavam	10	...			
105.	Thorankuppam (V)	0·25	...	14	Christmas Festival	1	December	1,500	Nil	52
136.	Chidambaram (M)	1·84	Chidambaram	½	Subramaniyar Koil Chidambaram (Nataraja Temple) Festival					
					1. Tamil New Years Day	1	April	1,000	Vessels, toys, bangles & eatables	...
					2. Tirumalai Festival	1	April	1,000	...	This Festival take place on Thiruvathirai day
					3. Visakam Festival	1	May	1,000	...	On day of Visakam Star another Festival of same kind takes place on Thiruvathirai day
					4. Adi Thirumanjanam Arudra	11 10	June/July Dec/Jan	50,000	...	This Festival falls on day of Uthiram Star
					5. Adi Pooram	1	July/Aug	15,000	...	...
					6. Avani Moolam	1	Aug/Sep	1,000	...	...
					7. Navarathri Ambal Festival	9	Sep/Oct	1,000	...	...
					8. Poosam Festival	10	Oct/Nov	1,000	...	...

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					CHIDAMBARAM TALUK (Contd.)					
138.	Chidambaram (M) —(Contd.)	1·34	Chidambaram	½	9. Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov/Dec	1,000	...	...
					10. Poosam Festival	10	Jan/Feb	1,000	...	This Festival ends on Poosam day, lasting for 10 days
					11. Masi-Magham	1	Feb/March	1,000	...	Takes place on Masi-Magham day
					12. Panguni Uthiram	10	Mar/Aprll	1,000	...	This Festival ends on Panguni Uthiram day
142.	Pannapattu (P)	1·56	Chidambaram	9	Iyanar Koil Uthsavam	10	April	500	Eatables	39
148.	Kilpalayam-kottai (P)	2·48	do	22	Muthumari-amman Shandy	1	...	150	Provisions, textiles, mud pots & fish	45 Shandy meets on every Thursday
153.	Kaliamalai (P) Kandakumaram	0·93	do	10	Mayanakollai Angalamman Festival	10	Feb/Mar	1,000	Sugarcane, plantains & coconuts	40
160.	Vakkarmari C, (V)	0·78	do	3	Mariamman Festival	1	July/Aug	200	Mud pots and fruits	3
161.	Elanangoor (P)	0·91	do	3/8	Mariamman Theemithi Festival	1	June	500	Eatables	33
164.	Usuppur (P)	0·94	do	1½	Mariamman Koil Festival	10	May	500	Eatables	30

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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					CHIDAMBARAM TALUK (Contd.)					
5.	Thiruvakulam (V)	1·57	Chidambaram	1½	1. Mariamman Theemithi Festival	1	July/Aug	1,000	Eatables, toys & bangles	34
					2. Koothandar Festival	1	April/May			
					3. Visakha Uthiram	1	May/June			
5.	Kadavacheri (P)	0·70	do	2½	Droupathiamman Uthsavam	...	...	300	...	32
7.	Vallampadugai (P)	2·02	Ballampadugai	1	Shandy	1	...	200	Varieties of articles	25 Shandy meets on Monday
3.	Puthur Tc (V)	0·44	Chidambaram	12	Guru Poojai	7	July/Aug	2,000	...	42 Takes place in Avittam Star
8.	Tirunarayur (P)	2·48	do	10	Nambiyandar Nambi Tirunal	1	May	200	Sweets	38
1.	Lalpettai (P)	4·41	do	14	Cattle Shandy	1	...	400	Cattle	45 Shandy meets on every Tuesday
9.	Kattumannar Koil (P) (Mannarkudi) Udayarkudi	7·50	do	16	Perumal Koil Brahmothsa-vam	10	Apr/May	...	...	...
			do	16	Mariamman Theemithi Uthsavam	1	July/Aug	5,000	Vessels & fruits	...
234.	Vavalthope (V)	0·25	do	...	Pongal Festival	2	Jan/Feb	...	...	...
235.	Pillayarthangal (V)	0·46	do	15	Deepavali Festival	1	Oct/Nov	Village people	...	50

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					CHIDAMBARAM TALUK (Concld.)					
243.	Puliyangudi Ma. (V)	1·16	Chidambaram	15	1. Masi Magham Festival	1	Feb/Mar	10,000	Sugarcane, plantains, fruits & varieties of goods	40
					2. Adi Kadai Velli Festival	1	July/Aug	2,000		
265.	Eyyalur (V)	0·54	do	22	Masi Magham Festival	1	Feb/Mar	3,000	Plantains, shop articles, sweetmeats, bell-metal vessels, betel nuts & coconuts	70
271.	Kunnavasal (P) Omampuliyur	0·84	do	22	do	1	Feb/March	3,000	Sugarcane, plantains & shop articles	60

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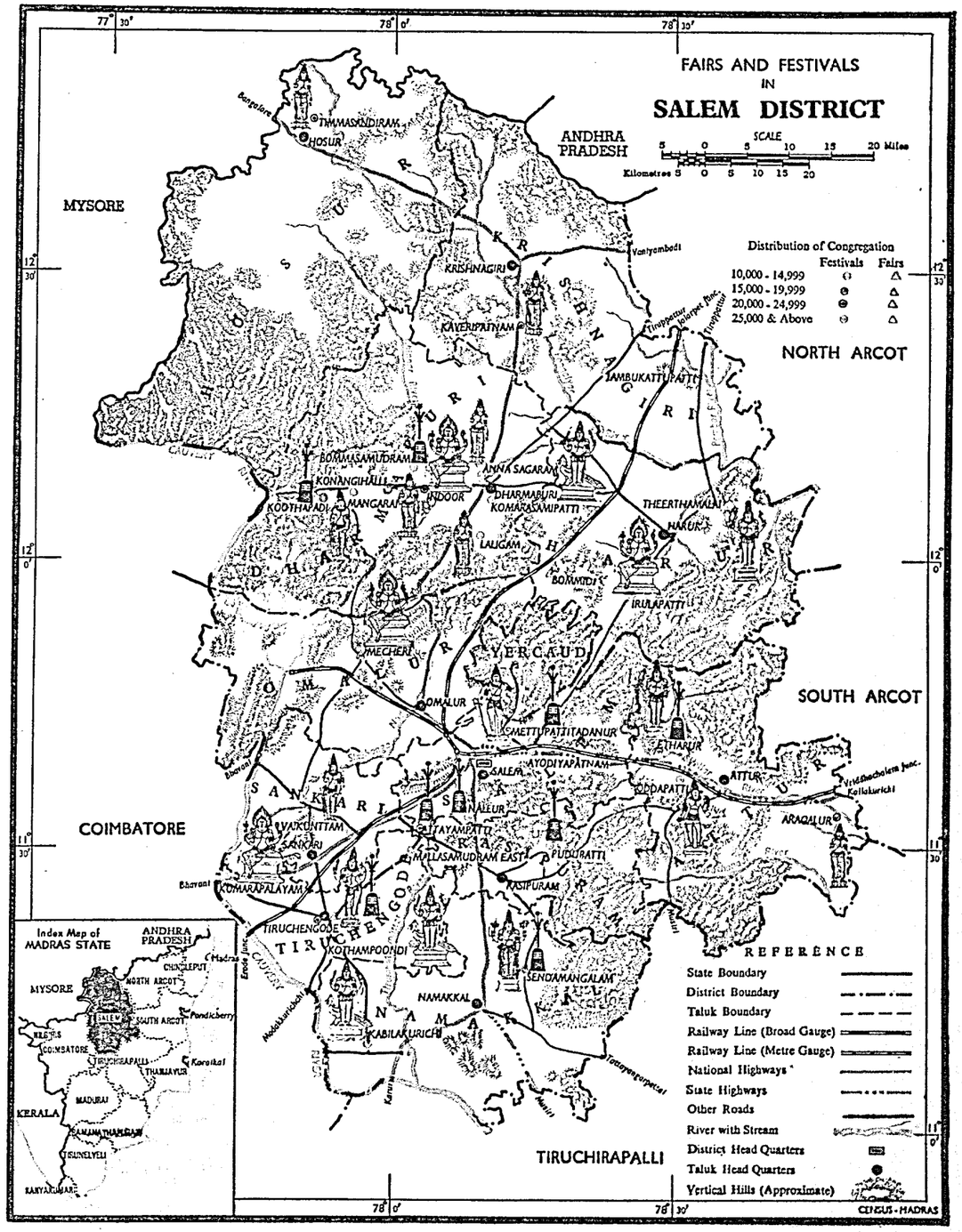
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FAIRS AND FESTIVALS IN SALEM DISTRICT

The Salem district celebrates 580 Hindu, 3 Christian and 2 Moslem festivals every year. The attendance at these festivals is as follows:

Community.	No. of festivals	Attendance
Hindu	580	1,070,755
Christian	3	1,500
Moslem	2	2,600
Total	**585**	**1,074,855**

Apart from the 585 festivals listed above, there are 74 minor Hindu festivals about which full details are not available. Adding these, the Hindus in Salem district indeed celebrate 654 festivals.

Among the 8 taluks in the district, Salem taluk celebrates the maximum number of 158 festivals and attracts the largest attendance too. Namakkal taluk gets the second place with 99 festivals.

Attur taluk celebrates the least number of festivals, namely, 29. The least attendance at festivals is seen in hilly Yercaud taluk. Only 19,260 people grace its 54 festivals. The following Table gives in one view the number of festivals and their attendance in each taluk.

Taluk	No. of festivals	Attendance
Omalur	67	187,575
Yercaud	54	19,260
Salem	158	233,475
Sankari	49	89,530
Tiruchengode	66	116,040
Rasipuram	63	85,125
Attur	29	124,800
Namakkal	99	219,050
Total	**585**	**1,074,855**

Of the seasons in the year, the maximum of 192 festivals is celebrated in March-April, but February-March with 29 festivals musters the largest attendance. The least number of festivals, only one in number, is celebrated in September-October and is patronised by no more than 2,000 people. The following statement illustrates the position.

Month	No. of festivals	Attendance
January-February	75	141,565
February-March	97	279,240
March-April	192	271,105
April-May	83	99,025
May-June	29	41,450
June-July	7	9,500
July-August	23	91,050
August-September	15	41,100
September-October	1	2,000
October-November	30	43,350
November-December	15	24,650
December-January	18	30,820
Total	**585**	**1,074,855**

In Salem district, the most popular size of congregation at festivals is the ' below 1,000 ' bracket. 278 festivals subscribe to this kind of gathering. Next, the '1,001-4,999' range attracts 251 festivals. The '20,000-49,999 ' and '50,000 and above' sizes are popular, each attracting a couple of festivals.

Omalur Taluk credits the district with its biggest festival - Masi Magham which takes place at Mecheri. It is a 7 day car festival in honour of Bhadrakali Amman attracting the record crowd of 75,000 people. Namakkal taluk also celebrates a festival which gathers a half-lakh throng. It is the Perumal car festival in Sendamangalam during February-March. Hilly Yercaud Taluk's festivals never gather an assembly of more than 4,992 persons.

Festivals of longest duration are Attur taluk's distinction. Its Agni Festival and another car festival in veneration of Goddess Mariamman last nothing short of 30 days.

Taluk	Over 50,000	Festivals	20,000 to 49,999	Festivals	10,000 to 19,999	Festivals	5,000 to 9,999	Festivals	1,000 to 4,999	Festivals	Below 1,000	Festivals
Omalur ...	75,000	1	...	...	...	...	35,000	7	71,300	42	6,275	17
Yercaud ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,200	3	16,060	51
Salem ...	...	...	...	...	35,000	3	45,000	8	1,20,175	65	33,300	82
Sankari ...	...	...	...	...	10,000	1	29,000	5	42 000	24	8,530	19
Tiruchengode ...	...	...	...	...	40,000	4	11,000	2	42,790	21	15,050	31
Rasipuram ...	...	...	...	...	10.000	1	10,000	2	52,350	35	12,775	33
Attur ...	...	...	20,000	1	60,000	6	26,000	5	22,800	11	3,200	6
Namakkal ...	50,000	1	20,000	1	10,000	1	37,000	7	84,000	50	18,050	39
Total	**1,25,000**	**2**	**40,000**	**2**	**165,000**	**16**	**1,93,000**	**36**	**438,615**	**251**	**113,240**	**278**

The Salem district chiefly adores the village Goddesses. Thus Mariamman festivals are unique in the district.

The Christian and Moslem festivals number very low. Rasipuram and Attur taluks celebrate the Christian festivals while Tiruchengode and Namakkal taluks celebrate the Moslem events.

FAIRS

The 8 taluks of Salem district conduct 140 fairs, attended by 246,850 people. Among them, 118 are weekly fairs and 22 are insignificant.

Salem taluk stages the record number of 34 fairs in all the district while Yercaud taluk holds only a couple of fairs which have also the minimum attendance as well.

The district's biggest fair is held in Omalur taluk. Over 25,000 people converge at it. Sankari and Tiruchengode taluks specialise in mammoth cattle fairs, though all fairs in all taluks deal with livestock. For weekly fairs, Sundays are very popular and Thursdays come next in importance. The following statement explains the position clearly.

Taluk	Weekly fair	Non-descript fair	Attendance	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Omalur ...	28	...	65,450	6	5	3	3	4	5	2
Yercaud ...	2	...	800	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Salem ...	32	2	59,350	6	5	...	6	8	4	4
Sankari ...	12	8	36,250	1	2	3	5	2	...	...
Tiruchengode ...	8	5	22,200	...	2	3	1	1	1	...
Rasipuram ...	11	3	20,600	3	...	3	1	4	...	...
Attur ...	6	1	14,500	...	1	2	1	...	...	...
Namakkal ...	19	3	27,700	6	6	1	2	3	2	2
Total ...	**118**	**22**	**2,46,850**	**24**	**21**	**15**	**19**	**22**	**12**	**8**

DHARMAPURI DISTRICT

The Dharmapuri district, comprising four taluks weaned from the erstwhile Salem district, celebrates 204 festivals every year attended by 494,970 people. Of these, Hindus celebrate 201 festivals, Christians two and Moslems one.

Community	No. of festivals	Attendance
Hindu	201	488,570
Christian	2	4,400
Moslem	1	2,000
Total	**204**	**494,970**

Besides the 204 festivals listed above, there are 29 minor Hindu festivals about which full details are not available. Adding these, the Hindus in Dharmapuri district celebrate 230 festivals.

The Dharmapuri taluk celebrates 117 festivals which is the maximum in the district. Hosur taluk celebrates only 5 festivals, the least in the district.

Taluk	No. of festivals	Attendance
Hosur	5	34,000
Krishnagiri	58	110,850
Harur	24	58,150
Dharmapuri	117	291,970
Total	**204**	**494,970**

Not all months in the year find the Dharmapuri district busy with festivals. October-November and November-December and January-February celebrate most of the festivals. January-February sees the maximum number of 62 festivals celebrated. This month also attracts the largest attendance. December-January on the contrary, celebrates the least number of festivals—only four-and these fascinate very few as is evident in the Table below:

Month	No. of festivals	Attendance
January—February	62	94,770
February—March	18	67,700
March—April	17	42,000
April—May	45	78,250
May—June	25	40,300
June—July	5	6,700
July—August	13	31,050
August—September	8	72,000
September—October	7	59,300
October—November	...	...
November—December	...	...
December—January	4	2,900
Total	**204**	**494,970**

The most popular size of attendance at festivals is in the 1,000—4,999 bracket. As many as 104 festivals come under this range. The least in count is the 20,000—49,999 size which adores but one festival. Even the mammoth size of 50,000 visitors has two festivals to its credit.

Taluk	Over 50,000	Festivals	20,000 to 49,999	Festivals	10,000 to 19,999	Festivals	5,000 to 9,999	Festivals	1,000 to 4,999	Festivals	Below 1,000	Festivals
Hosur ...	...	...	...	...	20,000	2	13,000	2	1,000	1	...	...
Krishnagiri ...	...	...	...	...	15,000	1	15,000	3	74,350	40	6,500	14
Harur ...	...	...	...	...	20,000	2	18,000	3	17,500	11	2,650	9
Dharmapuri ...	1,00,000	2	20,000	1	40,000	4	25,000	5	85,800	52	21,170	53
Total ...	**1,00,000**	**2**	**20,000**	**1**	**95,000**	**9**	**71,000**	**13**	**1,78,650**	**104**	**30,320**	**76**

From the Table above, it is seen that Dharmapuri taluk has festivals patronised by all sizes of congregation, but Hosur, Krishnagiri and Harur never attract any crowd so much as 10,000 strong.

The district celebrates its biggest and smallest festivals in the Dharmapuri taluk. Adi Perukku, the biggest festival is celebrated for 3 days in August and attracts a devout pilgrim concourse of over 50,000. Koothapadi village conducts this famous event. The smallest festival in the district is the Pongal celebration at Budihalli village attended by no more than 20 people.

Krishnagiri taluk's greatest festival is celebrated in Kaveripatnam. It is the Angalamman festival which lasts 2 days in February attended by 15,000 people.

The minorities, Moslems and Christians celebrate 1 and 2 festivals respectively. In Sethampatti village of Dharmapuri taluk, the Christians go gay at Christmas. Moharrum, the only Moslem festival is celebrated in the Thenkajaraikottai village of Harur taluk.

FAIRS

The Dharmapuri district conducts 31 weekly fairs regularly attended by some 433, 450 people. About 16 other fairs in the district, full details are not available.

Krishnagiri taluk with 16 weekly fairs and 12 non-descript fairs, bids fair to be reputed as the district's hub of commerce. The fairs are patronised by 379,000 people.

Harur taluk is even better, in that its fairs are very crowded. Two fairs, particularly, at Bommidi and Theerthamalai attract nothing less than 10,000 people. Other fairs too fascinate sizable gatherings.

Cattle, grocery, pulses, oil-seeds, vegetables, fruits and meat besides textiles and agricultural implements are the articles on display.

Taluk	...	Weekly Fair	Non-descript fair	Attend-ance	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-day	Thursday	Friday	Satur-day
Hosur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Krishnagiri	...	16	12	384,000	3	2	2	2	2	3	1
Harur	...	16	1	42,400	2	1	2	2	2	2	1
Dharmapuri	...	3	1	7,050	...	1	1	1	...	...	...
Total	...	35	14	433,450	5	4	5	5	4	5	2

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS (Contd.)

SALEM DISTRICT

L. C. No.	Name of the Village/ Panchayat	Area in Sq.Miles	Nearest Railway Station	Distance (in Miles) from Railway Station	Name of the Festival	Total No. of days	Month	Atten-dance	Articles sold	Distance (in Miles) from District Head-quarters & informa-tion of importance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					HOSUR TALUK					
34.	Avalapalli (P) Thimmsandirem	3·35	Malur	15	Sappalamma Festival	5	January	2,000 to 10,000	Cattle, sweetmeats & bengal gram	105
37.	Hosur (M.P)	3·91	do	20	Chandra Suda-natheswara swamy Festival	4	March	2,000 to 10,000	Sweetmeats, vessels & fancy goods	100
113.	Kelamangalam (P)	2·37	do	32	Fair	1	...	3,000	Cattle, pulses, coconuts, blankets and jaggery	86
117.	Mathagoundapalli (P)	3·92	do	30	Venkataramana-swamy Car Festival	5	February	2,000 to 8,000	Sweetmeats & textiles	72
149.	Royacotta (P)	4·31	Marappur	51	1. Fair	1	...	2,000	Pulses, Sweetmeats & textiles	72
					2. Mahabaratha Festival Dharmaraja Koil	13	April	1,000	Sweetmeats & beverages	...
155.	Denkanikotta	4·00	Malur	35	Pedrayanaswamy Car Festival	10	do	5,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	95
					KRISHNAGIRI TALUK					
1.	Bathimadugu (P)	1·50	Kamasamudram	14	Basaveswara-swamy Pongal	1	Jan/Feb	700	Grocery	96
4.	Kuriyanapalli (P)	5·06	do	16	Sri Basuveswara-swamy Festival	3	Feb/Mar	100	Roasted nuts & edibles	94
5.	Theertham (P)	1·66	do	12	1. Fair 2. Theerthigirees-warar swamy Festival	1 1	Dec/Jan	100	Grocery and vegetables	90 Fair meets on every Monday

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					KRISHNAGIRI TALUK (Contd.)					
7.	Neralagiri (P)	1·55	Melur	14	Anjaneyar Festival	...	April/May	700	Edibles	90 Full Moon Day
10.	Chigramaganapalli (P)	2·60	Kudipath	8	1. Fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, clothes, earthenwares and edibles	91
					2. Sri Kothanda-ramaswamy Festival	10	Mar/Apr	2,000		
					3. Sri Nagares-wararswamy Festival	10	Apr/May	2,000		
14.	Chennasandiram (P)	3·45	Kamasamudram	16	Pasuveswaran Koil Festival	1	March	500	Edibles	90
	Avanatham (H)		do	10						
18.	Veppanapalli (P)	0·33	Kudipalli	8	Sri Kasi Viswa-nathaswamy Koil Car Festival	10	Apr/May	500	Eatables, grocery, vessels & fancy goods	89
19.	Naralapalli (P)	13·42	Kuppam	19	Maharaja Kodai Fair	1	...	400	Grocery, eatables, clothes, betelnuts & grains	79
21.	Chinnamarajapalli (P)	4·68	do	14	Pasuvamman Festival	7	February	1,000	Sweetmeats, fruits & coconuts	90
22.	Varattanapalli (P)	8·06	do	17	Fair	1	...	300	Edibles	75. Fair meets on every Thursday
26.	Kodipalli (P)	2·50	Samalpathi	30	Sri Venugopala-swamy Festival	7	January	1,500	Grocery & clothes	75
30.	Kurubarapalli (P)	1·20	Tiruppathur	32	Fair	1	...	100	Vegetables & miscellane-ous articles	80
31.	Ennegollur (P)	3·50	do	44	Adi Festival	2	July/Aug	1,500	Utility articles & fancy goods	86

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					KRISHNAGIRI TALUK (Contd.)					
.	Kammampalli (P)	4·38	Tiruppathur	30	Droupathi-amman Festival	...	April	500	Utility articles, fancy goods and eatables	75
.	Paeppalli (P)	5·01	Samalpathi	3	Timmarajaswamy Car Festival	...	January	1,000	Sweetmeats	57
.	Orappam (P)	4·17	Tiruppathur	21	Fair	1	...	800	Grocery & cattle	77
			Pachur	8	Narasimhaswamy Festival	10	January	500	Fancy goods	82
.	Kattinayanapalli (P)	3·73	Tiruppathur	30	Samundiamman Festival	7	August	1,000	Eatables & brass wares	73
.	Krishnagiri (P)	4·50	R.S.	17	Fair	1	...	1,000	Fancy goods	72
					Dasara Festival	10	September	2,000	...	...
.	Kundarapalli (P)	1·20	Tiruppathur	30½	Fair	1	...	2,000	Cattle & vegetables	76½
.	Anchoor (P) Modikuppam (H)	1·39	Samalpatti	22	Sivarathiri Festival	1	Feb/Mar	500	Eatables and fancy goods	78
.	Jagadevi (P)	15·46	do	17	Fair	1	...	...	Fancy goods	79
.	Perugopanapalli (P) Puligunta (H)	8·96	do	12	Origihi Narasim-maswamy Festival	3	February	4,000	Coconuts, plantains, eatables & fancy goods	82 On Maha Sivarathri Day
.	Malayandahalii (P)	5·25	do	25	Mariamman Festival	3	July	1,000	Eatables & fancy goods	64
7.	Chinnamuthur (P) Periamuthur (H)	2·53	...	25	Mariamman Festival	2	May	3,500	Utility articles	69 Once in two years
2.	Juttandahalli (P)	11·37	Morappur	52	do	2	Apr/May	3,000	Eatables	76

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					KRISHNAGIRI TALUK (Contd.)					
83.	Mahendira-mangalam (P)	4·17	Marappur	37	Chelliamman Festival	3	January	2,000	Vessels, eatables and fancy goods	86
			do	50	Mariamman Festival	2	Jan/Feb	1,300	Eatables	75
85.	Gudalapatti (P)	2·88	Samalpatti	26	do	1	July/Aug	1,000	Utility articles & fancy goods	66
87.	Kavaripatnam (P)	1·00	do	21	1. Fair	1	...	4,000	Food grains & vegetables	64
					2. Angalamman Festival	2	February	15,000	Fancy goods	...
89.	Chouttahalli (P)	2·50	do	26	Mariamman Festival	3	July	1,950	Utility articles and fancy goods	64
92.	Erumampatti (P)	2·50	Kalipatti Road	4	Periamman Festival	2	Feb/Mar or April	400	Plantains & Eatables	...
94.	Kannandhalli (P)	6·09	Samalpatti	10	Fair	1	...	3,000	Food grains, grocery, vegetables, eatables, clothes, fruits, ironwares, baskets, earthenwares & crockeries	80 Fair meets on every Friday
98.	Mathur (P) Pattrahalli (H)	2·73	do	7	1. Kaliamman Festival	1	January	2,000	Pops, nuts, sweets and sugarcane	67
					2. Pongal Festival	4				
101.	Kattagaram (P)	6·29	Daṣampatti	14	Fair	1	February	1,000	Edibles	73 Fair meets on every Thursday
					Pillaiyar Festival	1	...			

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					KRISHNAGIRI TALUK (Contd.)					
103.	Nadungal (P)	2·19	Samalpatti	20	Akkamariamman Festival • Angalamman Festival	7	...	1,000	Food grains and vegetables	66 Fair meets on every Thursday
					Fair	1	...	1,000	...	...
104.	Marisettihalli	2·17	do	20	Akkamariamman Festival	7	...	500	Fancy goods	72
105.	Ponneswara-madam (H)	2·93	do	23	Pongal	...	...	50	do	63
106.	Payyur (P)	4·29	do	23	Sakkiamman Festival; Ponniamman Festival	2	January	1,500	Eatables	59
108.	Mittahalli (P)	5·04	do	25	Chamundiamman Festival; Pottalamman Festival	3	May/June	2,000	Fancy goods	65 Once in two years
111.	Jakksamudram (P)	7·93	do	28	Fair	1	...	500	Grains, grocery, jaggery, tobacco & sugar cane	70
	Bommanur	7·93	Morappam	28	Fair	1	...	600	Grains, fruits, betel nuts, vegetables & cattle	70
112.	Bannihalli (P)	6·27	do	35	1. Mariamman Festival	3	May/June	2,300	Utility articles & fancy goods	60
					2. Chelliamman Festival	3	Jan./Feb.	2,300	do	
114.	Kardihalli (P)	3·70	Samalpatti	20	Sri Ranganatha-swami Car Festival	3	January	5,006	Eatables, sweets, sugarcane, betel nuts, coconuts, fruits and incense	58

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					KRISHNAGIRI TALUK (Contd.)					
116.	Avathavadi (P) Molloor (H)	4·65	Dasampatti	15	Chelliamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	2,000	Sweetmeats	60 On Masi Magham day
117.	Thatrahalli (P)	3·81	Samalpatti	20	Mariamman Festival	2	July/Aug	500	Foodgrains & sweetmeats	58
121.	Veepalampatti (P)	3·87	Dasampatti	13	Festival (Baratham)	18	January	4,000	Pounded rice and sweet-meats	74
123.	Pulliampatti (P)	3·67	do	12	Mariamman Festival	14	April	1,000	Sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	60
125.	Kavundanoor (P) Sonrahalli (H)	4·65	Samalpatti	7	1. Pongal Festival 2. Baratham Discourses	2 12	January	2,500	Edibles	69
127.	Ramakrishnapatti	2·67	Kakkangarai	1½	Pattalamman Festival	3	Apr/May	1,000	Fruits	75
128.	K. Papparapatti (P)	2·74	Samalpatti	10	Fair	1	...	400	Sweetmeats, cattle, fowls and fancy goods	53 Fair meets on every Friday
135.	Kunnathur (P)	2·33	R. S.	½	1. Fair	1	...	1,500	Navathaniams, vegetables, fruits and sweetmeats	65 Fair meets on every Thursday
					2. Mariamman Festival	3	January	1,500	Miscellaneous articles	...
140.	Kodamandapatti (P)	4·49	Samalpatti	4	Fair	1	...	750	Grocery, sweetmeats, bengal gram, rice, oils, vegeta-bles, fruits, coconuts, stationery & toiletery	55 Fair meets on every Friday
	Marappanaickampatti				Kumaragiri Subramaniyar Adi Kirthigai Festival	1	July/Aug	3,000		
					Mattu Pongal Festival	1	January	3,000		

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					KRISHNAGIRI TALUK (Contd.)					
144.	Pochampalli (P) Jambukattupatti	4·25	Dasampatti	9	Fair	1	...	10,000	Cattle & edibles	60 Fair meets on every Sunday
146.	Keelkuppam (P)	2·46	do	10	Mariamman Festival	3	May	1,500	Sweetmeats	60
147.	Bahur (P)	2·88	Puchur	10	Fair	1	...	1,500	Edibles, betel-leaves & nuts	80 Fair meets on every Tuesday
148.	Sellakuttapatti (P)	2·17	Dasampatti	15	Nagammman Festival Kaliamman Festival	1 2	January March	1,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	60
149.	Pannandur (P)	2·02	do	12	Mariamman Festival Ankalamman Festival	2 3	April May	1,000	Coconuts & roasted nuts	60
153.	Vadamangalam (P)	0·90	do	11	Mariamman Festival Oor Nonbu	3 8	April May	1,000	Sweetmeats	60
154.	Arasampatti (P) Pendrahalli (H)	3·22	do	10	Arasampatti Fair	1	...	1,000	Navathaniams, vegetables, fruits, sweetmeats & foodgrains	65 Fair meets on every Wednesday
156.	Anandhur (P)	2·76	do	5	Fair	1	...	3,000	Foodgrains & sweetmeats	50 Fair meets on every Monday
159.	Soolakarai (P)	3·81	do	1	Festival	3	May/June	5,000	...	52
	Onnagarai				Fair	1	...	1,000	Grocery, sweetmeats, coir products & agricultural implemenrs	...

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					KRISHNAGIRI TALUK (Concld.)					
160.	Salamaruthupatti (P)	3·93	Dasampatti	5	Sri Chemroya-swamy Festival (Sivarathiri)	2	Feb/Mar	5,000	Brass wares, iron, oares & sweetmeats	55 On Maha Sivarathri Day
163.	Samalpatti (P)	4·01	R. S.	½	Fair	1	...	500	Grocery, foodgrains & vegetables	60 Fair meets on every Saturday
					Thai Poosam Car Festival	1	Jan/Feb	2,000	Coconuts, fruits and eatables	...
165.	Uttangarai (P)	3·44	Samalpatti	5	Fair	1	...	750	Vegetables, grocery and clothes	54 Fair meets on every Sunday
171.	Singarapatti (P)	4·99	Tirupattu	10	Fair	1	...	200	Foodgrains & sweetmeats	84 Fair meets on every Sunday
177.	Reddipatti (P)	1·20	Samalpatti	2	1. Pongal	1	January	500	Toiletery & sweetmeats	56
					2. Madu vidum Festival	1	Feb/Mar			
180.	Kallavi (P)	3·47	Dasampatti	½	1. Kallavi Fair	1	...	2,500	Baskets, food grains, ropes and sweetmeats	60 Fair meets on every Tuesday
	Panamarathupatti (H)				2. Pongal Festival	4	January			
189.	Katteri (P)	3·24	Morappur	12	Amman Theertham	7	January	500	Foodgrains & eatables	47 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					Fair	1	...			

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					HARUR TALUK					
1.	Bannikulam (P)	2·29	Morappur	12	1. Mariamman Festival	1	Apr./May	300	Utility articles and fancy goods	52
					2. Chelliamman Festival	1	May/June			
3.	Kongarapatti (P)	4·52	do	10	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	300	Fancy goods & sweetmeats	58
12.	Matiambatti (V)	2·06	Samalpatti	13	Mariamman Car Festival	1	May/June	1,100	Coconuts, fruits and roasted nuts	49
19.	Kosapatti (P)	5·17	Morappur	1½	Erudu kattum Festival	2	Jan/Feb	450	...	46
20.	Kambainallore (P)	8·40	do	8	Fair	1	...	4,000	Cattle, foodgrains, clothes, grocery and fancy goods	49 Fair meets on every Friday
24.	Palayampalli (P)	5·82	do	4	Mariamman Festival	1	Apr/May	350	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	51
25.	Thoppampatti	3·32	do	2	Erudu kattum Festival	2	Jan/Feb	200	...	45
29.	K. Vetrapatti (P)	3·13	...	3/16	Fair	1	...	1,000	Grocery, rice, vegetables and sweet-meats	46 Fair meets on every Sunday
30.	Theerthamalai (P)	12·46	do	17½	Fair	1	...	10,000	Grocery	46½ Fair meets on every Friday
					Theerthagiri Eswarar Festival	10	Feb/Mar			Begins on Full Moon day of Masi
40.	Maniambadi (P)	4·02	Thonganur	1	Maniyambadi Sri Venkata-ramanaswamy Festival	...	Sep/Oct	500	Sweetmeats and utility articles	45
45.	Sinthalpadi (P)	4·81	...	1/8	Fair	1	...	2,700	Foodgrains and utility articles	51 Fair meets on every Tuesday

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					HARUR TALUK (Contd.)					
49.	Harur	4·71	Morappur	8	Fair	1	...	...	...	37 Fair meets on every Monday
52.	Veppampatti (P)	4·39	do	15	1. Fair	1	...	500	Light refresh-ments, sweets, fruits, coconuts & roasted nuts	43 Fair meets on every Thursday
					2. Droupathi-amman Festival	...	May/June	2,000		
53.	Bairanaickampatti (P)	5·41	do	26	Bairanaickampatti Fair	1	...	500	Rice, clothes & grocery	55 Fair meets on every Saturday
66.	Kadathur (P)	4·07	Buddireddipatti	3	1. Fair	1	...	8,000	Betel leaves, nuts, fruits, rice, food-grains, jag-gery, vege-tables, coconuts, clothes, pearls & cattle	45 Fair meets on every Sunday
					2. Erudu kattum Festival	...	Jan/Feb			
67.	Puliampatti (Hanisenahalli)	6·50	...	2	Adi Festival	1	July/Aug	1,500	Coconuts, fruits & sweetmeats	42 On 18th Adi
69.	Sunkarahalli (P)	4·41	...	2½	Thai Pongal	4	January	1,000	...	38
73.	Kethureddipatti (P)	2·83	...	1½	Erudu kattum Festival	2	Jan/Feb	250	...	42
74.	Thalanatham (P)	7·08	...	¼	Mandu Erudu kattum Festival	1	February	5,000	Light refreshments, grocery & fancy goods	45
75.	Thathanoor (P)	1·73	Tharganur	3	Mattu Pongal	3	January	2,000	Grocery	39
76.	Karthanur Beddasamudram	0·88	do	3	do	3	do	2,000	do	39
77.	Ramenahalli (P)	7·20	do	3	do	3	do	2,000	do	39

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					HARUR TALUK (Concld.)					
78.	Thenkaraikottai (P)	5·07	Tharganur	6	1. Sri Kalyanaramar Car Festival	1	Aug/Sep	2,000	Coconuts and roasted nuts	36
					2. Sri Nanjundes-warar Car Festival	1	do			
					3. Moharrum Festival	1	...			
85.	Kokkarapatti (P)	3·97	do	11	Fair	1	...	5,000	Foodgrains and vegeta-bles	32 Fair meets on every Wednesday
90.	Alapuram (P)	6·00	do	8	Pachaiamman Festival	1	August	1,000	Fruits, vegetables, edibles & fancy goods	31
91.	Menasi (P)	4·84	Bommidi	9	Mariamman Car Festival	2	May	2,000	Light refresh-ments, fruits, vegetables leather & grocery	30
95.	Bommidi (P)	3·09	do	2	Bommidi fair	1	...	10,000	Paddy, rice, ragi and cattle	36 Fair meets on every Thursday
103.	Irulapatti (P)	6·78	Morappur	13	Kaliamman Festival	4	Aug/Sep	10,000	Grocery, utility articles, fancy goods and edibles	28
106.	A. Pallipatti (P)	3·09	Thanganur	11	Fair	1	...	700	Grocery, vegetables & leather	29
107.	Adugarapatti (V)	3·20	do	11	Mariamman Festival	1	June	4,000 to 5,000	Coconuts & plantains	27
117.	Manjavadi (P)	3·97	Bommidi	16	Mariamman Car Festival	3	Apr/May	1,000	Coconuts & fruits	19

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	DHARMAPURI TALUK									
1.	Somanur (V)	18·05	Morappur	35	Pongal	2	January	1,000 to 1,500	...	68
2.	Chikkadoranapettam (V)	4·21	do	30	do	3	do	1,500	Light refreshments and fancy goods	73
3.	Chikkamarandahalli (V)	0·81	do	35	do	2	do	200 to 400	...	68
4.	Marandahalli (V)	Included in L.C. 1	...	6	do	2	do	200 to 400	...	...
5.	Marandahalli (P)	R.S.	...	...	Mariamman Festival	2	do	500 to 1,000	Brasswares & sweetmeats	68
					Pattalamman Festival	2	February	do		
					Pongal	2	January	do		
					Angalamman Festival	10	February	...		
6.	Athimuthu (V)	0·31	Morappur	47	Pongal	3	January	1,000	...	71
7.	Kandenahalli (V)	Included in L.C. 1	Marandahalli	2	Mariamman Festival	2	do	300 to 500	...	28
				3	Pongal	2	do			
					Mandukeli Attuhal	2	...	...	Sweetmeats & grocery	...
					Manjimalai Mariamman Festival	1	...	...	...	...
					Chokkanu Munideva Festival	2	...	...	...	...
8.	Gojarahalli (V)	3·29	Morappur	41	Fair	1	...	50	Betel leaves, nuts, and light refreshments	64 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					Mariamman Festival	1	March	500		
					Pamalayamman Festival	1	April	500		

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	DHARMAPURI TALUK (Contd.)									
15.	Elimichanahalli (P)	Included in L.C. 34	Morappur	20	Pongal	2	January	300	...	60
16.	Elimichanhalli (V)	Included in L.C. 23	do	27	Mariamman Festival	3	April	3,000	Sweetmeats & vessels	66
19.	Karimangalam (V)	2·76	do	19	Fair	1	...	5,000	Sugarcane & groundnuts	55 Fair meets on every Tuesday
					Arungeeswarar Festival	4	Jan/Feb	...		
					do	10	Mar/Apr	...		
					do	10	Apl/May	...		
22.	Naganampatti (P)	Included in L.C. 64	do	22	Mariamman Festival	4	April	1,500	Vessels and sweetmeats	65
					Pongal	...	January			
23.	Hanumanthapuram (P)	9·42	do	20	Pongal	2	January	500	Sweetmeats and grocery	60
					Mariamman Festival	2	June			
24.	Kondasamanapalli (V)	Included in L.C. 32	do	27	Mariamman Festival	3	May	1,500	Vessels and sweetmeats	63
27.	Belamaranahalli	Included in L.C. 32	do	25	Amanakkampatti Mandu	2	January	500	do	70
29.	Nallur (V)	Included in L.C. 24	do	35	Mandu during Pongal	2	do	300	...	70
30.	Budihalli (V)	Included in L.C. 34	do	35	Pongal	1	do:	20	...	62
32.	Ganapathy (P) Thirumalavadi (H)	Included in L.C. 34	do	35	do	2	do	250	...	72
33.	Vattuanahalli (P)	4·08	do	44	Kottur Malai Mariamman Festival	3	Jan/Feb	500	Light refreshments	69
					Morappur Mariamman Festival	3	do	500	Sweetmeats	69

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					DHARMAPURI TALUK (contd.)					
	Pavalandur	4·08	Morappur	53	Mariamman Festival	1	January	200	Sweetmeats	63
34.	Bevahalli (V)	...	do	83	Pongal (Erudu kattum Festival) Akkumariamman Festival	2	do	1,500	do	64
35.	Seeranahalli	..	do	33	Pongal	1	do	300	...	63
38.	Buppidi	...	do	31	Pongal (Erudu kattum Festival Chelliamman Festival	2	do	300	Sweetmeats & vessels	70
41.	Palacode (P)	...	do	30	Paremeswaraswamy Car Festival Pudur Mariamman Koil Festival Droupathiamman Car Festival Pattalamman Festival Fair	1 2 1 1 1	May/June Jan/Feb Mar/Apr do do	1000	Sweets	56 Fair meets on every Monday
43.	Pulikkal (P)	0·02	do	22	Mariamman Festival	2	May/June	...	Vessels & sweetmeats	53
44.	Nariyanahalli (V) Thumbalahalli	Included in L.C. 64	do	28	do	7	Apr/May	2,000	do	57
54.	Kovilur (P)	2·36	do	27	do	2	May/Apr June/July	500	Sweetmeats	...
57.	Bolaboguthana-halli (V)	included in L.C. 64	do	30	do	3	July	1,500	Sweetmeats & vessels	55
58.	Bathialahalli (V)	included in L.C. 23	do	27	do	2	May	2,000	Sweetmeats, vessels & fancy goods	53

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					DHARMAPURI TALUK (Contd.)					
61.	Kattanahalli (V)	included in L.C. 64	Morappur	27	Mariamman Chelliamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	500	Sweetmeats	55
63.	Karagathahalli (V)	4·30	do	30	Oor Festival	3	do	500	do	55 Once in three years
64.	Pappinaickenhalli	20·56	do	27	Mariamman Festival	2	April/May	...	do	55 Once in three years
65.	Settihalli (V)	20·56	do	28	Mariamman Festival	2	April/May	200	...	52
69.	Panaikulam	2·89	do	29	Chelliamman Festival Matheswara-swamy	2 6	Feb/Mar April	3,000	Coconuts & grocery	54
70.	Giddanahalli (P)	0·58	do	30	Mariamman Festival	1	Apr/May/ June/July or August	100	Vessels & sweetmeats	55
71.	Pikkili (P)	4·47	do	34	Oor Nonbu Festival	4	April	2,500	Light Refreshments	60
73.	Veppalahalli (P)	...	do	27	Mariamman Festival	2	May/June/ July/Aug	400	Vessels & sweetmeats	53
74.	Papparapatty (P)	...	do	27	1. Subramaniya-swamy Koil Festival 2. Ambikeswari Festival 3. Perumalswamy Car Festival 4. Varadarajaswamy Festival	5 1 1 3	Jan/Feb Feb/Mar do Apr/May	1,000 100 100 100	Sugarcane, roasted nuts, vessels & fancy goods	52 Takes place on Thai poosam Item 2 on Ratha-sapthami and Item 4 on Chithira Pournami

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					DHARMAPURI TALUK (Contd.)					
75.	Madehalli (P)	2·21	Morappur	26	Kaliamman Festival	1	May/June	3,000	Vessels & sweetmeats	51
					Mariamman Festival	...	June/July			
77.	Madehalli (P)	included in L.C. 64	do	26	Mariamman Festival Kaliamman Festival	1	May/June or June/July	3,000	do	51
80.	Pulikkarai (V)	4·55	do	27	Sri Kunthiamma Car Festival	7	Jan/Feb	5,000	Sweetmeats	...
87.	Semmandakuppam (P) Muthahalli (H) Indulahalli (H) Kattayur (H)	4·05	do	20	Mariamman Festival	2	May	1,000	Utility articles & eatables	45
89.	Bargur (V)	4·24	do	23	Mariamman Festival	2	April/May	400	...	48
90.	Selliampatti (V)	3·47	do	25	Devamatha Festival	1	May	300 to 400	Sweetmeats	47
					Devamatha Salvation Day	1	June			
					Sowriyar Day	1	August			
					Christmas	1	Dec			
					Maria Madha-henal Festival	1	Dec			
92.	Palavadi (V)	3·72	do	28	Mariamman Festival	1	May/June July	2,000	do	52
					Mariamman Mandu Jathirai	1	Apr/May/ June	2,000	do	...
93.	Velampatti (P)	5·27	do	26	Mariamman Festival	1	Apr/May/ June/July or August	300	Vessels & sweetmeats	51 On any day of Chithirai, Vaikasi, Ani & Adi

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					DHARMAPURI TALUK (Contd.)					
95.	Thethiopanahalli (P)	9·41	Morappur	29	Mariamman Festival	2	May/June	1,000	Sweetmeats	54 On any Tuesday and Wednesday of May or June
96.	Anchehalli (P)	6·70	do	33	1. Oor Mari-ammam Festival	2	January	1,000	Light refreshments	58 On the day of Mattu Pongal & next
					2. Mariamman Jathihari	4	September	5,000		
99.	Bandahalli (P)	28·86	do	30	Droupathiamman Festival	3	April/May	500	Utility articles	55
					Guruvan Car Festival					
100.	Somemahalli (V)	28·86	do	30	Oor Mariamman Festival	3	May/June	300	Sweetmeats	52 On Full Moon Day
101.	Betrahalli (P)	2·46	do	27	Kaliamman Car Festival	4	April/May	700	do	52
					Chelliamman Festival	3	Apri/May/ June	700	do	52
					Oor Mariamman Festival	3	July/Aug September	1,000	do	52
102.	Daivihalli (P)	3·01	do	26	Oor Mariamman Festival	1	April/May June/July	500	...	51
103.	Bommasamudram (P)	Included in L.C. 98	do	25	Mariamman Festival	1	Mar/Apr	10,000	...	50
112.	Pulidikkarai (P)	2·44	do	13	Kolalnachiamman Festival	3	July	3,000	...	50 Once in three years
119.	Dharmapuri (P)	4·50	do	17	1. Angalamman Festival	10	Feb/Mar	10,000	...	42
	Anna Sagaram (H)				2. Subramaniya-swamy Car Festival	10	March	6,000	...	...
	Komarasamipatti (H)				3. Subramaniya-swamy Rathothsavam	...	Jan/Feb	10,000	Vessels	...

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					DHARMAPURI TALUK (Contd.)					
121.	Thadangam (V)	3·87	Morappur	21	Mariamman Festival	3	Apr/May	1,000	Eatables	39
122.	Balajangamanahalli (P)	6·02	do	23	do	3	May	1,000	do	40
123.	Indoor (P)	6·45	do	25	do	2	May/June July/Aug	1,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	50 Before Full Moon day
					Kaliamman Festival	10	Apr/May	20,000	Sweetmeats	55
					Subramaniyar Koil Festival	10	Jan/Feb	1,000	do	On Full Moon day
125.	Kongangihalli (P)	4·32	do	30	1. Rangaswami Car Festival	1	Apr/May	5,000	do	On Full Moon day
					2. Muniappan Festival	1	Dec/Jan	2,000	do	55
					3. Samundi-amman Festival	3	Sep/Oct	50,000	Vessels, clothes and sweetmeats	Once in three years
126.	Mangarai (P)	4·80	do	34	Mariamman Festival	3	Apr/May	2,000	Sweetmeats	59 On Full Moon day
					Oor Nonbu Sakkiammal and Chelliammal Festivals	15	Aug/Sep or Jan/Feb	10,000	do	...
129.	Koothapadi (P)	7·58	do	47	Adi Perukku	3	August	50,000	...	71 On 18th Adi
133.	Ehanahalli (V)	5·30	do	33	1. Karuramman Festival	2	Apr/May Aug/Sep	5,000	Sweetmeats	58
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	Apr/May	500	do	...
					3. Perumal Koil Festival	1	Sep/Oct	1,000	do	...

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					DHARMAPURI TALUK (Contd.)					
135.	Arakasanahalli (P)	8·29	Morappur	52	Mariamman and Nadhaiamman Festivals	2	Jan/Feb	1,000	Sweetmeats	77
136.	Elagiri (P)	3·94	do	23	Mariamman Festival	3	May	1,000	Eatables	39
137.	Pagaiahalli	3·31	do	27	do	2	January	1,000	do	35
138.	Nallampalli (P) Koviloor (H)	2·48	do	20	Easter	3	April	4,000	Candles, coconuts, sugarcane & eatables	38
139.	Adamankottah	5·34	do	23	Panguni Uthiram	5	Mar/Apr	5,000	Candles, coconuts, sugarcane & eatables	37 On Uthi-ram Star of Panguni
140.	A. Jettihalli (P)	2·12	do	22	Car Festival	2	March	2,000	Eatables	39
142.	Noolahalli (P)	13·36	do	20	Mariamman Festival	2	July/Aug/ Sep	200	Vessels and sweetmeats	46
143.	Nallasenahalli (P)	Included in L.C. 142	do	21	do	3	Apr/May	600	do	45
145.	Mademangalam (P)	2·83	do	21	Dasara Festival	1	September	300	do	40
146.	Laligam (P)	2·79	Bommidi	8	Ponniamman Festival	3	July	10,000	Eatables	39 On Full Moon Day of Panguni
148.	Laligam (V)	Included in L.C. 143	do	8	Kaliamman Car Festival	2	March	2,000	do	...
149.	Boodanahalli (V)	4·49	Morappur	22	Mariamman Festival	3	July	500	do	38
151.	Palayampudur (P)	6·28	do	27	do	3	March	1,000	do	32
152.	Dokkuputhanahalli (P)	4·52	do	29	do	3	April	50	do	...

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					DHARMAPURI TALUK (Concld.)					
154.	Manithahalli (P)	13·28	Kadayampatti	10	Mariamman Festival	2	May	600	Utility articles	34
155.	Chinnampalli	6·27	Morappur	48	Thimmaraya-swamy Festival	1	Sep/Oct	500	Sweetmeats	73 On any Saturday
					Kovayhatti Mariamman Festival	1	Jan/Feb or Mar/Apr	1,800	do	On three consecu-tive days either before or after Full Moon day of any one of the months
					Mandai Mariamman Festival	3	...	1,800	do	
					Akku Mariamman Festival					
157.	Kukuttamardahalli (P)	5·42	do	44	Mariamman Festival	3	June	500	Grocery	68
162.	Ramakondahalli (P)	8·56	Mettur	15	Veerabadhra-swami Annual Festival	7	March	2,000	Utility articles & grocery	42 (Via Madurai)
163.	Nagamarai (P)	15·16	do	10	Mariamman Festival	15	Jan/Feb	2,000	Utility articles	35
167.	Perumbalai (P)	7·47	Mettur	14	Mariamman Festival	15	February	2,000	...	30
168.	Kammanpatti (P)	9.00	Macheri	11	do	15	March	1,000	Eatables	28
171.	Veppilaimutham-patti (P)	included in L.C. 142	do	4	do	3	April/May	500	...	40
174.	Thippireddihalli	included in L.C. 147	Bommidi	1	Pidari Amman Festival	5	Mar/April	2,000	...	33

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					OMALUR TALUK					
1.	Kaveripuram (P)	25·29	Mettur	13	Mariamman Festival	3	August	2,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	45
2.	Dinnapatti (P)	15·12	do	10	do	3	March	500	do	41
3.	Kunandiyur (P)	3·59	Macheri	10	do	1	Mar/April	400	Sweetmeats	27
4.	Pallipatti (P)	6·53	do	8	do	1	Jan/Feb	1,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	27
5.	Mallikundam (P)	8·22	do	5½	Fair	1	...	1,000	Grocery, fruits sweetmeats, tobacco & fancy goods	Fair meets on every Monday
					Mariamman Koil Festival	17	Mar/ April	1,000	do	...
					Badrakali Koil Festival	15	do			
					Narasimhaswamy Festival	15	do			
					Thai Festival	4	January			
6.	Thethigiripatti (P)	2·59	...	7½	Mariamman Festival	2	...	1,000	Sweetmeats	7½
7.	Vellar (P)	5·62	Macheri Road	7	do	3	Mar/April	500	Foodgrains & sweetmeats	25
					Thiruvathirai Festival	2	Dec/Jan	1,500	do	...
					Fair	1	...	300	do	Fair meets on every Thursday
10.	Veppilai (V)	6·75	Lokkur	6	Mariamman Festival	15	Mar/April	500	...	36
					Christmas	7	December	320	...	...
12.	Danishpet (P)	4·85	R. S.	...	Mariamman Festival	15	Mar/April	1,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	25

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					OMALUR TALUK (Contd.)					
14.	Kadayampatti (P)	...	Danishpet	3	Fair	1	...	1,000	Clothes, cattle, grocery, food grains, sweetmeats & vegetables	20 Fair meets on every Sunday
					Mariamman Festival	15	Mar/April	500	...	...
15.	Nadupatti (P)	6·48	...	4	Mariamman Festival	15	Mar/Apr	500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	21
17.	Deevattipatti (P)	2·51	...	4	do	15	do	1,000	do	20
18.	Mookkanur (P)	2·14	...	5½	do	15	do	500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	20
19.	Kongupatti (P)	7·82	Dinnapatti	8	do	15	do	1,000	do	20
20.	Bokkampatti (P)	3·46	...	6	Fair	1	...	150	Sweetmeats, grocery & fancy goods	21 Fair meets on every Sunday
					Mariamman Festival	15	Apr/May	600		
21.	Amaram (P)	1·56	...	3½	Mariamman Festival	15	Mar/April	500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	21
					Thai Thingal	2	January	2,300		
22.	Mecheri (P)	7·56	Mecheri Road	2½	Fair	1	...	25,000	Foodgrains, vessels & cattle	20 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					Sri Badrakali-amman Car Festival	7	Feb/Mar	75,000	do	On Masi Makham
23.	Kalipatti (P)	3·72	...	2	Mariamman Festival	15	Mar/April	1000	Fruits, sweetmeats, betel leaves, nuts & tobacco	21
					Thai Festival	4	January			

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					OMALUR TALUK (Contd.)					
24.	Pottaneri (P)	4·32	Mecheri Road	1½	Fair	1	...	2,000	Foodgrains & vegetables	25 Fair meets on every Friday
					Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/April			
25.	Gonur	13·70	...	5	Fair	1	...	200	Grains, cotton, vegetables, sweetmeats & fancy goods	26 Fair meets on every Tuesday
					Mariamman Festival	5	March	500		
26.	Mettur Township	5·64	Mettur	...	Fair	1	...	5,000	Foodgrains, sweetmeats, vegetables, clothes, agricultural implements, leather & fancy goods	32
					Mariamman Festival	1	July/Aug			
28.	Kolathur (P)	3·00	do	10	Fair	1	...	5,000	do	43 Fair meets on every Friday
					Mariamman Festival	3	March			
30.	Alamarathupatti (P)	27·69	do	12	do	3	Mar/April	700	Sweetmeats, & fancy goods	43
34.	Virudasampatti (P)	27·69	do	2	do	2	Jan/Feb	500	do	24
					Thai Festival	2	January			
35.	Koppampatti	0·97	Mecheri	2	Mariamman Festival	15	Feb/March	200	Sweetmeats and fancy goods	20
36.	Banapuram (P)	2·20	do	2	do	15	do	600	Foodgrains, sweetmeats and fancy goods	20
37.	Sathapady (P)	1·92	Thogiapady	3	do	3	March/Apr	500 to 600	do	17
	Peria Sathapady	1·92	do	3						
38.	Aranganoor (P)	4·80	Tholasampady	4	do	15	do	1,500	do	17

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OMALUR TALUK (Contd.)									
Pannapatti (P)	2·56	Dinnapatti	2	Mariamman Festival	15	March/Apr	1,000	Grocery, sweetmeats and fancy goods	18
				Droupathiamman Festival	15				
Kookuttapatti (P)	4·71	...	½	Fair	1	March/Apr	1,200	Foodgrains, grocery, vegetables and sweet-meats	18 Fair meets on every Wednesday
				Mariamman Festival	8		500		
Darapuram (P)	2·45	Omalur	3	Fair	1	...	1,500	Foodgrains and sweet-meats	13 Fair meets on every Thursday
				Mariamman Festival	15	March/Apr	750		
Balbakki (V)	1·87	do	3	Kaliamman Festival	2	January	1,000	Foodgrains and sweet-meats	13
				Mariamman Festival	2	March	1,000		
Manathal (P)	3·76	...	1	do	3	do	5,000	Sweetmeats and fancy goods	20
				Senji Vanniar Theppam Festival	1	January	5,000		
Guttapatti (P)	7·76	Mecheri	¾	Fair	1	Jan/Feb	500	Rice, grocery, vegetables, betel leaves, nuts, cotton, pulses, sweetmeats & kerosene	20 Fair meets on every Tuesday
				Mariamman Festival		do	500		
Vereakkal (P)	4·50	Mettur	5	do	1	Feb/March	500	Roasted nuts and snacks	26
Navapatti (P)	3·04	do	5	do	3	July/Aug	2,000	Sweetmeats	35
				Kaliamman Festival	3				
Kolanakkanpatti (P)	2·95	Salem Camp Chemical	6	1. Adi Festival	1	July/Aug	250	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	36
				2. Mariamman Festival	15	March	250		
				3. Thai Festival	4	January	250		

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OMALUR TALUK (Contd.)										
60.	Vanavasi (P)	7·40	Mecheri	4½	Fair	1	...	500	Grocery, grains & vegetables	24 Fair meets on every Thursday
61.	Periasoragai (P)	4·92	...	6	Mariamman Festival	...	March	1,000	Grocery, grains and vegetables	20
					Vettraya Peruman Festival	...	January	1,500		
62.	Chinnasoragai (P)	2·12	...	4	Mariamman Festival	...	March	1,000	do	19
					Vettraya Peruman Festival	...	January	5,000		
63.	Mallikuttai	1·78	Tholasampatti	3	Mariamman Festival	22	March	2,000	Sweetmeats and fancy goods	20
					Gokulashtami	10	August			
					Erudhu Aattam	5	January			
64.	Aarakundi (P)	2·51	do	2	Fair	1	...	500	Foodgrains and vegeta-bles	17
					Peria Mariamman Festival	22	February	3,000	Sweetmeats, and fancy goods	Fair meets on every Monday
					Chinna Mariamman Festival	22	do	3,000		
65.	Tholasampatti (P)	2·10	do	½	Fair	1	...	3,000	Sweetmeats and food-grains	17
					Nagar Pongal	3	April	1,000	do	Fair meets on every Sunday
					Mariamman Festival	15	do	2,000		
					Car Festival	7	January	1,000		
65.	U. Maramangalam (P)	2·97	do	1½	Fair	1	Mar/April	500	Foodgrains, vegetables, chillies and beef	15 Fair meets on every Monday
					Mariamman Festival	2				

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					OMALUR TALUK (Contd.)					
68.	Pachanampatti	2·50	Omalur	1½	Droupathiamman Festival	3	April/May	500	Sweetmeats and fancy goods	10
69.	Omalur	3·00	R.S.	¾	Fair	1	...	2,500	Cotton	10
					Mariamman Festival	1	March	4,000	Food grains & clothes	Fair meets on every Tuesday
71.	K. Mettupatti (P)	3·12	...	¾	Fair	1	...	1,000	Hides and skins	10 Fair meets on every Saturday
72.	Kamalapuram (P)	3·12	...	2	Mariamman Festival	3	Apr/May	3,000	Sweetmeats and fancy goods	11
73.	Pottipuram (P)	1·59	Dinnapatti	3	do	7	March/Apr	1,000	do	13 On every 1st of Panguni
74.	Sakkarasettipatti (P)	2·36	Vellalapatti	2	do	2	do	500	...	16
75.	Gopinathapuram (V)	0·92	...	1	do	15	April/May	230	Sweetmeats and fancy goods	22
77.	Vellalapatti (P)	2·42	...	½	Fair	1	...	750	Vegetables, foodgrains, sweetmeats & fancy goods	10 Fair meets on every Sunday
					Mariamman Festival	3	April	750	Sweetmeats	...
79.	Ettikuttapatti (P)	1·27	Karuppur	3	do	7	...	300	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	8
81.	Puliampatti (P)	0·49	Omalur	...	do	15	...	400	..	9

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3.	Muthunaickenpatti	4·53	Omalur	2	Fair	1	...	5,000	Cattle & foodgrains	10 Fair meets on every Friday
					Mariamman Festival	4	March	1,500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	...
					Droupathiamman Festival	4	June	1,500	...	...
4.	Settipatti (P)	1·47	...	6	Fair	1	...	700	do	16
					Mariamman Festival	15	Mar/April	1,000	do	Fair meets on every Friday
5.	Perieripatti (P)	2·76	Tholasampatti	2	do	15	April	1,000	do	16
8.	Taramangalam (N.P.) (Kasuvareddipatti)	...	do	4	Fair	1	...	2,000	Grains	14 Fair meets on every Thursday
					Mariamman Festival	7	July	3,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	...
					Kailasanathar Festival	7	January	3,000	do	...
89.	Arurpatti (P)	2·83	do	4	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	5,000	do	12
90.	Ramireddipatti (P)	2·72	do	6	Kaliamman Festival	3	Feb/March	5,000	do	15
91.	Selavadai (P)	3·13	do	6	Mariamman Festival	3	February	1,000	do	20
93.	Surapalli (V)	5·35	Mecheri Road	7	do	3	March	5,000	do	25
95.	Avadathur (P)	3·52	...	9	do	15	do	500	do	25
96.	Doramangalam (P)	2·45	...	7	do	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains and cattle	27 Fair meets on every Friday
102.	Konagapady (P)	2·87	Tholasampatti	7	Fair	1	...	600	Grains	10 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					Mariamman Festival	3	March	700	Sweetmeats and fancy goods	...
103.	Semmankudai (P)	1·17	...	5	do	1	do	3,000	do	10

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					OMALUR TALUK (Contd.)					
104.	Nallagoundampatti (V)	...	...	1	Mariamman Festival	1	March/April	300	Beedi, cigarettes, betel leaves and nuts	15
105.	Kottagoundampatti (V)	1·20	Pagalpatti	...	do	15	March	500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	8
108.	Moongilpadi (V)	1·22	...	3	do	3	April	360	do	8
109.	Thekkampatti (V)	3·98	Karuppur	3	do	15	April/May	310	do	8
110.	Kaminaickenpatti (V)	0·34	Vellalapatti	3	Mattu Pongal	1	January	95	Foodgrains	8
111.	Thathayangarpatti (V)	Included in L.C. 109	...	8	Mariamman Festival	15	April/May	360	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	10
112.	Veliakkaipatti (V)	1·55	Karuppur	3	do	15	March	800	do	6
113.	Karuppur (P)	3·72	do	½	Fair	1	April	2,000	Utility articles, foodgrains agricultural, implements, sweetmeats & incense	Fair meets on every Monday
					Mariamman Festival	1	do			
114.	Anaigoundanpatti (V)	Included in L.C. 105	do	1	do	15	March	250	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	6
115.	Saminaickenpatti (V)	0·63	do	1	do	...	...	500	Fancy goods	6
116.	Nanguppai (V)	0·64	Karuppur Pagalpatti	1	Mariamman Festival	...	...	500	Betel leaves, nuts and fancy goods	6
117.	Pagalpatti (P)	3·13	do	1	Fair	1	...	200	Salt, chillies, betel leaves, nuts, coconuts, sweetmeats & dhoties	8 Fair meets on every Sunday
					Vaikunta Ekadasi Car Festival	4	Dec/Jan	2,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	...

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					OMALUR TALUK (Concld.)					
118.	Alagasamudram (V)	0·95	...	6	Mariamman Festival	1	March	2,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	10
119.	Karukkalvadi (V)	3·49	...	6	Fair	1	...	300	Rice and grains	14 Fair meets on every Monday
					Mariamman Festival	4	March	1,000		
120.	Dasavilakku (P)	7·52	...	7	Fair	1	...	750	Foodgrains, salt and vegetables	15 Fair meets on every Saturday
					Mariamman Festival	15	March			
121.	Pappambadi (P)	3·22	Omalur	10	Papampadi Fair	1	...	2,000	Sweetmeats, cattle & leather	18 Fair meets on every Sunday
					Mariamman Festival	1	March			
130.	Palamalai (R.F.)	32·28	Salem Camp	...	Adi Festival	1	July/Aug	100	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	On every 18th of Adi
	(Uninhabited)	...	Chemical	...	Thai Festival	4	January	100	do	...
					YERCADU TALUK					
1.	Veppadi (V)	...	...	9	Eswaran Festival	12	May/June	100	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	28
					Thai Festival	3	January	160		
3.	Sevaroys (P)	...	...	15	Mariamman Festival and Sevarayaswami Festival	3	Apr/May	500	Coconuts, fruits, fried groundnuts and fancy goods	24
					Annamalaiyar Deepam	1	Nov/Dec	600		
	Kakkambadi (H)	...	...	12	Mariamman and Karia Raman Festival	3	March/April	1,000	Coconuts, fruits, flowers, sweetmeats & fried grains	23½

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					YERCADU TALUK (Contd.)					
	Assambur (H)	...	Danishpet	10	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	200 to 300	Sweetmeats, fruits and fancy goods	21½
	Thappakadu (H)	...	...	10	do	1	do	300 to 500	Fancy goods, fruits, sweets and fancy goods	22
	Gundur (H)	...	...	9	Kariya Perumai Festival	1	Feb/March	300 to 400	Sweetmeats, fruits, textiles and fancy goods	22½
	Yercaud (H)	...	...	19	Yercaud Fair	1	do	400 to 600	Grocery, textiles, mutton & fruits	19 Fair meets on every Sunday
					Vandi Raman Festival	1	Apr/May	700 to 1,200	Textiles, sweetmeats, fruits, fancy goods and snacks	...
					Kaliamman Festival	1	Jan/Feb	750	Fancy goods	...
	Piliyur (H)	...	Salem	28	Mariamman Festival Kariya Raman Festival	2	Mar/Apr	500	Coconuts, plantains, fried grains and snacks	28
	Muluri (H)	...	...	24½	Thai Pongal	3	January	250	Sweetmeats, & fancy goods	24½
					Mariamman Festival	3	Apr/May	200	Sweetmeats	...
	Karadiyur (H)	...	...	25	Thai Pongal	3	January	300	Sweetmeats, and fancy goods	25
					Amman Koil Festival	3	Mar/Apr	200		

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				YERCADU TALUK (Contd.)					
Nagalur (H)	...	...	23	Sriranga Raman Festival Thai Pongal	2 3	May/June January	400	Textiles & miscellaneous goods	23
Sorakkpatti (H)	...	...	5	Thai Pongal	2	January	100	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	31
Kolagur (H)	...	...	6	Thai Pongal Festival Mariamman Festival	3 2	January Mar/Apr	300	Textiles & fancy goods	28
Semmanatham (H)	...	Salem Town	26	Thai Pongal	3	January	300	Sweetmeats	26
Kadugamarathur (H)	...	do	26½	do	2	...	250	do	26½
Puthur (H)	...	do	24	Droupathiamman Festival	3	May/June	350	do	24
Solur (H)	...	do	26	Thai Pongal	3	January	300	do	26
Mangalam (H)	...	do	27	Kaliamman Festival	3	May/June	400	do	27
Periyakadu (H)	...	do	26	Eswaran Festival	3	do	250	do	26
Sengalathupadi (H)	...	do	30	do	2	do	300	do	30
Kuttumuttai (H)	...	Bommidi	18	Kariya Raman Festival Mariamman Festival	5	Mar/Apr	100	Fruits, coconuts & snacks	26
Kovilur (H)	...	do	14	Vaneeswaram and Mariamman Festival	5	do	100	Coconuts, fruits & sweetmeats	30

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					YERCADU TALUK (Contd.)					
	Vellakadai (H)	...	...	28	Mariamman Festival Kariya Raman Festival	2	Mar/Apr	400	Coconuts, fruits, flowers, betel leaves, nuts, sweetmeats & fried grains	28
	Nallur (H)	...	Bommidi	15	Kariya Raman Festival	2	do	500	Coconuts, fruits, fried grains & flowers	32
					Unnamulai-amman Festival	2	May	700		
					Mariamman Festival	2	Mar/Apr	300		
	Anaikadu (H)	...	...	14	Mariamman Festival	2	do	300	Coconuts, fruits, fried grains, betel leaves, nuts and flowers	33
	Mettur (H)	...	...	15	do	2	do	300	do	30
	Melur (H)	...	...	16	do	2	do	300	do	30
	Maramangalam (H)	...	Manickampatti	18	Perumal and Mariamman Festivals	5	Mar/Apr	300	Fruits, coconuts & sweetmeats	24
	Kombuthukki (H)	...	Bommidi	18	Kariya Perumal and Mariamman Festival	5	do	120	Fruits, coconuts & sweetmeats	25
	Mavathu (H)	...	do	18	Nagaperumal and Mariamman Festivals	5	March/April	25	Fruits, coconuts & sweetmeats	23
	Kelaiyur (H)	...	Manickampatti	18	Droupathi and Mariamman Festivals	5	do	200	do	23
	Pelakadu (H)	...	do	17	Andian and Mariamman Festivals	5	do	300	do	22

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					YERCADU TALUK (Concld.)					
	Arangam (H)	...	Manickampatti	16	Kamakshiamman and Mariamman Festival	5	Mar/Apr	350	Fruits, coconuts & sweetmeats	22
	Senthittu (H)	...	do	15	Kariya Raman and Mariamman Festival	5	do	300	Coconuts and snacks	20
	Northernchedu (H)	...	do	14	1. Venkataraman and Mariamman Festival	5	do	150	do	19
					2. Ramar Festival	3	May/June	250	Sweetmeats	29
	Kottachedu (H)	...	do	13	Elaya Raman and Mariamman Festival	5	March/April	100	Fruits, coconuts & sweetmeats	18
	Puliyankadai (H)	...	Salem Junction	25	Sriranga Raman and Mariamman Festival	3	do	200	Sweetmeats	25
	Puthur (H)	...	do	25	Elaya Raman and Mariamman Festival	3	do	300	do	25
	Valavandi (H)	...	do	25	Servaraya Perumal and Mariamman Festival	3	do	350	do	25
	Madur (H)	...	Marinaickam-patti	16	Varadarajaswami and Mariamman Festival	5	do	400	Fruits, coconuts and sweet-meats	21½
	Chinnamadur (H) Shevaroys (P)	... 55·71	do	16	Mariamman Festival	3	do	60	do	21
	Assambur Manjakuttai	...	Danishpet	11	Shevaroyan temple Festival	1	May/June	500	Fruits and snacks	24
	Yercaud	...	Salem	19	Fair	1	...	200	Grocery	20 Fair meets on every Sunday

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					SALEM TALUK					
1.	Keerappambadi (P)	0·27	...	6	Fair	1	...	500	Foodgrains, sweetmeats & vegeta-bles	10 Fair meets on every Thursday
					Mariamman Festival	1	Jan/Feb	1,000	...	...
2.	Keerappambadi (V)	1·27	Salem	6	Mariamman Festival	...	January	...	...	10
			Pagalpatti	3	Fair	1	...	1,000	Sweetmeats	Fair meets on every Thursday
3.	Maramangalathu-patti (P)	1·73	Salem	6	Mariamman Festival	3	January	4,000	do	9
4.	Sircargollapatti (V)	0·41	do	...	do	1	Jan/Feb	2,000	Light refresh-ments	7
5.	Majaragollapatti (V)	0·32	Salem Junction	2	Fair	1	...	2,500	Clothes and vegetables	7 Fair meets on every Saturday
6.	Ayyamperumanpatti (V)	0·67	...	3	Droupathiamman	3	May/June	8,000	Sweetmeats and fancy goods	7
7.	Mallammoopampatti (V)	1·41	...	1	Fair	1	...	2,000	...	6 Fair meets on every Friday
8.	Kaminaickanpatti (V)	0·12	...	1	Mariamman Festival	2	Feb/March	3,000	Sweetmeats	5½
9.	Reddipatti (V)	0·47	...	½	do	2	March/April	2,000	do	5
10.	Jaghirammapalayam (P)	2·27	...	1½	do	2	Feb/March	1,000	do	4
11.	Bomminaickenpatti (V)	0·15	...	1	do	2	March/Apr	500	do	4
12.	Narasojipatti (P)	0·50	...	½	Fair	1	...	2,500	Food-grains and vegeta-bles	2
13.	Reddiyur (V)	0·25	...	2	Mariamman Festival	2	January	1,000	Fruits, pops nuts and coconuts	2

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14.	Alagappapuram (V) Part	1·55	...	20	Mariamman Festival	...	Feb/Mar	5,000	Fruits, pops, nuts and coconuts	2
					Droupathiamman Festival	18	Mar/Apr			
16.	Alagapuram Pudur (V)	3·70	...	2	Mariamman Festival	2	Feb/Mar	2,000	Sweetmeats	3
17.	Ayyamperumampatti (V) part	1·43	...	4½	do	3	March/April or Apr/May	755	Clothes & sweetmeats	4½
18.	Kondappanaicken-patti (V)	1·58	...	...	Mariamman Festival	...	Apr/May	1,000	Fruits, coconuts & sweetmeats	...
19.	Kannankurichi (P)	2·00	...	4½	Fair	1	...	1,250	Vegetables, grocery & leather	4½ Fair meets on every Saturday
					Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr or May	2,350	...	...
22.	Vedapatti (V)	0·90	...	4	do	5	Mar/Apr	400	Sweetmeats & incense	6
23.	Perumapalayam (V)	1·59	Marinaickanpatti	3	do	15	do	1,554	Sweetmeats	6½
24.	Pallipatti (V)	1·59	do	3	do	10 to 15	do	1,373	...	6
25.	Thadanur (P)	1·51	do	6	do	3	June/July	1,000	Light refreshments, and fancy goods	11
26.	Kuppanur (P)	7·32	do	6½	do	3	do	1,000	Light refereshments	12
27.	Achanguttapatti (P)	3·03	...	7	Siruthondan Festival	13	Apr/June	1,000	Sweetmeats, fancy goods and light refreshments	...
					Mariamman Festival	...	do	350		
	Achanguttapattipudur	...	...	9	do	...	do	300	Light refreshments	12
	Kathiripatti (H)	...	do	8	do	7	April	320	do	13

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28.	Aranoothumalai (V)	0·18	Minnampatti	10	Adisivan Festival	3	Feb/Mar	1,000	Sweetmeats	20
30.	Aladi Patti (V)	1·25	do	15	Vellaipillaiyar Festival	2	do	1,000	do	25
33.	Kankattiala (V)	1·10	Vazhappadi	12	Kaliamman Festival	2	Jan/Feb	100	Light refreshments	30
					Mariamman Festival	...	Mar/Apr			
34.	Chinna Velampatti (V)	0·39	do	13	Mariamman Festival	2	do	100	do	30
					Udayavar Festival	2	Jan/Feb			
35.	Periakuthimaduvu (V)	0·92	do	15	Mariamman Festival	2	Mar/Apr	100	do	30
					Udayavar Festival					
38.	Keeripatti (V)	0·59	do	10	Mariamman Festival	2	do	100	do	26
39.	Puluthikuttai (V)	1·45	...	15	do	3	April	100	Light refreshments, roasted nuts & fancy goods	25
40.	Palapadi (V)	0·89	Minnampatti	15	Varadaraja Perumal Festival	5	Jan/Feb	2,000	Sweetmeats	24
41.	Pallikadu (V)	0·08	do	9	Sendrayaswamy Festival	2	do	500	do	18
43.	Sukkampatti (P)	1·26	Marinaickanpatti	4	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	350	Roasted nuts	90
44.	Valasaiyur (P)	1·15	do	3	Valasaiyur Fair	1	Mar/Apr	200	Roasted nuts	7 Fair meets on every Sunday
					Mariamman Festival	3	do	300		
45.	Dasinaickanpatti (P)	0·26	do	3½	do	15	do	600	Sweetmeats	6¾
46.	Valayakkaranur (V)	0·45	do	4½	do	15	do	500	do	6

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47.	Veeranam (Jari) (V)	1·90	...	2½	Mariamman Festival	7	Mar/Apr	1,000	Food grains, vegetables, pops, nuts & fruits	3 Fair meets on every Monday
					Fair	1	...	500		
48.	Korathupatti (P)	0·47	Salem	4	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	500	Fruits, pops, nuts & coconuts	5½
49.	Komarasamipatti (V) Part	1·83	...	¼	do	3	July/Aug	5,000	do	¼
50.	Hasthampatti (V)	1·30	...	1	do	3	Mar/Apr	1,000	do	1½
51.	Meyyanur (V)	0·48	...	1½	do	2	January	1,000	do	2
52.	Bodinaickenpatti (V)	1·42	...	½	do	15	Jan/Feb	2,000	Fruits, coconuts & roasted nuts	3 First Thursday of Thai
53.	Suramangalam (P)	1·89	...	¼	Fair	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains, vegetables, cattle, mutton & snacks	3 Fair meets on every Thursday
54.	Ariagoundanpatti (V) Part	0·37	...	1	Mariamman Festival	3	Jan/Feb	1,500	Roasted nuts, fruits, coconuts & sweetmeats	4 During the Third week of Thai
55.	Dalavoipatti (V)	1·13	Salem	2	do	3	do	200	...	6
56.	Vattamuthampatti (V)	0·35	do	...	do	3	do	1,500	Light refreshments	7
57.	Mallaravuthampatti (V)	0·27	do	4	do	1	Feb/Mar	1,000	do	8
58.	Muduthurai (P)	1·80	...	7	do	15	January	450	do	8
	Nallampatti (H)							430		6
	Poomandapatti (H)							550		7
	Nayagampatti (H)							430		8

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					SALEM TALUK (Contd.)					
59.	Arigoundampatti			9	Mariamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	500	Paddy, rice & foodgrains	11
	Karichapatti (H)	2·15	...	6	do	3	do	980	Rice & foodgrains	11
	Kunnampatti (H)			6	do	3	do	250	do	11
	Sithanurgollapatti			7	do	3	do	230	Paddy, rice & foodgrains	12
60.	Murungapatti (P)	2·12	...	4	do	7	...	1,500	Sweetmeats	7
					Fair	1				Fair meets on every Sunday
61.	Thirumalagiri (P)	1·13	Salem	4	Fair	1	...	5,000	Clothes, agricultural implements, sweetmeats & vegetables	6
					Mariamman Festival	4	Jan/Feb			Fair meets on every Wednes-day
62.	Vedaguthampatti (V) Inam	0·57	...	3	do	3	February	300	Sweetmeats	5½
63.	Vedaguthampatti (V)	Included in L.C. 62	Salem	...	do	2	Feb/Mar	1,000	Light refreshments	4
64.	Andipatti (V)	0·37	...	3	do	2	Jan/Feb	3,000	Fruits, coconuts, pops & nuts	4
65.	Salathampatti	0·82	...	2	do	3	do	2,000	Fruits, coconuts & snacks	5 During the Third week of Thai
66.	Sivathapuram (V)	0·24	...	3	Mariamman Festival	2	do	3,000	Fruits, coconuts, pops & nuts	4
					Fair	...	...	2,000	Grocery	...

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					SALEM TALUK (Contd.)					
67.	Kandampatti (V) (V)	2·58	...	½	Mariamman Festival	14	Mar/April	1,000	Fruits, coconuts & sweetmeats	3
68.	Pallapatti (V)	2·29	...	1	do	7	February	2,000	do	2
70.	Ammapet (V) Part	2·27	...	½	do	3	July/Aug	3,000	do	1½
71.	Tadampatti (V)	1·44	...	3	do	8	Mar/April	500	do	4
72.	Adikaraipatti (V)	0·66	...	1	do	5	February	2,500	Fruits, coconuts, pops & nuts	4
74.	Chinnanur (V)	0·35	Salem	5	do	3	Mar./April	500	do	6
75.	Tailanur (V)	0·55	Marinaickenpatti	2	do	8	do	1,065	do	5
76.	Mettupattitadanur (P)	1·93	...	5/8	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/April	10,000	Snacks & fancy goods	6
					Masanakollai	...	Feb/Mar			
77.	Kullampatti (V)	1·12	...	2½	Mariamman Festival	3	do	1,000	Snacks	7
78.	Eripudur (V)	1·69	...	3	do	3	Mar/Apr	500	Sweetmeats & vessels	8
80.	Kootathupatti (P)	1·99	Minnampatti	4½	Fair	1	...	700	Sweetmeats, vegetables & clothes	14 Fair meets on every Wednesday
81.	Anuppur (V)	3·44	Marinaicken-patti	5	Chelliamman Festival	1	Mar/April	1,000	Roasted nuts, light ref-reshments, fruits & coconuts	...
82.	Kolathucombai (V)	1·76	Minnampatti	...	Mariamman Festival	1	January	400	Sweetmeats	19
83.	Chinnamanaicken-palayam	2·41	Vazhapadi	7	do	7	July/Aug	700	Light refreshments	20
84.	Kurichi (P)	6·91	do	5½	Droupathiamman Festival	1	April/May	2,000	...	22

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					SALEM TALUK (Contd.)					
85.	Belur (P)	3·15	...	3½	Fair	1	...	5,000	Sheep & grocery	18 Fair meets on every Monday
					Droupathiamman Festival	2	May/June	3,000	Sweetmeats	...
					Thanthonieswarar Koil	2	Feb/Mar			
89.	Chandrapillaivalasai (V)	3·36	...	6	Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	500	Sweets, roasted nuts, fruits & fancy goods	19
90.	Nirmullikattai (E)	1·88	Minnampalli	8	Fair	...	...	500	Foodgrains & vegetables	17
			Vazhapadi	8	Mariamman Festival	1	...	1,000	Salt, chillies & textiles	Fair meets on every Saturday
					Maduraiveeran Festival					
					Kaliamman Festival					
91.	Sircarnattamangalam	1·75	...	1	Mariamman Festival	4	March	150	Sugarcane, fruits & sweetmeats	...
92.	Agraharanatha-mangalam	1·01	Minnampalli	¾	do	15	Mar/April	500	Plantains, coconuts & sugarcane	9
93.	Minnampalli (P)	3·00	...	2	Chelliamman Festival	...	...	1,500	Miscellaneous goods	...
				1½	Fair	1	...	1,000	Food grains, handloom fabrics, cattle & vegetables	... Fair meets on every Monday
94.	Ayodiyapatnam (P)	2·43	Marinaicken-patti	9/3	Fair	1	...	4,000	Paddy, foodgrains, coconuts, clothes & groundnuts	... Fair meets on every Thursday
					Mariamman Festival	2	Mar/April	6,000		
					Sri Ramar car Festival	7	April/May	10,000		

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					SALEM TALUK (Contd.)					
95.	Masinaickenpatti (V)	2·65	...	5/8	Mariamman Festival	4	Feb/Mar	1,000	Pops, nuts, fruits & coconuts	5
96.	Udayapatti (P)	0·93	...	1	Fair	1	February	3,500	Mutton & vegetables	4 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					Mariamman Festival					
97.	Erumapalayam (V) Part	1·68	...	2	Mariamman Festival	3	do	500	Fruits, coconuts pops & nuts	2
98.	Dadagapatti (V) Part	0·72	...	1½	do	4	Jan/Feb	6,000	do	1
99.	Seelanaickenpatti (P)	0·54	...	3	Fair	1	...	2,000	do	3 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					Mariamman Festival	1	Feb/Mar	1,000		
101.	Annadanapatti (P) Part	6·85	...	1	do	2	do	100	Sweetmeats & ice	2
102.	Kondalampatti (P)	2·06	Neikkarapatti	1	do	15	do	1,000	Roasted nuts, clothes & vegetables	3
					Kaliamman Festival	15	Jan/Feb	1,000		
					Perumal Car Festival	3	Sep/Oct	2,000		
103.	Jarikondalampatti	0·63	...	3	Kondalampatti Fair	1	...	4,000	Food grains, vegetables & clothes	3 Fair meets on every Thursday
					Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/April			
					Kaliamman Festival	3	do			
104.	Puthur Agraharam	0·15	Neikkarapatti	½	Mariamman Festival	4	February	1,500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	7
105.	Neikkarapatti (P)	1·53	do	¾	Fair	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains, vegetables & clothes	5 Fair meets on every Saturday
					Chithira Pournami Car Festival					
					(Karabu Natha-eswarar Car Festival)	...	...	1,500		

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	SALEM TALUK (Contd.)									
106.	Uthamasolapuram (P)	4·42	...	...	Mariamman Festival	3	Oct/Nov	300	Sweetmeats	5
	Attavanaipulavari (H)	...	...	...	do	3	Feb/Mar	500	do	5
107.	Permampatti (P)	9·59	...	4	...	3	do	600	do	7
	Kothanur (M)	...	...	4	Mariamman Festival	2	do			
108.	Elampillai	1·07	Vembadithalam	3	Fair	1	...	750	Vegetables, foodgrains, clothes & agricultural imple-ments	12 Fair meets on every Friday This place is famous for hand-loom fabrics
					Mariamman Festival	...	Mar/April	1,500		
109.	Peruma Goundam Patti (P)	1·64	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Reddipatti (M)	...	Vembadithalam	3½	Mariamman Festival	1	Mar/April	600	Sweetmeats	13½
	Ramapauram (H)	...	do	3	do	1	do	500	Sweetmeats	13
110.	Kalparapatti (P)	1·95	do	2	do	15	do	500	do	11
	Sevampalayam (H)	...	do	3	do	15	do	400	do	12
	Kombadipatti (H)	...	do	1½	do	15	do	400	do	10
111.	Periasceragapadi (P)	2·27	Veerapandi Road	2	Seerangapadi Fair	1	...	300	Sweetmeats, rice & ragi	10 Fair meets on every Friday
					Subramania-swamy Car Festival	3	Jan/Feb	3,000		
112.	Veerapandi (P)	2·87	do	1½	Mariamman Car Festival	3	Mar/April	1,000	Sweetmeats	10 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					Fair	1	...	750	Sweetmeats, vegetables, paddy & food grains	...

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	SALEM TALUK (Contd.)									
113.	Poolaveri Agraharam (P)	0·52	...	2	Mariamman Festival	3	March	300	Sweetmeats	6
114.	Nalikkalpatti (P)	2·32	...	5	Nalikkalpatti Fair	1	...	1,000	Ragi, groundnut & grains	4 Fair meets on every Sunday
					Mariamman Festival	15	Mar/April	1,500	Sweetmeats	...
115.	Gejjalnaickenpatti (P)	1·45	...	4½	do	4	April	300	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	4½
116.	Nilavarapatti (P)	1·55	...	4	do	4	do	500	Sweetmeats	4
117.	Jarugumalai (V)	16·35	...	6½	do	3	do	120	do	6½
118.	Periagoundapuram (V)	2·14	Marianaicken-patti	2½	do	15	April/May	...	do	9
125.	Thukkiampalayam (V)	3·02	Vazhapadi	2½	do	5	do	3,000	Sweetmeats, pops & nuts	20 Fair meets on every Monday
					Fair	1	...	700	Snacks	...
126.	Valapadi (P)	5·14	...	⅛	Pudupatti Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/April	5,000	Roasted nuts, plantains, coconut & incense	19
	Sikkavalapadi									
	Agraharaval-padi				Fair	1	...	5,000	Paddy, foodgrains, vegetables, betel leaves & nuts	18 Fair meets on every Thursday
128.	Kattu Veppilaipatti (P)	4·48	Seshanchavadi	½	Fair	1	...	1,000	Snacks, vegetables, fruits & mutton	14 Fair meets on every Wednesday
129.	Vellagondan (P)	8·53	do	3	Mariamman Festival	4	May	2,500	Sweetmeats & miscellaneous goods	15

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					SALEM TALUK (Contd.)					
130.	Jalluthupatti (V)	1·99	...	17	Mariamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	350	Fruit varieties	17
131.	Panamarathupatti (P)	...	...	7	Fair	1	...	2,000	Food-grains, vegetables & clothes	7 Fair meets on every Monday
					Mariamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	3,400	Clothes	...
				8	Eswaran Koil Festival	5	Feb/March	250 to 350	Betel leaves, nuts, & miscellaneous commodities	8 On Magham star in Masi
					Perumal Koil Festival	...	...	...		
132.	Sandiyur Attayampatti (P)	0·98	...	8	Mariamman Festival	15	Mar/Apr	300 to 400	Snacks, beverages & fancy goods	8
	Perambur		...	...	do	15	Apr/May	500 to 750	Betel leaves, nuts, light refreshments & fancy goods	8 On Full Moon day of Chithirai
133.	Sandiyur (V)	1·27	Salem	7	do	1	Mar/April	300	Roasted nuts	7
134.	Parapatti (P)	1·93	Veerapandi Road	...	do	15	do	3,000	Fruits, coconuts, pops & nuts	6
135.	Vaniambadi (P)	2·99	Ariyanur	4½	do	2 to 3	do	500	Sweetmeats	11
136.	Akkarapalayam	4·23	Veerapandi	1½	do	15	Mar/Apr	700	Snacks	9
	Palampatti (H)	...	do	1½	do	15	do	500	do	9
137.	Bairojai-agraharam (P	1·01	do	2½	do	15	do	200	Sweetmeats, coconuts & fruits	10
	Bairojai-agraharam (H)			1½	do	15	do	800	Coconuts, & fruits	10
	Nallarayam-patti			1¾	do	15	do	200	do	9

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					SALEM TALUK (Contd.)					
138.	Kadathur Agraharam	1·27	...	3	Mariamman Festival	2	March	250	Sweetmeats	12
139.	Rakkipatti (P)	0·86	...	2½	Senrayam Perumal Car Festival	3	April	500	Fruits, coconuts, pops, nuts & sweetmeats	12
140.	Senaipalayam (V)	0·75	Vembadi-thalam	¾	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/April	300	Sweetmeats	12
141.	Anaikuttapatti (V)	0·33	do	¾	do	3	do	250	do	11½
142.	Vembathalam (P)	0·80	do	½	do	3	do	700	do	10½
144.	Rajapalayam (P)	2·01	do	4	Fair	1	...	500	do	9 Fair meets on every Thursday
				...	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	300	do	...
145.	Attayampatti (P)	4·00	do	3	1. Fair	1	...	4,000	Food grains, cattle, groundnuts, textiles, sweetmeats, utility articles, mutton and leather	14 Fair meets on every Sunday
					2. Mariamman Festival	5	July/Aug	15,000		
149.	Valaguttapatti (V)	0·98	Salem	10	Poovayamman Festival	2	March	1,000	Coconuts, fruits, roasted nuts	10 On Wednesday and Thursday during the third week of March
					Mariamman Festival					
150.	Erimanickapalayam (V)	9·21	do	9	Mariamman Festival	2	do	500	Coconuts, plantains & roasted nuts	9

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151.	Mookkuttapalayam (V)	0·25	Salem	7½	Poovayamman Festival	2	March	1,000	Plantains, coconuts, and roasted nuts	7½
152.	Ammapalayam (V)	0·69	do	7	do	7	Feb/Mar	300	Roasted nuts	7 On Masi Magham day
153.	Nallur (P)	1·48	do	8	1. Fair	1	...	1,000	Grains, vegetables, coconuts & fowls	8 Fair meets on every Thursday
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	April/May	50,000		
	Vengampatti	1·48	do	8	Poovayamman Festival	2	March	1,500	Plantains, coconuts & roasted nuts	On Wednesday and Thursday during third week of March
155.	Thippampatti (P)	2·00	do	11	Fair	1	...	350	Paddy, ragi, roasted nuts, Betel leaves, nuts & vegetables	10 Fair meets on every Friday
					Mariamman Festival	4	Feb/Mar	2,275		
156.	Kuralnatham (V)	1·41	do	12	do	3	April/May	500	Fruits & textiles	12
158.	Vedapatti (V)	1·82	do	15	do	3	Feb/Mar	200	Fruits & coconuts	15
159.	Noolathucombai (V)	1·00	do	16	do	3	do	200	Fruits	16
160.	Sambakuttapatti	0·35	do	16	do	3	do	250	Fruit varieties	16
161.	Adimalaipatti (V)	0·94	do	16	do	3	do	250	Fruits	16
162.	Thumbapatti (V)	2·62	do	14	do	3	do	450	Fruit varieties	14

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					SALEM TALUK (Concld.)					
164.	Thirumanur (P)	4·54	Seshanchavadi	7	Chelliamman Festival	1	May/June	500	...	20
165.	Veppilaipatti (V)	2·79	do	5	Masanakallai Car Festival	2	Feb/March	4,000	Sugarcane, sweets & fruits	20 On the next day of Maha Sivarathri
167.	Singipuram (P)	5·23	do	2	Fair	1	...	350	...	14 Fair meets on every Sunday
171.	Mannarpalayam (V)	2·08	...	3½	Mariamman Festival	3	May/June	2,000	Roasted nuts and light refreshments	21 On Full moon day
172.	Veppilaipatti (V) Pudur	0·91	Seshanchavadi	...	do	2	Apr/May or May/June	500	Sweets, sugarcane and fruits	21
173.	Komarapalayam (V)	0·45	do	7	do	2	Apr/May or May/June	900	Sugarcane, fruits and sweets	22
174.	Thekkalpatti (V)	2·09	do	7	Kaliamman Festival	1	March/Apr	150	Coconuts, fruits and edibles	20
175.	Karungalpatti (V)	0·49	do	9	Mariamman Festival	2	...	150	Sweet, pops and nuts	22 Once in a year
176.	Malayala patti (V)	3·75	do	9	do	1	Feb/March/ April	150	...	22
177.	Jamboothumalai (V)	0·62	do	10	do	2 or 3	March/Apr	100	Coconuts, fruits and edibles	24

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					SANKARI TALUK					
2.	Adayar (P)	4·07	Sankari	20	1. Fair	1	...	1,500	Fruits, coconuts, incense & fancy goods	25 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					2. Mariamman Festival	3	May/ June			
3.	Iruppali	6·54	Mac Donald's Choultry	15	1. Fair	1	March	2,500	Jaggery, ragi and incense	25 Fair meets on every Monday
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	...			
4.	Samudram (P)	3·82	Vembadithalam	10	Fair	1	...	150	Sweetmeats, food-grains and vegetables	21 Fair meets on every Wednesday
5.	Vellalapuram (P)	5·34	do	7½	1. Mariamman Festival	15	Aug/Sep	2,000	Sugar cane, vegetables and fancy goods	16 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					2. Erudhu Attam	3	January	2,500		
					3. Fair	1	...	1,000		
6.	Konasamudram (P)	1·86	Magudanchavadi	12	1. Mariamman Festival	5	Feb/March	1,500	Edibles and fruits	25
7.	Pudupalayam (P)	2·07	do	12	1. Fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables	22 Fair meets on every Tuesday
					2. Mariamman Festival	2	Feb/March/ April	400	Sweetmeats	...
					3. Ayappan Festival	2	April/May	4,000	...	On Full Moon day
8.	Vembaneri (P)	1·56	do	13	Mariamman Festival	2	Feb/March	500	Sweetmeats, plantains, fruits & coconuts	23 On Full Moon day
9.	Chettimankurichi (P)	4·45	Mac Donald's Choultry	16	Chelliamman Festival	15	March/April	1,500	Sweetmeats, miscellaneous articles and incense	30

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11.	Poolampet	7·02	Mac Donald's Choultry	19	Kaliamman Festival	1	Jan/Feb	500	Incense	32
14.	Edapadi (P)	10·62	Sankari	9	1 Prasanna Nanjundeswara swamy Car Festival	10	April	7,000	Cattle, food-grains and sweetmeats	24
					Cattle Fair	4				
17.	Kornampet	5·77	Makudanchavadi	11	1. Fair	1	...	700	Plantains, sweetmeats, paddy, rice, kambu, ragi, cholam, avarai and thuvarai	23 Fair meets on every Monday
			Kongalupuram		2. Mariamman Festival	...	Oct/Nov	1,000		
18.	Katchupalli (P)	7·00	Makudanchavadi	9	1. Chelliamman Festival (Chelliamman Car Festival)	4	Oct/Nov	4,000	Sweetmeats	Fair meets on every Thursday
					2. Fair	1	...	300	Food-grains & sweetmeats	15
19.	Ekapuram (P)	2·81	Vembadithalam	5	Fair	1	...	200	Food-grains & vegetables	... Fair meets on every Tuesday
20.	Eagam Salai (P) Kadayampatti (H)	8·74	do	4	Fair	1	...	3,000	Cotton, food-grains, vegetables and ground-nuts	12
21.	Thappakuttai (V)	2·96	Vembadi-thalam	4½	Peria Mariamman Festival	2	Mar/Apr	1,500	Bengalgram, puffed rice, beverages, & aerated waters	13
22.	Naduvani (P)	2·74	do	½	Mariamman Koil Festival (Chelliamman)	1	...	1,000	...	12

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24.	Pudur (P)	3·44	Mac Donald's Choultry	2½	1 Fair	1	Mar/Apr.	2,000	Paddy, food grains, mustard & pepper	15 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	...			
25.	Kannanderi (P)	3·27	do	4	1. do	3	April	1,000	Fruits, coconuts, sweets & incense	16
					2. Pachaiamman Festival	2	June/July			
26.	Erumaipatti (V)	...	Kalipatti	3½	Peria Mariamman Festival	2	Feb/Mar	500 to 600	Fruits, bengal gram, puffed rice & sweet varieties	20
27.	Konganapuram (P)	3·04	Kalipatti Road	4	1. Mariamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar April	7,000	Paddy, vegetables, ragi, kambu, fruits & coconuts	20 Fair meets on every Full Moon day
				6	2. Fair	1	...			
28.	Kurumbapatti (P)	4·91	do	6	Mariamman Festival	3	Oct/Nov December	450	Sweetmeats	22 On Full Moon day
30.	Kaveripatti (V)	2·39	Mac Donald's Choultry	16	do	15	July/Aug	1,000	Eatables	32
31.	Koneripatti Agraharam (P)	3·66	do	18	1. Angalamman Festival	15	...	2,000	Eatables, tiles, food grains & vegetables	...
					2. Maha Sivarathri					
					3. Fair	1	...	1,000		32 Fair meets on every Sunday
34.	Thevoor (P)	7·04	do	22	Fair	1	...	2,000	Pulses, vegetables	32 Fair meets on every Thursday

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					SANKARI TALUK (Contd.)					
35.	Devam Goundanur (P)	9·88	Sankari	8	Mariamman Festival	15	Feb/Mar	1,500	Miscellaneous commodities, & eatables	29
	Manjakkalpatti	...	do	4	1. Mariamman Festival (Car festival)	3	July/Aug.	100	...	25
					2. Fair	1	...	...	Plantains, pops & nuts	25
36.	Thangayur (P)	1·85	do	7	Mariammam Festival	15	Mar/Apr	2,000	Plantains & sweetmeats	29
38.	Olakkachinnarur (V)	2·45	Kalipatti	3	do	3	March	1000	Sweetmeats	21
39.	Vaikuntam (P)	7·42	do	¾	Chellandi-amman Festival	3	November	10,000	Copper, aluminum wares & plantains	17
40.	Agrahara Thaliyur	2·23	Mac Donald's Choultry	½	Mariamman Festival	2	Oct/Nov	1,500	Sweetmeats	16
41.	Kali Goundan Palayam (P)	3·76	Kuzhipatti Road	1¼	do	3	do	750	Coconuts, plantains & sweetmeats	16
42.	Gudalur (P)	3·63	Mac Donald's Choultry	1½	1. Mariamman Festival	3	Oct/Nov.	1,500	Food grains & eatables	13
					2. Muniappan Festival	3	Aug/Sep			
43.	Kanagagiri (V)	1·22	Vembadi-thalam	½	Mariamman Festival	2	October/ November or Mar/Apr	200	Coconuts, plantains	11
44.	Kandarkula-manickam (V)	2·30	do	2	do	3	Oct/Nov	400	Coconuts. plantains & sweets	12½

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					SANKARI TALUK (Contd.)					
45.	Irugular (P)	3·45	Kalipatti	2½	1. Fair	1	...	400	Paddy, sugarcane, foodgrains & sweetmeats	14
	Pudupalayam	...	...	4	2. Mariamman Festival	1	Feb/Mar	500 400		28
46.	Uttupalayam (V)	1·64	Kalipatti Road	3	do	7	Mar/April	500	Sweetmeats & incense	17
51.	Iveli (V)	1·52	Maveli Palayam	¼	do	1	March	480	...	26
52.	Sankari (P)	6·20	R.S.	2	Car Festival	1	April/May	1,000	...	28 This festival is celebrated on Full Moon day
54.	Alathur (P)	5·37	Mac Donald's Choultry	14	Mariamman Festival	15	Feb/Mar	3,000	Eatables & grocery	36
55.	Pullagoundampatti (V)	2·93	Sankari	13	Fair	1	...	1,500	Eatables & utility articles	32 Fair meets on every Tuesday
57.	Katheri (P)	8·40	do	12	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Pillaiyar Koil Festival	1	April/ May	500	...	34
58.	Veerachipalayam (V)	0·94	Mac Donald's Choultry	9	Mariamman Festival	7	Feb/Mar	2,000	Eatables	30
59.	Sankari (Part) N.P. (V)	Included in L.C. 52	Sankari	2	Fair	1	...	5,000	Food grains, fruits, vegetables, textiles, ragi, kambu & coconuts	24
60.	Sanyasipatti Agraharam (V)	0·91	do	4	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Muniappan Festival	2	Jan/Feb	450 to 500	Sweetmeats & incense	31

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					SANKARI TALUK (Concld.)					
61.	Morur (Part) N.P. (V)	0·91	Sankari	4	1. Bagavathi-amman Koil Festival 2. Pachaiamman Koil Festival 3. Mariamman Koil Festival	2 2	Dec/Jan July/Aug Mar/April	5,000	Sweetmeats, sugarcane, fruits, coconuts & incense	...
62.	Kasthuri Patti (Part) N.P. (V)	Included in L.C 52	R. S.	2	Mariamman Festival	1	March April/May	500 to 700	Pops, nuts, fruits & coconuts	30
64.	Annadanapatti (V)	2·06	Mardipalayam	2	do	15	do	500	Sweetmeets & incense	23
66.	Kottvaradampatti (V)	...	...	1½	1. Chelliamman Festival 2. Annamar Festival	2 ...	Mar/April ...	500 to 700	...	23½
67.	Vadugapatti	...	R. S.	2½	Muniamman Festival	1	Feb/Mar	1,500	Sweetmeats, incenses & fancy goods	24½
68.	Pakkanadu (R.F.)	Included in L.C. No. 1	Sankari	20	Fair	1	...	...	...	24 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					TIRUCHENGODE TALUK					
2.	Komarpalayam (Part-I P)	17·00	do	13	Kaliamman Koil Festival	7	Feb/Mar	10,000	Fancy goods	36
3.	Pallakkapalayam (P)	5·65	do	8	Senkanna Muniappan Pongal Festival	1	Dec/Jan	6,000	Sweets, fruits, sugarcane & fancy goods	30 3rd Saturday of Margazhi
4.	Sowdapuram (V)	2·55	Anangur	3	Mariamman Festival	2	Feb/Mar	500	Sweetmeats	31

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	TIRUCHENGODE TALUK (Contd.)									
5.	Padaveedu (P)	5·57	Sankari	4	Mariamman Festival	8	Mar/April	1,500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	27
					Amman Festival	...	Feb/Mar			
7.	Modamangalam Agraharam (V)	1·36	S. R.	...	Fair	1	...	2,000	Grains, vegetables, snacks & grocery	30
12.	Karumapuram (P)	5·46	Sankari	6	Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	500	...	25
13.	Irugalur Pudu palayam (P)	3·38	Vaikuntam	3	Madusattum Festival	3	January	1,200	Sweetmeats	24
					Mariamman Festival					
14.	Koothanatham (V)	2·17	Sankari	8	do	15	Mar/April	700	Roasted nuts	24
18.	Mangalam (P)	3·16	Kalipatti	4½	Mariamman Alazhinatchi amman Festival	1	Mar/Apr	1,000	Fruits, coconuts & sweets	16 Uthiram star of Panguni
19.	Mallasamudram east (P) Kalipatti (H)	8·00	do	6	Fair	1	...	3,000	Vegetables, clothes, leather, snacks & cattle	16 Fair meets on every Wednes-day
					Poosa Uthsavam	5	Jan/Feb	10,000	...	On Full Moon day
26.	Vattur (P)	8·24	Sankari	6	Mariamman Festival	17	Oct/Nov	2,000	Grains, vegetables, textiles, silver, gold, jewellery, cattle & Agricultural implements	24
27.	Kottapalaym	2·27	Magudan chavadi	11	do	1	Mar/Apr	300	Fruits, coconuts & sweets	20
31.	Kailasampalayam (V)	1·96	Sankari	7	do	7	Feb/Mar	500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	26

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	TIRUCHENGODE TALUK (Contd.)									
33.	Tiruchengode (P)	6·00	Sankari	5	Cattle Fair	1	...	10,000	Mangoes, groundnuts & fruits	28
					Arthanareeswarar Rathothsavam	15	May/June	10,000	...	...
					Mariamman Festival Santhanakudam	...	...	20,000	...	...
38.	Pallipalayam Agraharam (V)	4·14	Cauvery	2	Kaliamman Festival	15	Dec/Jan	2000	Sweetmeats	35
					Mariamman Festival	1	...			
39.	Kaliyanur Agraharam	1.10	do	3	Mariamman Rajakoil Festival	2	Feb/Mar/ April	2,000	Sweetmeats	36
40.	Samayasangilli Agraharam (V)	0·72	do	5	Mariamman Koil Festival	1	Mar/April	900	Roasted nuts & sugarcane	38
41.	Kaliganur (V)	2·95	do	3	Mariamman Festival	2	do	1,500	Sweetmeats	36
42.	Pallipalayam (P)	Included in L.C. 10	do	2	Telugu Omakali-amman Festival	15	Feb/Mar	3,000	Roasted nuts & sugarcane	34
					Mudaliar Omkaliamman Festival	15	Dec/Jan			
					Mariamman Festival	15	Jan/Feb			
46.	T. Kavandapalayam	1·70	Anangur	4	Mariamman Festival	2	Feb/March	200	...	35
52.	Komarapalayam (P)	7·42	do	9	Fair	½	...	1000	Foodgrains, sweets, pops, nuts & confectionery	31 Fair meets on every Tuesday
					Mariamman Festival	1	November			

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					TIRUCHENGODE TALUK (Contd.)					
53.	Sathianaickam palayam (V)	0·72	Sankari	8	Mariamman Festival	3	January	1,000	Sweetmeats	31
57.	Avanashipatti (P)	1·60	do	17	do	1	Mar/April	200	...	27
58.	Ramapuram (V)	2·88	do	15	Annamar Festival	3	Nov/Dec	400	Food grains & vegetables	25
					Fair	1	...	300		Fair meets on every Thursday
67.	Marapparai (Part) (P)	5·17	do	17	do	1	...	3,600	Eatables, vegetables & leather	39
					Vyappamalai Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/April	1,000		Fair meets on every Friday Uthiram star of Panguni month
70.	Paruthipalli (P)	3·79	do	12	Fair	1	...	200	Vegetables	20
					Kaliamman Festival	2	Feb/March	500		On Full Moon day of Masi Fair meets on every Tuesday
71.	Vandinatham (V)	1·35	do	17	Mariamman Festival	1	Mar/April	200	do	20 On Full Moon day of Masi
72.	Konnayar (P)	6·12	do	17	Fair	1	...	700	Vegetables, food grains and sweets	27
					Chellandiamman Festival	3	Mar/April	1,000		
74.	Komarapalayam (P) Goundampalayam (H)	8·73	do	12	Mariamman Festival	7	Feb/Mar	1,565	Sweets	33
78.	Pokkampalayam (V)	2·09	do	9½	do	1	Nov or Jan	150	Fruits, coconuts & fancy goods	32½
79.	Pudupuliampatti (V)	1·34	do	9	do	12	October	500	do	32

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					TIRUCHENGODE TALUK (Contd.)					
82.	Sirumolosi (V)	0·80	Sankari	8	Mariamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	1,200	...	31
83.	Animoor (V)	1·42	do	9½	do	1	January	800	Sweetmeats & utility articles	33
85.	Emapalli (P)	6·69	Cauvery	8	do	1	do	...	Food grains	34
86.	Papampalayam	3·24	do	3	Muniappan Festival	1	July/Aug	700	Sweets	40
87.	Odapalli Agraharam	1·85	do	1	OM. Kaliamman Festival	15	Dec/Jan	400	do	40
88.	Kokarayampet (P)	3·38	do	4	Kokkarayan-pettai Fair	1	do	1,000	Sweetmeats, sheep, sows, foodgrains, & handloom fabrics	43 Fair meets on every Monday
					Mariamman Festival	15	do	1,500	do	...
89.	Pattur (V)	2·69	do	5	do	3	Feb/Mar	600	do	40
90.	A. Erayamangalam (P)	3·40	Basur	3	do	2	March	1,225	Sweetmeats	37
91.	A. Erayamangalam (N. P.)	5·40	Sankari	15	Korakkuthi Elayaperumal-swamy Festival	1	April/May	2,000	Fruits eatables	40 Fair meets on every Monday
					Fair	1	...	1,000	...	...
92.	Molosi (P)	3·04	Basur Cauveri	2	Mariamman Festival	11	Feb/Mar	1,000	Sweetmeats	38
93.	Pirithi (P)	4·68	Sankari	12	do	3	Jan/Feb	700	Sweets & fruits	35
94.	Chittalandur (P)	3·71	do	9	do	15	Oct/Nov	1,000	Fruits	33
95.	Nallipalayam (P)	5·02	do	12	do	3	Nov/Dec	1,000	Sweets	36

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					TIRUCHENGODE TALUK (Contd.)					
96.	Unjanai (P)	4·60	Sankari	9	Fair	1	...	400	Fruits, coconuts, paddy cholam & cumbu	33
					Kaliamman and Mariamman	2	November	1,000	...	...
97.	Molipalli	3·56	do	13	Fair	1	...	500	Snacks, coconuts & fruits	37
					Annumar Festival	5	Feb/Mar	5,000		
					Mariamman Festival / Kaliamman Festival	15	do	3,000		
98.	Vilapalayam (P)	4·07	do	13	Mariamman Festival	3	Apr/May	600	Sweets & roasted nuts	On Full Moon day of Chithrai
99.	Illuppili (P)	5·48	do	16	Fair	1	...	300	Foodgrains & vegetables	31
100.	Kokkalai (V)	1·74	Sankari	19	Thai Poosam Car Festival	3	Jan/Feb	1,000	...	27 On Poosam star in Thai month
101.	Marapparai (Part)	1·16	do	26	Mariamman Festival / Muniappan Festival	7	May/June	300	Sweetmeats	26
102.	Periyamanali (V)	6·00	do	33	Karia Kali-amman Festival	4	Mar/April	1,000	Cattle	25
103.	Thondipatti (V)	1·50	do	30	Mariamman Festival	4	April	500	Fancy goods	30
	Chinnamanalai (P)	...	do	32	do	5	do	500	...	32
104.	Mavureddipatti	3·15	do	21	Subramanya-swamy	2	Jan/Feb	2,000	Fancy goods	32
					Thai Poosam Anbu Servai	2	October	...	...	...

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					TIRUCHENGODE TALUK (Concld.)					
105.	Koothampoondi (P)	3·67	Sankari	14	Nalla Kumara-swamy Sivarathiri Festival	5	Feb/March	10,000	...	31
106.	Pullagoundam-patti (P)	2·93	do	14	Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec/Jan	500	Fruits & roasted nuts	38
					Mariamman Festival	3	Apr/May			
108.	Laddivadi (P)	2·83	do	21	Ukkarandiamman Festival	2	Mar/Apr	1,000	Miscellan-eous goods	43
109.	Manathi (P)	1·40	do	20	Mariamman Festival	15	April	800	Clothes	42
110.	Elanagar (P)	2·40	do	19	do	15	March	500	Fancy goods	41
111.	Musiri (V)	1·90	do	27	do	3	April	300	Clothes	30
112.	Musiri (P)	1·09	do	22	do	20	April/May	500	Coconuts, fruits, roasted nuts & incense	31
113.	Marukkalampatti (V)	0·80	do	19	Fair	1	...	2,000	Snacks	Fair meets on every Tuesday
				30	Mariamman Festival	4	April	800	Fruits, nuts, pops. sugarcane & clothes	30
114.	Puthur East (P)	1·74	do	22	do	15	do	500	Clothes	30
115.	Bommampatti (P)	4·09	do	23	do	2	March	500	Fancy goods	39
					RASIPURAM TALUK					
1.	Mannakkal Agraharam (V)	Unsur-veyed area	Vembadi-thalam	7	Mariamman Festival	1	October	1,000	...	16
3.	Ponporappapatti (V)	2·95	Salem	12	do	1	August	500	...	12
4.	Komarapalayam (V)	1·08	do	10	do	3	October	1,000	...	10

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				RASIPURAM TALUK (Contd.)						
5.	Keeranur (P)	2·70	Salem	11	Mariamman Festival	15	Apr/May	500	Snacks	9
6.	Pallavanaickenpatti (P)	0·73	do	8	do	15	April	700	...	8
7.	Malayampalayam (V)	0·57	do	9	do	15	do	300	...	9
8.	Guttaladampatti	1·09	do	11	do	15	Mar/Apr	300 to 400	Sweetmeats	9
9.	Melur (V)	0·34	do	18	do	1	October	300	...	18 This is a hilly village 2,500 feet above sea level. The villagers are tribal people
10.	Kilur (V)	0·64	do	20	do	1	do	200	...	20
11.	Gedamalai (V)	0·71	do	20	do	1	do	200	...	20
14.	Mangalapuram	6·55	Valapaadi	13	Fair	1	...	2,500	Paddy, blackgram, coconuts & vegetables	35
				13	Mariamman Festival	3	...	3,000		
15.	Iswaramoorthi-palayam (P)	3·33	do	15	Car Festival	3	Feb/Mar	2,000	Miscella-neous commo-dities	35 On Magham Star
16.	Thimmanaicken-patti (P)	2·86	Athur	12	Thimmanaicken-patti Fair	1	...	1,500	Paddy, foodgrains, rice, vegetables & leather	39
17.	Muthuruttu (P)	4·70	Vazhapadi	15	Angalamman Festival	...	...	3,000	Coconuts, plantains, incense	39

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				RASIPURAM TALUK (Contd.)						
18.	Naraikinar (P)	5·83	Vazhapadi	16	Annakodi Festival	5	April	1,500	Sweetmeats	33 This festival is being celebrated with refer-ence to the story of 'Siru-thondar'
19.	Karkoodalpatti (P)	12·03	do	15	Fair	1	...	600	Salt, chillies, vegetables & coconuts	30
				12	Mariamman Festival	3	...	1,000		
20.	Moolaipallipatti	2·87	Rasipuram	10	do	2	Mar/Apr	200	...	25
21.	Pudupatti (P)	5·72	Salem	23	Mariamman Festival	3	March	10,000	...	23
22.	Moolaipallipatti (P)	1·73	do	22	Mariamman Festival	7	March/April	1,000	...	22
23.	Vadugam (P)	2·63	do	22	do	7	July/Aug	1,000	...	22
				...	Kaliamman Festival	...	Feb/Mar	300	...	
24.	Pattanammuniappam-palayam (P)	0·21	do	20	Mariamman Festival	7	July/Aug	1,000	...	20
25.	Pudur (Malayala-patti) (V)	1·73	do	20	do	...	March	1,000	...	20
27.	Kallangulam (P)	0·88	do	19	do	3	October	2,000	Snacks	19
28.	Pudupalayam (P)	2·86	do	17	do	15	Oct/Nov	2,750	Light refreshments & aerated waters	18
29.	Thengalpalayam (V)	1·87	do	12	do	3	March	1,000	...	12
30.	Athanur (P)	3·24	do	11	Pongal	1	January	1000	...	11
					Car Festival (Athanuriamman)	1	April			

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					RASIPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
31.	Alampatti (V)	0·59	Vembadi-thalam	10	Mariamman Festival	1	April	600	...	12
32.	Annamalaipatti (V)	3·20	Salem	9	do	1	August	500	...	12
33.	Ananthagoundam-palayam (V)	0·69	Vembadi-thalam	8	do	1	do	500	...	12
34.	Vennanandur (P)	1·86	do	7	do Muthukumara-swamy	1	do	1,300	...	16
35.	Nechipatti (P)	0·52	do	6½	Mariamman Festival	1	April	175	...	15½
36.	Mathiampatti (V)	1·33	Mac Donald's Choultry	9	do	1	Mar/April	100 to 200	Miscellaneous, commodities & snacks	15
					Anthoniar Festival	1	Jan/Feb	200 to 300		
					Marimathalai-amman	2	July/Aug	1,500 to 2,000		
					Adi Dravida Mariamman	12	do	100 to 200		
37.	Semmandapatti (P)	0·73	Salem	15	Mariamman Festival	3	March	500	...	15
38.	Naduppatti (V)	1·07	do	15	do	3	April	300	...	15
39.	Alavoipatti (P)	1·53	Veerapandi	11	Mariamman Festival	...	Feb/Mar	2,500	Roasted nuts & sugarcane	15
				10	Fair	...	...			Fair meets on every Tuesday
40.	Mattuvelampatti (V)	0·54	Vembadi-thalam	9	Mariamman Festival	1	March	500	...	17
42.	Moolakkadu (V)	0·87	Salem	14	do	3	Oct/Nov	1,000	...	13
44.	Kattanachampatti (P)	1·59	do	18	do	3	October	3,000	...	17

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					RASIPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
45.	Rasipuram (M) Part	2·85	Salem	16	Fair	1	...	3,000	Foodgrains, sweetmeats & vessels	16 Fair meets on every Tuesday
					Mariamman Festival Perumal Koil Festival Eswaran Koil Festival	5	Oct/Nov Apr/May	2,000	...	...
46.	Koneripatti (V) Part	0·45	do	18	Fair	1	...	3,000	Foodgrains, sheep & vegetables	16 Fair meets on every Tuesday
48.	Vadugammanippam-palayam (P)	0·48	do	22	Mariamman Festival	7	April/May	250	Plantains, coconuts & nuts	22 During First week of Chithrai
49.	Namagiripet (P)	15·46	do	22	do	3	do	2,700	Vegetables, plantains & roasted nuts	22
50.	Unanthangal (P)	3·85	Athur	25	do	2	March	3,000	Plantains, coconuts & camphor	34
51.	Mullukurichi (P)	2·97	do	23	do	7	Feb/Mar	1,300	Fancy goods	34 Fair meets on every Sunday
					Fair	1	...	200	Chillies, salt, oils & grains	...
53.	Moolakurichi (P)	2·91	do	24	Mariamman Festival Kaliamman Festival	7	Feb/Mar	1,000	Fancy goods	36 Once in three years
57.	Jedarpalayam (P)	1·37	Salem	24	Fair Thai Poosam Festival Mariamman Festival Car Festival	1	Jan/Feb/ April	1,000	Foodgrains, pepper, vegetables plantains, betel leaves nuts & fruits	23 Fair meets on every Sunday

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					RASIPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
59.	Kakaveri (T)	3·44	Salem	19	Mariamman Festival	1	Mar/April	300	Sweetmeats	17
60.	Thottia Patti (V)	0·49	Mac Donald's Choultry	10	do	3	April	500	...	15
61.	Chandrasekarapuram (P)	3·04	Salem	16	do	15	October	1,000	Vegetables & mutton	16 Fair meets on every Thursday
					Fair	1	...			
62.	Goundampalayam (P) (Rasipuram Part)	0·86	do	18	Mariamman Festival	17	April	300	Sweetmeats	17
63.	Anaikattipalayam (V)	0·60	do	18	do	3	Mar/Apr	500	...	15
64.	Koonavelampatti (P)	1·64	do	18	Fair	1	...	200	Sweetmeats	15 Fair meets on every Thursday
				16	Amman Festival	3	Oct/Nov	5,000	...	Next week of Deepavali
65.	Sowthapuram (P) Part	1·49	do	17	Mariamman Festival	15	March	500	...	17
66.	Akkaraipatti (V) Part	4·96	Mac Donald's Choultry	9	Fair	1	...	3,000	Sweetmeats, & utility articles	16 Fair meets on every Thursday before Full Moon day
					Muniswara-swamy Festival	1	Mar/April			
67.	Porasalpatti (V)	0·90	Salem	16	Mariamman Festival	2	Apr/May	200 to 250	Sweetmeats	16
68.	Koppampatti (V)	0·95	do	20	do	1	April/May	200	...	20
69.	Ponkurichi (P)	0·45	do	19	do	1	Oct/Nov	500	...	19
				19	Ponkaliamman Festival	1	Mar/Apr			

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					RASIPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
70.	Ponkurichi Ayipalayam	1·26	Salem	19	Mariamman Festival	2	Oct/Nov	400	...	19
				19	Ponkaliamman Festival					
71.	Komarapalayam (P)	1·57	do	18½	Mariamman Festival	7	Feb/Mar	1,000	...	18½
72.	Pilinallur (P)	1·57	do	18	Fair	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains & vegetables	18 Fair meets on Sunday
					Subramaniya-swami Panguni Uthiram Festival	7	March/ April	1000	...	18
					Mariamman Festival		October/ November			
					Om Kaliamman Festival		February/ March			
74.	Anaipalayam (P)	1·32	do	16	Mariamman Festival	15	April	1,500	...	16
77.	Singalandapuram (V) Part	0·69	do	22	do	1	October	5,000	...	21
79.	Singalandapuram (P)	4·57	do	21	Fair	1	...	1,000	Paddy, ragi & rice	21 Fair meets on every Thursday
80.	Thoppapatti (P)	2·39	do	25	Mariamman Festival	7	April	500	...	22
82.	Edapulinadu (V)	4·06	do	46	do	3	February	500	...	46 Once in two years
83.	Thirupulinadu (V)	4·99	do	46	do	...	April/May	700	...	46 Once in two years

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					RASIPURAM TALUK (Concld.)					
85.	Alathurnadu (V)	...	Attur	30	Mariamman Festival	...	Apr/May	700	...	46 Once in two years
86.	Gundoninadu (V)	2·26	do	28	Fair	1	...	100	Tamarind, jack fruits, mangoes & lemons	37 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					ATTUR TALUK					
1.	Neyyamalai	17·21	Vazhapadi	11	Kariaramman Festival	2	Apr/May	1,000	Clothes & sweetmeats	36 It occurs on Saturday in Chithrai
3.	Pappinaickenpatti (P)	3·24	do	15	Fair	2	...	4000	Grocery, clothes & sweetmeats	35 Fair meets on every Wednes-day and Sunday
10.	Panaimadal (P)	4·34	Ethapur	8	Koothandar Festival	2	April	5,000	Clothes & incense	28
13.	Kottavadu (P)	0·79	Vazhapadi	2	Fair	1	...	700	Clothes, vegetables, foodgrains & sweet-meats	18 Fair meets on every Saturday
17.	Ethapur (P)	5·92	Ethapur	¼	Fair	1	...	5,000	Paddy, coconuts, betel leaves, nuts, clothes, leather & mutton	22 Fair meets on every Tuesday
				1½	Mariamman Festival	7	July/Aug	10,000	...	...
					Sambamoorthy Eswara Car Festival	7	Jan/Feb			
					Agni Festival	30	April/May			
				1¾	Chelliyai Car Festival	7	Jan/Feb			

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					ATTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
18.	Peddanaicken-palayam (P)	4·50	Peddanaicken-palayam	16	Fair	1	...	3,000	Foodgrains, clothes, leather & coconuts	23½ Fair meets on every Friday
27.	Kattukottai (P)	6·24	Kattukottai	½	Rathothsavam for Murugan at Chennimalai Hill	3	Mar/Apr	2,800	Earthenwares, & brass-wares	36½ On Uthiram star
31.	Unathur (P)	3·70	Talaivasal	6	Panguni Uthiram Car Festival	1	do	1,000	...	48 On Uthiram star
32.	Varagur (P)	1·52	do	4	Car Festival	3	June	3,500	Earthenwares	46
35.	Pattuthurai (P)	2·71	do	½	Mariamman Car Festival	1	Mar/April	2,000	Coconuts, fruits & eatables	43
39.	Sadasivapuram (P)	2·65	Attur	2	Ponniamman Car Festival	16	...	2,500	Fruits & coconuts	38
47.	Viragoundanur (P)	0·09	do	...	Mariamman Festival	4	May	500	do	23
49.	Muthugoundanur (P)	0·37	Ethapur Rd.	3	do	5	June	1,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	25 Once in two years
50.	Umayapuram (P)	2·08	Peddanaicken-palayam	2	do	4	May	500	do	24 Once in two years
				2	Agni Festival	1	August			Fair meets on every Saturday
				2	Fair	1	...	250		
57.	Kalarampatti (P)	1·57	do	4	Mariamman Festival	3	May	500	...	25
58.	Ariyapalayam (P)	1·59	Ethapur Rd.	3	do Maha Muniappan Car Festival	3	February	1,000	Sweetmeats, clothes & fancy goods	25
60.	Oddapatti (P)	2·65	Kalpaganur Pethanaicken-Palayam	3	Niruara Desikar Guru pooja	3	Jan/Feb	10,000	Grocery	29

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					ATTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
65.	Odiathur (P)	3·82	Kattukottai	3½	Chelliamman Car Festival	21	July/Aug	4,500	Brasswares & earthenwares	38
71.	Talaivasal (P)	3·03	Talaivasal	1	Fair	1	...	500	Sweetmeats, earthenwares, clothes, vegetables & grocery	42 Fair meets on every Tuesday
73.	Aragalur (P)	1·41	do	5	Angalamman Festival	9	Feb/Mar	5,000	Sweetmeats, earthenwares & clothes	44 On Siva-rathri
				...	Car.Festival	2	Mar/Aprll	10,000	Sweetmeats, vegetables, earthen-wares & fancy goods	On Uthiram star
				4½	Fair	1	...	1,250	Vegetables	Fair meets on every Wednesday
				4½	Rathothsavam for Kamanatha swamy and Kavi Varadaraja Perumal	10	Mar/April	2,000	Coconuts, fruits & eatables	On Pooram and Uthiram stars.
				5	Ambalamman Festival	10	July/Aug	20,000	Clothes, sweetmeats, earthenware, & fancy goods	During second week of Adi
78.	Naduvalur (P)	7·10	Athur	6¾	Arungkattamman Festival	6	do	6,000	Brasswares & grocery	38¾
80.	Kadambur (P)	5·91	do	7	Mariamman Festival	4	May/June	1,000	Earthenwares	39
85.	Gopalapuram (P)	3·31	Ethapuram	7	do	3	May	500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	25 During last week of May
88.	Ulipuram (P)	7·21	Athur	19	do	7	Mar/April or April/May	2,000	Sweetmeats	38

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					ATTUR TALUK (Concld.)					
95.	Thedavur (P)	7·15	Athur	10	Car Festival (Mariamman, Chelliamman, Koothandar-swamy)	30	July/Aug	5,000	Fruits & coconuts	Once in in three years
96.	Veeraganur (P)	6·61	Talaivasal	16	Fair	1	...	3,000	Earthenwares & clothes	Fair meets on every Monday
				8	Ponniamman Festival	...	Feb/Mar	...	...	...
				...	Angalamman Festival	7	Mar/April	...	...	...
				...	Perumal Festival	...	April/May	1,000	Clothes & agricultural implements	45
				...	Adi Amavasai Festival	...	July/Aug	...	...	...
108.	Thamampatti (P)	8·45	Athur	18	Perumal Car Festival	10	Apr/May	4,000	Fancy goods	37
	Koneripatti (H)	...	...	...	Mariamman Festival	10	July/Aug or September	5,000		
	Thamampatti (P)	...	...	...	Baskara Festival	3	February	700	Sweetmeats	39
	Koneripatti (P)	8·45	Athur	19	Mary Festival	3	April			
109.	Jangama Samudram (P)	1·39	do	18	Mariamman Festival	3	Apr/May	200	do	37
	Valakombai	...	...	21	...	3	do	300	do	40
112.	Thumbal (R.F.) (uninhabited)	2·49	Vazhapadi	12	Fair	1	...	1,500	Foodgrains, clothes, sweetmeats & vegetables	31

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					NAMAKKAL TALUK					
1.	Sircar Nattamangalam (P)	3·51	...	...	Angalamman Festival	3	March	...	...	21
3.	A. K. Samudram (P)	0·93	...	...	Pudavaikara Amman Festival	3	August	...	...	18
4.	Pachal (P)	0·93	...	...	Muthukumaraswamy Festival	7	April	...	...	18
5.	Kadiranallur (P)	3·30	...	...	Mariamman Festival	7	March	...	...	22
6.	Kalurichi (P)	1·97	...	24	Fair	1	...	500	Gur, fruits vegetables mats & earthenwares	24 Fair meets on Monday
					Mariamman Festival	8	March	1,000	Clothes & fancy goods	...
7.	Pallipatti (P)	1·52	...	25	Pallipatti Fair	8	...	100	Fruits & vegetables	25 Fair meets on every Monday
				26	Palani Andavar Koil Thai Poosam	1	Jan/Feb	3,000	Snacks	26
					Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/April	5,000		
8.	Belukurichi (P)	2·42	...	24	Fair	1	...	1,500	Fruits, vegetables, clothes, leather, mats, jaggery, & vessels	24 Fair meets on every Saturday
				24	Mariamman Festival	15	April/May	4,000	Clothes, vessels, mats, jaggery, fruits & coconuts	24

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10.	Thirumalaipatti (P)	7·84	...	...	Mariamman Festival	3	March	...	...	26 During last week of March
11.	Karaikurichi (P)	2·68	Salem	22	do	7	March	...	...	22 During first week of March
12.	Kannurpatti (P)	2·33	...	...	do	7	do	...	...	21 During last week of March
13.	Govindampalayam (P) Thathyangapatti (H)	2·98	Salem	20	do	3	February	...	...	20 During second week of February
14.	Navani (P)	7·94	...	...	do	7	do	...	...	20 During first week of February
15.	Lakkapuram (P)	1·45	...	...	do	7	March	...	...	22 During last week of March
16.	Elur (P)	6·93	Salem	23	do	7	do	...	...	23
17.	Karadipatti (P)	2·40	...	...	do	3	February	...	...	26 During first week of February
19.	S. Uduppam (P)	2·23	...	...	do	7	March	...	...	28 During first week of March
20.	Kolangani (P)	1·38	...	28	do	...	...	...	...	22 During first week of March
23.	Thuthikulam	1·25	...	...	do	3	May/June	1,000	Vessels & mats	28

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				NAMAKKAL TALUK (Contd.)						
24.	Kaliappanaickenpatti (P)	2·91	Salem	30	Mariamman Festival	15	Mar/April	500	Grocery	30
	Kalappanaickenpatti Pudur (H)				do	15	April/May	500	...	30
	Thuttipattai (H)				do	15	June/July	500	...	30
	Rajagoundanur (H)				do	15	July/Aug	500	...	30
	Nanjundapuram (H)									
26.	Uthraikadikaval (P)	3·52	...	26	Fair	1	...	500	Earthenwares, jaggery, mats, clothes & fruits	26 Fair meets on every Monday
				26	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	1,000	Clothes	26
				32	Nachimar Koil Festival	7	...	500	Plantains, coconuts, jack fruits, vegetables, mats & earthenwares	34
27.	Naducombai (N.P.)	3·00	...	32	do	7	March	500	do	34
28.	Valavandicombai (N.P.)	...	...	34	Fair	1	...	...	Fruits vegetables & mats	34 Fair meets on every Sunday
	Karavallicombai	...	...	...	do	1	...	300	Earthenwares	Fair meets on Thursday
	Valavandicombai (N.P.)	...	...	35	Mariamman Festival	3	Apr/May	300	Clothes and miscellaneous commodities	35
33.	Pallaperai (N.P.)	...	...	34	Fair	1	...	300	Fruits, vegetables & miscellaneous commodities	34 Fair meets on every Sunday

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				NAMAKKAL TALUK (Contd.)						
34.	Akkiampatti (P)	...	...	33	Mariamman Festival	10	May/June	1,000	Clothes, mats, vessels & snacks	33
36.	Boomasamudram (P)	1·75	...	33	do	3	Mar/Apr	1,000	do	33
38.	Sendamangalam (P)	6·95	...	31	Fair	1	...	5,000	Clothes, fruits, vegetables, mats, vessels, earthenwares leather & jaggery	51 Fair meets on every Sunday
				31	Mariamman Festival	10	Aug/Sep	20,000		
				31	Perumal Car Festival	10	Feb/Mar	50,000		
40.	Pottanam (P)	3·64	...	33	Mariamman Festival	3	Apr/May	1,000	Fancy goods	33
50.	Kodur (P)	1·86	...	17	Kaliamman Festival	2	do	1,000	Clothes & vessels	51
				17	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	2,000	Bangles, vessels, clothes & fancy goods	51
				17	Bagavathiamman Festival	1	Nov/Dec	600	Sweetmeats, & vessels	51
	Kolanthapalayam	...	...	17	Fair	1	...	1,000	Chillies, vegetables & food grains	51 Fair meets on every Sunday
51.	Serukkalai (P)	3·78	...	17	Fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables & food grains	51 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					Bagavathiamman Festival	1	Oct/Nov	1,000	Coconuts, fruits & snacks	...
					Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec/Jan	1,000	Coconuts & fruits	...
					Ponnachiamman Festival	2	April/May	2,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	...

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					NAMAKKAL TALUK (Contd.)					
51.	Serukkalai (P) (contd.)	3·78	...	17	Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov/Dec	1,000	Sweetmeats & vessels	...
					Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/April	1,500	Clothes, vessels & fancy goods	...
52.	Kolaram (P)	4·65	Pugalur	16	do	3	April	2,000	Utility articles	41
				16	Karthigai Deepam	1	Nov/Dec	2,000	Clothes & vessels	41
	Vyrampalayam (V)	...	do	22	Om Kaliamman Festival	2	Dec/Jan	2,000	Clothes, vessels & fancy goods	56
	Vayipalayam (H)	...	do	22	Muthukumara-swamy Festival	1	Aug/Sep	1,500	Sweetmeats & clothes	56
	Kolaram (H)	...	do	16	Kaliamman Festival	3	April/May	2,000	Clothes & vessels	41
	Vayipalayam	...	do	22	do	2	Mar/Apr	2,000	Clothes, vessels & sweets	56
	Thalakkarai	...	do	22	Mariamman Festival	2	do	400	Sweetmeats	56
53.	Manianur (P)	4·18	do	19	do	3	Jan/Feb	1,500	Fruits, vessels, sweets & fancy goods	53
					Angalamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	2,000	...	...
					Fair	1	do	4,000	Foodgrains, vegetables & cattle	... Fair meets on every Saturday
54.	Perunkurichi (P) Sullipalayam (V) Devanoorpalayam (V) Kosavapalayam (V)	2·36	do	7	Mariamman Festival	15	Nov/Dec January	5,000	Fruits, sugarcane, sweets, vessels & fancy goods	37 Takes place during the last week of Karthigai and first week of Margazhi

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					NAMAKKAL TALUK (Contd.)					
55.	Kuppirikapalayam (P)	3·27	Pugalur	6	Chella Kumara-swamy Festival	3 to 5	Aug/Sep	500	Sweetmeats & vessels	38
56.	Solasiramani (P)	...	do	1	Fair	1	Aug/Sep	2,000	Foodgrains, vegetables, clothes, vessels, snuff, betel leaves, nuts, snacks & incense	40 Fair on every Thursday
				2	Adi Festival	3	July/Aug	5,000	Vessels, sweetmeats, coconuts & fruits	40 On 18th of Adi
				3	Mariamman Festival	15	Mar/Apr	2,000	Sweetmeats, coconuts & fruits	40 Takes place during the last week of Thai and first week of Masi months
58.	Nallur (P)	5·34	do	15	do	9	do	1,000	Utility articles	41
59.	Ramadevam (P) Settiampalayam (H)	4·71	do	17	do	2	April/May	600	Fruits	51
					Seshadhri Festival	3	February Mar/April	1,500	Utility articles	...
					Mariamman Festival		Feb/Mar	1,000	Clothes, vessels, fruits, sweets & fancy goods	...
					Kaliamman Festival	3	April/May	1,000	Fruits	...
61.	Iruttanai (P)	1·74	do	14	Mariamman Festival	1	Mar/April	400	Sweetmeats & vessels	48
62.	Pirandagam (P)	1·68	do	17	do	...	do	300	Clothes & sweetmeats	51

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					NAMAKKAL TALUK (Contd.)					
72.	Kondamanaiken-patti (P)	2·00	Pugalur	34	Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	300	Fruits, vegetables, meats, vessels & clothes	34
92.	Kudacheri (P)	2·37	...	13	Fair	1	Mar/Apr	300	Foodstuffs & vegetables	47
					Kaliamman Festival	2	do	7,000	Sweetmeats	47
					Mariamman Festival	3	do	500	Clothes & vessels	...
					Bagavathiamman Festival	1	Nov/Dec	300	Sweetmeats	...
93.	Melsathambur (N.P.)	2·38	Pugalur	12	Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	1,000	Utility articles	...
94.	Kunnamalai (P)	...	...	13	Kaliamman Festival	3	May/June	2,000	Clothes, vessels & fancy goods	51
	Pambagoundan-palayam (H)	3·06	...	16	Appachimar Koil Festival	1	July/Aug	600	Sweetmeats & vessels	50
				12	Mariamman Festival	3	April	2,000	Utility articles	48
				18	do	2	Feb/Mar	200	Clothes & vessels	52
95.	Sithampoondi (P)	7·09	Pugalur	22	Kaliamman Festival	3	May/June	300	Vessels	56
	Kodanasampalayam (H)	...	...	15	Mariamman Festival	3	April	2,000	Utility articles	50
				21	Kaliamman Festival	3	May/June	500	Sweets	55

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					NAMAKKAL TALUK (Contd.)					
97.	Elampalli (P)	...	Pasur	3	Mariamman Festival	2	Mar/Apr	750	Sweetmeats & vessels	42
98.	Kurumbalamadevi (N.P.)	2·29	Kuzhanalli	3	do	3	Feb/Mar	500	do	40
99.	Kothamangalam (N.P.)	2·76	do	1½	do	1	Jan/Feb	500	Sweetmeats	48
					Bagavathiamman Festival	1	Dec/Jan	500	Vessels	On Full Moon day
100.	Sirnellikoil (N.P.)	2·04	do	4	Mariamman Festival	9	April/May	1,000	Vessels, edibles, foodgrains & vegetables	54
101.	Vadagaraiattur West (P)	6·06	Vinjalur	3	Fair	1	do	1,000	Foodgrains	52 Fair meets on every Friday
	Jedapalayam	...	...	...	Bagavathiamman Festival	5	January	2,000	Clothes & vessels	52
103.	T. Goundanpalayam (N.P.) Pudur	...	Pasur	6	Fair	1	do	500	Foodgrains, vegetables & grocery	52 Fair meets on every Wednesday
104.	Seerapalli (P)	3·30	Pugalur	14	Mariamman Festival Kaliamman Festival	3	April	1,500	Utility articles	50
105.	Nandanthai (P)	4·63	...	13	Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	700	Clothes & vessels	47 During first week of Chithrai
					Fair	1	do	500	Foodgrains & vegetables	47 Fair meets once in a month on Tuesday
107.	Pullur (P)	...	...	12	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/April	1,500	Fruits & sweets	46
					Padavattiamman Festival	3	do	2,000	Vessels, sweets & gilted articles	46

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				NAMAKKAL TALUK (Contd.)						
107.	Pullur (P) (contd.)	...	...	...	Fair	1	Mar/Aprll	300	Foodgrains & vegetables	Fair meets on every Friday
108.	Villipalayam (P)	...	...	11	Mariamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	700	Clothes, vessels & sweets	...
145.	Parampathi (P)	...	Pugalur	8	Chandanakudam	1	August	600	Vessels	42
				8	Fair	1	do	2,000	Sweets	Fair meets on every Thursday
				7	Angalamman Koil Festival	3	March	1,000	Utility articles	...
					Mariamman Festival	...	Nov			
	Maruveraddi	5·99	...	9	Kaliamman Festival	1	Feb/Mar	600	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	43
				9	Mariamman Festival	2	Mar/April	300		
	Samipatti (H)	...	...	7	do	1	April/May	400	Sweets & vessels	...
	Vellalipatti (H)	...	...	7	Bagavathiamman Festival	1	Dec/Jan	300	Fruits & sweets	...
	Karuthupalayam (H)	...	...	...	do	1	do	200	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	...
	Ovvampalayam (H)	...	...	...	do	1	Feb/Mar	300	Clothes & sweetmeats	...
	Maruvapalayam (H)	...	...	...	do	1	Dec/Jan	300	Clothes & vessels	...
146.	Monickanatham (P)	2·87	...	11	Mariamman Festival	3	April	2,000	Utility articles	45
	Suriampalayam (H)	...	...	11	do	3	March	700	Fruits	...
147.	Irukkur	4·92	...	7	do	3	Mar/Apr	1,000	Foodgrains clothes & sweets	49

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				NAMAKKAL TALUK (Contd.)						
148.	Kabilakurichi (P)	...	Unjalur	6	Subramanya-swamy Festival	3	Jan/Feb	10,000	Vessels & modern stationery	48 On Poosam star of Thai
				6	Fair	1	...	500	Food grains, vegetables & grocery	Fair meets on every Monday
151.	Anangur (P)	...	do	2	Fair	1	...	100	Food grains	52 Fair meets on every Monday
				2	Bagavathiamman Festival	2	Dec/Jan	200	Sweetmeats, vessels & fancy goods	...
152.	Kunnathur AG. (P)	2·83	Kodumudi	2½	Mariamman Festival	2	Apr/May	1,000	Clothes & vessels	56
				2	Panguni Uthiram	10	Mar/Apr	2,500		
153.	Selur (P)	8·26	do	2½	Bagavathiamman Festival	1	Dec/Jan	500	Sweetmeats	54 On New Moon day
154.	Pillikkulpalayam (P)	...	do	...	Panguni Uthiram Car Festival	10	Mar/April	2,500	Foodgrains & snacks	55 On Uthiram star of Panguni
155.	Bommalapalayam (N.P.)	0·92	Noyil	...	Mariamman Festival	10	Feb/March	1,000	Sweetmeats, & vessels	55
	AG. Bommalapalayam	...	do	1½	Bagavathiamman Festival	3	Oct/Nov	500	Sweetmeats	...
156.	AG. Kondalam (N.P)	0·68	do	...	Mariamman Festival	10	Feb/Mar/ April	5,000	Foodgrains	54
157.	S. Kondalam	3·42	do	...	do	10	Feb/Mar	5,000	Sweetmeats, vessels, rice, foodgrains, vegetables & fruits	55
					Fair	1	April	1,000		

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					NAMAKKAL TALUK (Concld.)					
158.	S. Vengarai (M.V)	...	Pugalur	...	Vengaraiamman Festival	1	Oct/Nov	3,000	Snacks	50
160.	Gopanampalayam (P)	1·95	do	7	Malayalaswami Festival	...	Nov/Dec	3,000	Snacks	49
					Bagavathiamman Festival	...	Mar/Apr			
161.	Veeranampalayam (P)	2·57	...	7	Mariamman Festival	3	do	3,000	Clothes & vessels	45
162.	Pothanur (P)	2·57	Pugalur	6	do	...	May	5,000	Edibles	50
	Devarayasamudram	...	do	6	Palakattu Mariyayi Eswaran Festival	...	...	2,000	Sweetmeats	...
163.	Punjai Ediayar West (N.P.)	3·72	do	5	Bagavathiamman Festival	1	Nov/Dec	600	Utility articles	46
					Pudumariamman Festival	1	Apr/May			
					Chellandiamman Festival	1	May/June			
164.	Velur (P)	1·99	do	5	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/April	2,000	Fruits	46
				4	Bagavathiamman Festival	1	Jan/Feb	1,500	do	...
				4	Kongalaiamman Festival	2	Dec/Jan	1,500	do	...
				4	Pudumariammn Festival	1	Feb/Mar	2,000	do	...
				4	Chandanakudam	1	August	2,000	Fruits & vessels	45
					Fair	1	...	5,000	Plantations, clothes, vegetables, ghee, snacks & cattle	46 Fair meets on every Sunday

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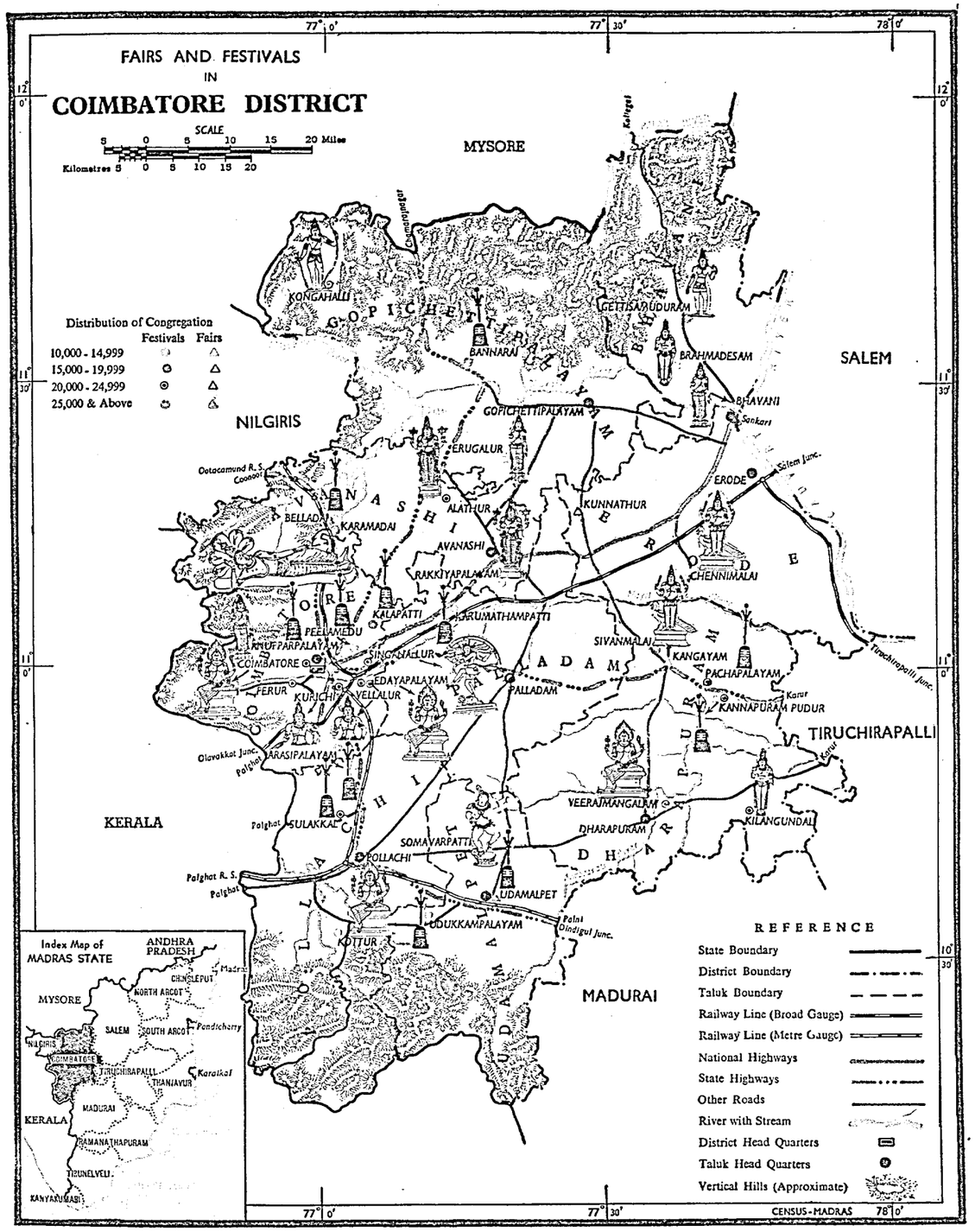
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FAIRS AND FESTIVALS IN COIMBATORE DISTRICT

The Coimbatore district celebrates 525 festivals, every year, attended by 17,72,685 people. As always, Hindus celebrate the maximum number of festivals, as many as 521. The Christians celebrate three and the Moslems only one.

Community	No. of festivals	Attendance
Hindu	521	17,70,335
Christian	3	1,850
Moslem	1	500
Total ...	**525**	**17,72,685**

The Coimbatore district celebrates 35 other Hindu festivals which lack details of season, duration and congregation. If these were reckoned too, the district indeed celebrates 560 festivals annually.

Of the nine taluks in the district - Erode, which has the holy Cauvery river flowing through, celebrates 125 festivals, 46 more than its nearest rival, Coimbatore taluk. The largest patronage, however, is to be seen at Gopichettipalayam's 66 festivals. Udumalpet taluk, with 17 festivals, celebrates the least number. The most slender crowds at festivals are seen in Palladam taluk. Only 67,610 people grace its 67 festive occasions. The following statement gives the district's details at a glance.

Taluk	No. of festivals	Attendance
Bhavani	38	2,15,000
Gopichettipalayam	66	4,09,625
Erode	125	1,72,575
Dharapuram	42	1,29,700
Palladam	67	67,610
Avanashi	55	1,95,250
Coimbatore	79	3,80,975
Pollachi	36	1,02,150
Udumalpet	17	99,800
Total	**525**	**17,72,685**

Of the twelve months in the year, March/April sees 115 festivals celebrated. This is the maximum number and attracts the maximum attendance too. February/March contends second place, both in the number of festivals and attendance. The season of June/ July celebrates the least number of five festivals drawing in only 11,800 people.

Season	No. of festivals	Attendance
January—February	69	1,74,200
February—March	75	2,56,900
March—April	115	5,20,225
April—May	64	1,65,110
May—June	30	79,450
June—July	5	11,800
July—August	18	35,950
August—September	19	1,23,550
September—October	28	82,250
October—November	41	2,22,225
November—December	13	33,600
December—January	48	67,425
Total	**525**	**17,72,685**

The majority of the festivals in Coimbatore District belongs to the 'below 1,000' range of congregation, for 261 festivals out of 525 are attended by a throng never a thousand strong. Only five taluks - Bhavani, Gopichettipalayam, Avanashi, Coimbatore and Udumalpet - celebrate festivals of mammoth size.

Congregation range of festivals

Taluk	Over 50,000	Festivals	20,000 to 49,999	Festivals	10,000 to 19,999	Festivals	5,000 to 9,999	Festivals	1,000 to 4,999	Festivals	Below 1,000	Festivals
Bhavani ...	1,00,000	1	...	...	40,000	4	32,500	6	23,000	16	19,500	11
Gopichettipalayam	3,00,000	1	...	...	10,000	1	32,000	5	56,000	29	11,625	30
Erode ...	...	...	...	...	58,000	5	25,000	5	63,500	41	25 075	74
Dharapuram ...	...	...	25,000	1	45,000	3	23 000	4	30,000	17	6,700	17
Palladam ...	...	...	...	...	10,000	1	...	...	41,700	22	15,910	44
Avanashi ...	1,00,000	1	20,000	1	20,000	2	10,000	2	33,000	19	12,250	30
Coimbatore ...	1,20,000	1	60,000	3	85,000	7	46,000	9	55,500	28	14,475	31
Pollachi ...	...	...	20,000	1	30,000	3	30,000	6	12,500	7	9,650	19
Udumalpet ...	50,000	1	...	...	15 000	1	5,000	1	26,500	9	3,300	5
Total ...	**670,000**	**5**	**125,000**	**6**	**313,000**	**27**	**203,500**	**38**	**341,700**	**188**	**119,485**	**261**

The Annual Kundam festival at Chikkarasanpalayam in Gopichettipalayam taluk at which 3,00,000 people gather is the district's biggest. This Hindu festival goes on for eight days in March–April.

Palladam and Coimbatore taluks, between them, celebrate the three Christian festivals of the district.

FAIRS

The Coimbatore district regularly holds 173 weekly fairs, patronised by 2,63,160 people. Gopichettipalayam taluk conducts 29 fairs every week, the maximum in the district. Erode and Palladam taluks contest closely with 27 fairs each. Yet Bhavani, staging only 17 fairs, attracts a record 52,200 bidders. Udumalpet taluk is least fair crazy and conducts only six of them attracting no more than 2,400 persons. Erode taluk has a fair at which 20,000 people converge every seventh day. Certainly this size of assembly gives it a reputation as the biggest fair; but Pollachi taluk, though inducing less multitude, is counted the most glorious and colourful among fairs by virtue of the variety and profusion of merchandise displayed. The smallest fair, a resort of only 75 bargainers, is held in Palladam taluk. Sunday is top favourite with fairs, just as cattle is among items on sale.

Taluk	Weekly Fairs	Attendance	Days of Week: Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bhavani ...	17	52,200	4	...	3	3	2	1	4
Gopichettipalayam	29	32,600	5	2	6	6	4	4	2
Erode ...	27	39,650	3	3	4	6	4	2	5
Dharapuram ...	18	35,900	2	2	5	2	1	2	4
Palladam ...	27	38,575	9	1	2	3	4	2	6
Avanashi ...	24	28,825	4	2	2	5	2	5	4
Coimbatore ...	14	14,050	7	1	2	3	...	...	1
Pollachi ...	11	18,960	4	1	1	...	1	2	2
Udumalpet ...	6	2,400	2	...	...	2	...	...	2
Total ...	**173**	**2,63,160**	**40**	**12**	**25**	**30**	**18**	**18**	**30**

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					BHAVANI TALUK					
1.	Burgur	32·81	Erode	44	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Pandeswaraswamy Festival	7	April/May	1,500	Coconuts, camphor, agarbathies and pooja articles	96
4.	Channampatti (P)	10·37	Mettur	24	Fair	1	...	2,000	Bajj, ragi, maize, paddy, vegetables and goats	88
5.	Illipili (P)	7·56	Erode	30	do	1	...	3,000	Bajj, ragi, maize, paddy, goats and cows	84
6.	Tiruppur (P)	10·60	do	27	Mariamman Festival	1	Mar/Apr	200	Fruits, coconuts & camphor	80
8.	Ennamangalam (P)	6·54	do	28	do	15	do	7,500	Sweetmeats & eatables	80
10.	Andiyur (P)	15·34	do	23	Bhadrakaliamman Festival	8	do	5,000	Eatables, and other household articles	60
11.	Gettisamudram (P)	3·60	do	25	Gurunathaswamy Festival	4	August	100,000	Cattle and other retail things	68
13.	Pattlur	7·75	do	24	1. Fair 2. Semmunniswamy Festival	1 3	... Apr/May	500 5,000	Bajj, ragi, fruits, vegetables and pots Fruits, coconuts, and bengalgram	79 2 Once in a year, cattle fair is important on the festival day -

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					BHAVANI TALUK (Contd.)					
14.	Attavani Pudur	1·31	Erode	27	Fair	1	...	250	Foodgrains and provisions	73
16.	Kannapalli	4·19	do	34	1. Iruchiamman Emaraja Pongal	15	April	400	Toys, puppets, provisions, clothes & sweets	83
17.	Bhutapadi (P)	2·75	do	22	Fair	1	...	...	Provisions like rice, dhal, chillies, vegetables & confectionery	88
18.	Ammapettal (P)	5·28	Mettur	15	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Kariya Kaliamman Festival	3	March	1,000	Provisions	78
19.	Nerunjepettai (P)	3·32	do	13	Chellandiamman Festival	15	do	500	Toys, puppets, shoes, bangles and other things like confectionery	80
21.	Kadappanallur	1·66	Erode	20	Mariamman Festival	1	Mar/Apr	1,500	Coconut, fruit, camphor, toys and other household articles	70 This festival takes place on Full Moon of 'Panguni' month
23.	Kurichi	8·90	do	20	do	1	do	5,000	Toys and other articles	70
25.	Olagadam (P)	5·97	do	23	Fair	1	...	700	Bajj, ragi and sugarcane	76

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					BHAVANI TALUK (Contd.)					
27.	Brahmadesam (P)	6·27	Erode	23	Sri Peddarunaswami Festival	1	March	10,000	Toys, shops and confectionery shops	63 On Full Moon day (after Sivarathiri)
28.	Nagalore (P)	7·13	do	25	Malai Karupparayan Festival	2	April	1,500 to 2,000	Coconuts, fruits, bengal gram, and other retail things	60
29.	Athani (P)	4·78	do	28	1. Fair	1	...	2,000	Vegetables and provisions	61
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	April/May or May/June	1,000	Mutton, sugarcane and grains	...
30.	Kuppandampalaynm	4·07	do	29	Mariamman Festival	7	Apr/May	700	Eatables and plastic goods	62
31.	Mungilpatti (P)	1·37	do	25	1. Fair 2. Ammankovil Festival	1 10	... Mar/Apr	1,000	Fruits, coconuts and toys	66
32.	Kilavani	1·84	do	25	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Gopalakaruppuswami Festival	10 3	do Jan/Feb	1,000	Coconut, fruits and toys	66
33.	Vembathi (P)	9·21	do	20	1. Fair 2. Maha Kaliamman Festival 3. Chokkanachiamman Festival 4. Thadakilayan Festival	1 1 1 6	... Mar/April April/May Aug/Sep	300 500 2,000 5,000	Foodgrains toys, coconuts, bengal gram & bangles	60

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					BHAVANI TALUK (Contd.)					
34.	Paruvachi (P)	4·33	Erode	20	Sokkanaviamman Festival	1	March	300	Eatables	72
35.	Mylambadi (P)	8·22	do	19	Fair	1	...	2,000	Bajj, ragi & goats	71
42.	Urachikottai (P)	0·29	do	15	Mariamman Festival	2	March	4,000	Eatables & household articles	67
43.	Bhavani (P)	0·84	do	12	1. Fair	1	...	5,000	Eatables, bangles, household articles, clothes & grains	64
					2. Chellandiamman Festival	15	March	10,000	Vegetables & other retail articles	...
					3. Adi Pandigai	1	July/Aug	5,000	Coconuts & fruits	11
44.	Jambai (P) Dhalavipet (H) Periya Vadamalai Palayam (H)	0·81	do	15	1. Fair	1	...	10,000	Vegetables & foodgrains	67
					2. Palaniyandavar Car Festival	2	Mar/April			
					3. Sri Badrakali-amman Festival	8	May/June			
					Fair	1	...			
					do	1	...			
45.	Punnam (P)	4·32	do	17	Chokkanachi-amman Festival	1	April	300	Coconut, camphor & fruits	71
47.	Appakudal (P)	4·45	Erode	21	Fair	1	...	200	Grains, rice, dhal & vegetables	65

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					BHAVANI TALUK (Concld.)					
48.	Kuthampundi	1·03	Erode	23	1. Chokkanachi-amman Festival	10	Mar/April	1,000	Fruits, coconuts, bangles & pooja articles	60
					2. Mariamman Festival	10	Jan/Feb			
50.	Kavandapudi (P)	8·49	do	21	1. Fair	1	...	4,000	Goats, hens, grains and eatables	60
					2. Mariamman Festival	3	February	2,000	...	...
51.	Salangapalayam (P)	9·34	do	21	Mariamman Festival	2	March	1,000	Eatables	62
52.	Alathur (P)	1·16	do	17	Bommakkal Festival	2	Jan/Feb	500	Bengal gram, coconuts, sweetmeats & savouries	66
53.	Vyramangalam (P)	2·60	do	22	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Kaliamman Festival	3	Mar/April	750	Sweetmeats, savouries, fruits, bengal gram & coconuts	66
54.	Sinnapuliyur (P)	2·56	do	16	Mariamman Festival	1	Apr/May	200	Eatables & other articles	68
55.	Periyapuliyur (P)	7·51	do	15	Fair	1	...	250	Camphor, eatables & vegetables	68

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	GOPICHETTIPALAYAM TALUK									
1.	Arulavadi (V)	3·35	Chamarajanagar	12	Madheswarar swamy Koil Festival	3	February	2,000	Sweetmeats	85
5.	Talavadi (V)	7·77	do	12	1. Mariamman Festival 'Thee' mithithal	3	April	3,000 to 4,000	Coconuts, tender coconuts, flowers, sweets and silver eyes	80 (1) 20 days before Telugu New Year's day (2) On the night of Telugu New Year's day
					2. Malleswara swamy Festival	1	do	200		
12.	Panakahalli	3·26	do	22	Sri Ranganatha-swamy Festival	2	Sep/Oct	500	Sweetmeats & stationery articles	90 On Maha-navami and Vijayada-sami days
15.	Kongahall (V)	2·31	do	24	Mallikarjuna-swamy Festival	3	Feb/Mar	10,000	Sweetmeats	85
16.	Iggalure (V)	3·12	do	12	Matheswara-swamy Guntam	1	...	400	Nil	80
26.	Chickkarasam-palayam (P) Bannarai	11·84	Mettupalayam	32	Annual Kundam Festival	8	Mar/April	300,000	Vessels, boxes, toys & other miscellaneous articles	51
27.	Ikkarai Negamam (Minor Panchayat)	5·85	...	50	Karikaliamman Festival	3	May	1,000	Coconut, fruits & sweetmeats	50
28.	Sathyamangalam (M.P.)	1·91	Mettupalayam	20	Sandhai	1	...	3,000 to 5,000	Rice, black gram, cattle, leather, vegetables & dhal varieties	43

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	GOPICHETTIPALAYAM TALUK (Contd.)									
26.	Kempanaicken-palayam (M.P.)	8·52	Erode	40	Shandai	1	...	1,000	Food grains, chillies & vegetables	48
36.	Vaniputhur (M.P.)	4·86	do	40	do	1	...	300	Paddy, foodgrains, chillies, coconuts, vegetables, betelnuts, provisions & sugarcane	51
41.	Kondayampalayam (M.P.)	3·39	Tiruppur or Erode	29	1. Iyanar Koil Festival	5	April/May	8,000	Roasted nuts, mangoe fruits, bangles & pictures, etc.	39 On five Sundays in the month of Chithrai
					Thai Poosam 2. Ponmalai Kumaraswamy Festival	3	Jan/Feb	1,500	Roasted nuts, mangoe fruits, camphor, coconuts & fruits	39 On Poosam star of Thai month
					3. Panjakaruppa-rayan Festival	1	Mar/April	1,000	Toys and sweetmeats	57
					4. Shandai	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, foodgrains, mutton & textiles	57
42.	Kanakkampalayam (M.P.)	3·61	Erode	27	Bagavathiamman Festival	4	April	3,000	Sweetmeats & household articles	57
44.	Ammapalayam (M.P.)	1·00	do	...	Mariamman Festival	2	Feb/Mar	300	Sweetmeats	62
46.	Nanjai Gobi (M.P.)	4·19	do	23	Annammar Koil Festival	2	May	1,500	Retail goods and sweetmeats	59

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	GOPICHETTIPALAYAM TALUK (Contd.)									
48.	Periyurgramam (M.P.)	1·10	Oothukuli	20	Sri Kondathu Kaliamman Car Festival	3	Dec/Jan	5,000	All kinds of vessels, bangles & fancy articles	58 Takes place on the last Thursday Friday and Saturday in the month of Margazhi
55.	Kasipalayam (M.P.) Thadapalli Gramam	4·28	...	30	1. Karai Kali-amman Festival	5	Feb/Mar	2,000	Sweetmeats & household articles	52
					2. Sethumari-amman Festival	2	Sep/Oct	500	do	...
					3. Ganapathi-palayam Mariamman Festival	2	April/May	500	do	...
					4. Erampalayam Mariamman Festival	2	Dec/Jan	500	do	...
					5. Shandai	1	...	500	Foodgrains & vegetables	...
					6. Karuvalu Mariamman Festival	3	April	5,000	Toys, brass & aluminium vessels	...
					7. Muthu Vela-yudhaswamy Festival	3	July/Aug	3,000	do	...
57.	Akkaraikoduvari (M.P.)	2·83	Erode	45	Nal Road Shandai	1	...	300	Black gram, rice, dhal varieties, coconuts, sugarcane, fruits, jaggery, sugar & vegetables	49

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	GOPICHETTIPALAYAM TALUK (Contd.)									
60.	Arusur (M.P.)	0·48	...	32	Arasur Shandai	1	...	2,000	Foodgrains, vegetables, cows & bullocks	45
65.	Shenbagapudur (M.P.)	3·95	Tiruppur	31	Karia Kaliamman Koil Kondam Festival	1	April/May	1,500	Coconuts, fruits, flowers, light refreshments & sundry commodities	39
66.	Uthandiyur (M.P.)	9·59	Mettupalayam	22	Makaliamman Kondam Festival	1	Mar/April	500	Toys, flowers, fruits & coconuts	48
67.	Thoppampalayam (M.P.)	5·77	do	22	1. Mariamman Festival	7	...	500	Coconuts, fruits & camphor	32
					2. Utti Nonbu (Krishna Jayanthi)	2	Aug/Sep	300	Foodgrains & sweetmeats	34
					3. Savudamman Nonbu	3	Jan/Feb	700	do	...
71.	Periakallipatti (M.P.)	2·88	...	18	Vijayadasami	1	October	300	do	37
	Ayyampalayam	...	...	17	Sivarathiri	1	March	200	Nil	34
72.	Panayamballi (M.P.)	8·64	Mettupalayam	15	1. Makaliamman Festival 2. Malliampatti Sri Bagavathi amman Festival	2	May/June	1,000	Coconuts, fruits, camphor & toys	34
73.	Madampalayam (M.P.)	4·85	...	27	1. Karupparaya-swamy Festival	1	Sep/Oct	200	Sugarcane & roasted nuts	33
					2. do	1	Oct/Nov	75	Sweetmeats & household articles	32

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	GOPICHETTIPALAYM TALUK (Contd.)									
74.	Nallur (M.P.)	3·43	Tiruppur	25	1. Thai Pongal	2	Jan/Feb	500	Coconut, sugarcane and roasted nuts	33
					2. Adi 18 Festival	1	Jnly/Aug	500	Sugarcane & roasted nuts	83
75.	Desipalayam (M.P.)	4·54	do	35	Mariamman Koil Festival (Guntam)	3	May/June	750	Coconuts, fruits, flowers and camphor	35
76.	Vinnapalli (M.P.)	8·57	do	25	Shandai	½	...	400	Grains, vegetables, roasted nuts and sundry commodities	35
77.	Ukkaram (M.P)			29	Mariamman Festival	7	April	150	Sweetmeats, and house-hold articles	35
	Kethampalayam (H)	9·54	...	29	...	7	March	1,000	do	45
	Sanarpalayam (H)									
	Vandipalayam (H)			29	...	7	do	150	do	35
	Madhiappanur (H)			29	...	7	do	200	do	35
79.	Gudakkarai (M.P.)	2·55	Somanur	23	Shandai	1	...	700	Grains, vegetables, mutton, and nuts	45
82.	Karattupalayam (M.P.)	7·64	...	...	Velayuthaswamy Temple Panguni Uthiram	3	Mar/Apr	1,000	Sweetmeats and toys	48 On Uthiram star of Panguni
83.	Kurumandur (M.P.)	2·38	...	...	Shandai	1	...	1200	Vegetables, fruits, grains and pots	45

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	GOPICHETTIPALAYAM TALUK (Contd.)									
84.	Kottupulam Palayam (M.P.)	5·04	...	...	Panguni Uthiram	3	Mar/Apr	500	Sweetmeats	48 On Uthiram Star of Panguni
85.	Alukkuli (M.P.)	3·59	...	29	1. Chelliandi-amman Festival	3	Dec/Jan	800	Toys, sweet-meats, & bell-metal vessels	50
					2. Shandai	1	...	500	Grains and vegetables	...
86.	Kalingiam (M.P.)	6·16	Erode	26	1. Shandai	1	...	200	Grains and vegetables	59
					2. Sri Karia Kali Kovil Amman Pandigai	2 7	November/ December July/Aug Dec/Jan	500	Coconuts and fruits	...
87.	Lakkampatti (M.P.)	2·31	...	25	Shandai	1	..	1,000	Foodgrains & vegetables	56
89.	Modachur (Part) (M.P.)	3·45	...	24	1. Shandai	1	...	5,000	Vegetables, foodgrains, provisions, goats and cows	56
					2. Thanthoni Ammal	3	Dec/Jan	4,000	Sweets, vegetables and fruits	...
90.	Nadhi Palayam (M.P.)	1·14	...	24	Mariamman Festival	3	Apr/May	100	Sweetmeats	60
91.	Kullam Palayam (M.P.)	1·45	Erode	25	Mariamman Car Festival	3	Mar/April	2,000	Vegetables, toys, fruits and sweets	57

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					GOPICHETTIPALAYAM TALUK (Contd.)					
93.	Kugalur (M.P.)	10·29	Erode	22	1. Shandai	1	...	500 to 750	Rice, betel-leaves, nuts, vegetables, jaggery and sugar	60
					2. Mariamman Festival	7	April/May	500 to 750	Betel leaves, nuts, fruits and sweets	...
94.	Mevani (M.P.)	1·69	do	23	1. Shandai	1	...	250	Food-grains, vegetables and provisions	64
					2. Makaliamman Festival	1	January	300		
95.	Perundalaiyur (M.P.)	3·13	do	17	Sri Ponnachiamman Festival	3	Mar/April	3,000	Sweets and eatables	60
96.	P. Mettupalayam (M.P.)	4·43	do	18	1. Shandai	1	...	700 to 900	Rice, grains, vegetables and chillies	60
					2. Pattappan Koil Festival	2	July/Aug	1,000	Rice, eatables and sweet-meats	Third week of Adi
98.	Polavakali Palayam (M.P.)	3·38	do	20	1. Mariamman Koil Festival	7	Apr/May	200	Sweetmeats, fruits. coconut and camphor	60
					2. Polanakali-palayam Shandai	1	...	250	Grains, provisions. chillies, vegetables, betel leaves, nuts, jaggery and sugar	...
100.	Vellankoil (M.P.)	4·23	Perundurai	15	1. Shandai	1	...	700	Vegetables and food-grains (Kovai)	...
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	Oct/Nov	1,000	Sweetmeats	...

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					GOPICHETTIPALAYAM TALUK (Contd.)					
102.	Kolappalur (M.P.)	6·91	Erode	24	1. Pachainayagi Amman Festival	4	Dec/Jan	2,000	Light refresh-ments and retail goods	50 Second week of Margazhi
					2. Shandai	1	...	300 to 500	Grains, vegetables & sundry commodities	...
105.	Keshanam (M.P.)	8·94	Oothukuli	17	1. Shandai	1	...	1,000	Food grains & vegetables	50
					2. Amman Festival	1	Dec/Jan	2,000		
106.	Elathur (M.P.)	7·14	Somanur	18	1. Shandai	1	...	700	Grains, vegetables, mutton and roasted nuts	40
					2. Karia Kali-amman Festival	2	Dec/Jan	2,000	Provisions and sweetmeats	Once in three years
107.	Anjanur (M.P.) Ellapalayam (H)	5·57	do	21	Ellapalayam Shandai	1	...	600	Grains and vegetables	41
	Erugalur			22	Pongathal Koil Festival	2	...	10,000	Coconuts, fruits, pops and nuts	42 Once in two years
108.	Varapalayam (V) Kolandayam-palayam (H)	4·41	Tiruppur	29	Sura Samharam	2	Oct/Nov	1,500	Sweetmeats and household articles	39
109.	Kavilipalayam (M.P.)	4·95	do	25	Kavalipalayam Panchayat Board weekly markets	1	...	750	Cereal crops, vegetables, chillies and household commodities	35
110.	Karaipad (M.P.)	3·08	do	25	1. Kaliamman Koil Kattu Festival	7	Mar/Apr	1,500	Nil	30
					2. Mariamman Koil Kattu Festival	7	do	1,500	Sweetmeats and bangles	...

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					GOPICHETTIPALAYAM TALUK (Contd.)					
111.	Panjaipuliampatti (M.P.)	4·49	Tiruppur	23	1. Shandai	1	...	6,000	Foodgrains, goats, cows, iron and wooden articles	30
					2. Karivaradha Perumal Festival	2	Sep/Oct	3,000	Sweetmeats, edibles, toys, fruits and sweets	...
113.	Vemandapalayam (M.P.)	7·30	Somanur	20	1. Sura Samharam	2	Oct/Nov	2,000	Sundry commodities and light refreshments	40 On Skanda Sashti day
					2. Ellapalayam Shandai	1	...	500	Grains and vegetables	...
114.	Polayapalayam (M.P.)	3·70	do	24	1. Navithan Karupparaya-swamy Pongal	2	July/Aug	500	Roasted nuts, camphor, fruits, betel leaves and nuts	41
					2. Mariamman Festival	7	Mar/April	500	Nil	...
					3. Karupparaya-swamy Pongal	1	July/Aug	200	Nil	20
116.	Olalakoil (M.P.)	6·65	Tiruppur	14	1. Sri Udayagiri Muthu Vela-yudaswamy Car Festival	5	Jan/Feb	3,500	(1) Cows, bullocks and calves	50 On the Poosam star of Thai month
					2. Malaya-palayam Shandai	1	...	1,300	(2) Grains, vegetables, mutton and sweetmeats	...
118.	Gettlehcyur (M.P.)	12·47	Oothukuli	14	Weekly fair	1	...	...	Grains and vegetables	50

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					GOPICHETTIPALAYAM TALUK (Concld.)					
	Sokkumaripalayam	...	Uthukuli	14	Amman Pandigai	4	Jan/Feb	8,000	Grains & vegetables	15
119.	Siruvallur (M.P.)	9·62	do	11	1. Shandai	1	...	4,000	Cattle & grains	44
					2. Amman Festival	3	Jan/Feb	6,000	Sundry commodities	...
					ERODE TALUK					
4.	Suriampalayam (P)	3·95	Erode	5	1. Mariamman Festival	1	May	1,000	Toys, fruits and sweets	66
	Ramanatha-puram		do	5	2. Kaliamman Festival	1	April			
	Puthur (H)		do	5	3. Perumalswamy Festival	1	October			
	Rajapalayam (H)									
	Indirapuram (H)									
	Marappapalayam									
	Kottayampalayam									
8.	Chithode (P)	0·42	do	7	Mariamman Festival	2	Oct/Nov	2,000	Sweetmeats	60
12.	Gangapuram	2·76	do	7	do	3	January	750	Sweetmeats and fancy goods	60
17.	Kanjikoil (P)	6·90	Perundurai	11	Festival	3	June/July	5,000	...	69 After 'Pournami' (Full Moon day)
18.	Pallapalayam (P)	6·18	do	11	Margazhi Festival	1	Dec/Jan	5,000	...	70
19.	Koilpalayam (P)	0·47	do	15	Mariamman Festival	2	Feb/Mar	100	...	70
	Pethapalayam			15	do	2	do	500	Grains and fruits	70

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					ERODE TALUK (Contd.)					
20.	Pandiampalayam	3·66	Enkur	14	Kunjaramadai Shandy	1	...	300	Foodgrains, vegetables, clothes, mutton, oil, fruits & eatables	6J
					Mariamman Festival	8	April/May	1,000	Camphor, sweets, fruits, coconut and toys	...
	Singanallur	3·66	do	10	Singanallur Mariamman Festival	8	Feb/Mar	500	Roasted nuts, sweets, betel nuts, coconut, fruits and edibles	60
21.	Nichampalayam	1·75	Perundurai	15	Mariamman Festival	1	December	300	Foodstuffs and vegeta-bles	40
	Nilagoundampala-yam				Shandy	1	...	100		
22.	Karukkampalayam	2·52	do	15	Mariamman Festival	2	December	300	Sweetmeats	40
23.	Thingalur (P)	4·07	Vijayamangalam	9	1. Kaliamman Car Festival	4	Apr/May	1,500	Salt, rice, foodgrains, fruits, vegetables and eatables	50
					2. Shandy	1	...			
					3. Appachiar Festival	...	...			
26.	Madathupalayam	1·07	Perundurai	12	Karthigai Deepam	2	November	5,000	Eatables	45
27.	Thoranavavi	2·97	Uthukuli	13	Thai Poosam Car Festival	2	January	2,000	do	45 Poosam Star of Thai month

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					ERODE TALUK (Contd.)					
37.	Kunnathur (P)	1·56	Uthukuli	13	Shandy	1	...	20,000	Rice, jaggery, cereals, vegetables, sheep, cows, buffaloes, light refresh-ments & toys	45
44.	Chellappampalayam	0·86	Perundurai	...	Mariamman Festival	11	May/June	100	Light refreshments, and toys	50
46.	Thudupathy (P)	0·94	Enkur	7	1. Shandy	1	...	250	Sweetmeats and clothes	45 Every Saturday
					2. Kasiviswanathar Koil Festival	1	Sep/Oct	500	Vegetables	...
	Palakkarai (H)	0·94	do	7	1. Mariamman Festival	1	Mar/April	150	Fruits and sweets	45
					2. Kaliamman Festival	1	Apr/May	125		
47.	Karumandachelli-palayam (P)	7·98	Perundurai	4½	1. Makaliamman Festival	1	Mar/Apr	1,000	Camphor, incense, coconut, betelnut and sweetmeats	51½
					Seelampatti	...	...	...	...	...
					2. Thambi Nallaya Goundan Koil Festival	1	Aug/Sep	1,000	Camphor, incense, coconut, betel nuts and sweetmeats	...
48.	Thiruvachi	3·62	do	6	Mariamman Festival	2	Oct/Nov	2,000	Sundry commodities	52
50.	Masianur (P)	3·25	Erode	7	Shandy Mariamman Festival	1	...	2,000	Provisions & fancy goods	62
53.	Kadirampatti	1·32	Thottipalayam	3	do	7	Dec/Jan	500	Toys & fruits	60

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					ERODE TALUK (contd.)					
55.	Vilarasampatti	3·03	Erode	3½	Mariamman Festival	2	January	750	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	...
56.	Periasemur	4·01	do	4	do	15	Dec/Jan	500	Sweetmeats & toys	...
57.	Sirkarperia Agraharam	0·95	do	4	do	3	Nov/Dec	100	Nil	64
58.	Brahmana Peria Agraharam	0·81	do	3	Shandy	1	...	500	Nil	62
					1. Mariamman Festival	1	Dec/Jan			
					2. Ramzan Festival	1	Feb/Mar			
67.	Surampatty	1·37	Erode	2	Mariamman Festival	5	January	1,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	63
74.	Puthur Pudupalayam	2·55	Thottipalayam	1	do	7	Dec/Jan	300	Toys & sweetmeats	60
76.	Pungambadi (P)	3·23	Perundurai	2	Appathalswami Pongal	2	Feb/Mar	1,500	Sweetmeats, coconut & fruits	60 On the Maha sivarathri day of Masi month
78.	Vadamugamvellodu (P)	...	Thottipalayam	3	Shandy	1	...	1,000	Provisions, clothes, vegetables & grains	60
					Vellodu Mariamman Festival	1	November	2,000		
79.	Perundurai	9·02	Perundurai	...	1. Mariamman Festival	7	Oct/Nov	12,000	Fruits, coconut, sweetmeats & toys etc.	50
					2. Chellandiamman Festival					
					3. Venkitaramaswamy Festival	4	Sep/Oct			
					4. Choliswaraswamy Festival	4	July/Aug			

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				ERODE TALUK (Contd.)					
Kambliampatti	3·02	Vijayamangalam	3½	1. Mariamman Festival	2	Mar/Apr	300	Sweetmeats & eatables	56
				2. Makaliamman Festival	2	April/May			
Ponmudi	...	do	4½	1. Mariamman Festival	2	Mar/April	375	do	57
				2. Makaliamman Festival	2	April/May			
Sullipalayam	5·18	Enkur	7	Mariamman Festival	7	Jan/Feb	400	Coconut, fruits, sweetmeats, camphor and toys	52
Pattakarampalayam	5·18	do	9	do	7	do	300	do	54
Perumampalayam	5·18	do	9	do	7	Dec/Jan	300	do	54
Maniampalayam	5·18	do	9	Makaliamman Festival	7	do	300	do	54
Kanakkampalayam	5·18	do	9	Karia Kaliamman Festival	7	Jan/Feb	300	do	54
Ganapathypalayam	5·18	do	9	Mariamman Festival	7	do	300	do	54
Kullampalayam	5·18	Vijayamangalam	7	Makaliamman Festival	7	Dec/Jan	300	do	50
Mettupalayam	5·18	do	7	Annamar Festival	7	do	300	do	50
Velliampalayam	5·18	do	7	Mariamman Festival	1	Feb/Mar	300	do	50
Seenapuram (P)	2·56	Uthukuli	7½	1. Mariamman Festival	2	Dec/Jan	500	Sweetmeats, bangles, roasted nuts and vessels	54
				2. Sura Samharam Festival					

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					ERODE TALUK (Contd.)					
83.	Karandipalayam	1·49	Vijayamangalam	6	Mariamman Festival	1	Mar/Apr	200	Edibles	47
84.	Mettupudur (P)	1·84	do	...	1. Mariamman Festival	1	Mar/Apr	300	Edibles, bangles, roasted nuts & fancy goods	45
	Kinipalayam				2. Makaliamman Festival	1	do			
85.	Periaveerasangili (P)	4·61	do	5½	Mariamman Festival	2	Apr/May	400 to 500	Sweetmeats, biscuits, sugarcane, and betel nuts	46
					do	2	May/June			
					...	2	July/Aug			
	Chinnaveerasangili (P)	4·61	do	5½	1. Mariamman Festival	2	April/May and December/ January	300 to 450	do	46
					2. Makaliamman Festival	2	Feb/Mar	...	...	...
86.	Koonampatty (P)	1·21	Uthukuli	6	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	300	Household utensils	42
90.	Kavuthampalayam (P)	3·28	do	7	1. Mariamman Festival	1	Dec/Jan and Feb/Mar	200 to 300	Sugarcane, roasted nuts & sweets	42
					2. Muniappan Festival	1	Mar/Apr and April/May			
91.	Karumanjirai (P)	1·46	do	8	Mariamman Festival	1	do	100 to 200	Roasted nuts, sugar-cane and toys	45
92.	Sundakkampalayam	2·88	do	6	1. Mariamman Festival	7	Mar/Apr	4,000	Sundry articles	40
					2. Thai Poosam Festival	8	Jan/Feb			On Poosam star of Thai month

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					ERODE TALUK (Contd.)					
95.	Velliampatti	1·15	Uthukuli	9	Badrakaliamman 'Kondam' Festival	8	Aug or Sept	700	Betel-nut, coconut, fruits sugarcane, eatables & fancy goods	37
96.	Virumandampalayam	4·06	do	9	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/April	200	Fruits, coconut, roasted nuts and betel nuts	37
98.	Puthur Pudupalayam	4·65	Erode	3	Karupparayan Festival	3	do	150	Fancy goods; and vessels	52
99.	Nadupatty (P)	1·98	Uthukuli	6	1. Mariamman Koil Festival	...	do	200	Sweetmeats	40
					2. Perumal Koil Festival	...	Sep/Oct			
100.	Vijayapuri (P)	5·53	Vijayamangalam	3½	1. Sri Vijayapuri Amman Car Festival	5	June/July	2,000 to 5,000	Sweetmeats and cattles	43
					2. Sri Mariamman Pongal	1	Mar/April		Sweetmeats	...
					3. Vijayamangalam Shandy	1	...	1,000	Sweetmeats and cattles	...
102.	Varapalayam	0·96	Ingur	1½	Mariamman Festival	8	March	500	Fruits, sweets and Pooja articles	45
103.	Ingur	5·51	do	½	Shandy	1	...	75	Vegetables, sweetmeats salt and provisions	45
108.	Kanagapuram	2·99	Erode	4	Mariamman Festival	2	Dec/Jan	1,000	Bangles and sweetmeats	60
					Shandy	1	...	750	Grains, fruits and jaggery	...
110.	Thiyyanpoondurai	...	Chavadipalayam	9	Mariamman Festival	15	Nov/Dec	300	Nil	73

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					ERODE TALUK (Contd.)					
113.	Puthur	4·66	Erode	3	1. Mariamman Festival	1	Dec/Jan	1,000	Sundry commodities	66
					2. Muniappan Festival	1	July/Aug			
114.	Punjailakkapuram (P)	1·96	do	3½	Kaliamman Festival	9	Feb/Mar	1,000	Sweetmeats and sundry commodities	65
115.	N. Uthukuli	6·23	Chavadipalayam	1½	Mariamman Festival	10	Nov/Dec	2,000	Toys, sweetmeats, vessels, articles for pooja (for Abi-shegam)	65½ Begins on Tuesday of waxing Moon
118.	Kangayampalayam	0·97	do	2	1. Thai Poosam	1	Jan/Feb	500	Sweetmeats and toys	68
					2. Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/April			
120.	N. Kalamangalam	1·38	Parur Chavadipalayam	2 3½	Kulavilakku Amman Festival	3	do	2,000	Vessels, toys and sweetmeats	75
121.	Punjai Kalamanga-lam	...	Parur	2	Shandy	1	...	650	Paddy, grains, goat, cloth and vegeta-bles	75
124.	Modakurichi	6·41	Chavadipalayam	2½	1. do	1	...	800	Foodgrains, toys, clothes and cattle	69
					2. Mariamman Festival	3	Nov/Dec	2,000	Brass and copper vessels, celluloid toys and sundry commodities	...
125.	Pundrisemur	2·99	do	5	Mariamman Festival	7	do	1,000	Sundry commodities	72

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					ERODE TALUK (Contd.)					
126.	Avalpumdurai	13·21	Erode	8	Shandy	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains, vegetables and household articles	70
127.	Mukasianumanpalli (P)	3·27	Perundurai	7	1. Mariamman Festival	...	Dec/Jan	400	Fruit, camphor, coconut & roasted nuts	59
					2. Chinnamman Periamman Car Festival	...	May/June			
					Shandy	1	...	200	do	...
128.	Attawanai Anuman-palli	6·42	do	7	1. Mariamman Festival	7	Dec/Jan	2,000	Fruits, camphor, coconut and roasted nuts	59
					2. Weekly fair	1	...			
130.	Mukasipidariyur (P)	6·23	Ingur	2	Mariamman Festival	7	Oct/Nov	2,000	Eatables, flowers and roasted nuts	48
133.	Chennimalai (P)	3·59	do	4½	Car Festival (Thai Poosam)	7	Jan/Feb	10,000	Sugarcane, eatables, provisions, clothes and vessels	53 On Poosam star of 'Thai'
135.	Koothampalayam Kolathupalayam Perukattupalayam	2·22	Unjalur	3	Mariamman Festival	7	Mar/Apr	100	Nil	55
			do	3	Makaliamman Festival					
137.	Sirukkalanji	4·48	Uthukuli	3	1. Sirukkalanji Mariamman Festival	7	March/Apr or Dec/Jan	200	Nil	54
	Kattupalayam			3	2. Makaliamman Festival Kattupalayam Mariamman Festival					
	Alampalaynm			3	3. Makaliamman Festival					

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					ERODE TALUK (Contd.)					
138.	Punjaidalavoipalayam	4·39	Vijayamangalam	3	Chinnagoundanpalayam Mariamman Festival	1	Apr/May	300	Betelnuts and toys	50
144.	Muthanpalayam	1·59	Uthukuli	5	Kannimar Koil Festival	15	July/Aug	5,000	Sweetmeats & sundry commodities	37 Once in two years
145.	Kavandampalayam	1·28	do	6	Mariamman Koil Festival	7	December	200	Sweetmeats & fruits	40
146.	Sirkarperiapalayam	4·02	Kulipalayam	1	Sri Sukreswaraswamy Arudra Darsanam Festival	1	Dec/Jan	1,000	Sweetmeats sugarcane, toys, coconut & fruits	30
148.	Morattupalayam (P)	3·41	Uthukuli	3	Mariamman Festival	7	April/May	500	Sugarcane, provisions & toys	40
					Shandy	1	...	700		
149.	Uthukuli	2·27	do	1½	Shandy	1	...	...	...	42
					Car Festival	4	Jan/Feb			
154.	Sirkar kathangani	4·90	do	5	Chelvakumaraswami Koil Festival (Sivarathri)	2	March	300	Toys & sweetmeats	45
156.	Punjaipalatholuvu	5·66	Vijayamangalam	5	Shandy	1	...	350	Food stuffs	52
161.	Ekkattanpalayam (P)	5·33	Ingur	7	Mariamman Festival	3	December	2,000	Betels & eatables	50
162.	Basuvapatti (P)	3·11	Uthukuli	7	do	2	do	400	Light refreshments	56
163.	Kuppachipalayam	1·63	Ingur	9	do	8	do	700	Sweets, fruits & pooja articles	50

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					ERODE TALUK (Contd.)					
164.	Vadugapatti (P)	11·54	Kodumudi	10	Kuppuswamy Pongal	8	December	1,000	Fruits & roasted nuts	63
166.	Arachalur	11·43	Perundurai	7	Kannimarswamy Festival	7	Mar/April	1,000	Fruits, camphor, coconut & roasted nuts	60
					Shandy	1	...			
167.	Velampalayam (P)	5·58	Chavadipalayam	12	1. Kuppannaswamy Pongal	2	December	1,000	Coconut, fruits & sundry commodities	72
					2. Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/April	500	Sweets, fruits & coconut	...
170.	Punjerikilambadi	3·86	Kolanalli	2	Shandy	1	...	500	Vegetable, foodgrains & sweetmeats	78
172.	Pasur	2·36	Pasur	⅛	Shandy	1	...	300	Fruits & vegetables	76
	Rakku Goundampalayam	...	Uthukuli	5	Kattarayaswamy Festival (Pongal Festival)	3	July/Aug	300	Sugarcane	37
174.	Nanjaikilanalli	1·97	Kolanalli	⅛	Kottai Mariamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	200	Provisions, sweetmeats & grains	80
176.	Palamangalam	4·16	do	3	Mariamman Festival	1	...	200	Sweetmeats	70
177.	Kolavilakku (P)	3·95	do	5	1. Mariamman Festival	...	Dec/Jan	1,500	Fruits, camphor, coconut, sugarcane & roasted nuts	70
					2. Malaikkumaraswamy	...	Jan/Feb			
178.	Kagam (P) 1. Parappalayam 2. Kagam (Kasuda)	3·38	Unjalur	7	Mariamman Festival	1	...	200	Sweetmeats	75

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179.	Vilaketti (P)	3·07	Kodumudi	12	Shandy	1	...	300	Cattle, agricultural implements and other articles except leather	64
					Mariamman Festival	10	Mar/Apr or May	1,320		
180.	Killankoil (P)	7·66	Unjalur	10	Shandy	1	...	1,000	Vegetables & food grains	65
					Mariamman Festival	1	Nov/Dec	1,500	...	...
	II Block	...	...	17	Mahamuni Festival	...	Aug/Sep	1,000	Camphor, eatables & coconut	62
182.	Sivagiri (P)	10·86	Kodumudi	8	1. Velayudaswamy Car festival	10	April/May	5,000	Sweetmeats & house-hold articles	75
					2. Ponkaliamman Car festival	2	Mar/Apr			On the Full Moon day
					3. Chellandiamman Festival	3	do			
183.	Kondalam	6·64	do	7	Mariamman Festival	7	Dec/Jan	750	Sundry commodities	65
184.	Kolathupalayam	3·63	Unjalur	1½	Shandy	1	...	300	Paddy, vegetables & cereal crops	80
185.	Unjalur (P)	1·99	do	½	Shandy	1	...	2,000	Grains & provisions	65
					Mariamman Festival	1	April			
190.	Murungianpalayam	4·78	Kodumudi	5	1. Mariamman Car festival	2	April/May	500	Sweetmeats & household articles	80
					2. Alaganachi-amman Koil Festival					

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					ERODE TALUK (Concld.)					
194.	Kodumudi (P)	4·85	Kodumudi	...	Car festival (Magudeeswarar)	2	Dec/Jan	5,000	Toys, vessels, coconut & fruits	64
					Shandy	1	...	600	Vegetables and rice	77
196.	Avadayaparai	0·68	Noyyal	⅛	Kaman festival	2	Feb/Mar	100	...	89
					DHARAPURAM TALUK					
1.	Alasamudrampudur Kathanganni (H) Reddi Palayam (H)	5·00	Uthukuli	5	Makaliamman Koil Festival	7	Mar/Apr	500	Sweetmeats, bangles, vessels and clothes	40
3.	Padiyur	4·34	do	9	1. Muthialamman Festival (Chel-landi Ammam)	3	Oct/Nov	1,000	Sweetmeats, flower & foodstuffs	42
					2. Weekly fair	1	...	200		
4.	Sivanmalai	15·76	do	7	Thai Poosam Car Festival	4	Jan/Feb	25,000	Sugarcane, pops, nuts, edibles & sweetmeats	48
5.	Thammareddi-palayam	2·38	do	7	Weekly fair	1	...	300	Mutton, foodgrains & vegetables	51
7.	Keeranur	7·04	do	15	do	1	...	300	Foodgrains & vegetables	50
9.	Marudurai	4·15	Ingur	12	Makaliamman Festival	2	January	200	Fruits, coconuts, camphor & sweetmeats	60
10.	Nathakadiyur	8·12	do	13	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains, dhal, varieties & vegetables	52

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12.	Muthur	12·24	Kodumudi	12	1. Sivarathiri	3	Feb/Mar	3,700	Sugarcane	55
					2. Weekly fair	1	March	1,500	Sweets, provisions, foodgrains and goats	54
	Sinnamuthur (H)	...	do	11	Chellakumara-swamy Koil Festival	4	February	5,000		
15.	Valliarachal	8·01	do	15	Mariamman Koil Festival	7	October	1,500	Coconuts, fruits, flowers and refresh-ments	52
17.	Pappini	12·79	Uthukuli	15	Sivarathiri Festival	1	Feb/Mar	300	Aerated water betel-leaves and provisions	48
19.	Kangeyam	21·76	do	14	1. Sandhai Festival	1	...	10,000	Cattle, groceries, gingelly and foodgrains	43
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	November	2,000	Retail articles	43
20.	Pothiapalayam Kadayar (H)	13·12	Uthukuli	15	1. Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/Apr	500	do	40
					2. Navarathri	10	Sep/Oct			
23.	Ellakapalayapudur Nelali (H)	14·17	Tiruyur	14	Weekly fair	1	...	300	Rice, fruits, clothes and vegetables	50
24.	Sengodampalayam Udiyur	11·01	Uthukuli	22	Skanda Sashti	1	Oct/Nov	500	Nil	51
26.	Perumalpalayam Mudalipalayam	10·69	do	36	Weekly fair	1	...	400	Cholam, cumbu and rice	60
28.	Pachapalayam	19·35	do	20	Chithirai Panguni	7	April/May	15,000	Cattle, sweets, cows and bullocks	Takes place on Chithirai Pournami

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	Kannapurampudur (H)	...	Kodumudi	24	1. Mariamman Car Festival	8	April/May	10,000	Buffaloes and vessels	49 It will commence three days prior to Chithirai Pournami of every year
					2. Kannapuram cattle fair (Yearly fair)	7	do			
29.	Nagamanickenpatti Uthamapalayam	6·80	Kodumudi	24	Fair	1	...	100	Rice & dhall	...
30.	Vellakoil	21·19	do	19	Veerakumara-swamy Koil Car Festival	6	February	8,000	Ribbons and vessels	54
31.	Velappanaicken Valasu Senapathipalayam Mailrangam	17·67	Tiruppur	37	Weekly fair	1	...	400	Foodgrains vegetables and provisions	60
33.	Puduppai	3·50	Erode	37	do	1	...	400	Sweetmeats	62
38.	Sankarandam-palayam	19·36	Tiruppur	30	Mariamman Festival	7	Mar/April	1,000	Fruits	62
46.	Rudravathi Kundadam (H)	14·90	do	22	Weekly fair	1	...	5,000	Vegetables, rice, clothes cattle and paddy	1)
50.	Gethelrev	10·18	Udumalpet	22	Makaliamman Pandigai	2	Feb/Mar	700	Biscuits, refreshments, pops and nuts	50
51.	Theppampatti Madathupalayam	14·30	Madathupalayam	...	Kanniamman Pandigai	2	do	2,300	Coconuts, fruits, camphor and sugarcane	49
52.	Nanjiyampalayam	2·59	do	15	Bagavathiamman Koil					
					1. Navarathri	9	Sep/Oct	200	Nil	50
					2. Margazhi Poojai	30	Dec/Jan			

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53.	Veeranjimangalam	2·89	Palni	19	Kaliamman Pandigai	2	Jan/Feb/ March	15,000	Fruits	53
54.	Peramiam	7·75	do	32	Peramiam Sandhai	1	...	200	Handloom cloths and vegetables	63
55.	Kolathupalayam	23·40	do	22	Kaliamman Ugathi Festival Mattu thavanai	7	March/Apr	3,000	Cattle and sweetmeats	55
56.	Dharapuram (M)	1·94	Udumalpet	23	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains, vegetables and cattle	50
	Kolinjivadi locality 1 p. of 56	...	do	23	Sri Rama Navami	7	Apr/May	500	Nil	53
	Dharapuram (M)	...	Palni	22	Shandy	1	...	1,000	Grains vegetables and cattle	52
	Dharapuram (town, locality 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)	...	Udumalpet Palni	23	1. Sri Kadu Haru Mantharaya-swamy Ratha Uthsavam	15	May/June	5,000	Vegetables, betel leaves, leather and cattle	50
			Tiruppur	30	2. Sri Mariamman Pandigai	10	Mar/Apr			
58.	Puthur	20·28	Madathukulam	20	Ugathi Pandigai (Chemmanda) Ammachi Koil Festival	1	March	2,000	Sugarcane and sweet-meats	60
59.	Moolarpatti	3·36	Udumalpet	20	Angalamman Koil Sivarathri Kundam Festival	3	Jan/Feb	150	Coconuts, fruits, sweet-meats and sugarcane	50
61.	Bellampatti	3·72	do	20	Shandy	1	...	1,200	Grains, vegetables, provisions and fruits	45
65.	Pothikampalayam Munduvelampatti	12·63	do	13	Makaliamman Pandigai	2	Feb/Mar	500	Coconuts, fruits, bangles and flowers	65

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					DHARAPURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
67.	Sinnakkampalayam Somanuthur (H)	19·24	Madathukulam	15	Mariamman Festival	23	Feb/Mar	1,000	Retail articles	62
68.	Dalavoipatnam	10·50	do	13	1. Kaliamman Festival	7	March/Apr	2,000	Sweetmeats & coconuts	53
					2. Jalli Kattu	3	Jan/Feb	...	...	...
69.	Alangiam	3·38	Palni	13	Mariamman Pandigai	6	Jan/Feb	2,500	Fruits	38
70.	Bommanallur	3·50	do	11	Kaliamman Festival	2	Mar/Apr Apr/May	400	Fruits and retail goods	59
71.	Kongur	9·65	do	15	Kaliamman Koil Festival	3	March/Apr	1,500	Retail goods	60
72.	Manakkadavu	10·59	do	20	Thai Pandigai	3	January	150	Fruits	60
73.	Ponnivadi Ponnivadi (H)	19·10	Oddanchathiram	16	Baghavan Koil Festival	3	Mar/April	3,500	Clay vessels and abisheka articles	58
74.	Nallampalayam	5·78	Palni	24	Mariamman Festival	1	Jan/Feb	500	Sweets	60
75.	Mulanur	28·66	Karur	31	1. Mulanur Sandhai	1	...	1,500	Bulls, cows & household articles	67
					2. Kaliamman Festival	3	May	500	Toys and retail goods	Takes place in first week of May each year
77.	Kilangundal	22·33	Oddanchathiram	20	Pattuthurai Karuppannaswamy Festival	1	May/June	5,000 to 10,000	Abishega articles	70
79.	Kottaimarudur Sinnamarudur	12·84	Kodumudi	25	Bhanvathiamman Festival	2	...	300 to 500	Retail articles and abishega articles	76
81.	Kannivadi	13·21	Karur	25	Shandy	1	...	500	Sheep and household articles	72
	Manalur (H)	...	do	29	1. Chelliandiamman Koil Festival 2. Panguni Uthiram	3	Mar/April	1,000	Toys and pooja articles	76

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					DHARAPURAM TALUK (Concld.)					
82.	Punjaithalayur	10·20	Karur	22	Mariamman Festival	15	March	1,000	Vessels and toys	75 Takes place on March II Full Moon of every year
	Nanjaithalayur	...	do	26	Mariamman Festival	15	March	1,000	Vessels, toys and retail goods	75
83.	Vellapoondi	13·22	do	23	Shandy	1	...	500	Paddy, rice, household articles and jaggery	76
	Sundakkampalayam	...	do	30	Mariamman Festival	3	May/June	400	Fruits and sweetmeats	76
					PALLADAM TALUK					
4.	Thoravalur (P)	2·87	Tiruppur	11	Shandy	1	...	50 to 350	Rice, Pulses and ragi	36
					Kottai Muniappan Festival	1	Mar/April	...		
6.	Perumanallur (P)	3·26	do	7	Shandy	1	...	2,500	Foodgrains and vegeta-bles	Fire-walk also conducted
					Kondathu Kaliamman Car Festival	3	Mar/Apr	3,500	Sweetmeats	30
9.	Kanakkampalayam (P)	3·01	Koolipalayam	7	Shandy	1	...	400	Foodgrains & vegetables	32
12.	Chettipalayam (P) Part	4·01	Tiruppur	2	Makaliamman Festival	2	January	200	Household utensils	30
13.	Velampalayam (P) Anuperpalayam (H)	6·68	do	2½	Shandy	1	...	2,000	Grains, millets, vegetables & food stuffs	30

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					PALLADAM TALUK (Contd.)					
19.	Tiruppur (M)	10·50	Tiruppur	1	Cattle Shandy and Market	1	...	2,000	Cattle and all market products	30 Exhibition is also conducted
					Car Festival	15	May/June	...	...	...
21.	Mangalam	4·12	do	1¼	Shandy	1	...	500	Foodgrains & vegetables	27
					Malai Koil Shandy	1	...	200		
					Subrmania Swami Car Festival	3	Jan/Feb	2,000		
22.	Sammandam Palayam (P)	5·37	Somanur	3	1. Makaliamman Pandigai	1	March	200	Sweetmeats and toys	30
					2. Arokiyamadha Car Festival	1	September			
23.	Karumathampatti (P)	1·34	do	2	Punitha Mariamman Jebamalai Matha Festival	10	Sep/Oct	10,000	Vegetables, provisions, pictures, fruits and toys	17
	Somanur	1·34	do	½	Shandy	1	...	3,000	Provisions, vegetables and fruits	17
25.	Kaduvettipalayam (P)	3·58	do	8	Mariamman Pandigai	7	April/May or June	500	Miscellaneous articles	22
26.	Puduvampalli (P)	5·65	do	8	1. Adi Festival (18th day)	1	July/Aug	150	...	25
					2. Ayudha Pooja	3	Sept/Oct			
27.	Mopperipalayam (P)	8·43	do	8	Shandy	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains, jaggery, vegetables, sweetmeats, provisions and clothes	18

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					PALLADAM TALUK (Contd.)					
27.	Mopperipalayam (P) (Contd.) Vagarayampalayam (H) ...		...	6	Mariamman Pandigai	1	Sep/Oct	1,000	Bangles, toys, sweetmeats coconut and fruits	17
28.	Kaniyur (P) Kollupalayam (H)	7·05	Somanur	4	Mariamman Festival	1	Nov/Dec	200	Bangles, nuts, toys, fruits & coconuts	15
29.	Arasur (P)	7·74	Sulur Road	3	Shandy	1	...	25	Vegetables & roasted nuts	12½
					Mahasivarathiri Pandigai	1	Feb/Mar	200	Coconut & fruits	...
30.	Rasipalayam (P)	2·14	do	2	1. Mariamman Pandigai	1	do	100	Nil	14
					2. Makaliamman Pandigai	1	Mar/April	400	...	...
32.	Muthu Goundam Railway Colony (V)	...	do	¼	Angalamman Pandigai	2	Feb/Mar	1,000	Pooja articles & sugarcane	13 On Sivarathri day
33.	Nilambur (P)	...	do	3	Thai Pongal	1	January	300	Vegetables	10
34.	Mylampatti (P)	1·85	Sulur	8	do	1	do	150	Vegetables & fruits	10
36.	Irugur (P)	...	Irugur	...	Angalamman Pandigai	1	Feb/Mar	1,500	Pooja articles & toys	8
					Sura Samharam	1	Oct/Nov	1,200		
37.	Sulur (P)	...	...	...	Thiruvenkadanathaswamy (Perumal) Car Festival	1	June	...	...	...
38.	Kadambadi (P)	4·63	Sulur	2½	Makaliamman Pandigai	2	Aug/Sep	350	Sweetmeats & bangles	14½

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39.	Karvalimadapur (P)	2·62	Sulur	2½	1. Vinayaka Chathurthi ...		Aug/Sep	500	Sweetmeats, camphor, coconuts, fruits & toys	15
					2. Krishna Jayanthi ...		do			
					3. Mathangi Amman Festival ...		do			
					4. Mariamman Festival ...		Mar/April			
					5. Karupparayan Festival ...		do			
					6. Makaliamman Festival ...		Feb/Mar			
40.	Samalapuram (P)	8·43	Somanur	3	Malai Koil Car Festival	1	Jan/Feb	1,000	Nil	25 On Thai Poosam
					Ayyan Koil Festival	1	...			Ayyan Koil Festival is celebrated on each Monday and Friday
					Thiruvadirai	1	Dec/Jan			
41.	Ichipattiputhur (P)	6·16	Tiruppur	2½	Roman Catholic Church Festival	7	January	550	Rice, Pulses & retail articles	19
					Shandy	1	...	150		
42.	Poomalur (P)	6·93	do	3	Roman Catholic Church Festival	1	June	300 to 400	Mangoes, claypots, nuts and mutton	25 First Sunday in the month of Ani
46.	Muthanampalayam (V)	8·00	do	5	Angalamman Koil Festival	5	Feb/Mar	500	Sweetmeats	40 On Sivarathiri day
48.	Thongattipalayam (P)	6·96	do	9	Shandy	1	...	100	Grains, vegetables & sweets	39
51.	Ganapathipalayam (P)	8·56	do	5½	Shandy	1	...	200	Rice, pulses, vegetables, nuts and sweetmeats	38

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53.	Palladam (V)	...	Tiruppur	10	Shandy	1	...	3,000	Foodgrains, vegetables, nuts, jaggery, sugar and clothes	23
58.	Puravoi (P)	4·63	Somanur	...	Mariamman Festival	2	February	1,000	Vessels and sweetmeats	18 Once in three or four years
59.	Kangayampalayam (P)	2·95	Sulur	3½	Shandy	1	...	2,500	Food grains, vegetables, clothes, iron articles, fruits, pulses, salt, coconut, sugarcane, onions, chillies & betel nut	13
					1. Adi Amavasai	1	July/Aug			
					2. Avani Avittam	1	Aug/Sep			
					3. Deepavali	2	Oct/Nov			
					4. Vinayaka Chathurthi	1	August			
					5. Thai Poosam	1	Jan/Feb			
					6. Ugathi	1	March			
					7. Mattu Pongal	1	January			
60.	Kalangal (P)	5·77	Sulur Road	5	Mahalakshmi Koil Festival	1	May/June	700	Nil	14
61.	Kannampalayam (P)	...	...	...	Kannamman Pandigai	1	June	...	...	...
63.	Pattanam (P)	4·04	Irugur	2	Pattinathamman Pandigai	7	May/June	1,000	Nil	8 On Full Moon day in the month of Vaikasi
64.	Peedampalli (P)	5·23	do	5	1. Muniappan Pandigai	1	April	60	Nil	12
					2. Nangamman Pandigai	1	January			
70.	Vadugapalayam (P)	5·38	Tiruppur	...	Krishna Jayanthi	1	Aug/Sep	500	Foodgrains	23

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71.	Chittiampalayam (P)	5·36	Tiruppur	16	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	400	Bangles, coconuts, fruits, grains and sweetmeats	10½
					Shandy	1	...	150	Grains	...
72.	Madapur (P)	12·15	do	12	Sura Samharam Festival	1	January	150	Sweetmeats	26 During the period of Skandha Sashti
	Alagumalai (P)	7·15	do	12	1. Sura Samharam Festival (Skandha Sashti)	2	October/ November	2,000	Sugarcane and eatables	38
					2. Valuppooraamman Koil Festival					
					3. Thai Poosam Car Festival	...	January/ February			
					4. Ramaswamy Koil Festival	4 or 5	September October			
75.	Kandiyankoil (P)	14·76	Uthukuli	12	Shandy	1	...	75	Rice, grains, salt, and jaggery	40
79.	V. Vadamalai Palayam (P) Putharihal	9·26	Tiruppur	19	Shandy	1	...	500	Foodgrains, vegetables, clothes and provisions	32
80.	V. Kallipalayam (P)	8.91	do	17	Mattu Pongal	8	January	500	Eatables and sugarcane	31
82.	Kethanur (P)	6·75	do	15	Shandy	1	...	300	Foodgrains, vegetables and pulses	30
83.	Anuppapatti (P)	4·06	do	15	Shandy	1	...	70	Vegetables and fruits	25
84.	K. Krishnapuram (P)	3·55	Somanur	13	Savundamman Festival	3	January	250	Fruits,	23

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87.	Selakkarichal (P)	8·17	Sulur Road	18	Manaliamman Festival	3	May/June	500	...	20
88.	Edayapalayam (P)	4·56	Chettipalayam	6	Mariamman Festival	2	do	500	Sundry articles	18
91.	Bogampatti (P)	7·19	do	7	Mariamman Festival	3	Oct/Nov	500	do	19
92.	Vadavalli (P)	6·72	do	10	Makaliamman Festival	14	Feb/Mar or Mar/Apr	600	do	20
93.	Varapatti (P)	10·33	Tiruppur	20	Shandy	1	...	100	Vegetables and pulses	24
	Kolathupalayam	...	do	20	Manaliamman Festival	8	Jan/Feb	800	Sundry articles	24
	Sultanpet (H)	...	do	20	do	15	March	200	do	24
	Varapatti (P)	...	do	20	do	8	Jan/Feb	800	do	24
94.	Vadambacheri (P)	8·57	do	21	Soundiamman Festival	3	May/June	500	do	27
	Chinnasedepalayam	8·57	do	21	Mariamman Festival	3	do	500	do	27
					Shandy	1	...	500	Sundry articles, sarees, dhoties etc.	...
	Periasedepalayam	8·57	do	21	Soundiamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	500	do	27
	Vadugapalayam	8·57	do	20	Shandy	1	...	500	Sundry articles	26
95.	Vavipalayam (P) Maddiripalayam (H)	13·51	do	17	Shandy	1	...	200	Foodgrains, vegetables & sweetmeats	30

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					PALLADAM TALUK (Concld.)					
96.	Jallipatti (P)	2·11	Tiruppur	20	Shandy	1	...	100	Household articles and vegetables	34
98.	Vadavadampatti (P)	4·14	do	23	Mariamman Car Festival	7	March/April	500	Sundry articles	32
99.	Komarapalayam	...	...	...	Manthuragiri Velayuthaswami Car Festival	1	Jan/Feb	...	...	...
100.	Poorandampalayam (P)	4·41	Pollachi	18	Mariamman Festival	7	Feb/Mar	250	do	26
101.	Malapalayam (P)	5·57	Tiruppur	23	Thai Poosam Car Festival	7	Jan/Feb	2,000	Household articles	27
					Shandy	1	...	500	do	...
102.	Senjeri Ayyam-palayam (P)	4·62	do	20	Mariamman Festival	7	Mar/Apr	250	do	30
105.	J. Krishnapuram (P)	7·37	do	19	Shandy	1	...	250	do	32
					AVANASHI TALUK					
3.	Mettupalayam	2·70	Mettupalayam	5/8	Weekly fair	1	...	2,000	Foodgrains & vegetables	22
4.	Chikkadasampala-yam	8·98	do	1	Mariamman Festival	7	March/Apr/	2,000	Eatables	23 Festival takes place on Full Moon day
5.	Jadayampalayam Alankombu	6·87	do	5	Makaliamman Koil Festival	1	Feb/Mar	1,000	Sweetmeats, rice, fruits and other eatables	27
6.	Sirumugai	6·25	do	6	Weekly fair	1	...	1,200	Foodgrains, vegetables, fruits, betelnut and dhal varieties	23

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					AVANASHI TALUK (Contd.)					
8.	Akkaraisengampalli	5·38	Mettupalayam	12	Thai Pandigai	...	January	100	Sweetmeats	27
9.	Irumbarai	10·31	do	11	1. Vara Chandai	1	...	3,000	Foodgrains, pulses, vegetables, sweetmeats & betelnut	...
					2. Subramaniya-swamy Car Festival	2	Jan/Feb	5,000	do	This festival takes place on 'Poosam Star' in Thai month
11.	Muduthurai	4·16	do	13½	Pongal Pandigai	3	January	200	Retail articles	38
13.	Ambodi	4·02	do	18	do	3	do	500 to 600	Food grains & other commodities	38
14.	Pongulur Srinivasapuram (H)	4·48	do	19	Festival connectd with Lord Srinivasa	5	Sep/Oct	400 (average)	Milk, curd, vegetables, dolls, vessels, sweets & flowers	26 Every Saturday in the month of 'Purattasi'
15.	Alathur	5·70	Tiruppur	20	Venkatesaperumal Koil Festival	5	do	20,000	Coconuts, pots, puffed rice & vessels	27
17.	Kuttagam	6·64	Vanjipalayam	16½	1. Mariamman Festival	1	do	1,500	Sweetmeats & cloth	...
					2. Chandai	1	...	700	Vegetables, foodgrains, provisions & puffed rice	36 Weekly once
19.	Pulippar	8·32	do	14	Karupparaya-swamy Festival	30	Oct/Nov	1,000	Peas & nuts	37
20.	Thathanur	4·80	do	16	Vara Chandai	2	...	500	Vegetables, food grains, cloth, cattle & fowls	36 Weekly twice

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					AVANASHI TALUK (Contd.)					
22.	Pappankulam	4·04	Vanjipalayam	14	Vara Chandai	1	...	675	Provisions, vegetables & food grains	36
23.	Cheyur Sevur	8·94	do	9	1. do	1	...	3,000	Foodgrains, cloth, vegetables, salt, pulses & jaggery	30
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	Mar/April	1,000	Roasted nuts	...
24.	Thandakkaran-palayam	5·83	do	13	Sithammal Koil Festival	3	Aug/Sep	500	Food stuffs	25 Once in three years
25.	Muriyandam-palayam	4·86	do	12½	Karupparayan Festival	2	April	300	Sweetmeats & toys	32½ First day is meant for 'Chattuthal' Second day is meant for Pongal
26.	Kanar	5·14	do	15	1. Vara Chandai	1	...	500	Toys, sweet-meats and foodgrains	28
					2. Makaliamman Festival	1	May/June	...		
					3. Sandana Urusu	1	Aug/Sep	1,000		
					4. Krishna Jayanthi	1	do	...		
31.	Oddar Palayam	4·73	Somanur	13	Karuvan Rayan Festival	1	July/Aug	150	Sweetmeat & household commodities	21
32.	Pogalur	5·89	Mettupalayam	7	Chandai	1	...	250	Vegetables, betelnut, leaves, sweet-meats and salt	22 Weekly once
34.	Bellaipalayam	5·75	Karamadai	7	Weekly fair	1	...	1,500	Foodgrains, dhal varieties, vegetables and cattle	25

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					AVANASHI TALUK (Contd.)					
35.	Belladai	5·47	Karamadai	3	Mariamman Festival	7	September	10,000	Sweetmeats, puffed rice. coconut, fruits and other eatables	21
36.	Karamadai	10·00	do	1/16	1. Chandai	1	...	5,000	Rice, pulses, jaggery, fruit, coconuts, vegetables, cloth and cattle	18 Weekly once
					2. Ranganathar swamy Car Festival	7	Feb/Mar	1,00,000	Fruits, sweets, toys and nuts	...
37.	Jekkampatti	9·37	Karamadai	3	Karunthamalai Car Festival	3	February	1,000	Retail articles	21
			Mettupalayam	3	Badhrakaliamman Koil (Adi) Festival	2	August	700	do	26 Every New Moon day
38.	Kemmerampalayam	10·72	Karamadai	10	Thai Nonbu	2	Jan/Feb	3,300	Nil	24
41.	Kalampalayam	4·50	do	7	do	2	do	4,200	Retail articles	25
42.	Marudur	11·21	do	4	Chandai	1	...	200	Rice, Pulses, grains & vegetables	22 Weekly once
44.	Vadavall	9·63	do	4	1. Chandai	1	...	600	Foodstuffs, leather, agricultural, implements, cattle & cloth	28 Weekly once
					2. Mangammakali-amman Festival	15	Oct/Nov	500		
					3. Thai Pandigai	2	Jan/Feb			
45.	Karaigoundam palayam	8·26	do	8	Pongal Festival	1	do	200	Sugarcane	17
46.	Kuppaipalayam	5·08	Perianaicken palayam	7	1. Chandai	1	...	750	Foodgrains & sweet-meats	19 Weekly once
					2. Mariamman Festival	7	Sep/Oct			

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					AVANASHI TALUK (Contd.)					
47.	Kattampatti	4·15	Perianaicken-palayam	8	Kuthandai Amman Festival	15	Jan/Feb	750	Roasted nuts & sweetmeats	16
48.	Kunnathur	3·47	Coimbatore	13	Makaliamman Festival	1	Mar/April	200	Sweetmeats, & household articles	13 Once in two or three years
49.	Pachapalayam	2·81	Sulur	7	Pal Kondam	2	Feb/Mar	500	Coconuts, fruits sweetmeats & toys	16 On Siva-rathiri day
50.	Naranapuram	3·52	do	8	Mariamman Festival	15	Oct/Nov	500	Roasted nut & sweetmeats	17
54.	Annur	7·60	Somanur	13	1. Vara Chandai	1	...	7,000	Sweetmeats, vegetables, provisions & cloth	20
					2. Arudhra Dharsanam	1	Dec/Jan	1,000		
					3. Adi Kirthigai	1	July/Aug	...		
55.	Kanja Palli	5·65	do	10	1. Chandai	1	...	200	Sweetmeats, foodstuffs & vegetables	25
					2. Koothandar Kattu Festival	18	Dec/Jan	2,000	Sweetmeats, toys, dolls, cloth, bangles, fruits, cocnuts & pooja articles	...
56.	Ramanathapuram	6·43	Vanjipalayam	12	Makaliamman Koil Festival	1	Feb/Mar/ April	500	Household articles & sweetmeats	26
	Sengalipalayam Kariarpalli Mettupalayam	H	do	12	do	1	do	500	do	26
57.	Vettuvapalayam	4·91	Mangalam	8	1. Karupparayan Koil Festival	1	Jan/Feb	600	Nil	29
					2. Badhrakali-amman Koil Festival	1	do			

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					AVANASHI TALUK (Contd.)					
58.	Karumapalayam	1·78	Tiruppur	10	Mariamman Pandigai	1	Feb/Mar	500	Sweetmeats & dolls	28
59.	Chinnaripalayam	2·47	Vanjipalayam	7	Makaliamman Fes'ival	1	Mar/Apr	250	Roasted nuts & foodstuffs	28
60.	Naduvacheri	2·96	do	7½	1. Chandai	1	...	300	Vegetables, poultry & cattle food	30
					2. Chevalapuri amman Pongal Festival	4	July/Aug	150	Toys and ffowers	30
61.	Vadugapalayam	8·91	do	10	Mariamman Festival	1 or 2	Mar/Apr	500	Sweetmeats	31
65.	Palangarai	5·60	do	8	1. Mariamman Festival	9	do	100	Sweetmeats & household articles	30
					2. Chandai	1	...	400	Food-grains	Weekly once
66.	Avanashi (P)	4·00	do	5¾	1. Chandai	1	...	2,000	Cattle & food-stuffs	27 Weekly once
					2. Angalamman Festival (Sivarathiri)	7	Feb/Mar	1,000	Sweetmeats and food grains	26 On Siva-rathiri day
67.	Avanashi (N.P.)	2·83	do	5¾	1. Car Festival	30	Apr/May	3,500	...	27 Festival takes place on Pooram Star in Chithirai month
					2. Arudhra Dharsanam	1	Dec/Jan	500	Sweetmeats and vessels	26
68.	Sembianallur	2·70	do	6	1. Mariamman Festival	9	Mar/Apr	300	Roasted nuts and toys	28
					2. Karupparaya-swamy Festival	9	December			

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					AVANASHI TALUK (Concld.)					
69,	Nambiampalayam	5·12	Vanjipalayam	8½	1. Makaliamman Festival	1	Dec/Jan	500	Toys, roasted nuts and and sweet-meats	30 Weekly once
					2. Chandai	1	...	500	Foodgrains, vegetables, toys and sweetmeats	30 Weekly once
70.	Karavalur	4·63	Tiruppur	14	1. Chandai	1	...	300	Foodstuffs & vegetables	2
					2. Sri Mariamman Car Festival	5	Mar/Apr	5,000	Toys and foodstuffs	...
71.	Uppilipalayam	5·51	Somanur	6	Amman Festival	2	September	1,500	Roasted nuts and sweets	20
72.	Jhekkalur	8·23	do	5	1. Chandai	1	...	500	Foodstuffs, vegetables, cotton and oil cakes	20
					2. Mariamman Festival	7	Sep/Oct	400	Retail articles, toys and flowers	20
73.	Pudupalayam	8·43	Vanjipalayam	¼	Makaliamman Festival	4	December	1,500	Coconuts. fruits and eatables	27
74.	Velayuthampalayam	3·08	do	7	Mariamman Festival	4	Mar/April	575	Roasted nuts	25
75.	Rakkiyapalayam	4·92	Tiruppur	5	1. Chandai	1	...	750	Food grains	29 Weekly once
					2. Masi Magham Car Festival	4	Feb/Mar	10,000	Plastic things, dolls, toys & sweets	29 Weekly once
76.	Kaniyampundi	3·02	Vanjipalayam	3½	Mariamman Festival	15	Apr/May	1,000	Coconuts, fruits and camphor	25½
39.	Vellian Kadu	...	Karamadai	10	Bhadrakaliamman Festival	4	June	3,500	Eatables and household articles	28

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					COIMBATORE TALUK					
4.	Gudalur (V)	11·55	Perianaicken-palayam	½	Makaliamman Festival	1	Apr/May	500	Toys and ribbon	12
					Mariamman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
5.	Naickenpalayam (V)	3·84	do	...	Palamalai Ranga-nathar Car Festival	3	Apr/May	3,000	...	18
6.	Perianaicken-palayam	3·62	do	¾	1. Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Provision, vegetables, cattle & toys, etc.	12
					2. "Ramakrishna Mission" 'Guru Poojai'	1	January	5,000	...	12
7.	Agraharasama-kulam (V)	3·46	do	4	1. Mariamman Pandigai	7	September	2,000	Coconuts, fruits, camphor, roasted nuts, sweetmeats and toys	14
					2. Annammar Pandigai	7	August			
					3. Makaliamman Pandigai	7	September			
8.	Kondayampalayam (V) (Kothaipalayam)	3·48	Pudupalayam	6	1. Mariamman Pandigai	3	May	500	Roasted nuts, bangles, sweetmeats, coconuts, fruits and ice cream	15
					2. do	3	October			
9.	Sirkarsamakulam	4·85	do	8	1. Shandy	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, roasted nuts, foodgrains, coconuts, betel leaves & fruits	12
					2. Mariamman Pandigai	3	April			
					3. Sura Samharam	3	November			
11.	Idikkarai	4·41	do	2½	Perumalkoil Festival	3	April	5,000	Clothes, sweetmeats, camphor, nuts and other retail things	12

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					COIMBATORE TALUK (Contd.)					
13.	Kurumpalayam (V) Vadamadurai	4·93	Thudialur	1½	Mariamman Pandigai	2	Mar/Apr or Apr/May	1,000	Toys and provisions	7½
	Thoppampatti	...	do	...	Makaliamman Pandigai	2	do	1,000	do	...
	Vettilikalipalayam	...	do	...	Mariamman Pandigai	2	do	1,000	do	...
15.	Chinnathadagam (V)	3·93	Coimbatore	5½	Weekly fair	1	...	400	Vegetables & provisions	10
18.	Tudialur	3·36	do	¾	1. Weekly fair	1	...	5,000	Eatables, vegetables, provisions and cattle	½
					2. Aravan Pandigai	3	Sep/Oct			
				¼	3. Koothandar Festival	7	February	2,000	do	7
19.	Vellakinar	3·55	Urumandam-palayam	1	Mariamman Pandigai	3	April	1,000	Nuts, fruits and coconuts	6½
20.	Chinnavadampatty	4·75	Thudialur	5	do	3	January and April	600	Nuts, camphor, sweets and plantains	5
21.	Saravanampatti	4·53	do	...	do	3	May	2,000	Sweetmeats and camphor	7 Second week of May
22.	Vilankurichi	6·47	Peelamedu	3	Angalamman Pandigai	3	March	600	Nuts, camphor, coconuts & sweetmeats	3 Second week of March
23.	Kalapatti	2·38	do	5	1. Shandy	1	...	600 to 1,000	Vegetables and sweet-meats	10
					2. Mariamman Pandigai	1	October	120,000	Fancy goods and sweet-meats	10

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					COIMBATORE TALUK (Contd.)					
24.	Kallipalayam	12·91	Coimbatore	13	1. Mariamman Pandigai	3	April	500	Roasted nuts and mangoes	13
					2. Kongalamman Pandigai	3	March			
25.	Vellanaipatti	6·32	Peelamedu	7	Sivarathiri Festival	1	Feb/March	100	Fruits and coconuts	13
26.	Slnganallur (V)	6·00	Singanallur	1½	1. Kuthandai Pandigai (Aravan Pandigai)	18	October or November or Dec	10,000 to 15,000	Toys, sweet-meats, vessels, wooden articles and household articles	5
					2. Shandy	1	...	1,000 to 1,500	Rice, pulses, grains, vegetables, clothes and chillies	...
27.	Uppilipalayam (P) (Kallumadai)	5·00	do	2	Makaliamman Festival	2	February	500	Nil	4
					Kamakshiamman Festival	3		400	Nil	4
28.	Sowripalayam (Sinnasowripalayam)	2·53	Peelamedu	2	Mariamman Pandigai	8	April/May	6,000	Nuts and bangles	3
	Marudur	...	do	2	do	10	Jan/Feb Feb/Mar	5,000 to 6,000	Retail things	2
	Peelamedu	...	do	¼	do	8	May/June	10,000	Fruits, bangles and nuts	3
29.	Peelamedu	2·50	do	¾	do	7	May/June	2,000 or 3,000	Fruits and roasted nuts	3
30.	Krishnarayapuram	1·24	d6	1¼	do	10	April	3,500	Toys and sweetmeats	3
31.	Udayampalayam (Part)	0·26	do	1½	1. do	8	Mar/Apr	5,000	Nuts and other retail things	3
					2. Annamar Pandigai	10	Feb/Mar	5,000	Fruits and other retail things	...

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					COIMBATORE TALUK (Contd.)					
32.	Anupparpalayam	0·92	Coimbatore	3/16	1. Makalaiamman Festival	8	Apr/May	2,000	Sweetmeats and toys	1 furlong
					2. Dhandu Mariamman Festival	8	do	10,000	do	...
33.	Ganapathi (M.P.)	4·50	Peelamedu	1½	Mariamman Pandigai	7	Feb/March	4,000	Sundry articles	2
35.	Kavundampalayam (V)	3·29	Urumandam-palayam	1½	do	7	March/April	500	Nil	5
38.	Veerakeralam Sundapalayam (H)	3·45	Coimbatore	...	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, sweets, toys, clay vessels and aluminium utensils	...
39.	Telungupalayam	3·83	do	3	Mariamman Pandigai	3	April	3,000	Toys and sweetmeats	3
40.	Coimbatore (M)	4·86	do	⅜	"O" Kaliamman Koil Car Festival	15	March	20,000	Milk articles	½
41.	Ramanathapuram	1·75	do	2	1. Sri Narasinga-perumal Koil Sri Ramanavami Festival	3	April	2,000	Nil	2
					2. Plague Mariamman Festival	3	January	1,000	Eatables, toys and sweetmeats	2
					3. Kamakshi-amman Festival	2	April	700	Eatables, sweetmeats and toys	2
					4. Mariamman Festival	3	February	1,000	do	2

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					COIMBATORE TALUK (Contd.)					
42.	Nanjundapuram	4·53	Podanur	1	1. Mariamman Festival	3	May	700	Eatables and toys	4
					2. Bhadrakali-amman Festival	3	March	1,000		
					3. Makaliamman Festival	2	October	600		
					4. Plague Mariamman Festival	3	March	500		
43.	Pulyankulam	0·79	Coimbatore	2	1. Mariamman Pandigai	1	April	2,000	Sweetmeats and toys	2
					2. Anthoniar Festival	1	June	1,000		
44.	Coimbatore	1·21	do	½	Sri Koniamman Festival	30	Feb/Mar	20,000	Toys and household articles	3 Furlongs
49.	Kalikkanaicken-palayam	4·79	do	5	1. Weekly fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, rice, maize and other grains	5
					2. Mariamman Festival	15	Feb/Mar	2,000	Vegetables, sweets & dolls	5
61.	Perur	2·50	do	4	1. Thiruvadhirai Festival	2	Dec/Jan	5,000	Dolls & bangles	4½
					2. Uthiram Festival	6	Mar/April	...	...	...
					3. Chithirai Kalyanam	...	April/May	15,000	Aluminium, brass utensils, textiles & provisions	...
63.	Kuniamuthur	10·00	Podanur	4	1. Mariamman Festival	1	May/June	500	Household articles & toys	3 Twice in a year
					2. Darmaraja Festival	1	Feb/Mar			

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					COIMBATORE TALUK (Contd.)					
64.	Kurichi	6·50	Podanur	1	Aravan Festival	16	Oct/Nov	20,000	Clothes, toys, sweetmeats & bangles	3 This festival relates to the Epic story of Mahabharatha
65.	Vellaiur	6·20	do	3	1. Shandy	1	...	1,000	Goats, foodgrains, pulses, chewing tobacco, clothes, provisions, vegetables & sweets	8 This shandy is conducted by Madukkara Panchayat Union authorities at this place
					2. Aravan Pandigai	3	Nov/Dec	15,000	Nuts, toys, vessels and sweetmeats toys	...
	Edayapalayam	...	do	3	Makaliamman Pandigai	3	Jan/Feb			
	Vellalapalayam, Edayapalayam, Kanjikonam-palayam	...	do	3	Sri Jayanthi (Krishnan-pandigai)	1	Aug/Sep.	3,000	Toys	...
66.	Orathukuppai	3·91	Chettipalayam	1	Thiruvadhirai Arudra Dharsanam	1	Dec/Jan	375	Nil	9
67.	Chettipalayam	9·25	do	½	1. Thiruvadhirai Nonbu	1	do	500	Sweetmeats	10
					2. Navarathiri Festival	1	Sep/Oct	1,000	do	...
					3. Shandy	1	...	200	Vegetables & nuts	...
					4. Srinivasa Festival	1	Sep/Oct	700	Sweetmeats	...
					5. Sura Samharam	1	Oct/Nov	1,500	Sweetmeats & toys	...
68.	Malamachompatti	6·10	do	2	Mariamman Pandigai	1	Feb/Mar	3,500	Fancy goods	9

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					COIMBATORE TALUK (Contd.)					
69.	Seerapalayam Masi-goundanpalayam	4·56	Kurumba-palayam	2	Palaniandavar Sura Samharam	6	Oct/Nov	400	...	10
	Bodipalayam	...	do	2	Mariamman Pandigai	15	Feb/March	500	Fancy goods & bangles	10
					Makaliamman Pandigai					
70.	Madukkarai	8·29	Madukkarai	½	Shandy	1	...	1,000	Mudpots, rice, pulses clothes, coconuts, jaggery & vegetables	7
71.	Ettimadai	6·30	Ettimadai	2	do	1	...	750	Grains, clothes & vegetables	11
73.	Pichanur	7·23	Walayar	...	Alamkonda Matheswarar Koil Festival	3	March	500 to 1,000	Provisions, sweetmeats, coconuts & fruits	15
74.	Thirumalaiam-palayam	11·76	Madukkarai	2½	1. Cholanur amman Festival	8	October	750	Household articles & toys	10
	Rettikaranur (H)	...	do	4	2. Makaliamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	250	Sweetmeats & toys	12
	Kaliapuram (H)	...	do	3½	3. do	4	do	300	Household articles & sweets	11
	Marichettipathi (H)	...	do	6	4. do	2	do	350	Sweetmeats & toys	15
	Kummittipathi (H)	...	do	5	5. Sowdamman Festival	4	do	750	Household articles & sweets	15
75.	Palathurai (V)	1·38	Kurumba-palayam	2	Weekly fair	1	do	100	Vegetables, chillies & other retail articles	8½

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					COIMBATORE TALUK (Concld.)					
80.	Arasipalayam	4·20	Thudialur	6	Mariamman Nonbu	3	February	10,000	Aerated water, sweets, betel leaves, nuts, Beedi and toys, etc.	14
81.	Ottakkalmantapam	5·33	Chetti-palayam	3	1. Angalamman Festival	7	Feb/Mar	5,000	Clothes, vessels, toys and sweets	10
					2. Shandy	1	...	1,000	Vegetables & foodgrains	...
82.	Myleripalayam	4·27	do	3	1. Karupparayar Koil Festival	2	do	100	Sweetmeats and toys	12
			Kinathukadavu	2	2. Murugar Koil Festival	3	Mar/Apr	600	do	...
					3. Pattalamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	500	Toys & house-hold articles	...
					4. Droupathi-amman Koil Festival	3	Feb/Mar	500	Sweetmeats	...
					5. Mariamman Festival	7	Mar/April	2,000	Toys, sweets & fancy goods	...
					6. Gangalamman Koil Festival (Kumbum)	3	Oct/Nov	300	Sweetmeats and toys	...
					7. Annamar Pandigai	7	Feb/Mar	2,000	Toys, sweets & fancy goods	...
					POLLACHI TALUK					
11.	Kinathukadavu (V)	8·12	Kinathukadavu	1	Weekly fair	1	...	3,000	Eatables, vegetables & textiles	13
14.	Kurunallipalayam (V)	3·19	do	6	Mariamman Festival	8	Feb/Mar	3,000	Puffed rice, nuts, coconuts and fruits	16

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					POLLACHI TALUK (Contd.)					
16.	Kattampatti (V)	1·23	Kinathukadavu	10	Weekly fair	1	...	60	Foodgrains, vegetables and other articles	23
17.	Sirukalandai (V)	5·11	Koilpalayam	10	do	1	...	500	Rice, dhall, provisions, vegetables and sweets	25
18.	Andipalayam (V)	5·09	Kinathukadavu	8	Mariamman Festival	3	Oct/Nov	300	Coconuts, fruits, puffed rice, and sweets	21
19.	Chettikkapalayam (V)	8·76	Nallattipalayam	4	Karthigai Somavara Festival	1	Nov/Dec	2,000	Coconuts, fruits and sweetmeats	21
20.	Nallattipalayam	3·76	do	1½	Karthigai Somavara Festival (Sri Nanjundes-waraswamy)	3	Oct/Nov	5,000	Pooja articles, sweetmeats and vessels	17½
24.	Sokkanur (V)	8·89	Kinathukadavu	6	Weekly fair	1	...	300	Rice, dhal, salt, pro-visions, oil and textiles	19
25.	Servakaranpalayam (V)	6·49	Kovilpalayam	8	do	1	...	300	Puffed rice, rice, dhal, sweets and vegetables	19
	Nagoor (H)	...	...	...	Makaliamman Festival	1	Feb/Mar			
26.	Porairpalayam (V)	10·82	Kovilpalayam	5	Bhadrakaliamman Festival	1	March/April	250	Puffed rice, fruits, coconuts & sweets	25
27.	Sulakkal (V)	4·17	do	2	Mariamman Festival (Car Festival)	15	May/June	20,000	Coconuts, fruits, puffed rice, sweets & mangoes	21
29.	Mullipadi (V)	1·01	Mullipadi	1½	Sri Makaliamman Festival	2	Oct/Nov	400	Fruits, coconuts & puffed rice	19

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					POLLACHI TALUK (Contd.)					
31.	Devanampalayam (V)	4·34	Kovilpalayam	6	Mariamman Festival	5	Feb/March	5,000	Sweetmeats, fruits & coconuts	23
32.	Kappalangarai (V)	3·70	do	7	Mamangam Festival at Sivan temple	1	Sep/Oct	1,000	Coconuts, puffed rice, fruits & sweets,	21
33.	Chandrapuram (V)	1·80	do	8	1. Mariamman Festival	1	Oct/Nov	500	Puffed rice, fruits & coconuts	24
					2. Makaliamman Festival	1	March/April	...	...	...
34.	Chinnanegamam (V)	2·68	do	8	Mariamman Festival	15	Oct/Nov	5,000	do	27
35.	Perianegamam (V)	3·58	do	6	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	2,500	Rice, dhall, foodgrains provisions, vegetables, oils and sweetmeats	23
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	October/ November	5,000	Coconuts, fruits & puffed rice	...
					3. Kamakshiamman Festival (On Vijayadasami day)	1	Sept/Oct			
39.	Sholanur (V)	2·45	do	3	Kaliamman Festival	8	Mar/Apr	400	Puffed rice, fruits, coconuts, & sweetmeats	22
42.	Vadakkipalayam (V)	3·55	do	2½	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Foodgrains, puffed rice & vegetables	22
					Makaliamman Uthsavam	1	...	300	Coconuts, fruits and puffed rice	...
44.	Ramapatnam (P)	6·91	Pollachi	8	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Foodgrains	32

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					POLLACHI TALUK (Contd.)					
48.	Kabilipalayam (V)	1·35	Kovilpalayam	4	1. Mariamman Festival 2. Makaliamman Festival	15 15	Oct/Nov do	700	Toys, sweetmeats, puffed rice, fruits and coconuts	23
50.	Kurumbapalayam (V)	2·81	Pollachi	4	Mariamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	500	Coconuts, fruits, puffed rice & sweetmeats	25
52.	Varadanur (V)	2·14	Mettupalayam	7	1. Makaliamman Festival 2. Varadaraja Perumal Festival	1 1	do Sep/Oct	800	Puffed rice, fruits, coconuts and sweets	26
57.	Nagore (V)	2·76	Komangalam	7	Amman Festival	3	May	1,500	Puffed rice, bangles, sweets and vessels	34
	Karappadi (H)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
64.	Sangampalayam (V)	1·63	Komangalam	10	Makaliamman Festival	2	...	800	Puffed rice, groundnuts and other articles	35
65.	Achipatti (V)	0·51	Pollachi	8	do	3	Feb/Mar	500	Puffed rice, groundnuts, coconuts, sweets and fruits	22
66.	R. Ponnapuram (V)	1·80	do	3	Mariamman Festival	1	Oct/Nov	500	Puffed rice, groundnuts and sweets	26
76.	Pollachi (M)	5·35	do	⅛	Gandhi Weekly fair 2. Mariamman Car Festival 3. Sura Sam-haram	1 10 1	... May/June Dec/Jan	 10,000	Cattle, rice, vegetables, jaggery, ghee, oil and sweetmeats	25

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					POLLACHI TALUK (Contd.)					
97.	Nattukalpalayam	2·39	Thippampatti	1½	1. Sri Angalam-man Festival 2. Sivarathri Festival	3	Feb/March	500	Coconuts & fruits	29
98.	Kanjampatty (P)	3·64	do	2	Thai Pongal Festival	1	Jan/Feb	300	Puffed rice & ground-nuts	32 This festival will take place on the next day of Pongal
103.	Sinjiwadi (V) Devanallur (H)	5·01	do	2	Kaliamman Nonbu	3	April/May	700	Sweetmeats	35
107.	Samathur (V)	2·87	Pollachi	4	Weekly Fair	1	...	300	Foodgrains & vegetables	29
110.	Anamalai (P)	6·40	Anamalai Road	3	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains, vegetables, baskets, mats, coconuts, fruits & sweetmeats	34
					2. Droupathi-amman Festival	16	Feb/March	5,000	Pooja articles, sweets, toilets, vessels & textiles	...
					3. Sri Masani-amman Festival	15	Jan/Feb	2,500	Sweetmeats & pooja articles	...
					4. Sri Mariamman Festival	15	April/May	1,500	...	...
					5. Sri Arudhra Dharisanam (Sri Visveswara swamy Nataraja Peruman)	2	Dec/Jan	500	...	...

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					POLLACHI TALUK (Concld.)					
111.	Odayakulam (P)	12·76	...	5	Weekly Fair	1	...	1,500	Foodgrains, vegetables, mudpots, baskets, mats, coconuts fruits & sweetmeats	36
113.	Vettaikaran-pudur	4·00	...	7	do	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains, dhall and vegetables	36
116.	Thenchittoor (V)	1·03	...	12	"Thai" Festival	1	Jan/Feb	1,000	Puffed rice	36
130.	Kottur (P)	16·80	Pollachi	10	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	2,000	Rice, vegetables, jaggery, provisions & sugarcane	35
					2. Makaliamman Festival	7	Feb/Mar	10,000	...	...
					UDUMALPET TALUK					
3.	Amandakadavu (P) Ammapatti	6·08	Udumalpet	15	Fair	1	...	400	Foodgrains, vegetables & clothes	45
5.	Periapatti (V)	5·40	do	12	1. Fair	1	...	500	Foodgrains	56
					2. Sura Samharam	1	Oct/Nov	1,000	Sweetmeats and toys	
9.	Anikadavu (P)	7·18	do	10	Fair	1	...	700	Foodgrains and oils	40
15.	Somavarapatti (P)	6·15	do	8	1. Sri Alankon-dammal Koil Festival	2	Jan/Feb	15,000	Coffee, tea, sugarcane, fruits, light refreshments, coconuts, and betel nuts	40
					2. Malai Koil Festival	2	do	5,000	Sweetmeats, household articles and roasted nuts	45

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					UDUMALPET TALUK (Contd.)					
18.	Kottanangalam (P)	8·32	Udumalpet	5½	Mariamman Festival	7	Apr/May	3,000	Flowers, coconuts, fruits, coffee and toys	47
25.	Pukkulam (V)	3·73	do	4	do	2	do	500	Coconuts, fruits, camphor, bangles and light refreshments	45 Once in two or three years
33.	Udumalpet (M)	2·70	do	⅛	do	15	Mar/Apr	50,000	Vegetables	42
40.	Vedapatti (V)	2·14	Madathukulam	1½	do	3	do	7	Sweetmeats, toys and flowers	55
46.	Ragala bavi (V)	2·55	Poolankinar	¾	Muthalamman Festival	4	Apr/May or June	2,000	Sweetmeats and toys	41
50.	Periapappanuthu (V) Vilamarathupudur	2·43	Komangalam	3	Pattalamman Festival	7	No fixed time	500	do	41
51.	Udukkampalayam (P)	3·24	Poolankinar	2	1. Mariamman Festival	2	...	10,000	Toys and household articles	40 This festi-val is not held each year. But on Tues-days and Fridays a ceremony is held
					2. Madurai Veeran Festtval	2	Apr/May	2,000	do	...
52.	Pungamuthur	8·36	do	7	Mariamman Festival	1	do	600	Sweetmeats and toys	45
57.	Erisanampatti (V)	1·50	do	5	1. Pattalamman Festival 2. Mariamman Festival	4	Feb/Mar	3,000	Sweetmeats & fancy articles	45

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					UDUMALPET TALUK (Contd.)					
60.	Reddipalayam	1·17	Poolankinar	6	Gowriamman Festival	8	Jan/Feb	800	Sweetmeats and toys	48
66.	Bodipatti (P)	2·73	Udumalpet	2	Festival	3	Feb/March	1,500	Sweetmeats	47
67.	Koralkuttai (V)	1·71	do	4	Mariamman Festival	3	March/April	2,500	Vegetables and fruits	46
68.	Thumbalpettai (V)	0·70	do	2	do	3	April/May	1,000	Sweetmeats	50
69.	Alampalayam	1·69	do	6	do	3	do	900	do	50
70.	Bogi Goundanur Dasarpatti (V)	1·05	do	4½	do	3	Mar/April	750	Vegetables and fruits	46½
71.	Pallapalayam (P)	2·01	do	5	Festival	3	No fixed time	1,300	Sweetmeats	50
76.	Dhali (P)	12·48	do	10	(Tirumoorthy temple)	...				
					1. Adi Amavasai	1	July/ August	2,500	Coconuts, plantains, fruits and other things	60
					2. Thai Amavasai	1	January/ February			
					3. Maha Sivarathri	1	February/ March			
					4. Weekly Fair	1	...	500	Foodgrains, vegetables and clothes	...
80.	Kurichikottai (P)	1·83	do	7	Fair	1	...	200	Rice, dolls, pots, and clothes	51
83.	Andi Goundanur (P)	18·00	do	12	Fair	1	...	100	Provisions & vegetables	52
84.	Elayamuthu (V)	8·41	do	4	Mariamman Festival	3	May/June	500	Sweetmeats toys, mangoes & flowers	53

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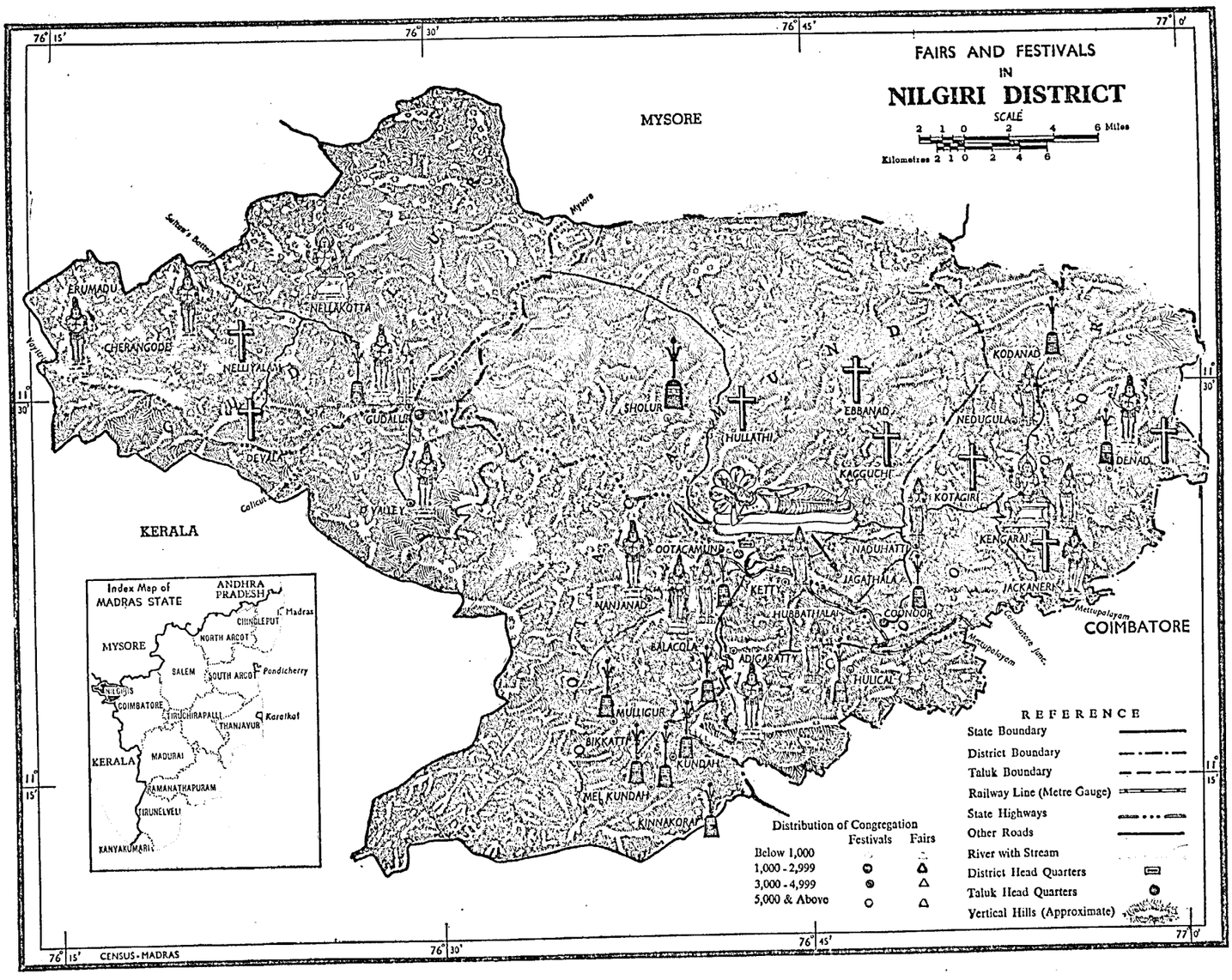
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The Nilgiris district celebrates 53 Hindu and two Christian festivals every year; but there is no record of any Muslim festival conducted on a grand scale. The more important of the Hindu and Christian festivals are found in the Coonoor taluk. They are the Thonthi Mariamman Car festival and the Anthony Festival. The former is of the duration of a fortnight, and attracts a huge crowd. The Anthony festival is only a day's function. It may be noticed that Coonoor taluk has the maximum number of festivals namely twenty-four, and the aggregate duration of these festivals is about ninety days. The Taluk of Ootacamund has only 59 festivals while Gudalur has only twelve. The following table gives in one view the number of festivals celebrated in each taluk.

Taluk	No. of festivals	No. of days	Attendance
Gudalur.	12	29	9,800
Ootacamund	19	50	42,600
Coonoor	24	90	57,000
Total	**55**	**169**	**109,400**

Surprisingly enough, in the Nilgiris District the maximum number of festivals are celebrated in the bitter winter season January–February. The table given below shows the number of festivals celebrated every month.

Month	No. of festivals	No. of days	Attendance
January–February	17	56	18,050
February–March	12	30	20,300
March–April	4	6	2,600
April–May	10	50	39,500
May–June	2	2	550
June–July	1	1	10,000
July–August	2	5	3,400
August–September	...	...	...
September–October	1	3	8,000
October–November	...	...	...
November–December	2	5	3,000
December–January	4	11	4,000
Total	**55**	**169**	**109,400**

The congregation at the festivals in the Gudalur taluk is very low, the maximum being only 4,000. But Coonoor and Ootacamund taluks attract crowds of varied sizes. The following table would give a clear idea in this regard.

Name of Taluk	20,000 to 50,000	No. of Festivals	10,000 to 20,000	No. of Festivals	5,000 to 10,000	No. of festivals	1,000 to 5,000	No. of festivals	Below 1,000	No. of festivals
Gudalur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,000	2	5,800	10
Ootacamund	...	...	10,000	1	10,000	2	20,000	11	2,600	5
Coonoor ...	20,000	1	10,000	1	8,000	1	15,000	9	4,000	12
Total ...	**20,000**	**1**	**20,000**	**2**	**18,000**	**3**	**39,000**	**22**	**12,400**	**27**

FAIRS

The Nilgiris District holds only four weekly fairs—three in Gudalur and one in Ootacamund. The weekly fair in Gudalur are invariably held on Sundays, while Ootacamund has it on Tuesday.

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					GUDALUR TALUK					
1.	Nellakotta (P)	42·20	Ootacamund	60	Vallot Thova in Kalimat Temple	2	April	800	Fancy goods and trinkets	60
3.	Gudalur (P)	18·52	do	32	1. Sivarathiri Festival at Muniswaran Temple	1	March	1,000	Sweets, bangles, balloons and stationery articles	34 Shandy meets on Sunday
			do	34	2. Festival at Nambala Kotta Temple	11	April	500	Sweets, bangles and balloons	On the 23rd of Meenam (Malayalam month)
			do	30	3. Mariamman Festival at Mariamman Temple	1	do	500 to 1,000	Stationery articles, & fruits	Between 20th Panguni and 6th of Chithirai
			do	33	4. Festival at Matheswaran Temple	4	February	500	Stationery, fancy goods & trinkets	Second Monday of Kumbham (Malayalam month in each year)
6.	Cherangode (P)	40·49	do	55	Kolappalli Vilakku	2	April	500	Fancy goods	55 On Vishu day and the following day in the month of April. (first and second of Medam of Chithirai)

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					GUDALUR TALUK (Concld.)					
	Erumad (R.V)	...	Ootacamund	60	1. Thirumangalam Vilakku 2. Erumadu Edan	2	April	600	Fancy goods	60
7.	Nelliyalam	36·83	do	45	1. Pandalur Chapparam Festival	1	Dec	500	Fancy goods and trinkets	45 On the birth anniversary of Francis Xavier
					2. Atti Kunna Car Festival	1	Jan	800	do	Shandy meets on Sunday
	Devala (R.V)	...	do	41	Chapram Festival	1	do	500	Stationery articles & fancy goods	41 First week on the birth anniversary of St. Anthony
8.	O' Valley	39·93	do	43	Sivarathri Festival at Basuvanna Temple at Kelly	1	Feb/Mar	3,000	Balloons, stationery, articles & fruits	43 Sivarathri day in the month of Kumbam (Malayalam month or in Masi Tamil month) Shandy meets on Sunday

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					OOTACAMUND TALUK					
3.	Ebbadand (P) Anaihatty (H)	2·81	Ootacamund	16	Arikal Mari	3	February	700	Coconuts & plantains	16
4.	Kagguchi (P) Siriyur (H)	35·61	do	20	Siriyur Mari	3	March	1,000	do	20
7.	Hullathi (P)	10·77	do	14	Chokkemalli Mari	3	February	600	do	14
8.	Sholur (P)	35·18	do	50	Bookapuram Mariamman Festival	7	do	5,000	Brasswares & clothes	50
10.	Nanjanad	51·91	do	7	Karthigai Deepam Festival	2	Nov/Dec	2,000	...	8
12.	Ootacamund (M)	12·48	do	½	1. Mariamman Car Festival	10	April	10,000	...	1 Shandy meets on every Tuesday
					2. Chithira Festival	1	do	5,000	...	2
					3. Karthigai Festival	1	December	2,000	...	¾
					4. Vaikunta Ekadesi	1	January	2,000	...	½
					5. Margazhi Festival	1	do	4,000	...	2
					6. Birth day of Omprakash	1	Feb/Mar	1,000	...	2¼
					7. Birth day of Ramakrishna	1	February	2,000	...	1¾

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					OOTACAMUND TALUK (Concld.)					
13.	Ithalar	9·59	Ootacamund	12	Doddahabba	2	January	300	...	10
14.	Balacola (P)	12·13	Lovedale	5	Kanikkaihabba or Doddahabba	2	do	1,000	...	8 This is celebrated in memory of Maha-lingaswami
15.	Bikkatti (P)	18·15	Katary	18	do	2	do	500	...	21
16.	Mulligoor (P)	65·34	do	19	Doddahabba	2	do	1,000	...	22
17.	Kundah (P) Kil-Kundah	17·40	Katary	18	1. Doddahabba	2	January	...	...	21 First festival is being celebrated in memory of the God-dess Kada-heeddai-amman
					2. Devahabba	4	July	3,000	...	
					3. Maruhabba	2	February	...	...	
	Mel-Kundah (V)	...	do	20	Doddahabba	2	January	1,000	...	21
	Kinna Korai (V)	...	do	36	do	2	do	500	...	40

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					COONOOR TALUK					
3.	Kodanad (P)	12·77	Coonoor	27	Halimalai Swami Festival	1	January	500	...	29
	Nedugala (P)	13·36	do	18	Hettaiamman Festival	8	Dec/Jan	1,000	...	24
5.	Denad (P)	11·28	Mettupalayam	34	1. Sivan Festival	1	Feb/Mar	1,500	Toys, curio articles etc.	31 Walking over fire-takes place during Mariamman Festival
					2. Mariamman Festival	2	do	1,500		
					3. Christmas Festival	1	December	500		
			Coonoor	25	4. Kali Festival	1	March	100	...	28
					5. Thai Nonbu Festival	2	Jan/Feb	100	...	...
					6. Nilagiriswami Festival	1	May	300	...	...
					7. Kambattyswami Festival	15	January	100	...	...
6.	Aracode (P)	3·10	Coonoor	33	1. Thai Festival	1	Jan/Feb	250	...	36
					2. Rangaswami Malai Festival or Nilagiri Malai Earal	1	May	250	...	39 Festival only for Irular, Kota etc. tribes

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					COONOOR TALUK (Contd.)					
8.	Kengarai (P)	11·34	...	28	1. Mahalingaswami Festival	1	July	400	Edibles, and fancy goods	30
					2. Parvathiamman Koil Festival	1	February	500		
					3. Kannimariamman Koil Festival	1	March	500		
					4. Kaliamman Koil Festival	1	April	500		
10.	Kotagiri (P)	5·81	Coonoor	14	Arokia Mariamman Festival	3	September	8,000	Puffed rice, Bengal gram, eatables, toys, candles & other Miscellaneous articles	18
11.	Jackanarai (P) (Part of Kotagiri) Jackanarai (H)	1·93	do	18	Jadayaswami Festival	4	February	3,000	...	22
12.	Naduhatti (P)	9·70	do	11	Hettaiamman Festival	7	January	3,000	...	14
13.	Jagathala (P)	7·38	Wellington	4	Sri Ranganathaswamy Festival	2	February	1,000	Utility articles, eatables, & sugar	8
18.	Coonoor (M)	5·81	R.S.	½	1. Thonthi Mariamman Car Festival	15	April	20,000	Fancy goods, sweetmeats, puffed rice & bengal gram	11
					2. St. Anthony's Festival	1	June	10,000		

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				COONOOR TALUK (Concld.)						
23.	Ketty (P)	11·97	...	½	Hettaiamman Festival	7	January	2,000	...	6
24.	Hubbathalai (P)	3·40	Aruvankadu	½	do	7	do	500	...	8
25.	Hulical (P)	21·87	Katary	2½	Mariamman Festival	3	April	1,000	Eatables, puffed rice, fruits and bengalgram	18
26.	Adigaratty (P)	11·82	Katary Road	3	Karthigai Deepam	3	November	1,000	Eatables, puffed rice, bengalgram & sweetmeats	9

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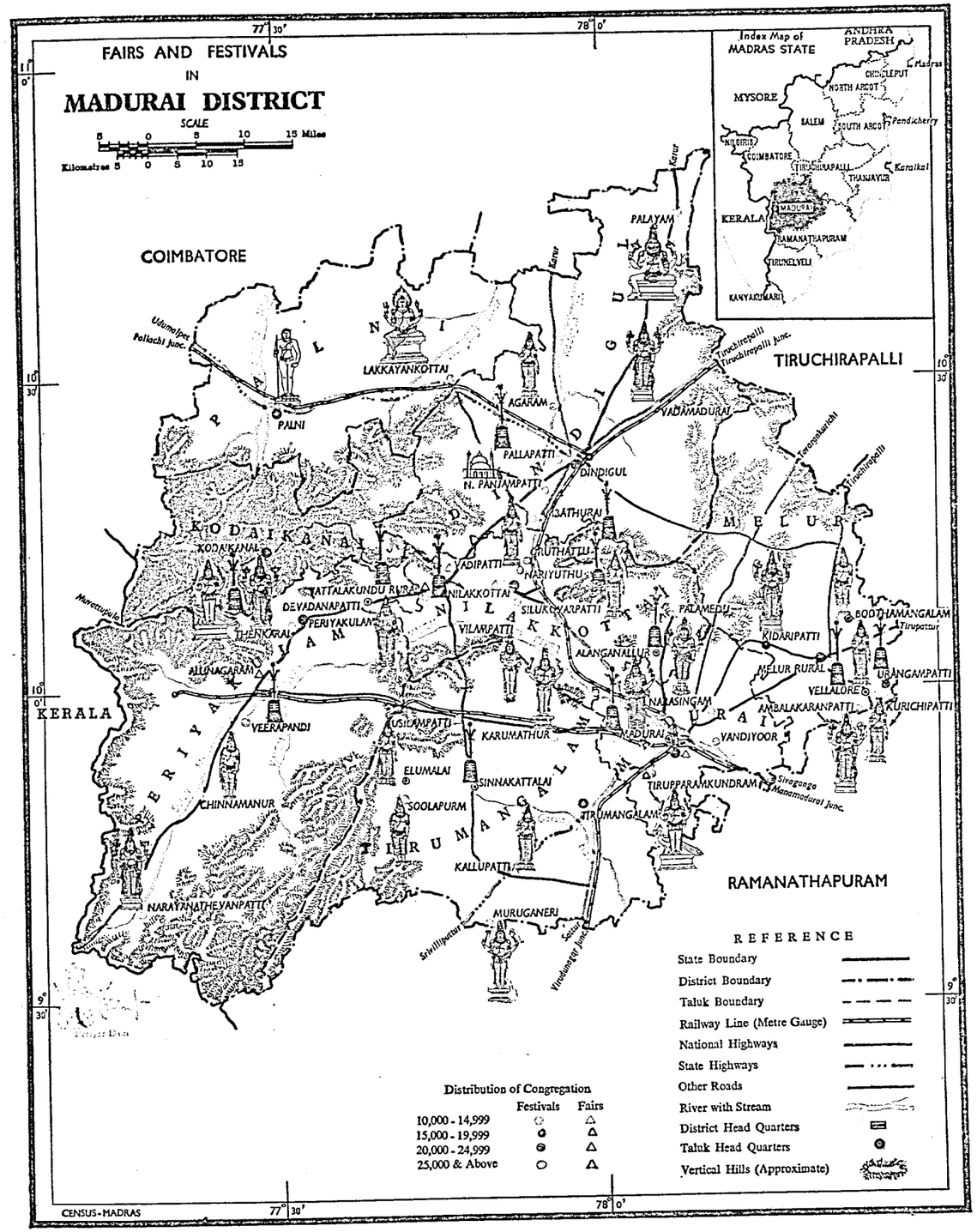
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FAIRS AND FESTIVALS IN MADURAI DISTRICT

In Madurai district, 302 festivals are celebrated annually. Of these 292 are Hindu festivals, eight Christian festivals and two Muslim festivals. It is estimated that on an average these 302 festivals attract a crowd estimated at over ninety lakhs. These festivals are spread over the whole year, March-April claiming the maximum of 76, followed by April-May with 57 and May-June with 36. August-September is the least festival-minded since it witnesses only five festivals. The table appended below gives the distribution of these festivals.

Month	Hindu festivals	Christian festivals	Muslim festivals	Total number of festivals
January–February	11	1	...	12
February–March	32	...	...	32
March–April	76	...	...	76
April–May	56	1	...	57
May–June	36	...	...	36
June–July	15	1	...	16
July–August	17	2	...	19
August–September	3	...	2	5
September–October	20	...	...	20
October–November	14	...	...	14
November–December	5	3	...	8
December–January	7	...	...	7
Total	**292**	**8**	**2**	**302**

The following table gives the distribution of the festivals taluk war.

Taluk	No. of festivals	Attendance
Dindigul	23	154,950
Palni	16	127,300
Kodaikanal	12	26,100
Periakulam	41	173,050
Nilakkottai	52	247,189
Melur	64	224,418
Madurai	32	1,861,300
Tirumangalam	62	253,068
Total	**302**	**3,067,375**

Though Kodaikanal celebrates only twelve festivals, presumably for reason of its geographical situation and its sparse population, the festival conducted in May-June in the local Ramaswami temple draws a record crowd for this place. In Dindigul, 23 annual festivals are held, but the one celebrated in July-August viz., Sri Soundara Raja Perumal's Adi Tirunal, alone is worthy of mention. This festival is of a duration of a fortnight and attracts over 40,000 devotees. In Palni, all festivals associated with Lord Muruga and his shrine in Palni easily eclipse the other festivals, the only exception being the Athicombai Kaliamman festival celebrated in June-July. This attracts a crowd of about a lakh and is very popular with the masses. In Periakulam taluk, the Mungilanai Kamakshi Amman's Mahasivarathri festival celebrated in February-March attracts a large crowd. In Tenkarai, a town in Periakulam taluk, five festivals are celebrated between April and September in worship of Sri Varadaraja Perumal, Subramania and Mariamman. In Nilakkottai taluk, the most popular festivals are in propitiation of Muthalamman and Mariamman. These are celebrated in June and are attended by a crowd estimated in the aggregate, to be half a lakh. The popularity of these festivals is not without reason. This is more in the nature of an invocation to the Goddess to protect the devotees against an attack of small-pox. In Melur taluk, the only festival worthy of mention is the Chellichiamman festival. The taluk of Madurai needs no special mention. The City proper and the suburbs abound in temples and shrines, of historical as well as mythological importance. The Peria Karthigai festival in Thirupparankundram draws a congregation estimated at ten lakhs. In Tirumangalam taluk, the Chellayee Amman Koil festival is of local importance and attracts a crowd of about 60,000.

As regards the range of congregation, the slab of 1,000—4,999 persons festival is the most popular range and 148 festivals attract crowds of that size.

Congregation Range of Festivals

Taluk	Over 50,000	No. of festivals	20,000 to 49,999	No. of festival	10,000 to 19,999	No. of festivals	5,000 to 9,999	No. of festivals	1,000 to 4,999	No. of festivals	Below 1,000	No. of festivals
Dindigul ...	...	...	70,000	2	40,000	4	27,000	5	15,000	7	2,950	5
Palni ...	100,000	1	...	...	...	...	15,000	3	9,500	4	2,800	8
Kodaikanal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,000	2	11,300	5	1,800	5
Periakulam ...	...	...	...	...	95,000	9	35,000	7	41,100	21	1,950	4
Nilakkottai ...	50,000	1	20,000	1	33,236	3	71,092	12	68,943	28	3,918	7
Melur ...	...	...	62,000	3	44,000	4	47,000	9	68,400	37	5,018	11
Madurai ...	1,800,000	7	...	...	20,000	2	21,400	4	16,500	11	3,800	8
Tirumangalam	60,000	1	40,000	2	50,000	4	27,000	5	67,500	35	8,568	15
Total	**2,010,000**	**10**	**192,000**	**8**	**232,236**	**26**	**256,492**	**47**	**298,243**	**141**	**30,804**	**63**

FAIRS

Every year the Madurai District conducts 86 weekly fairs, four bi-weekly fairs and one annual fair. The average attendance at these fairs is 746,489. Dindigul taluk conducts 25 weekly fairs and Palni 22. Melur taluk has only four. Madurai taluk has five weekly fairs, two bi-weekly fairs and one annual fair. the average attendance for all these being 521,052. The popularity of the fairs is clear from the fact that each of the two bi-weekly fairs is attended by about three lakhs of persons. Cattle form the principal item of sale. Agricultural implements, vegetables, provisions, piece-goods etc., are to be found in every fair. Transactions are strictly done on the basis of 'cash and carry' though some minor bartering exists also.

Saturdays are mostly chosen for the holding of a fair. Thursdays and Fridays are the next popular choice. The following table will give at a glance the number of weekly, bi-weekly and annual fair.

Taluk	Weekly fair	Bi-weekly fair	Annual fair	Attendance	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dindigul ...	25	1	...	29,600	2	3	6	4	3	3	6
Palni ...	22	...	...	12,810	3	5	2	1	3	3	5
Kodaikanal ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Periakulam ...	8	1	...	25,000	2	1	...	2	3	1	1
Nilakkottai ...	9	...	...	41,267	2	...	1	1	1	2	2
Melur ...	4	...	...	2,200	...	1	1	1	...	1	...
Madurai ...	5	2	1	521,052	2	1	...	...	2	3	1
Tirumangalam	13	...	...	114,200	1	2	3	2	2	1	2
Total ...	**86**	**4**	**1**	**746,129**	**12**	**13**	**13**	**11**	**14**	**14**	**17**

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L. C. No.	Name of the Village/ Panchayat	Area in Sq.Miles	Nearest Railway Station	Distance (in Miles) from Railway Station	Name of the Festival	Total No. of days	Month	Attendance	Articles sold	Distance (in Miles) from District Head-quarters & information of importance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					DINDIGUL TALUK					
1.	Landakottai (P)	6·67	Puliyur	8	Kaliamman Festival	5	Mar/Apr	2,000	Sweetmeats	75 Once in two years
3.	Karungal (P)	3·51	do	13	Weekly Fair	1	...	200	Sheep	78 The fair meets on Saturduy
4.	Gudalur (P)	9·96	Karur	12½	Poovalamman Festival	1	April	500	Coconuts, fruits, mango fruits, betelnuts, tobacco & sweetmeats etc.	66
5.	Kothanatham (P)	8·46	...	...	Weekly Fair	1	...	700	Foodgrains, betel leaves & vegetables	70 The fair meets on Tuesday
6.	Alambadi (V)	9·71	Karur	23	Kaliamman Festival	3	May	500/600	Provisions & beverages	75
7.	R. Vellodu (P)	8·15	...	16	1. Weely Fair	1	Apr/May	1,500	Vegetables, leather, sheep, fowls, vessels, betelnuts, leaves, coconuts & foodgrains	78 The fair meets on Saturday
					2. Muthalamman Festival	...	Apr/May/June	...		
					3. Balaguru-swamy Festival	...	...	...		
8.	Thirukkoornam (P)	6·16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	The fair meets on Tuesday
9.	Mallapuram (V)	12·06	Karur	26	Weekly Fair	1	...	500	Foodgrains, vegetables, fowls, tea, betel leaves & sweetmeats	70 The fair meets on Monday

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					DINDIGUL TALUK (Contd.)					
12.	Palayam (P)	15·11	Karur	17	Weekly fair	1	...	3,000	Foodgrains, & provisions	69 The fair takes place on Friday
			Vadamadurai	15	Ramagiri Kalyana Narasinga Perumal Festival	...	Mar/Apr	10,000	Fancy goods, vessels & sweetmeats etc.	64 On Panguni Uthiram day
13.	R. Kombai (P)	12·86	Dindigul	21	Weekly Fair	...	...	700	Foodgrains, provisions & coconuts etc.	61 The fair meets on Tuesday
14.	Vadugambadi (P)	7·73	...	14	Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains, vegetables & sweets	64 The fair meets on Monday
17.	R. Pudukottai (P)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	The fair meets on Wednesday
18.	Kumboor (P)	6·90	Dindigul	21	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	650	Vegetables, provisions, cloth, fruits & coconuts etc.	61 The fair meets on Friday
					2. Muthalamman Festival	...	April/May	650	Foodgrains	...
19.	Palapatty (P)	7·80	...	19	Weekly Fair	1	...	300	Provisions, leather & vegetables	61 The fair meets on Tuesday
23.	Koviloor (P) Vemboor	9·09	Vadamadurai	13	do	...	...	3,000	Foodstuffs, fancy goods, edibles & oil	59 The fair meets on Saturday
32.	Kalvarpatty (P)	11·33	Dindigul	20	do	1	...	2,000	Provisions, sheep & leather	60 The fair meets on Sunday

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					DINDIGUL TALUK (Contd.)					
35 & 36.	Vedasandur (P. & N.P.)	13·25 / 0·18	...	12	Weekly Fair	1	...	3,500	Foodgrains & provisions	52 The fair meets on Sunday
39.	Eriode (P)	5·86	Vadamadurai	6½	1. do	1	...	1,500	Foodgrains, vegetables, sweets & cows etc.	52 The fair meets on Wednesday
					2. Panguni Uthiram	7	Mar/April	2,000	...	...
43.	Ayyalur (P)	13·23	Ayyalur	R.S.	Weekly Fair	1	...	2,600	Cattle, fowls, provisions, vegetables & food-grains	56 The fair meets on Thursday
48.	Marambadi (P)	4·97	Vadamadurai	8	1. do	1	...	500	Provisions & food grains	52 The fair takes place on Friday
					2. Antony Festival	...	January	5,000	do	...
50.	Thadi Combu (P)	14·30	...	6	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	1500	Foodgrains, vegetables & earthen-wares	46 The fair meets on Thursday
					2. Soundararaja Perumal Adi Festival	7	July/Aug			
51.	Agaram (P)	13·96	Akkaraipatti	4	Muthalamman Festival	7	Oct/Nov	30,000	Horses, umbrellas made out of palm leaves	46 On first Monday & Tuesday of "Ayppasi" in every year
57.	Kottapulli (P)	9·06	...	...	Weekly Fair	...	...	...	...	The fair meets on Wednesday
64.	Pudupatti (P)	3·05	Reddiarchatram	5	Combai Bi-Weekly Fair	2	...	1,000	Plantains & provisions	44 The fair meets on Wednesday & Saturday

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					DINDIGUL TALUK (Contd.)					
65.	Kamakshipuram (P)	5·01	Reddiarchatram	3	Gopinathaswamy Koil Urikatty Festival	...	February	4,000	Pooja articles	52 Every Saturday pooja performed
74.	Kulathur (P)	6·35	Thamaraipadi	6½	Weekly Fair	1	...	150	Vegetables, provisions & betel leaves	46½ The fair meets on Tuesday
75.	Padiyur (P)	8·97	...	5	Akkammal Swamigal's Masi Pachai Festival	7	Feb/Mar	2,000	Coconuts, fruits, sugarcane & roasted nuts	47 On Sivarathri
79. & 81.	Vadamadurai (P. & N.P.)	1·05	...	½	1. Sri Soundara Raja Perumal Adi Thirunal (Mattu Thavanai)	15	July/Aug	40,000	Cloth, provisions, vessels, sweets & cattle	...
		2·56	...	...	2. Weekly Fair	1	...	500	Foodgrains, vegetables, fruits, earthenwares, fish & sweets etc.	51 The fair meets on Saturday
85.	Sengurichi (P)	10·15	...	7	do	1	...	500	Provisions, mutton, fowls, vegetables, earthenwares & sheep	40 The fair meets on Wednesday
88.	Siluvathur (V)	6·07	Vadamadurai	7	1. do	1	...	3,000	Provisions, foodgrains & vegetables	40 The fair meets on Tuesday
					2. Veerasinnammal Festival	7	May/June	2,000	Sweetmeats & cattle	...
89.	Madhur (P)	3·08	Thamaraipadi	3	Sebastian Festival	3	July/Aug	1,500	Sweetmeats	...

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					DINDIGUL TALUK (Contd.)					
92.	Balakrishnapuram (P)	4·58	...	½	Kaliamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	500	Nil	41 The fair meets on Monday
94.	Pallapatti (P)	2·24	Dindigul	2	Mariamman Festival	2	Feb/Mar	10,000	Fancy goods & vessels	40
97.	Annamantharoyan-kottai (P)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sindalakkundu (H)	3·27	Akkaraipatti	5	July Christian Festival	1	July	...	...	50 Yearly once The fair meets on Friday
99.	Karisalpatti (P)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
100.	Dharmathupatty (P)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Palayakannivadi (V)	2·25	Reddiarchatram	8	1. Festival	...	April	...	...	40 The fair meets on Tuesday
					2. Weekly Fair	1	...	...	...	The Fair meets on Monday
104.	Ayyampalayam (P)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
105.	Ayyampalayam N.P. (V)	16·36	Kodai Road	...	1. Plantain Fair	...	April/May	1,000	...	40 The fair meets on Thursday
					2. Chithira Festival	...	Oct/Nov	...	...	...
					3. Muthalamman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
111.	Authoor (P)	5·17	...	...	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	100	Earthenwares & vessels	40 The fair meets on Tuesday
					2. Vandimakali-amman Festival	3	Mar/April	7,000	Provisions & cows	...

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					DINDIGUL TALUK (Contd.)					
114.	Veerakkal (P)	0·82	...	—	Weekly Fair	1	...	200	Vegetables, mutton & provisions	50 The fair meets on Sunday
116.	N. Panjampatty (P)	0·96	Vellodu	...	Pask Pandigai	3	Mar/Apr	10,000	Fancy goods	42
119.	Munnilakottai (P)									
	Kurumbapatti (H)	3·03	Dindigul	3½	Ayyampatti Christian Festival	5	December	1,500	do	43
122.	Ambathurai (P)	4·32	Ambathurai	¾	1. Mariamman Festival	5	Mar/April	10,000	Flowers & vessels	33 Once in five years
					2. Bhadrakali-amman Festival	...	May/June	...	...	...
					3. Muthalamman Festival	3	Mar/April	5,000	Fancy goods	...
123.	Thoppampatty (P)	1·77	...	½	Muthalamman Gramadevathai Festival	...	...	300	Nil	33 Once in two years
124.	Settiapatty (P)									
	Keezha Kottai	4·78	...	1½	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	750	Vegetables, mutton, utility articles & eatables	33 Full-moon day of Adi month and Full Moon day of Chi-thirai month
					2. Chithira Pour-nami Azhagar Festival	5	April/May July/Aug	5,000		
					3. Adi Pournami Festival	2	...	...	...	The fair meets on Thursday
126.	Adi Anuthu (P)	6·93	...	⅛	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	...	...	...
					2. Varadaraja Perumal Festival	15	Mar/April	...	Cattle, fowls, foodgrains, provisions, leather & cloth	40 Fair meets on Monday
					3. Pask Festival	3	do	5,000	...	...
127.	Thotanuthu (P)	5·56	...	2	Ponnu Sankar Koil Festival	3	Feb/Mar	700	Eatables, beverages & confectionery	43

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					DINDIGUL TALUK (Concld.)					
128.	Rajakkapatty (P)	4·66	Dindigul	8	1. Bommaya-swamy Koil Festival	...	...	1000	Vessels, provisions & beverages	48 Once in five years
					2. Muthalamman Koil Festival	...	...	...	...	...
					3. Pongal Pandigai	...	...	...	...	...
130.	Ragalapuram (P)	3·56	do	8	1. Muthalamman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
					2. Bagavathi-amman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
					3. Kaliamman Fes ival	15	...	1,300	Sweetmeats & grocery	34 Once in three years
139.	Emakkalapuram	2·75	do	9	Weekly Fair	1	...	300	Sirumalai plantains & other article	45 The fair meets on Thursday
142.	Anjukulipatty (P)	8·51	do	12½	do	1	...	250	Vegetables, betel leaves, cloth, provisions & mutton	32 The fair meets on Wedneday
143.	Vembarpatty (P)	6·56	do	14	do	1	...	2,000	Foodgrains, cloth & mutton	30 The fair meets on Saturday
					PALNI TALUK					
1.	Rajampatty (P)	4·63	Pushbathur	8	Chithirai Pournami Festival	2	April	2,000	Flowers, provisions & beve-rage	100 On the day next of Full Moon day during Chithirai
5.	Velampatty (P)	4·60	Palni	10½	Kaliamman Festival	3	...	500	...	85

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					PALNI TALUK (Contd.)					
7.	Pungamuthur (V)	4·19	Palni	13½	1. Weekly fair	1	June	...	Vegetables & provisions	88½ Fair meets on Monday
					2. Kaliamman Festival	2	...	500	...	...
9.	Appanuthu (V)	2·86	do	13½	Kavandichiamman Festival	2	June	500	...	88½ Not in every year
13.	Appayampatty	4·11	Oddanchatram	15	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Bulls, foodgrains & jaggery	75 The fair meets on Saturday
15.	Kariyampatty (P)	11·47	do	12	do	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains, vegetables, clothes, butter, leather & baskets	70 The fair meets on Friday
18.	M. Athappampatty (V)	4·56	...	20	Koil Festival	...	April	3,000	...	90
19.	Markampatty (P)	7·24	Oddanchatram	16	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, fruits & foodgrains	76 The fair meets on Saturday
20.	1. Athappampatty (V)	...	do	...	do	1	...	...	...	The fair meets on Saturday
23.	Kallimandayam (P)	13·25	do	9	do	1	...	500	Rice, foodgrains, clothes, leather & vegetables	74 The fair meets on Sunday
24.	Porulur (P)	9·18	do	13	do	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, clothes, rice, food-grains & earthenwares	69 The fair meets on Monday
26.	Thoppampatty (P)	8·61	Palni	9	Mattuthavanai	6	July/Aug	5,000	Cows, horses & bulls	8

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					PALNI TALUK (Contd.)					
34.	Thalayuthu (P) Narikkalpatti (H)	11·57	...	4½	Weekly fair	1	...	2,200	Foodgrains	60 The fair meets on Saturday
38.	Marichilambu (P)	6·89	Palni	9	do	1	...	...	...	85
43.	Ambilikai (P)	5·90	...	5	Sevidamman Festival	3	Dec/Jan	700	Clothes, sugarcane, & roasted nuts	75 On the Full Moon day of "Margazhi"
44.	Shindalapatti (P)	1·64	...	5	Kaliamman Festival	3	...	500	Sugarcane, roasted nuts vegetables & Sweet-meats	75 The fair meets on Monday
45.	Odaipatty (P)	9·18	...	8¼	Weekly fair	1	...	360	Oil cakes & provisions	67
46.	Ellapatty (P)	Included in L.C. No. 50	Oddanchatram	14	Koil Festival	3	May/June	400	...	70
47.	Javadupatty (P)	...	...	10	Weekly fair	1	...	300	Grocery	80 The fair takes place on Tuesday
49.	Kuthiluppai	...	...	10	Durgaiamman Festival	3	May	500	...	67
50.	Idayakottai (P)	59·11	...	14	1. Mariamman Festival	7	May/June	5,000	Cattle	70
					2. Mohideen Andavar "Urusu" Festival	3	Sep/Nov	200	...	...
					3. Weekly fair	1	...	300	Eatables, vegetables & clothes	The fair meets on Friday

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					PALNI TALUK (Contd.)					
52.	Chinnakkampatty (P)	Included in L.C. No. 50	Oddanchatram	12	Kaliamman Festival	3	May	500	...	65
61.	Kapiliapatty (P)	4·71	do	3	Festivals	...	...	2,000	Light refreshments & fancy goods	60
65.	Amarapoondi (P)	Included in L.C. No. 109	do	8	Weekly fair	1	...	350	Grocery & vegetables	76 The fair meets on Tuesday
85. & 86.	Palni (M) & (V)	2·03 6·64	...	R.S.	1. Weekly fair	1	...	...	Rice, leaves, coconuts & fruits	79 The fair meets on Sunday
					2. Visagam Festival	...	May/June			
					3. Skandha Sashti	...	Oct/Nov			
					4. Thiru Karthigai	...	Nov/Dec			
					5. Thai Poosam	...	Jan/Feb			
					6. Panguni Uthiram	...	Mar/April			
87.	Sivagiripatti (P)	...	...	...	Weekly fair	...	...	...	...	The fair meets on Sunday
89.	Kodamangalam (P)	3·78	...	2	1. Ambuvallia Suravisha	...	Sep/Oct	...	...	75
					2. Pattalamman Festival	...	May/June	...	...	...
99.	Kalanjipatti (P) Peilnaickenpatti (H)	2·55	Oddanchatram	3	Kaliamman swami Kumbidu Festival	3	do	1,050	Retail articles	62
101.	Lakkayankottai	1·71	Oddanchatram	1¼	Athikombai Kaliamman Festival	...	June/July	100,000	Fruits, cattle & carts	58

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					PALNI TALUK (Concld.)					
103.	Virupakshi (P)	5·21	Oddanchatram	3	Weekly fair	1	...	2,500	Foodgrains, fruits, cattle, vegetables & grocery	62 The fair meets on Thursday
107.	Kanukampatty	Included in L.C. No. 109	...	3/8	Kaliamman Festival	5	May/June	5,000	Fancygoods, flowers & light refreshments	72
109.	Ayakudi (P)	1·78	...	1½	1. Kaliamman Festival	3	...	4,500	Plantains	72 The fair meets on Monday c Friday
					2. Weekly fair	2	...	...	...	...
118.	Andipatty (P)	34·15	Palni	10	Kaliamman Festival	1	May/June	3,000	...	87
					KODAIKANAL TALUK					
1.	Kookal (V)	2·12	Kodaikanal Road	76	1. Mariamman Festival	2	August	400 to 500	...	96
					2. Soman Uthsavam	1	April	100 to 150	...	...
					3. Purada Nonbu	1	October	200 to 300	...	...
					4. Panguni Nonbu	1	April	100 to 150	...	...
2.	Vilpatti (V)	2·76	do	61	Worshipping of 12 Gods	7	Mar/April	2,800	Sweetmeats, clothes cattle, fowls, vessels	78
3.	Pannakadu (V)	19·69	do	35	Ramaswami Koil Festival	3	May/June	7,000	Sweetmeats	64 On Visagam star

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	KODAIKANAL TALUK (Concld.)									
4.	Thandigudi (P)	7·28	Kodaikanal Road	40	1. Ramar Festival	3	Sep/Oct	2,000	...	70 Twice in a year
					2. Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/April	2,000	...	On Uthiram Star of Panguni month
11.	Kodaikanal (N.M)	1·25	do	50	Salethumada Festival	2	August	6,000	Clothes, sweetmeats & sarees	74
12.	Kodaikanal (M)	6·50								
13.	Poombarai (V)	4·42	do	62	Car Festival	2	January	2,000 to 2,500	Sweetmeats, clothes fancy goods	87
14.	Mannavanur (P)	3·07	do	77	Mandala Peruman Festival	2	February	600 to 700	...	95
15.	Poondi (V)	2·36	do	82	Mariamman Festival	5	May	1,500 to 2,000	...	98
	PERIAKULAM TALUK									
1.	Periakulam (M)	0·94	Theni	11	Baghavathiamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	2,000	...	54
2.	Keelavadagarai (V)	5·82	do	11	Vaithiyanathaswami Koil Festival	10	April/May	5,000	...	54 Takes place on Full Moon day of "Chithirai" month
6.	Devadanapatty (P)	6·02	Kodai Road	20	1. Sri Mungilanai Kamakshiamman (Maha Sivarathri Festival)	7	Feb/March	15,000	...	44
					2. Weekly Fair	...	...	...	...	The Fair meets on every Wednesday

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	PERIAKULAM TALUK (Contd.)									
9.	Kamakshipuram (V)	2·77	Theni	14	Muthalamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	300	...	50
10.	Endapuli (V)	1·74	do	12	do	3	do	300	...	52
13.	B. Thamaraikulam (V)	14·24	do	8	Chellandiamman Koil Festival	3	Sep/Oct	5,000	...	56
14.	Thenkarai (P)	11·11	do	10	1. Varadarajaperumal Koil Uthsavam	3	April/May	10,000	...	Festival takes place on Pournami Thithi
					2. Perumal Koil Vasanthothsavam	10	May/June	10,000	Fancy goods	...
					3. Subramaniaswamy Koil Palabishegam	10	do	10,000	...	Takes place on Visagam Star
					4. Mariamman Koil Festival	10	June/July	10,000	...	Takes place on "Moolam" Star in Avani month
					5. Subramaniaswamy Koil Puttu Festival	1	Aug/Sep	10,000	...	...
17.	Bodinayakanur (M)	2·15	Bodi	...	Weekly Fair	...	...	...	...	The Fair meets on Thurday
18.	Melachockanathapuram (P)	5·67	do	3	1. Kaliamman Koil Uthsavam	...	...	...	...	...
	Keelachockanathapuram (H)				2. Kavandamman Koil Festival	3	Mar/April April/May	2,600	Fancy goods, flower etc.	58
	Ranganathapuram (H)				3. Sathavukoilswamy Festival	...	...	...	...	...
	Harattupatti (H)									
	Dharmathupatti (H)									

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					PERIAKULAM TALUK (Contd.)					
22.	Budipuram (P)	4·97	Budipuram	¼	1. Perumal Koil Festival	1	Oct/Nov	1,000	Fancy goods and sweet-meats	50
	Valaiyathupatti (H)				2. Kaliamman Koil Festival	...	...	...	...	...
	Athipatti (H)									
23.	Allinagaram (P)	7·00	Theni	¼	Theni Bi-weekly	2	...	20,000	Cotton, chillies, grocery, vegetables, cattle	47 The Fair falls on Thursday & Sunday
25.	Vadaveeranaicken-patti (V)	10·10	do	4½	1. Chithirai Festival	5	Apr/May	5,000	...	50
					2. Muthiyal-amman Kovil Festival	3	Mar/Apr	5,000		
					3. Sorikkamalai Palni Andavar Festival	2	Apr/May	3,000		
36.	Veerapandi (P)	9·43	do	5	1. Mariamman Festival	7	Apr/May	10,000	Vessels, glasswares, sweetmeats, fruits and cattle	52
38.	Uppukottai Part (P)	5·19	do	7	Perumal Kovil Festival	1	do	1,000	...	55
39.	Kodangipatti (P) Part	...	Budipuram	2	1. Sadayandi Koil Uthsavam	1	Nov/Dec	1,000	Sweetmeats and fancy goods	54
					2. Pazhakottai-amman Uthsavam	...	July/Aug			
					3. Pazhaniandavar Uthsavam	...	Mar/April			

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					PERIAKULUM TALUK (Contd.)					
40.	Kamarajapuram (P) Singarakottai (H) Manakkapuram (H) Ranganathapuram (H)	...	Theni	7	Varadaraja Perumal Koil Uthsavam	3	Apr/May	600	Sweetmeats and fancy goods	57
41.	Dombucheri (P)	3·34	Bodinaickenur	6	Pazhaniandavar Uthsavam	3	Oct/Nov	750	do	60
	Badrakalipuram (H)				Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/Apr			
					Karthigai Uthsavam	1	Nov/Dec			
					Badrakali Uthsavam	7	Apr/May			
					Perumal Koil Uthsavam	1	Sep/Oct			
42.	Ammapatti (P)	...	do	6	1. Kaliamman Kovil Uthsavam	3	Mar/Apr	2,000	do	60
	Sundararajapuram (H)				2. Badrakali-amman Uthsavam	...	...	1,000		
	Viswasapuram (H)				3. Vadanithimari amman Uthsavam	...	...	1,000		
	Perumalgoundanpatti (H)				4. Azhagar Thathap-paswamy Koil Uthsavam	...	Apr/May	1,000		
44.	Silamalai (P)	0·25	Theni	20	1. Durgaiamman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
	Mallingapuram (H)				2. Saradammal Festival	3	March	5,000	...	60
52.	Poomalakundu (P)	10·40	do	12	Kaliamman Festival	2	January	2,000	Fancy goods & tiles	60
	Dharmapuri (H)									
	Kettunaikkenpatti (H)	...	Theni	11	Sikkumalamman Festival	3	February	2,500	Fancy goods, earthen-wares & textiles	57

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					PERIAKULAM TALUK (Contd.)					
57.	Thekkampatty (P)	2·00	Andipatti	12	Vellappar Koil Festival	1	April	5,000	Coconuts, plantains, flowers & sweets	48 The Festival takes place on Tamil New Year's day
62.	Andipatti Jakkampatti (P)	1·50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
63.	Ethakoil (P)	12·52	...	...	Weekly Fair	...	...	...	...	The Fair meets on Sunday
64.	Kothaluthu (P)	2·53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
73.	Seepalakottai (P)	10·26	Theni	16	Perumal Koil Festival	2	March	3,000	Fancy goods	63
	Kamatchipuram (H)	...	...	14	Kaliamman Festival	2	February	3,000	...	62
76.	Kujjanur (P)	6·39	do	12	Sani Bhagavan Koil Festival	4	July/Aug	4,000 to 5,000	...	67 This Festival takes place on every Saturday of Adi Month
80.	Thevaram (P)	1·50	...	...	Weekly Fair	...	...	...	...	The Fair meets on every Monday
81.	T. Meenakshipuram (P)	5·70	Bodinaicke-nur	3	1. Chithirai Pournami Festival 2. Vaikunta Ekadasi Festival 3. Perumalswamy Koil Festival	3	April/May	1,000	Fancy goods & edibles	56
84.	Pulanandapuram (P)	0·99	Theni	12	Panguni Uthiram Festival	1	March/April	1,000	Fancy goods	58

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					PERIAKULAM TALUK (Contd.)					
85.	Chinnamanur (P)	9·00	Theni	15	1. Weekly Fair	...	...	2,000	Vegetables, grocery textile and utility articles	The Fair meets on Thursday
					2. Sivagamiamman Car Festival	7	Apr/May	10,000	Coconuts, fruits, vegetables and vessels	62
86.	Odapatti (P)	7·23	do	16	Kaliamman Pongal	2	March	2,500	Bangles & flowers	65
87.	Erasakkanaickenur (V)	5·97	do	17	Kaliamman Festival	2	do	2,000	Flowers & bangles	66
89.	Alapapuri (V)	3·15	do	17	Kaliamman Pongal	2	do	2,000	Bangles & flowers	67
90.	Muthalapuram (V)	2·86	do	16	1. Muthalamman Pongal	2	do	1,000	Bangles, coconuts & flowers	64
					2. Karuppan-swamy Pongal	...	...	...	...	...
91.	Chinnaovaiapuram (V)	5·94	do	18	Mandhariamman Pongal Festival	18	do	2,000	Bangles & flowers	68
93. & 94.	Uthamapalayam (P)	3·00 7·03	do	...	Weekly Fair	...	...	...	...	The Fair meets on Saturday
96. & 97.	Combai (P & V)	8·00 16·50	do	1	do	...	...	...	...	The Fair meets on Friday
102.	Rayappampatti part (P)	0·03	do	20	Kaliamman Pongal	2	March	1,500	Bangles, flowers & cocounts	68

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					PERIAKULAM TALUK (Concld.)					
106.	Uthamapuram (V)	10·29	Theni	24	Weekly Fair	1	...	3,000	Vegetables, fruits, foodgrains and provisions	72 The Fair meets on Wednesday
108.	Narayanathevan-patti (P)	0·03	do	...	Suruli Theertham Festival	8	April/May	10,000	Beverages & edibles	75
110.	Siruvalipatti (P)	0·02	do	27	Suruli Andavar Theertham	1	do	5,000	Plantains & coconuts	78
	Narayanathevanpatti									
					NILAKOTTAI TALUK					
1.	Pachaimalayan-kottai (P)	5·36	Ambathurai	4½	Weekly Fair	1	...	2,000	Handloom clothes, cattle, vegetables, foodgrains & leather	36 The Fair meets on Friday
2.	Jambutharakottai (P)	8·71	J. Mettur	2	Kaliamman Festival	3	July	4,500	Beverages, textiles & retail things	31
	Sakkanayakkanoor	...	...	1	St. John birth day Celeberation	3	June	3,000	Beverages, clothes & retail goods	30¾
	Kamalapuram	...	J. Metturgate	1½	Muthalamman Festival	31	July	2,700	...	...
	Sallipatti	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
3.	Kottur (P)	5·90	Kodai Road	3	Kaliamman Festival	3	May/ June	600 to 900	...	33
					Sappara Festival	...	...	...	...	...

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4.	Kodanginaicken-patti (P)	2·13	Kodai Road	6¼	1. Kaliamman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
					2. Karuppanna Festival	1	Feb/March	1,827	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	32¼
					3. Muthalamman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
5.	Muthalapuram (P)	6·56	do	9	1. Subramania-swamy Koil Festival	1	Mar/Apr	3,216	Sweets, fancy goods and brass wares	35 5/8 On Uthi-ram Star of Panguni
					2. Kaliamman Festival	1	May/June	...	...	...
					3. Muthalamman Festival	1	do	...	...	...
	Chinnamanaicken-kotta (V)	...	do	8¼	Kaliamman Festival	1	do	627	Sweets & fancy goods	40½
	Pangalapatti (V)	...	do	8¼	do	1	do	291	do	40½
9.	Sevagampatti (P)	...	do	½	Weekly Fair	1	...	10,000	Cattle, vegetables grocery, fruits & earthen-wares	19 The Fair meets on Tuesday
	Vadiapatti									
11.	Veelinaickenpatti (V)	2·03	do	8	Masul Pachai	6	April	2,500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	34
12.	Nilakottai (P)	3·82	do	5¼	1. Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/April	13,236	Brass, aluminium wares, clothes & gilt articles	The Fair meets on Saturday
					2. Perumal Koil Festival	3	May/June	5,366	...	...
					3. Weekly Fair	1	...	10,127	Earthenwares & clothes	...
					4. Mattu Thavanai	3	Mar/April	5,226	Gilt orna-ments & Cattle	...

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13.	Silukuvarpatti (P)	3·63	Kodai Road	8	1. Kaliamman Festival	3	June	3,000	Fruits & sweetmeats,	26
					2. Chapparam Festival	1	September	10,000	Fancy goods	...
14.	Malayagoundan-patti (P)	4·71	do	1½	Muthalamman Festival	1	No fixed time	1,500	Fruits, sweetmeats & fancy goods	22
15.	Nariyuthu (P)	3·32	do	2⅛	Iyundur Muthal-amman Festival	3	June	50,000	Clothes, refreshments and retail goods	29½
16.	Ammayanaickanur (P) Ammapatti	7·34	do	1	Christmas	1	25th December	2,000	Clothes & retail things	28
	Oruthattu	...	do	1	1. Mariamman Festival	4	...	50,000	Clothes, beverages, & retail things	26 The fair meets on Wednesday
					2. Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, clothes & retail goods	29½
				1½	3. Muthalamman Festival	4	April	3,500	Clothes, beverages & retail goods	29½
19.	Ethilodu (P)	4·46	do	6	1. Muthalamman Koil Festival	4	do	5,000	Fancy goods, brass-wares & sweetmeats	23
20.	Nakkaluthu (P)	0·65	do	6	Kaliamman Festival	1	No fixed time	700	Sweetmeats, fruits & fancy goods	30
22.	Musuvanoothu (P)	4·39	do	8	do	5	May	2,500	Sweetmeats, vegetables, palm fans & fancy goods	30

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					NILAKOTTAI TALUK (Contd.)					
23.	Vannampatti (*alias*)	3·16	Kodai Road	13	Muthalamman Koil Festival	4	Mar/April	3,200	...	27
	Sivagnanapuram Bodiagoundampatti Sivagnanapuram	...	...	14	do	3	do	2,500	...	28
26.	Batlagundu (P)	1·00	do	12	Muthumariamman Festival	7	May/June	8,000	Sweetmeats, fruits & coconuts	38
27.	Batlagundu (Rural)	...	do	14	Mariamman Festival	7	do	20,000	Cattle, coconuts, fruits, sweets, handicrafts & toiletry	40
	Kottapatti	...	do	15	Senraya Perumal Festival	5	Mar/April	10,000	Sweetmeats, coconuts, fruits & handicrafts	41
36.	Gullichettipatti (P)	0·38	do	12	1. Weekly fair	1	...	1,500	Grocery & vegetables	26 The fair meets on Thursday
					2. Muthalamman Koil Festival	4	Mar/April	3,500		
37.	Sithargalnatham (P)	2·35	do	13	Muthalamman Koil Festival	3	do	3,000	...	26
39.	Pillaiyarnatham (P)	2·91	do	10	Azhagar Athil Irangum Vizha (Immersion Festival)	3	April/May	3,000	...	25
40.	Vilampatti (P)	2·22	do	6	Festival	4	March	4,000	Refreshments	24
41.	Mattaparai (P)	2·23	Vadipatti	3	do	3	April/May	5,000	Beverages	22
42.	Ramarajapuram (P)	1·60	do	3	Weekly fair	1	...	3,000	Vegetables, grocery, cattle & clothes	22 The fair meets on Sunday

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					NILAKOTTAI TALUK (Contd.)					
45.	Katchaikatti (P)	8·73	Sholavandan	8	Perumal Koil Festival	6	January	2,500	Edibles	19½
50.	Mettupatti (P)	1·90	Vadipatti	12	Hanumar Koil Festival	...	April	8,500	Fancy goods & sweet-meats	...
					Sithargal Koil Festival	1	July/Aug	...		
56.	Palamedu (P)	4·46	Madurai	16	Weekly fair	1	...	10,000	Foodstuffs, vegetables, grocery, clothes, cattle, fancygoods & earthenwares	16 The fair meets on Saturday
					Manjamalaiswamy Festival	2	March	6,000	Foodstuffs, clothes & fancy goods	...
66.	Nirethan (P)	1·81	Vadipatti	1	Iyyanar Festival	1	September	2,000	...	19
67.	Bodinaikenpatti (P)	1·82	do	½	Kaliamman Festival	1	December	3,000	...	20
68.	Natchikulam (P)	1·83	Karupatti	½	do	2	Mar/April	1,000	...	14
69.	Karupatti (P)	1·93	do	1	Krishna Jayanthi	2	Sep/Oct	1,000	...	14
70.	Kuruvithurai (P) Ayankuruvithurai (V)	2·98	Sholavandan	5	Pachiamman Festival	2	April/May	2,000	...	11
71.	Mannadimangalam (P)	4·18	do	3	Mullai pari	1	July/Aug	2,000	Fancy goods & sweetmeats	18
74.	Irumbadi (P)	1·60	Karupatti	1½	Muniyandi Festival	2	Mar/Aprll	1,000	do	14
75.	Sholavandan (P)	6·26	Sholavandan	1	Mariamman Festival	15	May/June	5,000	Sweetmeats, vegetables, fruits, grocery, cattle, fish & thread	15 The fair meets on Friday
					Weekly fair	1	...			

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					NILAKOTTAI TALUK (Concld.)					
76.	Thenkarai (P)	3·26	Sholavandan	1	Moolanatha-swamy Koil Festival	3	August	3,000	...	15
77.	Melakkal (P)	3·15	do	3½	Santhana Ursu (Muslim Festival)	1	September	5,000	...	12
	Kachabayiruppu	...	do	6½	Mariamman Festival	1	October	1,000	...	18
78.	Thiruvelagam	2·08	do	2	Ashtami Chapparam	1	Mar/April	500	Fancy goods	...
				2½	Mariamman Pongal	1	October	1,000	Fancy goods & sweet-meats	10
79.	Nedungulam (P)	0·95	do	8	Christmas	8	December	500	Sweetmeats	15
80.	Thiruvalavayanallur (P) Nagari	1·20	do	2	Badrakaliamman Festival	1	November	400	...	10
81.	Sithalangudi (P) Thattamkulam	2·27	Samayanallur	4	Muthanallur Festival	3	Mar/April	700	Beverages	22
92.	Achampatti (P)	1·49	Madurai	14½	Jallikattu Festival	1	Feb/Mar	5,000	Foodstuffs & fancy goods	14½
93.	Alanganallur (P)	2·16	Vizhangudi	12	1. Weekly fair	1	...	4,000	Foodstuffs, vegetables, clothes & fancy goods	The fair meets on Sunday
					2. Badrakali-amman Festival	1	Dec/Jan	6,000	Foodstuffs, clothes & fancy goods	12
			Madurai	12	Jallikattu Festival	1	January	1,500	Foodstuffs	Every year in the month of Thai
			do	12	Muniyandiswami Festival	2	Mar/April	7,000	Foodstuffs & fancy goods	Once in two years

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					MELUR TALUK					
	Pillayarnatham (P)	5·68	Kallupatti	7	Muthalamman Festival	2	May/June	500	...	43
2.	Sendurai (P)	12·32	Ayyaloor	11	Weekly fair					
					1. Mahalakshmi Festival	2	Feb/Mar	...	Grocery & vegetables	...
					2. Susaiappar Festival	3	April/May	1,000	...	36 The fair meets on Wednesday
3.	Kudagipatti (P)	7·30	Vadamadurai	14	Ayyanarswami Muthalamman Festival	3	June/July	5,000	...	36
4.	Seithur (P)	10·61	do	18	Karaiamman Malaiamman Festival	3	July/Aug	2,000	...	31 Once in three years
5.	Kottaiyur (P)	11·11	do	15	Muthalamman Festival	7	April/May	1,000	...	35
6.	Sooranpatti (P)	1·93	Manapparai	23	do	2	...	600	Fruits, flowers, coconuts & sweetmeats	37
7.	Pottapatti (P)	3·98	do	24	1. Vellimalai Subramania Koil Festival	3	Mar/April	2,500	Sweetmeats, vessels & grains	36
					2. Bhagavathi-amman Festival	3	Sep/Oct	...	...	...
9.	Pallapatti (P)	5·06	do	26	Puravi Eduppu	3	Mar/April	1,500	Sweetmeats & flowers	38
10.	Kottampatti (P)	2·75	do	28	Weekly fair	1	...	2,000	...	32 The fair meets on Tuesday

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					MELUR TALUK (Contd.)					
11.	Valacheripatti (P)	1·31	Madurai	34	Perianayagiamman Festival	3	July/Aug	470	Edibles	34
15.	Samudrapatti (P)	2·52	Dindigul	26	Bhagavathiamman Festival	1	Feb/Mar	500	...	27
16.	Sirugudi (P)	7·13	do	29	Weekly fair	1	...	200	...	30 The fair meets on Friday
					Amman Festival	2	Mar/April	2,000	Vegetables	...
17.	Avichipatti (P)	3·39	do	24	Adaikkalam Muthuswami Festival	15	do	1,500	...	25
18.	Nadumandalam (P)	13·06	do	24	Muthalamman Festival	2	April	250	...	25
19.	Velampatti (P)	3·45	Madurai	25	Vettakaraswami Festival	3	do	450	Coconuts, fruits, flowers & ropes	25
20.	Punnapatti (P)	7·62	Dindigul	19	Muthalamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	500	Coconuts, fruits & vegetables	25
21.	Mulaiyur (P)	4·31	Madurai	30	Aravanai Festival	3	May/June	2,000	Coconuts, fruits, vegetables, stationery & fancy goods	20
22.	Lingavadi (P)	5·47	do	19	Muthalamman Festival	2 to 3	Mar/April	2,000	Coconuts, fruits & flowers	20
					Karuppanswamy Festival	2 to 3	do			
23.	Pudur (P)	5·17	do	17	Karuppanswami Festival	2 to 3	March	1,000	Coconuts, fruits and flowers	6

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					MELUR TALUK (Contd.)					
24.	Reddipatti (P)	5·94	Madurai	18	Muthalamman Festival Kudirai Eduppu Festival	2 to 3	do	2,000	Coconuts, fruits, flowers, dried food & products	19
25.	Sathambadi (P)	6·73	do	20	Muthalamman Festival	2	April	1,000	Coconuts, fruits, flowers and ropes	20
26.	Pannuvarpatti (P)	2·08	do	24	do	2	do	298	Coconuts, fruits and ropes	24
27.	Natham (P) Panniah Malai (V)	4·00	Dindigul	22	Mariamman Festival	15	Mar/Apr	1,600	do	23
					Kailasanathar Fsstival	10	May/June	...	...	...
				25	Muthalamman Festival	7	Mar/Apr	1,000	...	26
28.	Chellappanaicken-patti (P)	4·85	Madurai	23	do	7	Mar/Apr	2,000	Sweetmeats, betel nut and fancy goods	25 The fair meets on Sunday
29.	Uralipatti (P)	4·59	do	28	do	3	April	500	Coconuts, fruits, flowers and ropes	28
30.	Sekkipatti (P)	5·35	do	39	Amman Festival	2	Feb/Mar	7,000	Edibles	40 On Full Moon day
31.	Kunnarampatti (P)	3·28	do	28	do	2	do	5,000	do	37 On Full Moon day
32.	Ayyapatti (P)	6·70	do	30	Puravi Eduppu Festival	2	Sep/Oct	1,000	...	20

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					MELUR TALUK (Contd.)					
	Thiruchemai (V)	...	Madurai	29	Pruavi Eduppu Festival	3	Sep/Oct	1,000	Sweetmeats and other retail articles	28
34.	Chokkalingapuram (P)	4·02	do	34	Dhuvaralypathi Amman Festival	1	July/Aug	4,000	Sweetmeats	35
36.	Sukkampatti (P)	0·90	do	34½	Muthalamman Festival	20	Mar/April	1,700	Edibles and stationery	34½
37.	Vanjinagaram (P)	4·30	do	30	Puravi Eduppu Festival	1	May	1,100	Flower, sugarcane and edibles	30
38.	Kachirayanpatti (P)	6·86	do	25	Droupathi-amman Festival	3	April	2,500	Fruits, coconuts, flowers and sweets	25
39.	Pattur (P)	4·07	do	28	Pattatharasi-amman Festival	3	June	2,000	...	28
40.	Kambur (P)	5·27	do	29	1. Puravi Eduppu	3	Jan/Feb	5,000	Sugar-cane and plantains	29
					2. Karagam Eduppu	5	Feb/Mar	4,000		
41.	Kesampatti (P)	9·49	Dindigul	30	Kombathukki Ayyanar Koil Festival	3	November	1,000	...	30 Once in ten years
43.	Kidaripatti (P)	6·78	Madurai	12	Alagar Adi Uthsavam	10	August	10,000	Grocery	12
46.	Pulipatti (P)	1·04	do	20	(Festival will take place by making a horse in mud)	3	Mar/Apr	2,000	Sweetmeats	20
48.	Melavalavoo (P)	5·47	do	24	Jallikattu Festival	1	April	3,000	Sugarcane and coconuts	24
49.	Sennagarampatti (P)	3·52	do	24	Ammachiayyanar Festival	3	Apr/May	5,000	Bengal gram, sugarcane plantains & fancy goods	24
					Kudirai Eduppu Festival	3	do			

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					MELUR TALUK (Contd.)					
50.	Thumbaipatti (P)	4·77	Madurai	22	Veerakaliamman Festival	4	March	2,000	Plantains, coconuts, fancy goods and edibles	22
52.	Boothamangalam (P)	4·81	do	25	Chellichiamman Festival	3	do	22,000	Flowers, plantains & coconuts	25
53.	Kodukkampatti (P)	5·27	do	28	Eattikkan Koil Festival	3	Sep/Oct	800	Coconuts, fruits, fancy goods, sweetmeats & grocery	28
54.	Kongampatti (P)	7·20	do	28	Veerakaliamman Koil Festival	2	Mar/Apr	750	Betel nut, fancy goods, flowers & edibles	28
55.	Malampatti (P)	5·38	do	28	Makaliamman Festival	7	Mar/Apr	2,000	Flowers, coconuts & edibles	28 Celebrated during the month of Panguni
56.	Keelavalavoo (P)	3·71	do	25	Veerakaliamman Festival	3	No fixed date	775	Fancy goods, sugarcane and edibles	25
57.	Keelayur (P)	4·26	do	22	Sundariamman Festival	3	April	4,000	Coconuts, flowers, betel nut, edibles, fancy goods	22
58.	Navinipatti (P)	5·15	do	20	Sri Kamir Koil Bajanai Festival	1	October	2,000	Flowers & sweets	20
59.	Melur Rural (V)	...	do	18	Kancheepuram Koil Manjuvirattu Festival	1	March	10,000	Sugarcane, plantains, mangoes & coconuts	18

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					MELUR TALUK (Contd.)					
60.	Melur (P)	4·00	...	...	Weekly Fair	...	...	...	...	Fair meets on Monday
61.	Pudusukkampatti (P)	3·23	Madurai	21	Karagam Festival	1	February	2,000	Edibles, sugarcane, aerated waters & betel nuts	21
62.	Ettiamangalam (P)	1·81	do	20	Kudirai Eduppu Festival	1	March	1,000	do	21
64.	Kallampatti (P)	2·10	do	16	Pathathalachi-amman Festival	7	October	1,500	...	16
	Kallampatti (V)	...	do	18	Chinnayyan and Periayyan Koil Festival	7	June	5,000	...	18
65.	Narasingampatti (P)	5·32	do	12	Subramanyar Bajanai Festival	1	December	5,000	...	12
68.	Amoor (P)	3·84	do	15	Manickavasaga-swamy Festival	2	September	2,500	Miscellaneous articles	13
69.	Vellalapatti (P)	1·59	...	...	Chinnayanan Festival	...	...	...	...	Once in three years
					Periamman Koil Festival	...	June	...	...	...
74.	Sathamangalam (P)	1·21	Sivagangai	16	Iyanar Koil Festival	2	do	1,500	Coconuts, fruits & fancy goods	25
75.	Thaniamangalam (P)	3·26	do	16	1. Iyanar Koil Festival	2	June	...	...	...
					2. Nandi Perumal Koil Festival	2	March	1,500	Coconuts, fruits, bangles, betel nuts, aerated waters, sweetmeats, & flowers	24
					3. Mangalasundari amman Festival	2	April	...		

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					MELUR TALUK (Concld.)					
76.	Saruguvalayapatti (P)	2·77	Sivagangai	14	Veerakaliamman Festival	2	Nov/Dec	1,000	Coconu s, fruits, edibles & fancy goods	...
					Poothattu Festival	2	Mar/Apr	...	...	...
77.	Urangampatti (P)	6·08	do	14	Manjuvirattu	1	Feb/Mar	2,000	Tender coconuts, sugarcane, vegetables fruits, flowers & betel nuts	25
78.	Kurichipatti (P)	4·54	do	11	Ellaikathamman Koil Festival	7	Sep/Oct	12,000	Coconuts, fruits, edibles, bangles, vessels & betel nuts	28
79.	Vellalore (P)	5·25	do	12	do	7	do	20,000	Coconuts, fruits, bangles, vessels & betel nuts	24
80.	Ambalakaranpatti (P)	8·07	do	11½	Velladikararswami Koil Festival	7	March	10,000	Coconuts, fruits, edibles, bangles, betel nuts, flowers & vessels	25
83.	Kottagudi (P)	5·90	Madurai	22	Puravi Eduppu Festival	2	Oct/Nov	5,000	...	22
84.	Thiruvadur (P)	6·01	do	18	1. Vaikasi Visaka Festival	...	May/June	5,000	...	...
					2. Thee kulippu Festival (Fire Festival)	10	Feb/Mar	5,000	Grocery	15

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					MADURAI TALUK					
2.	Poyyakarapatti (P)	1·91	Madurai	12	Theppam Festival	1	Mar/Apr	5,000	...	12
6.	Kallandri (P)	3·45	Madurai Jn.	10½	Appan Tirupathi Weekly Fair	4	...	102	Vegetables, sheeps & fowls	10½ Fair meets on Friday
13.	Velliakundram (P)	2·58	do	9	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, clothes, sheeps & fowls	9 Fair meets on Friday
	Appan Tirupathi (P)				2. Sri Kallazhagar Festival	1	July/Aug	1,000	...	...
					3. do	2	Apr/May	3,000	...	...
14.	Mattur (P)	1·84	Madurai	9	1. Azhagar Koil Festival	1	July/Aug	500	...	9
	Kollangulam (P)				2. do	1	Apr/May			
					1. Chithirai Tirunal	5	do	500	...	...
					2. Adi Tirunal	10	July/Aug	500	Light refreshments	...
16.	Arumbanoor (P)	2·33	Madurai Jn.	7	Gajendramoksha Festival	1	March	6,000	Sugarcane & sweetmeats	7 On Magha star of Masi month
17.	Iraniyam (P)	0·93	do	7½	1. Chithirai Pournami	1	Apr/May	1,000	Edibles	7½ On Full Moon day
					2. Adi Pournami	1	July/Aug	...	...	...
19.	Kodimangalam (P)	0·88	Samayanallur	3	Thenoor Sundara valliamman Festival	1	do	1,000	Coconuts, fruits, incense & roasted nuts	12 On the New Moon day

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20	Alathur (P)	0·73	Madurai Jn.	8	Ammanaswamy Festival	3	April/May	1,000	Fancy goods & sweets	7 Twice in a year
34.	Tenur (P)	2·95	Samayanallur	2	1. Weekly fair	1	...	300	Vegetables, foodgrains, fowls and sheep	11 Fair meets on Monday
					2. Purattasi Pongal	4	Sep/Oct			
45	Tiruppalai (P)	1·19	Madurai	6	Theppam Festival	1	Feb/Mar	1,500	Sweetmeats, betel nuts and grocery	5½
47.	Kadakam (P)	0·93	Madurai Jn.	6	1. Chithirai Festival	1	Apr/May	500	...	6
					2. Adi Pournami Festival	2	July/Aug	1,000	...	On Full Moon day
	Kadakam (V)	...	Madurai	7	1. Chithirai Festival	1	April/May	500	...	...
					2. Adi Pournami Festival	1	July/Aug	500	...	On Full Moon day
55.	Thirumugur (P)	2·57	do	7½	Brahmothsavam Festival	10	May/June	1,000	Fruits and sweetmeats	7½
				7½	Thirukathiam Festival	20	Dec/Jan	...	...	...
58.	Narasingam (P)	10·2	Madurai Jn.	7½	Sura Samharam	7	Oct/Nov	5,000	Fancy goods & sweetmeats	6 On Sashti Thithi
				7½	Gajendra Moksham	1	Feb/Mar	10,000	Sweetmeats & grocery	On Full Moon day
65.	Madurai City (M) East Madurai (H/o. Madurai)	8·56	Kizh Madurai	...	Theppam Festival	1	Jan/Feb	10,000	Coconuts, plantain, fruits and sugarcane	1
					Perumal Madu virattum vizha	1	January	2,000	do	...

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					MADURAI TALUK (Concld.)					
	North Madurai (H/o Madurai)	...	Madurai Jn.	3	Bi-weekly fair Kallazhagar Festival	15	Apr/May	3,00,000	Cattle, jack fruits, plantains & coconuts	1½ Fair meets on Sundays & Thursdays
	West Madurai (H/o Madurai)	...	Madurai	½	1. Bi-weekly fair	2	...	2,00,000	Jack Fruits & mangoes	½ Fair meets on Sunday & Thursday
					2. Chithirai Festival	7	Apr/May	...	...	...
83.	Avanyapuram (P)	10·09	Tirupparam-kundram	1	Subramania-swamy Festival	3	May/June	2,000	Sweets & light refre-shments	8½ On next day of Visaka star
90.	Vandiyoor (P)	3·09	Madurai Jn.	3½	Chithirai Festival	3	Apr/May	1,40,000	Fruits, betelnuts, bangles, sweets, tender coconuts, light refre-shments and flowers	3½
94.	Ilamanur (P)	4·46	Silaiman	2½	Chithirai Festival and Chithirai fair	1	do	5,000	Sweetmeats	7
95.	Varichyoor (P)	3·45	do	10	Weekly fair	1	...	150	Vegetables only	10 Fair meets on Sunday
101.	Sakkudi (P)	0·06	do	3	Moolai Kottu Festival	2	Sep/Oct	2,000	Fruits and sweetmeats	9
109.	Tirupparamkun-dram (P)	6·18	R.S.	3/16	Cattle fair	1	...	15,000	Cattle, fruits, coconuts, flowers and incense	Fair meets on Friday
				⅛	Adi Kirthigai	1	July/Aug	50,000		
				⅛	Peria Kirthigai	1	Nov/Dec	10,00,000		
				⅛	Thai Kirthigai	1	Jan/Feb	75,000		
				⅛	Skandar Sashti	8	Oct/Nov	75,000		
				⅛	Panguni Uthiram	15	Mar/Apr	1,60,000		
117.	Toppur (P)	2·20	Kappalur	2¼	Purattasi Pongal (Grama Devathai)	...	Sep/Oct	...	...	...

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					TIRUMANGALAM TALUK					
5.	Vikramangalam (P)	4·02	Cholavandan	4½	1. Weekly Fair	1	Feb/Mar	2,000	Eatables & earthen-wares	10 Fair meets on Tuesday on Mahasivaratri
					2. Festival	3	...	...	...	...
	Udangalpatti	...	do	3	3. Mariamman Koil Festival	3	Mar/April	850	...	40
8.	Pappapatti (P)	1·77	Usilampatti	6	Mahasivarathri Uthsavam	3	do	10,000	...	24 Fair meets on Sunday
16.	Kuravakudi (P)	3·03	Valanthur	2	Masi Pachai	3	February	2,000	Edibles	20 On Sivarathri
	Vinnakkudi (V)	...	do	¾	do	3	do	1,000	do	18 On Maha sivarathr i
17.	Kodikulam (P)	3·37	do	4	Nallathangal Koil Masi Pachai	3	do	2,000	Sweetmeats	18 On Sivarathri
	Jothimanickam	...	do	3	Masi Pachai	3	do	1,000	do	17 On Sivarathri
18.	Mudalaikulam (P)	4·13	do	3	Pongal	4	Sep/Oct	3,000	Coconuts, fruits, flowers & light refreshments	18
19.	Pannian (P)	1·97	Chakkanurani	5	Mariamman Festival	1	Mar/April	1,500	...	13
20.	Mannanur (P)	3·02	do	5	do	1	June/July	2,500	...	13
21.	Kovilankulam (P)	5·31	Valanthur	3½	Masi Pachai	3	February	2,000	Sweetmeats	15 On Maha Sivarathri
22.	Nattamangalam (P)	1·13	do	¾	do	3	do	1,000	do	17

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					TIRUMANGALAM TALUK (Contd.)					
23.	Valandur (P)	4·00	R.S.	...	1. Weekly Fair	1	February	1,000	Earthenwares & edibles	18 Fair meets on Thursday
					2. Angalamman Koil pooja Festival	3	Feb/Mar	3,000	Sweetmeats & clothes	...
					3. Periakumbidu	7	...	10,000	...	...
25.	Kattkaruppanpatti (P) Anaiyur	1·34	Valanthur	3	Vijayadasami Festival	1	Sep/Oct	600	...	22 On Vijaya-dasami
29.	Usilampatti (P)	8·00	R.S.	...	Weekly Fair	1	...	1,00,000	Food, clothes & utility articles	24 Fair meets on Wednesday
37.	Thidian (P)	4·82	Valanthur	3	1. Sivan Koil Festival	3	May/June	1,000	Sweetmeats	19
					2. Perumal Koil Festival	...	...	...	...	...
38.	Karumathur (P)	6·28	Chekkanurani	3	Maha Sivarathiri	3	Feb/Mar	20,000	Edibles	15
39.	Pullaneri (P)	0·91	do	1	Karuppuswami Festival	1	July/Aug	2,000	...	13
40.	A. Kokkulam (P)	2·58	do	½	Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Fish, mustard vegetables & clothes	9 Fair meets on Saturday
45.	Vagaikulam (P)	2·47	Tirumangalam	14	Pongal	2	October	1,000	Sweetmeats. fancygoods & utility articles	27
46.	Poruppumettupatti (P)	1·76	Valanthur	4½	Perumal Koil Festival	3	May/June	1,000	Sweetmeats	19

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					TIRUMANGALAM TALUK (Contd.)					
47.	Sindupatti (P)	2·82	Valanthur	5	Car Festival	10	May/June	5,000	Coconuts, flowers, fruits & light refreshments	24
56.	Elumalai (P)	6·31	Usilampatti	16	Muthalamman Festival	2	Sep/Oct	15,000	Flowers, bangles & light refreshments	37
60.	Melathirumanickam (P)	1·28	do	12	Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Clothes, coconuts, fruits, grocery, vegetables & sheep	36 Fair meets on Thursday
64.	Alligundam (P)	3·53	do	6	Kariamal Alagar Festival	1	April/May	350	...	25
66.	Kalappanpatti (P)	4·37	do	9	Amman Festival	5	April	5,000	...	25
67.	Thummakundu (P)	4·94	Valanthur	5	Weekly Fair	1	...	2,000	Food grains clothes, vegetables grocery & sheep	24 Fair meets on Monday
77.	Tirumangalam (P)	4·00	R.S.	½	1. Mariamman Festival	13	May/June	1,000	Utility articles cotton, pulses & sheep	13 Fair meets on Friday
					2. Kaman Festival	2	Feb/Mar	1,000		
					3. Weekly Fair	1	...	2,000	...	...
81.	Thangalacheri (P)	3·39	Tirumanga-lam	11	Village Pongal	3	April	1,000	...	24
82.	Poosalapuram (P)	2·72	Usilampatti	8	Sivarathiri	2	Feb/Mar	2,500	Sweetmeats, coconuts & plantains	37

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					TIRUMANGALAM TALUK (Contd.)					
83.	Sembarani (P)	1·36	Usilampatti	4	Kaliamman Festival	1	April	800	...	25
84.	Kuppalnatham (P)	3·07	do	7	Poigai Malai Chithirai Festival	1	April/May	5,000	Sweetmeats & coconuts	33
85.	Sinnakattalai (P)	1·12	do	6	Swarnamariamman Festival	5	Mar/Apr	15,000	Light refreshments, fruits and other utility articles	32
86.	Sedapatti (P)	4·38	do	7	Weekly Fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, grocery cattle & clothes	38 Fair meets on Saturday
88.	Kudipatti (P)	0·30	do	13	Muthalamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	1,000	...	40
89.	Veppanpatti (P) Kailasapuram	2·08	do	14	Muthalamman Chithirai Festival	3	April/May	2,000	...	40
90.	Pappinaickenpatti (P)	2·55	do	15	Kaliamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	1,000	...	38
91.	Soolapuram (P)	5·99	do	13	Chellayee Amman Koil Festvial	2	Sep/Oct	60,000	Flowers, light refreshments, eatables, textiles & fancy goods	37 On the third Tuesday or Wednes-day
94.	Vandapuli (P)	1·52	do	17	Ammaichar Koil Festival (Mariamman Pongal)	3	Mar/Apr	950	Nil	40
95.	Athipatti (P)	3·62	do	18	Mariamman Koil Festival	7	April/May	1,500	Coconuts & light refreshments,	36

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					TIRUMANGALAM TALUK (contd.)					
101.	Naduvakottai (P)	1·20	Tirumangalam	6	1. Adi Festval	1	July/Aug	...	...	18
					2. Deepavali Festival	2	Oct/Nov	624	...	...
					3. Pongal Festival	3	Jan/Feb	...	...	...
118.	Sengapadai (P)	5·16	Sivalakottai	3	Muthalamman Festival	2	October	200	...	19
119.	T. Pudupatti (P)	1·02	Tirumangalam	6	1. Adi Festival	1	July/Aug	...	...	...
					2. Deepavali	2	Oct/Nov	624	...	18
					3. Pongal Festival	3	Jan/Feb	...	...	...
120.	Appakarai (P)	2·92	do	8	Pongal	3	May/June	1,000	Light refreshments	21
121.	Kunnathur (P)	4·71	Kalligudi	7	Kaliamman Festival	1	Mar/April	4,000	Vegetables, coconuts & grocery	22 Fair meets on Thursday
128.	Palayur (P)	1·42	do	19	Alagarswamy Sundararaja Perumal Festival	10	April/May	4,000	Coconuts, fruits, light refreshments & fancy goods	30 Takes place on Full Moon day of Chithirai
129.	Saptur (P)	102·35	do	19	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	1,500	Clothes, vegetables grocery, coconuts, light refreshments & fancy goods	36 On Full moon day of Chithirai Fair meets on Monday
					2. Sri Alagarswamy Chithira Pournami Festival	2	April/May	4,000		
133.	Peraiyur (P)	3·00	Tirumangalam	17	Kaliamman Koil Festival	1	Mar/Apr	7,000	Edibles and fancy goods	30

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					TIRUMANGALAM TALUK (Contd.)					
135.	Vannivelampatti (P)	2·75	Tirumangalam	14	Kaliamman Pongal	3	June	3,000	Nil	25
136.	Kallupatti (P)	2·63	do	12	1. Muthalamman Pongal	1	Mar/Apr	20,000	...	25 Once in three years Fair meets on Tuesday
					2. Kaliamman Pongal	1	Mar/Apr	5,000		
					3. Weekly fair	1	...	2,000		
138.	Genjampatti (P) Pulliampatti	8·40	Kalligudi	4	Kadiresan Festival	2	July/Aug	3,000	Light, refreshments and fancy goods	22 On Full moon day of Adi month
140.	Kalligudi (P)	7·51	R.S.	1	Alangaravalli-amman pongal	3	September	1,000	...	23
147.	Koodakoil (P)	1·68	Madurai	12	Weekly Fair	1	...	200	Foodgrains	16 Fair meets on Wednesday
155.	Sennampatti (P)	2·91	Kalligudi	3	Mariamman Koil Pongal	1	June/July	2,000	Sweetmeats & roasted nuts	25
158.	K. Vellakulam (P)	6·51	do	1½	Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, fruits, sheep, clothes, coconuts, sugarcane & fish	25 Takes place on Sunday
161.	Karaikeni (P)	4·09	Tirumangalam	14	Pudukulam	3	March	2,000	Sweetmeats, sugarcane & mangoes	25 Takes place on Sivarathri
163.	Naliamaram (P)	4·57	do	14	Pudunainar Koil Festival	1	June/July	800	Eatables, handloom goods & fancy articles	27

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					TIRUMANGALAM TALUK (Concld.)					
165.	Kadaneri (P)	1·91	Tirumangalam	15	1. Muthalamman pongal	1	May/June	1,500	...	27
					2. Kaliamman Festival	1	do	1,000	Eatables, handloom goods & fancy articles	...
169.	Salichandai (P)	0·77	do	1¼	1. Karunaianandaswami guru pooja	1	...	...	...	...
					2. Kaliamman pongal	3	June/July	400	...	27
170.	P. Ammapatti (P)	1·27	do	13	Amman pongal	3	Mar/April	4,000	Light refreshments, coconuts, roasted nuts and fruits	26 The Fair meets on Tuesday
174.	S. Keelapatti (P)	1·46	...	...	Weekly Fair	...	...	...	...	The Fair meets on Tuesday
179.	Sittulothi (P)	4·47	Srivilliputtur	16	Kaliamman pongal	1	June/July	700	...	32
183.	M. Sengulam (P) M. Muruganeri (H)	3·51	Virudhunagar	10	Swami Koil Festival	2	May/June	10,000	Fruits & light refreshments	32
185.	Velambur (P)	5·77	Kalligudi	7	1. Muthalamman Festival 2. Iyanar Festival	1 1	May November	800	Ulility articles, sweetmeats, millet & handloom clothes	29
193.	Aralasoorampatti (P) Kokkalancheri	4·79	R.S.	½	Kamakshiamman Festival	1	February	1,000	...	26 On Sivarathiri

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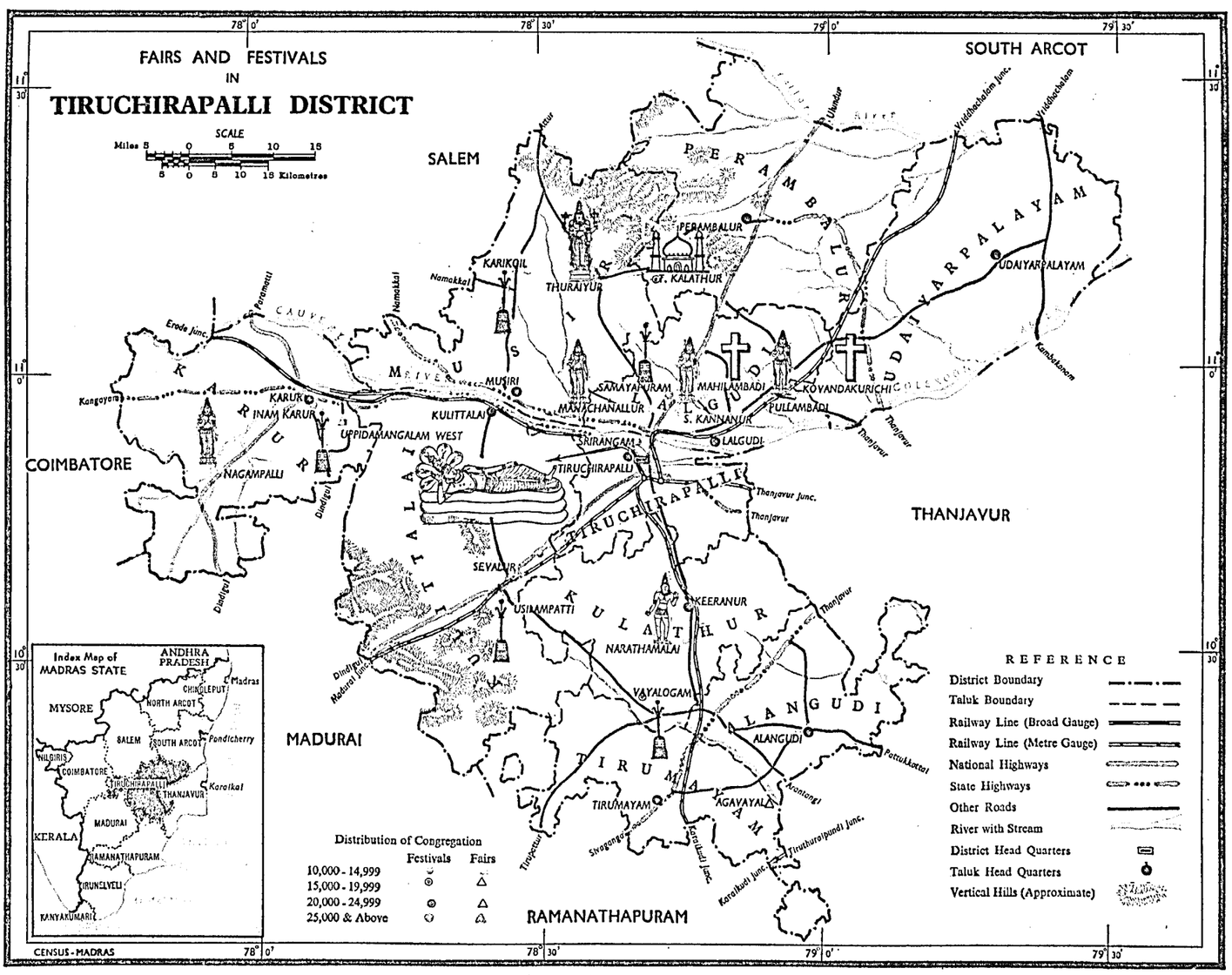
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FAIRS AND FESTIVALS IN TIRUCHIRAPALLI DISTRICT

The Tiruchirapalli district celebrates 768 festivals annually. Of these, Hindu festivals number 742, Christian 17 and Moslem 9. The following statement furnishes details relating to them.

Community	No. of festivals	Attendance
Hindu	742	1,146,257
Christian	17	53,350
Moslem	9	29,000
Total ...	768	**1,228,607**

Among the ten taluks of Tiruchirapalli district, Kulithalai taluk celebrates 105 festivals—the maximum number. Lalgudi taluk, though celebrating only 73 festivals, attracts the largest crowds. Tiruchirapalli taluk celebrates the least number of ten festivals and likewise draws only 49,000 devotees. Generally, however, festivals in Tiruchirapalli district are numerous and crowded events.

Taluk	No. of festivals	Attendance
Perambalur	84	102,160
Udaiarpalayam	41	80,280
Lalgudi	73	282,275
Musiri	42	177,600
Karur	67	118,985
Kulithalai	105	137,277
Tiruchirapalli	10	49,000
Kulathur	72	108,950
Alangudi	36	73,200
Tirumayam	89	98,880
	149 fertivals lacking details.	
Total	**768**	**1,228,607**

Among the months of the year the maximum number of 199 festivals are celebrated in Tiruchirapalli district in April–May. March/April conducts 144. Another summer month, May/June, which celebrates 74 festivals attracts equally record attendance, October/November and November/December celebrate only five and six festivals respectively, calling in very low throngs.

Month	No. of festivals	Attendance
January—February	31	60,900
February—March	54	69,158
March—April	144	239,019
April—May	199	391,608
May—June	74	259,569
June—July	35	71,853
July—August	30	32,500
August—September	18	25,900
September—October	10	13,050
October—November	5	6,475
November—December	6	9,600
December—January	13	48,975
	149 festivals lacking details.	
Total	**768**	**1,228,607**

Festivals crowds in Tiruchirapalli district are usually in the '1,000—4,999' bracket. 291 festivals, attract this size of crowd, 276 festivals belong to the 'Below 1,000' range. Festivals drawing in half lakh pilgrims and more are only two. Lalgudi and Musiri taluks share this distinction. The following table would give the details in one view.

Congregation range of festivals

Taluk	Over 50,000	No. of festivals	20,000 to 50,000	No. of festivals	10,000 to 20,000	No. of festivals	5,000 to 10,000	No. of festivals	1,000 to 5,000	No. of festivals	Below 1,000	No. of festivals
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Perambalur	...	...	...	...	15,000	1	10,000	2	63,000	43	14,160	38
Udaiarpalayam	...	...	...	...	...	...	30,000	5	46 400	25	3,880	11
Lalgudi	100,000	1	40,000	1	62,000	6	25,000	5	42,500	20	12,775	40
Musiri	100,000	1	...	...	10,000	1	14,000	2	46,900	23	6,700	15
Karur	...	...	...	...	...	...	36 000	7	72,520	39	10,465	21
Kulithalai	...	...	...	...	11,500	1	15,000	3	89,500	49	21,277	52
Tiruchirapalli	...	...	25,000	1	10,000	1	...	...	14,000	8	...	...
Kulathur	...	...	...	...	25,000	2	20,000	3	47,750	33	16,200	34
Alangudi	...	...	...	...	...	...	35,000	7	33,500	19	4,700	10
Tirumayam	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,000	2	59,900	32	23,980	55
Total	**200,000**	**2**	**65,000**	**2**	**133,500**	**12**	**196,000**	**36**	**515,970**	**291**	**114,137**	**276**

The Tiruchirapalli district's lowest attendance at a festival is seen in the Lalgudi taluk. A mere 25 devotees grace the *Dhanur* month festival which lasts thirty days during December/January. The district's mammoth festivals are those celebrated in honour of Goddess Mariamman and Lord Perumal in the Lalgudi and Musiri taluks respectively. These attract a lakh of people each. Three other taluks—Karur, Kulithalai and Kulathur—venerate Mariamman and draw record crowds to Her festivals. Perambalur taluk's biggest attraction is the Moslem Sandanakudam festival. Udaiarpalayam's Easter (Christian) festival is the taluk's most important event. The Sorgavasal festival at Srirangam in connection with *Vaikunta Ekadasi* is Tiruchirapalli's pride.

Christian festivals find popular celebration in Udaiarpalayam and Lalgudl taluks. Kulithalai, Tiruchirapalli, Kulathur and Alangudi taluks also celebrate the Christmas and Easter festivals.

Moslem festivals are celebrated in a grand manner in Perambalur, Karur, Kulithalai and Tirumayam taluks.

FAIRS

The Tiruchirapalli district holds three bi-weekly and 131 weekly fairs. About 232,130 people attend these fairs. Karur, Kulithalai and Tirumayam taluks conduct bi-weekly fairs—one each. Among weekly fairs, Kulithalai, Karur and Musiri conduct 33, 28 and 21 fairs respectively. Tiruchirapalli and Lalgudi taluks have the least number of fairs, viz., three and four respectively. Both in the number of fairs and attendance, Kulithalai taluk stands prominent.

Thursdays are most chosen for the holding of fairs. Saturdays, Wednesdays and Sundays are the next choice.

Sentholliamman fair in Kulithalai taluk is by far the biggest in the district. Though a weekly fair, it draws more than 50,000 patrons every time. The smallest fair is held in Karur taluk. Only a paltry forty people attend it, where sheep and mutton are sold.

In most of the fairs, cattle is the most important item of transaction. Grains, edible oils, meat, vegetables, fruits, pottery, cloth and agricultural implements are articles commonly sold at all fairs.

The following table furnishes statistics of the fairs in the district.

Days of the week

Taluk	Attendance	Weekly fair	i-weekly fair	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Perambalur	10,350	7	...	...	1	...		1	2	...
Udaiyarpalayam	14,500	7	...	2	1	2	...	...	...	2
Lalgudi	6,600	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
Musiri	19,650	21	...	2	2	3	1	5	4	3
Karur	38,500	28	1	4	3	2	5	8	4	5
Kulithalai	103,050	33	1	4	6	2	6	8	4	5
Tiruchirapalli	2,000	3	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
Kulathur	3,750	7	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	1
Alangudi	14,800	11	...	3	1	3	1	1	1	1
Tirumayam	18,930	10	1	1	...	4	2	2	...	3
Total	**232,130**	**131**	**3**	**19**	**17**	**17**	**19**	**25**	**16**	**23**

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					PERAMBALUR TALUK					
2.	Kaikalathur	...	...	...	1. Sri Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	2,000	...	...
					2. Ramanavami	1	do			
3.	Karianur (P)	5·51	Chinna Salem	13	1. Sivankoil Car Festival	12	do	350	...	59
					2. Chelliamman Car Festival	12	Feb/Mar	...	...	...
4.	Pasumbalur (P)	11·30	do	15	Droupathiamman Festival	30	April/May	1,000	...	54
					Moopanar Koil Festival	30	Feb/Mar	...	...	...
8.	Pimbalur (P)	4·85	do	15	Mariamman Festival	12	May/June	200	...	53
9.	V. Kalathur (P)	5·55	Pennadam	28	Sivan Koil Car Festival	7	do	1,000	...	47
10.	Agaram (P)	...	Chinna Salem	18	Mariamman Koil Car Festival	12	April/May	500	...	53
11.	Thiruvalanthurai	4·17	do	17	Sivan Koil Car Festival	12	Feb/Mar	500	...	52
12.	Peraiyur (P)	5·40	Pennadam	18	Mariamman Koil Car Festival	12	May/June	200	...	45
14.	Labbaikudikadu (P)	5·74	do	17	Nabiullah Elanthurai	1	August	1,000	Dolls, wooden articles aluminium vessels, ceramics, bell metal vessels & articles made of palm leaves	54
					Shandanakudu	2	March			
17.	Aduthurai (P)	0·25	do	15	Masi Magha Uthsavam	2	Feb/Mar	500	Many kinds of articles	54

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					PERAMBALUR TALUK (Contd.)					
18.	Athiyur	...	...	...	Annapadayal	1	April/May	1,000	...	...
19.	Agaram Sigoor (P)	3·95	Mathukolanthu	5	Mariamman Car Festival	1	Aug/Sep	200	Eatables	60
					Sri Iyanar Festival	...	...	...	...	...
20.	Vasishtapuram (P)	3·74	Pennadam	10	Stamping of fire Festival	7	Aug/Sep	3,000	Soap, comb, mirror, bangles, coconuts, metals & eatables	55 Festival takes place on second Friday
21.	Kilaperambalur (P)	4·47	Mathur	6	Shandy	1	...	8,000	Cows, clothes, many kinds of articles & aluminium vessels	59 Fair takes place on Wednesday
					Amman Koil Car Festival	10	...	...	...	...
22.	Vayalapadi (P)	3·77	do	7	Iyanar Koil Car Festival	10	August	5,000	Clothes, brass & aluminium vessels	60
23.	Kilamathur	...	...	...	Annapadayal	1	April/May	1,000	...	...
24.	Vadakkulur	...	...	...	Mariamman Car Festival	9	do	1,000	...	...
26.	Eraiyur (P)	4·54	Pennadam	22	Mariamman Koil Car Festival	12	May/June	200	...	43
27.	Theiyur (P)	8·13	Ariyalur	28	Mangala Medu Shandy	1	...	500	Provisions, clothes, vegetables, hides, skins & mud pots	40 Fair takes place on Wednesday
					Mariamman Festival	10	Aug/Sep	2,000		
28.	Mettupalayam (P)	10·16	do	33	Mariamman Car Festival	10	Oct/Nov	175	...	45

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					PERAMBALUR TALUK (Contd.)					
29.	Neikuppam (P)	7·61	Ariyalur	30	Navarathiri Festival	10	Sep/Oct	300	...	44
31.	Vengalam (P)	7·69	Authur	22	Krishnapuram Shandy	1	...	150	Leather, clothes & vegetables	45 Fair takes place on Thursday
32.	Thaluthalai (P)	2·32	do	22	Elam Kaliamman Festival	5	September	3,000	Balloons, ribbons & sweets	49
35.	Poolambadi (P)	10·83	do	20	Shandy	1	...	750	Leather, clothes & vegetables	52 Fair takes place on Friday
38.	Thondaman Thurai (P)	9·62	do	25	Panguni Uthiram (Pazhani Andavar)	1	Mar/April	1,500	Coconuts, fruits & provisions	46 Festival takes place on Full Moon day
39.	Veppan Thattai	...	...	...	Radha Festival	1	April/May	1,000	...	...
40.	Thondapadi (P)	3·66	Chinna Salem	20	Mariamman Festival	12	May/June	1,500	...	48 (once in five years)
41.	Esani (P)	4·55	Ariyalur	24	do	12	do	1,500	...	40
43.	Amukkur (P)	7·51	do	25	Chelliamman Koil Festival	30	do	1,000	...	45
44.	Brahmadesam (P)	4·61	do	22	Droupathiamman Thee Mithithal	10	April/May	600	...	42
45.	Valikandapuram (P)	5·34	Ariyalur	26	Mariamman Festival	12	Oct/Nov	500	—	...
46.	Kilapuliyur (P)	9·27	do	18	Pachyyayi-amman Festival	8	August	2,000	Plantains, groundnuts, sweets and sugarcane	40

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					PERAMBALUR TALUK (Contd.)					
47.	Sirumathur (P)	6·07	Ariyalur	20	Kaman Festival	15	March	125	Coconuts and fruits	48
48.	Malavarayanallur (V)	...	do	18	Mariamman Festival	3	May	50	Coconuts, fruits and betel leaves	45
49.	Elumur (V)	7·61	do	15	do	10	May/June	50	do	44
50.	Paravoi (V)	7.92	Ottaikoil Station	8	Ayyampidari Festival	10	June/July	3,000	Coconuts, betel leaves, nuts, peas, roasted groundnuts & camphor	47
51.	Kurumbur (P)	...	do	...	Thirupathiamman Festival	9	Aug/Sep	200	...	...
52.	Nannai	...	do	...	Anna Padayal	1	July/Aug	300	...	...
53.	Olaipadi (P)	9·69	do	8	Amman Padayal	1	Apr/May	500	Aluminium vessels, ceramics, brass vessels, dolls and clothes	65 Festival takes place on Full Moon day
					Vaikasi Visagam	1	May/June	200		
54.	Thungapuram (P)	7·03	do	5	Thungapuram Ayyangar Festival	1	May	900	Coconuts, fruits, variety sweetmeats, betel leaves, nuts and camphor	45
					Thungapuram Guruvakoil Palaya Ayyangar Festival	1	...	...		
55.	Kadur (P)	5·34	do	2	Car Festival	7 30	April Apr/May	750 1,000	Coffee, coconuts, fruits, nuts, betel leaves, sweetmeats & camphor	42
56.	Puduvettagudi (P)	5·84	Ariyalur	...	Chelliamman Festival	8	do	300	Plantains, coconuts & fruits	53
					Kaman Festival	..	...	...		

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					PERAMBALUR TALUK (Contd.)					
57.	Kolappadi (V)	1·87	Ariyalur	...	Mariamman Festival	14	April/May	500	...	...
58.	Varagur (V)	4·59	do	9	Droupathi-amman Festival	7	June	1,000	Groundnuts, toys and sweets	43
59.	Asur (V)	4·76	do	10½	Iyanar Koil Festival	1	July	600	Plantains, coconuts, mangoes & play things	42
60.	Sithali (P)	7·52	do	12	Chellammal Koil Festival	10	June	1,500	Play things & sweetmeats	41
62.	Elambalur (P)	6·89	do	21	Mari Uthsavam	5	April/May	400	...	38
					Mangaleswari Festival	20	do	2,000	...	...
64.	Kilakkarai (P)	1·25	do	23½	Mariamman Festival	10	do	260	...	40½
66.	Ladapuram (P)	...	...	...	Thailammai	12	do	2,000	...	...
67.	Ammapalayam (P)	2·27	Ariyalur	26	Nathampidari Festival	10	do	1,000	Balloons, ribbons & sweetmeats	39 Festival takes place once in five years
68.	Kalarampatti (P)	3·77	do	27	Nathampidari Festival	10	May	1,000	Ribbons, bangles & sweets	40 Festival takes place once in five years
					Thambadiamma Festival	...	April/May	2,000		
69.	Kurumbalur (P)	11·84	do	24	Apparswamy Festival	10	February	2,000	...	39
					Pachanatha-swamy Festival	5	Oct/Nov	300	...	...
70.	Aranarai (P)	7·36	do	20½	Mariamman Koil Festival	12	May/June	300	...	35½

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					PERAMBALUR TALUK (Contd.)					
72.	Perambalur (P)	6·86	Ariyalur	19	Weekly fair	1	...	600	...	35 Fair takes place on Tuesday
					Madavagopala-swamy temple Festival	10	March	1,000	...	
74.	Perali (P)	8·91	do	13	Mariamman Festival	8	Apr/May	250	...	36
	Maruvathur	...	do	15	do	8	do	250	...	38
75.	Odhiam (V)	7·13	do	9	Agasthurai Festival	10	June/July	450	Coconuts, fruits, balloons, betel leaves, nuts and camphor	41
76.	Kunnam (P)	4·94	do	8	Amman Festival	9	April	200	Plantains, balloons, bangles, vessels, pots and mirror	43
77.	Periavenamani (P)	7·18	Ariyalur	6	Amman Koil Festival	10	April	1,000	Plantain & coconuts	52
	Kothavasal	...	...	6	Kamba Perumal Festival	1	Apr/May	700	Coconuts, varieties of fruits, & plaintains	54
85.	Periammapalayam (V)	4·54	Ariyalur	7	Periammapalayam Mariamman Festival	10	Apr/May	450	Fruits, aluminium vessels and sweetmeats	46
86.	Adanur (V)	14·94	...	...	Iyanar Festival	10	July/Aug	2,000	...	...
88.	Kalpadi	12·42	...	...	Festival (name not given)	10	Apr/May	2,000	...	...
89.	Nochiam (P)	3·86	Ariyalur	21	Chelliammal Festival	10	May/June	500	...	38½

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					PERAMBALUR TALUK (Contd.)					
90.	Pudunaduvalur (P)	2·66	Ariyalur	21	Mariamman Festival	10	May/June	500	...	38
91.	Velur (P)	6·89	do	25	do	3	do	1,000	...	38
92.	Chatramanai (P)	3·77	do	26	do	10	April/May	1,000	...	40
93.	Siruvayalur (P)	6·64	do	32	Nathampidari Festival	5	June/July	500	...	45
					Mariamman Festival	...	Apr/May	1,000	...	42
94.	Nakkasalem (P)	3·73	do	31	Mariamman Festival	4	do	1,000	...	44
	Pothuammapalayam	...	...	...	do	3	May/June	...	...	...
95.	Elandalapatti (P)	5·36	Uthamar Koil	35	Mariamman Festival (Mukkanathamman)	10	Apr/May	2,000	...	45 Festival takes place once in five years
96.	T. Kalathur (P)	5·99	Ariyalur	31	Mohammadan Festival Santhana kudu	3	June/July	15,000	...	44
					Pidari Festival	...	April/May	3,000	...	...
					Eswaran Koil Festival	...	...	...	...	...
97.	Kannapadi (P)	8·28	Uthamar Koil	29	Nathampidari Mariamman Festival	10	Apr/May	1,000	...	47
	Thenur	...	do	29	do	10	May	5,000	Ribbon, bangles and sweets	46
98.	Mavelingai (V)	2·12	do	22	do	10	Apr/May	1,000	...	31 Festival takes place once in five years

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					PERAMBALUR TALUK (Concld.)					
100.	Chettikulam (P)	6·19	Uthamarkoil	20	Thai Poosam Festival	10	January	2,000	...	30
					Panguni Uthiram	10	March	2,000	...	...
					Weekly fair	1	...	500	...	Fair takes place on Friday
101.	Nattaramangalam (P)	4·61	do	20	Chelliamman Festival (Mariamman)	7	Apr/May	1,000	...	29
102.	Naranamangalam (P)	5·49	do	22	Mariamman Festival (Chelliamman) Festival	7	do	1,000	...	27
103.	Siruvachur (P)	6·84	do	24	Weekly fair	1	...	200	...	31
					Mathura Kaliamman Koil Festival	10	May/June	500	...	Festival takes place on Full moon day
109.	Karai (P)	7·77	do	18	Shandy	1	...	250	Clothes, mats, leather and many other things	28 Fair takes place on Monday
110.	Irur (P)	7·75	do	19	Mariamman Festival	7	Apr/May	1,000	...	25
111.	Padalur (P)	7·03	do	18	do	4	do	1,000	...	23

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					UDAIYARPALAYAM TALUK					
1.	Sannasinallur (P)	4·56	Mathur	4	Mannar Koil Festival	1	July	2,000	Pots, groceries and metal-wares	63
2.	Dalavoy (P)	6·18	do	3½	Narasimha Jayanthi	11	April	2,000	Pots, brass vessels & groceries	64
5.	Silamboor (P)	5·91	do	7	Droupathiamman Festival	10	May	1,500	Provisions, coconuts, bangles and fancy articles	72
6.	Olaiyur (P)	5·44	Vriddhachalam	10	do	18	April	1,000	Provisions	80
7.	Alagapuram (P)	4·71	do	10	do	18	do	300	Utensils	76
8.	Athukurichi (P)	4·39	do	10	do	10	do	600	Coconuts, plantains & fruits,	77
12.	Varadarajanpettai (P)	2·55	Vriddhachalam	17	1. Easter	7	April	8,000	Pots & iron articles	76
					2. Christmas	7	Dec/Jan	7,000		
14.	Vilandai (V)	6·21	do	15	Sura Samharam	7	November	5,000	Vegetables, handloom clothes, bangles and foodgrains	72
15.	Andimadam (P)	3·88	do	14	Shandy	1	...	1,000	Vegetables & provisions	72 Fair takes place on Tuesday
17.	Edayakurichi (P)	3·38	Mathur	3	Droupathiamman Festival	18	April	1,500	Brass & iron vessels	60
19.	Manakudayan (P)	3·72	do	3	do	2	do	2,000	Pots, groceries & bronze vessels	65

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					UDAIYARPALAYAM TALUK (Contd.)					
20.	Asaveerankudi-kadu (P)	3·12	Mathur	1	Droupathiamman Festival	3	March	4,000	Pots, metal vessels, stationery articles & fancy goods	61
21.	Manappathur (P)	4·31	do	2	do	3	do	2,000	do	61
30.	Kodukkoor (P)	3·53	do	4	Mariamman Festival	22	April	1,000	Iron & brass vessels	55
33.	Kulathoor (V)	2·44	do	12	do	10	do	300	Coconuts, plantains & bangles	72
35.	Koovathur (P)	6·74	Sendurai	15	St. Anthoniar Festival	3	June	4,000	Pottery & bangles	63
36.	Anikuduchan (P)	4·84	Vriddhachalam	20	Lurdhu Madha Festival	10	April	1,000	Sugarcane	66
					Madha Kovil Festival	...	May			
37.	Thirukalappur (V)	4·29	do	22	Siruthonda Nayanar padayal	3	April	1,000	...	...
					Thiruvadhirai	10	January	1,000	...	73
39.	Pappakudi (P)	6·74	Chidambaram	20	Shandy	1	...	250	Provisions, vegetables, fruits, sweetmeats, toys, house-hold utensils and light refreshments	72 Fair takes place on Sunday
					Pidariamman Festival	12	July/Aug	1,000		
42.	T. Eravangudi (P)	8·89	Kumbakonam	24	Savuriyar Festival	1	January	380	...	65
					Perumal Koil Festival	1	February	300	...	...

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48.	Ponparappi (P)	4·24	Sendurai	5	Shandy	1	...	4,000	Pots, groceries, metal articles & bronze vessels	67 Fair takes place on Tuesday
					Chamundi-amman Festival	3	...	...		
50.	Sendurai (P)	5·63	R.S.	...	1. Shandy	1	...	5,000	Pots, groceries metal vessels & bronze vessels	55 Fair takes place on Saturday
					2. Droupathi-amman Festival	3	April	do		
65.	Illaiyur (V)	2·76	Sendurai	12	Chelliamman Festival	10	May	1,000	...	65
68.	Kilakudiyiruppu (V) (Part)	3·79	do	19	Sura Samharam	10	Oct/Nov	5,000	...	60
					Droupathiamman Festival	16	Apr/May	500	...	...
69.	Piranjeri Part (V)	3·46	Anjalur	23	Sebasthai Festival	2	April	600	Sweetmeats, toys, house-hold utensils & light refresh-ments	64
75.	Muthuservamadam (P)	3·29	Kumbakonam	20	Perumal Koil Festival	1	February	100	...	68
76.	Ilayaperumal Nallur (P)	3·01	Aduthurai	14	Sri Kailasa-nathar Koil Festival	1	December	200	...	65
					Sri Iyanar Koil Festival					
					Sri Bajanai Madam					
77.	Pichanoor (V)	3·48	Anjalur	22	Mariamman Koil Festival	1	April	100	...	62

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					UDAIYARPALAYAM TALUK (Contd.)					
79.	Jayamkondachola-puram (P)	6·92	Sendurai	16	Shandy	1	...	3,000	All commo-dities & food-grains	60 Fair takes place on Monday
					Kaliattam	10	Mar/Apr	2,000	Vegetables & hand-loom clothes	...
83.	Udaiyarpalayam (P)	7·68	Ariyalur	17	Shandy	1	...	250	Foodgrains and vege-tables	57 Fair takes place on Saturday
84.	Paranamkumili-yam (H)	6·28	do	24	Mariamman Koil Festival	10	March	500	Sweetmeats	62
94.	Ariyalur (P)	2·97	R.S.	1	Shandy	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, foodgrains and tiles	44 Fair takes place on Sunday
97.	Kallankurichi (P)	0·92	Ariyalur	3	Katia Perumal Koil Festival	10	April/May	3,000	Brass ves-sels, iron vessels & sweetmeats	48
111.	Angarayanallur (P)	3·31	Aduthurai	14	Mariamman Koil Festival	10	March	2000	Coconut, camphor, fruits & vegetables	65
					Sivan Koil Festival	...	...	...	...	...
112.	Porpathinjanallur (P)	1·76	do	12	Mariamman Festival	5	April	2,000	Foodstuffs, sweetmeats, provisions & fruits etc.	66
113.	Devamangalam (P)	3·84	do	10	do	5	March	2,000	do	67
115.	Ulkottai (P)	6·18	do	15	Chelliamman Festival	15	April	1,000	All com-modities	63
					Kamatchiamman Festival	7	do	...	...	...

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					UDAIYARPALAYAM TALUK (Concld.)					
116.	Thaluthalaimedu	3·49	Aduthurai	15	Mariamman Festival	10	April	1,000	Toys, dolls & light refresh-ments	65
119.	Kodalikaruppur (P)	2·05	Kumbakonam	11	Adi festival	1	July/Aug	4,000	Pots, brass vessels, sweetmeats & fancy goods	71 Festival takes place on the 18th of Adi month
144.	Kilappalur (P)	5·96	Kallagam	5	Panguni Uthiram Festival	11	Mar/April	1,000	Sweetmeats & light refresh-ments	32½ Festival takes place on the Uthiram star of 'Panguni'
203.	Thirumalavadi (P)	2·01	Pullampadi	10	Sri Nandhikeswar varma kalyanam	10	April	2,400	...	33
					LALGUDI TALUK					
1.	Perahambi (P)	5·12	Bikshandarkoil	18	Adi 18th Festival	1	August	200	...	24 Festival takes place only in the night
5.	Palaiyur (P)	3·40	do	12	Iyanar Festival	10	April/May/ June	2,000	Play things, sweetmeats, bangles & dolls	17
6.	Tiruppathur (P)	4·57	do	14	1. Navarathiri Festival	10	Sep/Oct	150	Brass vessels & sweets	18½
					2. Thanur matsha Festival	30	Dec/Jan	25	...	...
8.	Neikulam (P)	6·37	do	18	Mariamman Festival	10	March	1,000	Fancy goods	25

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					LALGUDI TALUK (Contd.)					
9.	Uttathur (P)	4·65	Bikshandarkoil	20	Chithirai Car Festival	10	May	3,000	...	30
10.	Thiranipalayam (P)	2·73	do	25	Skantha Sashti	10	December	1,000	...	35
11.	Garudamangalam (P)	5·56	Pallambadu	10	Mariamman Festival	10	April	1,000	...	30
12.	Saradamangalam (P)	3·54	Dalmiapuram	9	do	10	do	500	...	33
13.	M. Kannanur (P)	3·69	do	9	do	10	do	500	...	33
16.	Kilarasur (P)	4·13	Kallagam	1	do	10	do	300	...	27
17.	Melarasur (P)	3·64	Dalmiapuram	3	do	10	do	300	...	27
18.	Molvoi (P)	4·55	do	5	do	10	do	300	...	29
19.	Varakkuppai (P)	4·34	Pullambadi	5	Mariamman (Pidari) Festival	10	do	300	...	25
20.	Sirukalappur (P)	3·92	do	7	Mariamman Festival	10	do	300	Fancy goods	27
21.	Nambakkurichi (P)	5·74	do	9	do	10	do	300	do	29
22.	Peruvalappur (P)	5·65	do	6	do	10	do	200	do	8
23.	Periakurukkai (P)	4·68	Bikshandarkoil	15	do	10	do	300	do	22
26.	Kariamanickam (P)	4·48	do	10	1. Iyanar Festival	10	April/May	2,000	Dolls & bangles	15
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	June	...	...	...
27.	Thaluthalaipatti (P)	4·43	Uthamarkoil	10	do	10	April	800	Fancy goods	15
28.	Valaiyur (P)	...	Bikshandarkoil	8	Village fairy (has no fixed place)	1	Mar/April	5,000	Sweetmeats & modern fancy goods	16 This is not celebra-ted every year

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					LALGUDI TALUK (Contd.)					
29.	Omandur (P)	4·88	Uthamarkoil	13	Kamatchiamman Festival	10	March	5,000	Fancy goods	20 Festival takes place on Sivarathiri
31.	Sirupathur (P)	4·54	do	9	Mariamman Festival	10	April	300	do	15
	Sirupathur (V)	...	do	9	1. Mariamman Pidari Festival	1	April/May	500	Bangles, dolls, brass vessels & sweets	15
					2. Iyanar Festival	...	June	...	...	...
35.	Reddimangudi (P)	6·34	Lalgudi	10	Mariamman Festival	10	April	200	Fancy goods	22
36.	Kannagudi (P)	5·98	do	9	do	10	do	200	do	21
37.	Vandalaigudalur (P)	4·79	Pullampadi	3½	Iyanar Festival (Annual function)	15	do	500	...	23½ Festival takes place in the last week of April
38.	Kanakiliyanallur (P)	5·08	do	5	Pidari (Mari-amman) Festival	10	do	300	Fancy goods	21
41.	Muthuvathur (P)	3·18	Dalmiapuram	2	Mariamman Festival	10	do	300	do	26
42.	Pudur (P)	2·91	Dalmiapuram or Pullampadi	1½ or 3	1. Kaliamman Festival	...	Mar/Apr	400	Vegetables & sweetmeats	23
					2. Chelliamman Festival	4	Apr/May			
43.	Kovandakurichi (P)	3·18	Pullampadi or Dalmiapuram	2 or 2½	Catholic Church Festival	7	June	10,000	Dolls and bangles	23

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					LALGUDI TALUK (Contd.)					
45.	Pullambadi (P)	4·02	Pullambadi	5/8	Sri Kulunathal-amman	10	Apr/May	10,000	Coconuts, fruits and retail articles	20
46.	P. Sengenthi (P)	4·83	Pullambadi or Kattur	3 or 2½	Mariamman Festival	3	do	350	Dolls and bangles	17
48.	Thatchankurichi (P)	5·56	Lalgudi	7	Pidari Festival	6	April	400 or 450	Sweetmeats	18
49.	Mahilambadi (P)	2·41	Bikshandarkoil	2	1. December Festival (Christmas)	3	Dec.	5,000	...	16
					2. Easter	3	Mar/Apr	10,000		
51.	Samayapuram (P)	2·22	do	4	1. Shandy	1	...	100	Vegetables, leather, textiles bell metal vessels & glass articles	10 Fair takes place on Saturday
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	April	100,000		
54.	Poonampalayam (P)	5·20	Uthamarkoil	4	Mariamman Festival	2	Apr/June	3,000	Eatables	9
55.	Thiruvellarai (P)	4·82	do	7	1. Pidari Festival	11	Feb/Mar	2,000	Plantains, fruits, sugarcane & sweets	12
					2. Perumal Festival	...	...			
56.	Theerampalayam (P)	2·73	do	6	Mariamman Festival	2	January	300	Fancy goods	15
57.	Thiruppangili (P)	8·34	do	3	1. Shandy	1	Apr/May	1,000	Maize, food-grains, vegetables & sweets	12 Fair takes place on Saturday
	Karimanickam (P)	...	do	4	2. Chithirai Festival	10				
					3. Appar Festival	1				
					4. Vanathama Festival	7				
	Elmunur	...	Mekudi	3	Shandy	1	...	500	Foodgrains, vegetables, & other articles	14 Fair takes place on Friday

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					LALGUDI TALUK (Contd.)					
63.	Manachanallur (P)	3·33	Uthamarkoil	3	1. Baghavathi-amman Festival	15	Jan/Feb	12,000	Playthings, sweetmeats, textiles & eversilver utensils	12
					2. Sivan Koil Festival	15	May/June	4,000		
					3. Grama Devathai	17	Feb/Mar	5,000		
66.	S. Kannanur (P)	2·82	Bikshandarkoil	3	1. Shandy	1	...	6,000	Cattle, leather other goods, play things and many other articles	8 Fair takes place on Saturday
					2. Mariamman Festival	13	March	2,500		
					3. Car Festival	13	April	10,000		
					4. Vasantha Uthsavam	13	May	40,000		
					5. Pooram	13	Jan/Feb	10,000		
68.	Neikuppai (P)	2·96	Lalgudi	8	Pidari Festival	1	May	500	Sweetmeats	17
69.	Puthur Uthamanur (P)	2·06	do	6	Chithirai Car Festival (Iyanar Dorai-swamy Koil)	7	Apr/May	750	Sweetmeats	14 Fair takes place on Chithirai star
70.	Pallavaram (P)	3·19	do	3	Mariamman Festival	3	April	300	Fancy goods	15
71.	Peruvalanallur (P)	Included in 70	do	3	do	3	do	300	do	15
72.	Edangiamangalam Vellanur (P)	2·53	Kattur	2½	1. Karappukoil Festival	3	Apr/May	1,000	Ice cream & eatables	15
	Ramanathapuram (H)	...	...	...	2. Mariamman Festival	...	Nov/Dec	...	...	...
73.	T. Kalligudi (P)	2·53	Lalgudi	10	Mariamman Festival	3	April	300	Fancy goods	22
74.	Alangudi Mahaja-nam (P)	2·54	do	10	do	3	do	300	do	22

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					LALGUDI TALUK (Contd.)					
75.	Mangudi (P)	...	Lalgudi	10	Mariamman Festival	2	April	300	Fancy goods	22
76.	Natham (P)	2·09	do	10	do	2	do	300	do	22
78.	Thinnakulam (P)	4·58	Pullambadi	5	do	2	do	4,000	Sweetmeats & bangles	25
79.	Virahalur (P)	...	do	5	1. Mariamman Festival	8	Apr/May	5,000	Sweetmeats	25
					2. Viyakoolamad Festival	10	...	...	...	...
86.	Poovalur (P)	2·51	Lalgudi	2	1. Vasantha-uthsavam	10	May/June	3,000	Sweets, balloons & household articles	14
					2. Thiruvadhirai Festival	2	Dec/Jan	...	...	...
87.	Tirumangalam (P)	2·17	do	2	Sivan Koil Festival (Brahmothsavam)	10	April	4,000	...	15
89.	Keelaperungavur (P)	1·08	Valadi or Mandurai	1½	Kannikai Madha Koil Festival	1	April	100	Aerated water, pops, nuts & toys	13
	Melaperungavur (H)									
	Melaputhukudi (H)				Kaliamman Festival	9	May			
	Meikkolpatti (H)				Maikkolswamy Festival	1	..			
92.	Koothur (P)	1·27	Bikshandarkoil	1	Kamakshiamman Festival	2	March	200	...	7
93.	Thiruvasal (P)	1·35	Uthamarkoil	3	1. Sivan Koil Festival (Brahmothsavam)	11	Mar/April	100	Peas, sweet-meats, jack fruits & ice cream	9
					2. Car Festival (Sivan Koil)	...	May/June			
94.	Thodaiyur (H)	...	do	3	Pidari Uthsavam	11	Mar/Apr/May	...	do	9

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					LALGUDI TALUK (Concld.)					
95.	Bikshandarkoil (P)	2·11	R.S.	½	Mariamman Thai poosam	1	April	300	Sweets, pops, nuts, peas, sugarcane, pots, balloons, play things, jack fruits & others	5
96.	Thalakkudi (P)	1.00	Bikshandarkoil	¾	Pidarikoil Festival or Kappu kattu Festival	20	do	2,000	Foodstuffs & fruits	5
97.	Thalakkudi (P)	1·26	Valadi		1. Mariamman Festival 2. Appadurai Appar-swamy pooja	4 ...	do ...	100 ...	Aerated water & play things	17
101.	Valadi (P)	1·04	R.S.	3/8	1. Grama Perumal Festival 2. Sivan Koil Festival 3. Grama Fidari Koil Festival	1 1 5	Jan/Mar/Aug/Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec Dec/Jan Mar/April	500	Balloons, sweetmeats & aerated water	8
103.	Thirumanamedu (P)	1·92	Valadi or Mandurai	2 or 1	Pidari Festival	10	April	500	Sweetmeats	10
109.	Lalgudi (P) L. Abhishekapuram (M.V.)	3·45	Lalgudi	½	Arudhra Darisanam	1	Dec/Jan	5,000	Household articles & retail things	12 Festival takes place on Arudhra star
111.	Mettupatti (P)	1·49	do	8	Baskla (Easter)	2	April	1,000	Fancy goods	20
112.	Keelambil (P)	1·62	do	5	Mariamman Festival	4	do	1,000	All kinds of articles	17
113.	Mangammalpuram (P)	2·12	do	5	do	10	May	3,000	Fancy goods	17
114.	Jangamarajapuram (P)	0·75	do	4	Achiamman Festival	2	Feb/Mar	1,000	Sweetmeats	16

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					MUSIRI TALUK					
2.	Thenbaranadu (P)	10·15	Srirangam	38	Mariamman Festival	3	July	300	As this village lies in Pachamalai hills no article will be sold. Coconut, plantains, fruits, betel, camphor etc. are purchased by the hill tribes at Thuraiyur & Uppliapuram areas	46
3.	Sobanapuram (P)	8·09	do	38	1. do 2. Pidariamman Festival	5 ...	July ...	2000	Fruits & sweetmeats	33
	Oaarapalli (H)	...	...	...	Mariamman Festival	5	July	2,000	do	38
9.	Vyrichettipalayam (P)	3·94	Uthamarkoil	31	Shandy	1	...	2,000	Fruits, vegetables, provisions, mudpots, salt, jaggery, coconut & sweetmeats etc.	41 Shandy takes place on Saturday
10.	Kottapalayam (P)	3·53	Tiruchirapalli	45	1. Shandy 2. Sarveswaran Festival 3. Mariamman Festival 4. Chithirai Festival	1	... July Apr/May ...	1,000	Fruits, vegetables & sweets etc.	45 Fair takes place on Thursday
11.	Uppilipuram (P)	3·00	Attur	30	1. Pidari Festival 2. Pongal Festival	... ...	April/May May/June January	1,000	Toys made of clay, sweets prepared by the local vendors, sugarcane, coconuts, plantian, fruits & turmeric etc.	37

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					MUSIRI TALUK (Contd.)					
13.	Venkatachalapuram (P)	5·52	Srirangam	28	Porvadai Maravanai	1	Jan/Feb	300 to 400	Eatables	37
18.	Venkatathanur (P)	1·50	Uthamarkoil	34	Mariamman Festival	15	April/May June	1,500	Coconuts, fruits & eatables	34
21.	Varadarajapuram (P)	2·08	do	28	Mariamman Festival	15	April/May or May/June	7,000	Coconuts, fruits, sweetmeats and other articles	33
24.	Baderpattai (P)	4·97	do	29	Panguni Uthiram	10	Mar/Apr	1,000	Coconuts, fruits, coffee, puffed rice, and bengal-gram	34
25.	Balakrishnampattai (P)	3·88	do	40	Mariamman Festival	7	Apr/May	300	Plantains and coconuts	43
28.	Pachaperumalpatti (P) Rudrakshakombai (H)	2·65	Kulithalai	32	Shandy	1	...	150	Fruits etc.	40 Fair takes place on Friday
	Puliancholaikombai (H)	...	Srirangam	35	Shandy	1	...	1,000	do	40 Fair takes place on Tuesday
31.	Eragudi (P)	5·39	do	28	Shandy	1	...	2,000	Cloth, mats, vegetables, coconuts & leather etc.	35 Fair takes place on Sunday
32.	Kamatchipuram (V)	1·23	Uthamarkoil	29	Mariamman Festival	5	Apr/May	500	Coconuts, and fruits etc.	33
35.	Govindapuram (P)	...	Srirangam	26	do	15	Apr/May	2,000	do	30
36.	Keerambur (P)	5·16	Uthamarkoil	27	do	15	Apr/May or May/June	7,000	Coconuts, fruits & provisions	31

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					MUSIRI TALUK (Contd.)					
39.	Thuraiyur (P)	3·35	Srirangam	23	1. Shandy	1	...	1,500	Eatables, cows & agricultural articles	29 Fair takes place on Friday.
					2. Sivan Koil Festival	10	June	...	...	Malai festival takes place once in five years
					3. Perumal Koil & Malai Festival	10	May	100,000	Toys, eatables and clothes etc.	
					4. Mariamman Festival	...	July/Aug	...	...	...
45.	Karikoil (P)	4·64	Kulithalai	20	1. do	5	May	10,000	Brass vessels, toys and eatables	44
					2. Sengamariamman	1	Mar/Apr	...	...	...
					3. Andavar Pooja	1	July/Aug	...	...	...
46.	Mettupalayam (P) Morupatti (Main Village)	3·83	do	21	Baghavathiamman Festival	7	May	1,000	Toys	45
47.	Alagapurai (P)	4·68	Srirangam	16	1. Mariamman Festival	5	Apr/May	3,000	Coconuts, fruits and sweetmeats	40
					2. Chithirai Festival	...	...	...	...	...
48.	Pillapalayam (P)	4·98	Kulithalai	22	Shandy	1	...	400	Plantain and coffee etc.	40 Fair takes place on Friday
52.	Tattayyangarpet (P)	2·82	Tiruchirapalli	40	Shandy	1	...	500	Grains, dry fish, provisions, vegetables, & toys	40 Fair takes place on Thursday
	Vadamalaipatti	...	Kulithalai	18	Mariamman Festival	4	Nov/Dec	1,000	...	45
54.	Inam Chokkanatha-puram (P)	1·00	Uthamarkoil	29	do	3	March	1,000	...	30

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					MUSIRI TALUK (Contd.)					
57.	Pagalavadi (P)	4·80	Uthamarkoil	17	Mariamman Festival	3	May	500	Bangles, sweets, plantains, puffed rice, bengal gram and pooja articles	22
66.	Kannanore (P)	18·29	Kulithalai	15	1. Shandy	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains clothes, leather, Vegetables, fruits and provisions	Fair takes place on Thursday
					2. Angalamman Koil Festival	3	Feb/March	1,500	Eatables, coconuts, fruits, sugarcane and fancy articles	30 Festival takes place on Siva-rathiri
68.	Arachi (P)	3·35	do	25	Mariamman Festival	5	Mar/Nov	500	Toys etc. attractive to young children	40
70.	Devanur (P)	5·64	do	14	Panguni Uthiram	1	April	2,000	Eatables and sugarcane	36
72.	I. Konappampatti (P)	0·39	Thimmachi-puram	10	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/April	500	Balloon, mirror, bangles & coffee etc.	36 Festival is celebrated once in four years
73.	Jambumadai (P)	4·99	Kulithalai	22	Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	3,000	Sweets & toys	47
76.	Poolancheri (P)	5·50	Thimmachipuram	7	do	6	Mar/April/ May	2,000	Balloons, toys & balls	34
80.	Thulayanatham (P)	4·09	Kulithalai	...	Shandy	1	...	100	Vegetables, provisions & clothes	24 Fair takes place on Saturday

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					MUSIRI TALUK (Contd.)					
81.	I. Jayankondam	1·09	Kulitalai	12	Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	1,500	Sweetmeats and toys	34
					Pidari Festival	...	May/June			
89.	T. Puthur (P)	8·46	Pattavaithalai	10	1. Shandy	1	...	1,000	All kinds of articles	32 Fair takes place on Monday
					2. Mariamman Festival	2	Mar/April			
91.	Valavanthi (P)	7·74	Kulithalai	8	Shandy	1	...	100	Provisions	30 Fair takes place on Saturday
94.	Appanallur (P)	11·57	Thimmachipuram	6	do	1	...	2,000	Foodgrains, clothes, coconuts, vegetables, fruits & flowers	30 Fair takes place on Sunday
95.	Arangur (P)	2·90	Lalpet	5	Mariamman Car Festival	3	April	500	Flowers, fruits & coconuts	35
97.	Tholurpatti (P)	5·13	do	7	Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	1,500	Children's toys, pooja-articles such as coconuts, plantain fruits & betel etc.	36
98.	Elurpatti (P)	3·12	do	6	Shandy	1	...	1,500	Foodgrains & vegetables	41 Fair takes place on Monday
100.	M. Kalathur (P)	6·83	Mayuram	7	do	1	...	300	Vegetables, provision, foodgrains, clothes & fish etc.	40 Fair takes place on Saturday

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					MUSIRI TALUK (Contd.)					
103.	Kidaram (P)	2·62	Mayuram	10	Mariamman Festival	2	Mar/April	1,000	Toys, plan-tain fruits, coconuts & betel etc.	48
107.	Unniyur (P)	2·30	do	6	1. do	3	April/May	2,000	Sweetmeats & fancy articles	45
					2. Kaliamman Festival	3	June/July	...	...	...
109.	Kattuputhur (P)	4·26	do	3	Shandy	1	...	2,000	Foodgrains, vegetables, fruits, eata-bles, & mud pots etc.	42 Fair takes place on Friday
112.	Kaduvatti (P)	1·80	do	2	1. Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	3,500	Pooja articles	40
					2. Sellandiamman Festival	...	May/June	...	...	...
113.	Natham (P)	4·22	Sittalvai	2	Mariamman Festival	4	April/May	3,000	Pooja articles	31
					Baghavathiamman Festival	...	Nov/Dec	...	...	...
					Pidariamman Festival	...	March	...	...	...
114.	M. Puthur (P)	4·84	Mahathanapuram	2	1. Mariamman Festival	3	May/June	200	Betel-nut, puffed rice, bengal-gram, fruits & sweetmeats	35 Karuppan-naswamy festival takes place on Adi 18th day and Thai Poosam day
					2. Karuppanna-swamy Festival	3	June/July Jan/Feb	...	...	
115.	Arasalur (P) Inam Thirunarayana-puram	4·61	Lalpet	1½	1. Mariamman Festival	4	May	4,000	Pooja articles & play things	40
					2. Car Festival (Thai Poosam)	4	January	...	...	...

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					MUSIRI TALUK (Contd.)					
116.	Thottiam (P)	6·23	Lalpet	2	1. Shandy	1	Dec/Jan	500	Provisions, fruits, coconut & vegetables	37 Fair takes place on Tuesday
					2. Baghavathi-amman Festival	7	...	...	...	...
	Sithur (Main village)	...	do	2	1. Madura Kaliamman Festival	5	Mar/April	3,000	Coconut, fruits & sweetmeats	37
					2. Andadeswarar Festival	...	May/June	...	...	...
117.	Srinivasanallur (P)	3·11	Thimmachi-puram	...	Baghavathiamman Festival	3	February	200	Flowers & coconuts	29
118.	Alagarai (P)	7·65	do	2	Mariamman Festival	15	May/June	500	Pooja articles and children's toys	29
	I. Manamedu	...	do	1	do	7	...	...	...	28
119.	Sithalarai (P)	4·23	Kulithalai	4	1. Baghavathi-amman Festival	5	Nov/Dec	600	Pooja articles & tiny toys attractive to children	20
					2. Mariamman Festival	5	Apr/May	...	...	...
121.	Melasandapalayam (P)	5·43	do	1½	1. Mariamman Festival	3	May/June	800	Banana & sugarcane	22
					2. Karuppanna-swamy Festival	...	Dec/Jan	...	...	...
					3. Baguthiamman Festival	...	Mar/April	...	...	...

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					MUSIRI TALUK (Concld.)					
122.	Musiri (P)	7·12	Kulithalai	2	1. Shandy	1	...	1,500	Vegetables, provisions, mats, coco-nuts, grains and betel nuts	24 Fair takes place on Wednes-day
					2. Azaganachai-amman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	4,000	...	...
123.	M. Pudupatti (P)	8·60	do	3	Pidari Festival	3	Mar/Apr	500	Sweetmeats	26
124.	I. Kamatchipuram (P)	0·50	do	5	Mariamman Festival	3	March	500	Toys	28
127.	Iyyampalayam (P)	4·65	Pattavaithalai	2	Shandy	1	...	500	Vegetables, clothes & provisions	19 Fair takes place on Thursday
130.	Amoor (P)	2·71	Perugamani	1½	do	1	...	200	Vegetables	16 Fair takes place on Thursday
133.	Komangalam (P)	4·02	Elananur	7	do	1	...	1,200	All kinds of articles	20 Fair takes place on Tuesday
135.	Gunaseelam (P)	3·55	do	2	Rathothsavam	11	Sep/Oct	1,000	do	17
					KARUR TALUK					
4.	Monjanur (P)	11·28	Kodumudi	12	Shandy	1	...	450	Vegetables, provisions & grains	69 Fair takes place on Friday
5.	Ellakadu Ramachan-drapuram (P)	...	do	13	do	1	...	450	do	do

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					KARUR TALUK (Contd.)					
6.	Thennilai West (P)	10·10	Kodumudi	10	1. Weekly fair	1	...	300	Vegetables & grains	65 Fair takes place on Wednes-day
					2. Neeliamman Festival	7	Mar/Apr	2,000	...	...
7.	Thennilai East (P)	12·56	do	9	1. Bagavathi-amman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	2,000	Sweetmeats	66 Festival takes place on Uthiram star of Panguni month
					2. Neeliamman Festival	7	Mar/Apr	3,300	Sweetmeats & cattle	...
8.	Athipalayam (P)	4·70	Noyyal	4	Pennachiamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	1,520	Roasted nuts and sweets	62
9.	Vettamangalam (P)	11·48	do	2	1. Chelliamman Festival	...	Feb/Mar	...	Eatables, sweets, plantain, betel, arecanut, tobacco and hair nets	58
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	Mar/Apr	1,000	...	...
					3. Vinayagar Car Festival	...	...	...	...	...
10.	Kombupalayam (P)	2·12	do	16	1. Weekly fair	1	...	2,000	Grains, vegetables & sweetmeats	36 Fair takes place on Saturday
					2. Chellandi-amman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	...	...	...

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					KARUR TALUK (Contd.)					
11.	Nanjai Pugalur (P)	1·97	Pugalur	3½	1. Baguthi-amman Festival	4	Dec/Jan	750	Toys and sweetmeats	55
						4	Nov/Dec	500	do	...
12.	N. Thottakurichi (H)	2·27	Moorthi-palayam	4½	1. Weekly fair	1	...	2,500	Vegetables, provisions & sweets	57 Fair takes place on Thursday
					2. Mariamman Festival	4	April/May	...	...	...
					3. Malaiamman Car Festival	3	May/June	2,500	Vegetables, tobacco & grains	...
13.	N. Kadambakurichi (P)	0·82	Karur	12	1. Chellandi-amman Car Festival	3	April/May	500	Eatables, sweets, vegetables, tobacco, grains, puffed rice, plan-tain, betel & arecanut	53
15.	Vangal (P)	3·60	do	7	Baguthiamman Festival	3	Nov/Dec	500	Sweetmeats & nuts	54
16.	Nerur North (P)	5·13	do	6	Kaliamman Festival (Baghavathiamman)	7	June/July	2,000	Roasted nuts & sweets	52
17.	Kuppachipalayam (P)	5·26	do	7	1. Mariamman Festival (Vangalamman)	7	April/May	1,000	Vegetables & food grains	54 Fair takes place on Tuesday
					2. Weekly fair	1	...	300	...	...
18.	Manimangalam (P)	6·88	do	5	1. Kaliamman Festival	10	Feb/Mar	150	Sweetmeats	53
					2. Mariamman Festival	10	April/May	...	...	...
					3. Car Festival	1	Mar/April	...	...	...

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					KARUR TALUK (Contd.)					
19.	Punjaikadamba-kurichi (P)	2·73	Karur	12	1. Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	...	58 Fair takes place on Wednesday
					2. Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/April	...	...	...
					3. Bahuthiamman Festival	3	Dec/Jan	...	...	...
20.	Punjaithottaikurichi (P)	5·90	Moorthi-palayam	5	1. Weekly fair	1	...	750	Provisions, sweetmeats, vegetables, foodgrains & mutton	58 Fair takes place on Thursday
					2. Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/April	5,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	...
					3. Malaiamman Festival	3	April/May	...	...	...
21.	Punjaipugalur (P) Velayuthapalayam	8·11	R.S.	2	Weekly fair	1	...	2,000	Grains, vegetables & clothes	60 Fair takes place on Thursday
	Punjaipugalur (P)	8·11	do	4	1. Sri Balasubra-maniaswamy Koil Festival	2	Jan/Feb	6,000	Toys, clothes & vessels	...
					2. Ganaparapu Mariamman Festival	...	...	5,000	...	...
23.	Punam (P)	11·37	Moorthi-palayam	3	1. Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	2,000	Plantains, coconuts, sweetmeats, grains, chillies & vegetables	53 Fair takes place on Wednesday
					2. Weekly fair	1	...	...	...	...

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					KARUR TALUK (Contd.)					
24.	Kuppam (P)	11·10	Noyyal	4	Kaliamman Festival	3	Mar/April	1,000	Roasted nuts	57
25.	Munnur (P)	6·83	do	5	Maragadeswara-swamy Festival	1	Feb/Mar	3,000	Sweetmeats	61
26.	Paramathi (P)	5·17	do	7	1. Weekly fair	1	...	2,000	vegetables, foodgrains, goats, leather, fowls, pops, plantains, coconuts & textiles etc.	60 Fair takes place on Thursday
					2. Mariamman Pandigai	4	April/May	1,000	...	...
27.	Nedungur (P)	10·66	Pugalur	...	Mariamman Festival	3	May/June	1,000	Roasted nuts & flower etc.	57
28.	Karudayampalayam (P)	...	do	8	do	...	Mar/April	750	Sweetmeats & clothes	54
30.	Viswanathapuri (P)	1·16	Karur	...	Baghavathiamman Festival	3	do	965	Eatables, sweets, puffed rice, plan-tain, betel & arecanuts	51
32.	Andankoil West (P)	...	do	4	Baguthiamman Festival	2	do	500	Plantains, coconuts, mangoes & roasted nuts	49
33.	Athur (P)	8·19	Karur	3	1. Solaiamman Festival	10	Apr/May	5,000	Coconuts, fruits, mangoes, toys and fancy goods	53
				2½	2. Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	4,000	...	...

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					KARUR TALUK (Contd.)					
35.	Inam Karur (P)	4·11	Karur	2	1. Sri Karur Mariamman Festival	7	...	50,000	All articles	45
					2. Kalyanapura-Patheeswara-swamy Festival	7	...	...	...	...
37.	Karur (M) Thirumaniliyur	2·33	do	½	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Goat, sheep, leather, food, mat, fruit, eatables, vegetables & wearing apparel for children	47 Fair takes place on Saturday
38.	Senappiratti (P)	2·96	do	3	1. Chellandimari-amman Festival	4	April	2,000	Roasted nuts, fruits and toys	45
					2. Bhagavathi-amman Festival	4	May	...	...	...
45.	Puliyur (P)	4·63	R.S.	2	1. Mariamman Pandigai	...	April	2,000	Roasted nuts & sweets	42
					2· Thiruvathirai	...	December	750	...	...
					3. Kaliamman Festival	2	January	1,500	Roasted nuts, sweets, fruits and coconuts	...
					4. Angalamman Festival	2	June	750	Roasted nuts	...
46.	Melappalayam (P)	1·90	Sanapiratti	½	1. Baghavathi-amman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	500 to 1,000	Sweetmeats & fruits	43
					2. Tharithaniya Mutchani-amman Festival	4	...	...	...	...

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					KARUR TALUK (Contd.)					
47.	Emoor (P)	3·33	Karur	6	1. Mariamman Festival	3	February	1,500	Flowers, sweetmeats, fruits and coconuts	54
					2. Baghavathi-amman Festival	3	do	700	...	...
					3. Chellandi-amman Festival	3	March	1,570	...	...
48.	Thanthoni (P)	...	do	2	1. Festival	4	Sep/Oct	1,000	Sweetmeats	48
					2. Car Festival	2	Feb/Mar	300	...	...
49.	Achiamangalam	10·92	do	3	Muthalamman Nonbu	3	Mar/Apr	1,000	Sweetmeats and retail articles	48
50.	Thoranakkalpattu (P)	...	do	2	Mariamman Pandigai	2	Apr/May	200	Sweetmeats and retail articles	...
52.	Karuppampalayam (P)	1·72	do	5½	Baguthiamman Festival	2	Mar/Apr	1,250	Plantains, coconuts and mangoes	53
53.	Appipalayam (P)	3·65	do	5½	Mariamman Festival	2	Apr/May	1,200	do	53
54.	Pallapalayam (P)	2·65	do	8	do	7	do	2,000	Foodstuffs & sweetmeats	55
55.	Thumblivadi (P)	4·93	do	9	do	5	do	500	Sweetmeats, mangoes, plantains, and tea	50 Festival takes place in first or second week in the month of Chithirai

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					KARUR TALUK (Contd.)					
56.	P. Anaipalayam (P)	5·92	Karur	12	Weekly fair	1	...	200	Grains, fruits and coconuts	60 Fair takes place on Sunday
57.	Ariyur (P)	5·50	do	16	Karuppanna-swamikoil Festival	3	Feb/Mar	300	Coconuts, fruits & tea	60
58.	Nadanthai South (P)	11·49	Kodumudi	14	Mariamman Festival	7	March	1,500 to 2,000	Coconuts, fruits, camphor, betel nuts and leaves	68
59.	Nadanthai North (P)	...	Karur	16	do	5	Apr/May	2,500	Retail articles, coconuts and fruits	65
61.	Kodanthur (P)	10·84	Kodumudi	13	1, Yugathi Festival	1	Mar/Apr	5,000	Vegetables & roasted nuts	65 Fair takes place on Saturday
				15	2. Weekly fair	1	...	100	do	...
62.	Gudalur West (P)	17·24	do	24	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains & provisions	63 Fair takes place on Thursday
63.	Gudalur East (P)	...	do	...	Mariamman Festival	3	May/June	400	Plantains, fruits & mangoes	68
					Baghavathiamman Festival	...	June/July	...	...	...
65.	Chinnadarapuram (P)	...	Karur	20	1. Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	300 to 400	Provisions & sweets	65 Fair takes place on Monday
					2. Weekly Fair	1	...	do	...	...

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					KARUR TALUK (Contd.)					
66.	Choodamani (P)	3·89	Kodumudi	16	1. Mariamman Festival	...	March	2,000 to 2,100	Coconuts, sugarcane, fruits, flowers & other retail articles	65
					2. Choodamani Baghavathi-amman Festival	...	April	...	...	...
67.	Nanjaikalaikurithi (P)	2·19	Karur	16	Mariamman and Baghavathi-amman Pandigai	3	April/May	100 to 200	Many varieties of sweetmeats, tea & betel leaves	64
68.	Nagampalli (P)	14·11	do	12	1. Vaduganampilli Mariamman Pandigai	3	Mar/April	1,000	Small articles, sweets, clothes & provisions	59 Festival takes place on Siva-rathiri
					2. Nagapalli Chellandi-amman Festival	1	Feb/Mar	5,000 to 10,000	Small articles, sweets, provisions, clothes, foodgrains & retail things	Fair takes place on Wednesday
					3. Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000 to 5,000	...	...
69.	Kodaiyur (P)	6·53	do	12	Kanagagiri Velayuthaswamy Koil Festival	10	Mar/April	1,000	Bangles, dolls & sweetmeats	69
70.	Puthambur (P)	3·27	do	8	1. Baghavathi-amman Festival	3	do	1,000	Sweetmeats & flowers	56
					2. Muthalamman Festival	3	do	1,000	...	...

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					KARUR TALUK (Contd.)					
71.	Thalapatti (P)	5·63	Karur	7	1. Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	2,500	Sweetmeats, flowers, goats, paddy, cholam, cumbu, pops & nuts	54 Fair takes place on Thursday
					2. Muthalamman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
					3. Weekly fair	1	...	...	...	...
72.	Kakavadi (P)	5·16	do	10	Baghavathiamman Festival	3	...	600	Eatables, sweets, betels, arecanut & tobacco	56 Festival takes place once in a year
74.	Manavadi (P)	5·67	do	6	1. Chellandiamman Festival	3	April	3,500	Coconuts, fruits, sweetmeats & dolls etc.	56
					2. Mariamman Festival	3	March	3,000	...	...
					3. Baghavathi-amman Festival	3	February	2,000	...	...
75.	Uppidamangalam West (P)	13·62	Puliyur or Virarakaayam	2	Weekly fair	1	...	10,000	Foodgrains, vegetables, bulls & buffaloes	42 Fair takes place on Sunday & Monday
77.	Jagadabi (P)	10·30	Karur	9	1. Baghavathi-amman Festival	3	Feb/March	800	Betel leaves, nut, fruits & coconuts	40
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	April/May	...	...	...
78.	Vellianai North (P)	17·47	do	1	Weekly fair	1	...	40 to 50	Sheep, foodgrains, vegetables & mutton	50 Fair takes place on Wednesday

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					KARUR TALUK (Contd.)					
79.	Vellianai South (P)	...	Karur	9	1. Weekly fair	1	...	5,000	Vegetables, foodgrains & other articles	50 Fair takes place on Friday
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	April/May	...	...	...
					3. Baghavathi-amman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
80.	K. Pitchampatti (P)	10·04	do	12	Chellandiamman Festival	7	do	3,000	Coconuts, fruits, sugarcane, betel leaves & sweetmeats	60
81.	Paganatham (P)	9·50	do	8	1. Baghavathi-amman Festival	3	Mar/April	2,000	Fruits, coconuts, flowers, tea, sweets, peas, pops, nuts & balloon	40 Festival takes place on Full Moon day
					2. Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	...	...	...
82.	Venjamangudalur East (P)	17·80	do	14	Baghavathiamman Koil Festival	11	Mar/April	1,000	Bangles, sweets, coconuts, fruits & dolls, pops & nuts	59
83.	Venjamangudalur West (P)	...	do	13	1. Weekly fair	1	...	500	Provisions & shop articles	59 Fair takes place on Friday
					2. Vaitheeswara-swami Car Festival	10	Feb/Mar	3,000	Provisions, shop articles & clothes	... Festival takes place on Masi-Magam

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					KARUR TALUK (Contd.)					
86.	Aravakkurichi (P)	12·31	Karur	26	1. Mariamman Koil Festival	...	April	2,000	...	67 Festival takes place on 1st Sunday of April
					2. Weekly fair	1	...	500	Foodstuffs, cloth & leather	Fair takes place on Thursday
					3. Kayala Asarath Urusu	3	July/Aug	2,000	...	...
87.	Punjaikalakurichi (P)	9·48	do	16	Uriadi Festival	1	September	2,000	Coffee, pops, nuts, coco-nuts & fruits	74
88.	Ayan Elavanur (P)	2·35	do	18	1. Weekly fair	1	...	500	Provisions, foodgrains & sweet-meats	21 Fair takes place on Saturday.
					2. Kondamanaicken Festival	3	April/May	...	...	...
					3. Kamakshiamman Festival	3	...	2,000	...	...
89.	Thokkupatti (P)	1·70	do	25	Baghavathiamman Festival	3	April/May	500	Eatables, sweets, plantain, betels, children's apparel, & hair nets	63
90.	Rajapuram (P)	3·87	do	23	Mariamman Festival	15	April/May or June	600	Dolls, sweetmeats, tea & vessels	80
92.	Modakkur West (P)	19·82	do	26	1. Kovilloor weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, bangles, clothes & provisions	73 Fair takes place on Sunday

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					KARUR TALUK (Concld.)					
92.	Modakkur West (P) (Contd.)	...	...	...	2. Modakku Maipuralnatha-swamy Festival	10	April/May	5,000	Vegetables bangles, clothes, provisions, books & shop articles	73
97.	Velambadi (P) Soundrapuram	7·96	Karur	24	Mariamman Koil Festival	11	Mar/April	500	Toys & blangles	71
98.	A. Pallapatti (Urban)	7·69	do	22	1. Ramzan Festival	1	February	5,000	Toys, bangles & sweetmeats	70 Bakrid & Urusu are the important festivals for Muslims like Deepavali & Pongal for Hindus
					2. Bakrid Festival	1	May	...		
					3. Ursuhu Festival	4	...	...	...	
98.	B. Pallapatti (Rural)	Included in 98 A.	do	23	1. Weekly fair	1	...	3,000	Vegetables, clothes & provisions	70 Fair takes place on Monday
					2. Mariamman Festival	15	May/June or June/July	...	...	...
99.	Alamarathupatti (P)	7·58	do	27	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, clothes, sheep & tobacco	74 Fair takes place on Saturday
101.	Erampatti (P)	2·70	do	26	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Provisions & vegetables	73 Fair takes place on Tuesday
102.	Essanatham (P)	7·64	do	30	do	1	...	1,000	Paddy & other foodgrains	77 Fair takes place on Thursday

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					KULITHALAI TALUK					
1.	Balarajapuram (P)	3·14	Veerarakyam	½	Chinnammanaic-kenpatti Baghavathiamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	400	Coconuts, fruits etc.	47 Festival takes place on first Friday of 'Panguni' month
	Vadugalpatti (H)		do	¾	Festival	3	do	260	Light re-freshments	47
2.	Renganatha-puram (V)	7·14	do	3½	Pudukkottai fair	1	...	100	Vegetables, fowls & sweet-meats	39½ Weekly fair takes place on Wednes-day
	Pudukkottai (H)									
	Pudur (H)		do	3¾	Baghavathiamman Festival	5	Mar/April	200	Sweet-meats	46
	Melakkattalai (H)		do	4½	Baghavathiamman Pidari Festival	7	Apr/May	1,500	do	41
3.	Manavasi (P)	6·78	Manavasi	1/8	1. Kaman Festival	1	January	1,000	do	38
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	do	...	...	...
					3. Muthalamman Festival	1	do	...	...	...
4.	Mayanoor (P)	2.84	R.S.	1/8	1. Adi Festival (Adi 18th day)	1	July/Aug	2,000	Coconuts & fruits,	35
					2. Shandy	1	...	1,000	provisions, clothes, dolls & chillies	35 Shandy meets on Monday
5.	Thirukkampuliyur	5·68	Chithalavoi	1	1. Baghavathi-amman Festival	3	Jan/Feb	500	Coconuts, fruits etc.	35
					2. Ammayee Festival	3	Feb/Mar			
					3. Chellandiamman Festival	...	July/Aug			

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
8.	Mahadanapuram (P)	13·37	R. S.	3	1. Shandy	1	...	5,000	Vegetables, grains & ragi	36 Shandy meets on Thursday
					2. Mahalakshmi-amman koil Adi Festival	2	July/Aug	500	sweetmeats	...
9.	Chindalavadi (V)	7·39	Lalpet	½	1. Shandy	1	...	750	Chillies, food stuffs & vegetables	23 Weekly fair takes place on Wednesday
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	...	...	...	No. fixed time for Festival ...
					3. Ayyanar Festival	...	...	...	...	...
10.	Pillapalayam (P)	4·24	do	1/8	Baghavathiamman Festival	5	May/Juue	200	Foodgrains, coconuts & fruits	28 Festival takes place on every Friday in Vaikasi month
11.	Kallapalli	2·01	do	...	1. Bagarath Pidari Festival	7	April	1,000	...	Festival's duration is fixed according to the convenience of the people
					2. Shandy	1	...	...	...	...
12.	K. Pettai (P)	3·40	Thimmachi-puram	1/8	1. Pongal	1	January	500	Dolls	25
					2. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov	500	...	...
					3. Tholiamman Festival	3	June/July	500	...	...
13.	Karuppathur (P)	...	do	1	Mariamman Festival	3	Apr/May	1,000	Toys, nuts, refreshments, pots, bangles, plastic goods & iron articles	27

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
14.	Elunoothimangalam (P)	1.70	Kulithalai	1½	Thai Poosam Festival	1	Jan/Feb	3,000	Pots, bangles Plastic goods & iron articles	23 Festival takes place on the Full Moon day
16.	Kulithalai (P)	1·43	R. S.	...	Mariamman Car Festival	10	May/June	1,000	Toys	24
17.	Rajendram (P)	...	Marudur	1	Shandy	1	...	100	Provisions, cattle etc.	22 Shandy meets on every Monday
20.	Poyyamani (P)	8·83	Pattavaithalai	2½	Pidari Festival	15	June/July	3,000	Fruits & coconuts	17 Festival takes place once in two years
21.	Nangavaram (P)	12·35	Parugamani	2	Shandy	1	...	1,000	Provisions, clothes, vegetables & mutton	14 Shandy meets on Sunday
26.	Inangur (P)	8·06	Pattavaithalai	4	Mariamman Festival	1	March/April	4,000	Provisions, clothes, vegetables & foodstuffs	19
27.	Hiranyamangalam (P)	5·03	Kulithalai	6	Thoniamman Festival	3	May/June	2,000	Sweetmeats	26
29.	Sivayam (P)	0·09	Marudur	5	Kaliamman Festival	2	Mar/April	1,000	Roasted nuts & light refreshments	22
31.	Sathiyamangalam	6·43	Kulithalai	4	Chithirai Festival	15	April/May	1,000	Provisions, vessels & other household articles	26

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				KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)						
32.	Vaigainallur	7·08	Kulithalai	¼	Thaipoosam Festival	2	Jan/Feb	4,000	Sugarcane, sweetmeats and house-hold articles	25 Festival takes place on the Full Moon day
34.	Veeriyapalayam (P)	8·12	Lalpet	7	Mariamman Festival	7	March	1,300	Coconuts and fruits etc.	38 Festival takes place once in three years
35.	Pappayambadi (P)	5·26	Mayanur	8	Kaliamman-swamy Koil Festival	3	Apr/May	1,000	Sweetmeats & bangles etc.	39
37.	Sithalvoi (V)	7·02	do	4½	1. Pongal Festival	3	Jan/Feb	500	Coconuts, fruits & sundry commodities	40
					2. Mariamman Festival	3	May	500		
40.	Pannapatti (P)	1·14	Vadugapatti	19	1. Mariamman Festival	7	do	2,500	Foodstuffs, vegetables, rice, paddy, chillies & tamarind	43
					2. Kaliamman Festival		...	...	...	...
					3. Periyanayagi-amman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
41.	Vellapatti (P)	0·16	Manapparai	5	Parapatty shandy	1	...	1,000	Provisions, vegetables & leather goods	32 Shandy meets on Monday
43.	Panjapatti (P)	7·32	Kulithalai	13	Mariamman Festival	3	April	1,000	Coconuts, plantain, flowers, toys, balloons, childrens ready made dresses, sweets, bis-cuits, fruits, vegetables, glass bangles, plantain leaves, sweetmeats & pansupari	36 Festival takes place once in three years

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				KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)						
44.	Pothuravuthampatti (P)	10·50	Kulithalai	13	Mariamman Festival	15	...	2,500	Sweetmeats	36 Festival takes place once in two years
45.	Pappakkapatti (P)	6·96	do	8	Pappakkapatti Mariamman Festival	3	March	750	Sweets, roasted nuts & eatables	29
46.	Chinniayampalayam (P)	1·07	do	13	Mariamman Festival	3	April	350	Coconuts, fruits, sweets & light re-freshments	24
47.	Sivayam (P) Irumbudipatti	14·10	do	7	Irumbudipatti thaniya shandy	1	...	7,000	Foodgrains, chillies, clothes, goat, fowls & vegetables	28 Shandy meets on Saturday
48.	Gudalur (P)	13·78	do	13	Shandy	1	...	1,000	Coconuts, & fruits etc.	34 Shandy meets on every Tuesday
49.	Nallur (P)	5·09	Pattavaithalai	9	Nallur Mariamman Festival	3	Apr/May	2,000	Roasted nuts, light refresh-ments, coconuts, tea, fruits, betel nuts & leaves	22
50.	Kallai (P)	6·42	do	18	Sri Kaliamman Festival	2	Mar/April	2,000	Clothes, sweetmeats & light refresh-ments	22
52.	Alathur (P)	1·60	Perungamani	8	Mariamman Festival	7	Apr/May	3,000	Sweetmeats	15

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
53.	Puthur (P)	7·68	Kulathur	6	Thai pongal	1	Jan/Feb	100	Coconuts, plantains, flowers, ready made dresses, sweets, biscuits, vegetables, sugarcane & betel leaves	18
54.	Rachandarthirumalai (P)	9·26	do	7	1. Pidariamman Festival	10	Mar/Apl	1,500	Coconuts, fruits, sweetmeats & pearls	13
					2. Chithirai Pournami	1	Apr/May	2,000	...	...
					3. Mariamman Festival	4	...		...	...
55.	Puluderi (P)	2·00	do	4	Pidari Festival	3	April	250	Sweetmeats	12
56.	Vadasori (P)	8·33	do	4	1. Shandy	1	...	250	Clothes, vegetables & provisions	18 Shandy meets on Monday
					2. Pambalayamman Festival	2	Feb/Mar	...		
57.	Kallai	9·19	do	7	Mariamman Festival	7	March	200	Coconuts, plantains, flowers, ready made dresses, sweets, biscuits, vegetables, sugarcane, betel leaves & clothes	17 Festival takes place once in two years
58.	Tolgamali (P)	5·27	Manapparai	9	1. Karuppaswamy & Bagavathiamman Festival	3	May/June	2,000	Clothes	32
					2. Shandy	1	...	500	Clothes, grains & vegetables	Weekly fair takes place on Friday

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
59.	Maganur (P)	6·08	Manapparai	8	1. Kaliamman	1	April	750	Sweetmeats	26 Festival takes place once in three years
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	...	750	...	Festival takes place once in seven years
60.	Kallugur (P)	12·00	do	10	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	157	Sweetmeats & clothes	25
	Mariaparaipatti	...	do	14	do	3	May/June	269		
	Haniampatti	...	do	13	do	3	June	459	do	
	Mahilipatti	...	do	12	do	3	Mar/Apr	830	do	
	Anandanpuram					...	May/June			
	Udayarpatti									
	Marudu	12·00	do	13	do	3	June	94	do	Festival takes place on Maha-Sivarathri of Panguni Month
	Pusariyur	...	do	14	Pattavan koil Festival	1	Feb/Mar	38	do	...
	Bojnaickenpatti	...	do	13	Mariamman Festival	...	Mar/Apr	196	do	...
	Pillaikkodappudupatti	...	do	14	do	3	Apr/May	242	do	...
	Kannarthapalayam	...	Manapparai	14	Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	196	do	...
	Kalugur	...	do	12	Kaliamman Festival	3	Mar/April/ May	382	do	
61.	Kusur (P)	7·42	do	14	Shandy	1	...	5,000	Grains, goats & fowls	31 Shandy meets on Thursday

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
62.	Thondamangalam (P)	4·79	Manapparai	18	Kosur shandy	1	...	2,000	Foodgrains, fruits, coconuts, vegetables, & fowls	35 Weekly fair takes place on Thursday
63.	Mathagiri (P)	5·04	do	18	do	1	...	2,000	do	35 Weekly shandy takes place on Thursday
64.	Pudur (P)	...	do	15	Mariamman Festival	10	...	200	Coconuts plantains, vegetables, toys, balloons, sweets, biscuits, glass bangles, children's dresses etc.	39
65.	Valvara Mangalam (P)	4·26	do	18	Festival	2	Apr/May or May/June	500	...	51
67.	Thennilai (P)	5·42	do	12	Mariamman Festival	...	Mar/April	5,000	Clothes, sweetmeats, coconuts & fruits	35 Festival takes place on Uthiram star of 'Panguni'
58.	Keelapaguthi (P)	6·42	Vaiyampatti	10	1. Taragampatti shandy	1	...	...	Grains, Vegetables Sweetmeats, & clothes	50 Shandy meets on Sunday
					2. Chintamanipatti shandy	1	...	...	...	Shandy meets on Monday
					3. Uruso Festival	3	March	2,000	...	...
					4. Mariamman Festival	...	...	...	...	...

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
69.	Varavanai (P)	6·40	Vaiyampatti	18	Budhan chundu keelipatti shandy	1	...	750	Paddy, cereal crops, vegetables, mutton, sweetmeats, coconuts, salt, tobacco and fruits	49 Weekly fair meets on Wednes-day
70.	Malapaguthi (P)	7·12	do	11	1. Ayphaga-nachiamman Festival	1	April	1,500	Sweetmeats, vegetables, vessels & clothes	53 Festival takes place once in seven years
73.	Adanur (P)	4·12	do	18	Sri Durgaiamman Festival	1	May	500	Foodgrains, vegetables, pots, clothes & other retail things	53 Festival takes place once in seven years
74.	Mavathur (P)	4·15	do	13	He-Buffaloes sacrificing Festival at Majara kolaikaranpatti	...	April	5,000	Coconuts, plantains, flowers, toys, balloons, children's ready made dresses, sweets, biscuits, eatables, vegetables, plantain leaves, glass bangles & pan supari etc.	45 Festival takes place once in seven years
75.	Vaiyamalapalayam (P)	...	Manapparai	15	Mariamman Festival	10	March	200	Nil	39

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
77.	Aniyappur (V)	7·48	Manapparai	7	1. Shandy	...	...	5,000	Vessels, clothes, sweetmeats, bangles & other retail articles	38 Festival takes place once in a year Shandy meets on Tuesday
					2. Kanni Mari-amman Festival	3	March	...	...	...
78.	Nallampillai (V)	6·40	do	6	Kanni Mari-amman	3	March	5,000	Clothes, vessels, coffee, sweetmeats, sugarcane, coconuts, fruits and retail things	35 Festival takes place once in a year
80.	Porndalur (P)	4·78	do	5	Mariamman Festival	7	May/June	2,200	Coconuts, plantain, flowers, toys, balloons, children's ready made dresses, sweets, biscuits, eatables, vegetables, plantain leaves & glass bangles	26
82.	Pathiripatti (P)	4·97	Kulathur	8	do	2	...	1,000	...	25
84.	K. Periapatti (P)	16·87	Samudram	3¾	Shandy	1	...	300	Pots, vegetables & other retail articles	20 Shandy meets on Thursday
86.	Pillur (P)	3·28	Kulathur	4	Pambalamman Festival	2	Mar/Apr or Apr/May	750	Coconuts, fruits and sweetmeats	18

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
89.	Chithanathanur (V)	...	Samudram	2¾	Mariamman Festival	3	April	150	Coconuts, plantains, flowers, sweets, biscuits, children's ready made dresses, plantain leaves, eatables, pori kadalai, pansupari & vegetables etc.	17 Festival takes place in Chithirai month in Agni Naksha-thiram
90.	Samudram (P)	5·02	R.S.	78	Sentholliamman Festival	7	May/June	5,000	Coconuts, fruits & sweetmeats	18
91.	Seivalur (P)	8·00	Manapparai	1	1. Sentholliamman shandy	1	...	50,000	Pots, mutton, grains, vegetables, dhalls, cows & sheep	25 Shandy meets on Wednesday
					2. Cattle fair	2	...	5,000	...	Cattle fair meets twice on Wednes-days and Thursdays
					3. Mariamman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
					4. Arunagirinathar Festival	22	...	...	...	...
98.	Amayapuram (V)	6·90	Chettiyapatti	4	Mariamman Festival	2	April/Nov	2,000	Coconuts, fruits, flowers, sweets, biscuits, vegetables, children's ready made dresses, plantain leaves, eatables & pansupari etc.	30

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
102.	Mullipadi (P)	4·10	Vaiyampatti	7	Shandy	1	...	500	Vegetables, betel nut, foodgrains, tobacco & provisions	40 Shandy meets once in a week on Sunday
103.	Palaviduthi (P)	6·14	Manapparai	10	1. Palaviduthi shandy	1	...	100	Betel nuts & sweetmeats	45 Shandy meets on Saturday
					2. Mariamman Festival	...	April/May	1,000	...	...
					3. Karuppuswamy Festival	...	March	1,500	...	...
104.	Edayapatti (P)	18·21	Vaiyampatti	11	1. Shandy	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains, vegetables, provisions, coconuts, pooja articles & toys	44 Weekly fair meets on Friday
					2. Karunagiri-perumal Car Festival	10	March	5,000	...	...
105.	Sempiyanatham (P)	5·12	do	12	Nalluranpatti shandy	1	...	500	Maize, vegetables, betel nut, provisions, coconuts & tobacco	45 Shandy meets on Wednes-day
106.	Mahavanur (P)	9·89	do	2	Vegetables shandy	1	...	1,000	Provisions, sheep, leather, hens, vegetables & grains	40 Shandy meets on Sunday
107.	Palayakottai (P)	8·68	do	6	1. Mariamman Festival	3	May/June	500	Sugarcane, coconuts, fruits, & sweetmeats	28

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
107.	Palayakottai (P) (Contd.)	8·68	Vaiyampatti	...	2. Luntheempatti Kodiamman Festival	3	Mar/April	500	Coconuts, fruits & other village materials	...
					3. Anthoniar Festival	3	Jan/Feb	...	...	...
108.	Reddiyapatti (V)	0·54	Saiathpath Settiapetti	4	Mariamman Festival	...	Apr/May	600	Village materials	35
110.	Malayadipatti (P)	2·73	do	1½	Saint Thomas Festival	3	April	2,000	Sweetmeats, provisions, sugarcane, fruits, coconuts & other retail articles	28½
114.	Usilampatti (V)	1.41	Manapparai	2	Mariamman Festival	10	Mar/April	11,500	Coconuts, plantains, toys, balloons, children's ready made dresses, sweets, biscuits, fruits, vegetables, plantain leaves glass and bangles etc.	33
118.	Suliyapatti (V)	1·55	do	3	do	10	do	750	do	28 Festival takes place once in a year
119.	Keelaiyur (V)	4·80	do	4	do	10	do	1,000	do	29
123.	Sampatti (V)	3·63	do	4	do	10	do	1,000	do	29
124.	Pannapatti (P)	15·44	do	4	Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	1,000	Sugarcane, bamboo articles, fruits & coconuts	31

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
125.	Reddiapatti (P)	3·39	Manapparai	4	1. Shandy	1	...	3,000	Vegetables, foodgrains, fruits & coconuts	33 Weekly fair meets on Saturday
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	April/May	...	...	...
126.	Vaiyampatti (P)	5·03	R. S.	1/8	1. do (Vairamman)	1	do	3,000	Vegetables, foodgrains, coconuts & fruits	33 Shandy meets on Saturday
					3. Shandy	1	...	...	...	...
128.	Sekkanam (P)	4·65	Vaiyampatti	2¾	Festival (name not specified)	7	Jan/Feb July/Aug Mar/April	2,000	Sugarcane, sweetmeats, bangles & other retail articles	35 Festival takes place thrice in a year
129.	Kumaravadi (P)	10·30	do	¼	1. Meenakshi-amman Festival	7	January	500	Coconuts & fruits etc.	33
					2. Muthalamman Festival	14	July	1,700	Utensils & clothes	...
130.	Ponnambalampatti (V)	0·49	Keappai chatram	1	Baghavathiamman Festival	1	May/June	300	Coconuts, plantains, flowers, toys, balloons, children's ready made dresses, sweets, bis-cuits, fruits, vegetables, plantain leaves, glass bangles etc.	38
131.	Nadupatti (V)	5·67	do	¾	Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	1,000	do	40

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133.	Pudukottai (P)	2·73	Thangampatti	½	Pambalamman Festival	3	Mar/April	3,000	Clothes, eatables, fruits, coconuts, bangles & sweetmeats	40
134.	Elamanam (V)	4·78	Vaiyampatti	4	Mariamman Festival	2	do	200	Sweetmeats	40
136.	Puthanatham (V)	5·30	Manapparai	10½	Shandy	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, betel nuts, fruits, coconuts, mutton & pots	35 Weekly fair meets on Thursday
146.	Koilpatti (V)	0·51	do	8	do	1	...	800	Rice, millets, fruits, vegetables, leather goods & toys for children	25 Weekly fair meets on Thursday
160.	Unaiyur (V)	2·19	...	28	Shandy	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, mutton & dry fish	Weekly fair meets on Friday
					Neeliamman Festival	...	Mar/April	...	...	...
170.	Valanadu (V)	4·21	Manapparai	15	Shandy	1	...	500	Vegetables, mutton & dry fish	30 Weekly fair meets on Monday
179.	Maniyankurichi (V)	1·83	do	16	Meenakshiamman Car Festival	1	April/May	1,500	Coconuts, fruits, palmyrah fruits, puffed rice, bengal gram, sweetmeats & savoury	38 Festival takes place on Chithira Pournami day

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
182.	Kanjanaickenpatti	7·42	Manapparai	10	1. Kaliamman Festival	1	January	1,000	Puffed rice, bengal gram, betelnuts & cigarettes	41
					2. Muthalamman Festival	1	March	...		
					3. Mariamman Festival	1	April	...		
183.	Ammachatram (V)	2·36	do	3	Chithira Pournami Festival	2	do	1,200	Fruits, coconuts, sweetmeats, puffed rice & bengal gram	38 Festival takes on place Pournami day of Chithirai month
184.	Karumalai (V)	1·16	do	16	Sree Giri Varada-rajaperumal Koil Car Festival	...	May/June	2,000	Coconuts, fruits, plantain fruits, tender coconuts, puffed rice, bengal gram, sweetmeats savoury	38 Festival takes place on Visagam day
186.	Marungapuri (V)	3·57	do	13	Baghavathiamman pongal Festival	1	February	500	Sweetmeats sugarcane, fruits, coconuts & eatables	32
					Meenakshi-sundaraswamy Car Festival	7	Mar/April	...	...	...
187.	Kallupatti (V)	1·58	do	15	Mariamman Festival	15	Feb/Mar/ April	600	Sweetmeats, sugarcane, fruits & coconuts	33

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
191.	Palakurichi II (V)	0·37	Manapparai	15	Christmas	2	Dec. 24th & 25th	500	Toys for children, sweets, cakes, flowers, fresh vegetables, fruits, glass bangles & children's ready made dresses	34
192.	O. Poruvai (V)	1·10	do	16	Chundangiamman Car Festival	2	May/June	300	Sweetmeats	35 Festival takes place once in a year
193.	Seerangampatti (V)	0·71	do	18	1. Sandiyagappar Festival	1	July	150	do	35
					2. Christmas	2	Dec. 24th	500	...	...
194.	Palakurichi I (V)	1·65	do	18	1. Sandiyagappa Festival	1	July	150	Sweetmeats	35
					2. Christmas	2	Dec. 24th & 25th	500	Toys for children, sweets cakes, flowers, fresh vegetables & fruits, glass bangles children's ready made dresses	34
202.	Yagapuram (V)	1·47	do	18	Kudirai eduppu Festival	1	Mar/Apr	500	Betel nuts, puffed rice, bengal gram, coconuts & fruits	31
208.	Karadipatti (V)	1·16	do	18½	Panguni Pongal Festival	1	do	500	Coconuts, fruits, puffed rice, bengal gram, betel nut & tobacco	40

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Contd.)					
210.	Karaipatti (V)	1·74	Manapparai	16	Mariamman Festival	3	Apr/May	1,000	Puffed rice, bengal gram & sweetmeats	40
211.	Ponnampatti (P)	7·07	do	18	Shandy	1	...	3,000	Vegetables, betel nuts, provisions & mutton	42 Shandy meets on Saturday
213.	Idayapatti (V)	0·80	do	18	1. Muthalamman Festival	3	Feb/Mar	500	Fruits, coconuts, sweetmeats, puffed rice, bengal gram & flowers	44
					2. Palaniandavar poojai	1	July/Aug	...	...	...
214.	Alagapuri (V)	0·64	...	...	Perumal Koil Festival	2	Mar/Apr	2,200	Coconuts & fruits	40
					Pattatharasi amman Fsstival	...	...	...	...	...
215.	Sevalpatti (V)	1·59	Manapparai	20	Mariamman Festival	2	March	700	Fruits, coconuts, sweetmeats & other retail articles	40
216.	Pidaripatti (V)	...	do	22	Muthalamman Festival	7	August	2,000	Sweetmeats fruits, coconuts & sugarcane	47
218.	Ikkarikosekurichi (V)	...	do	...	do	1	June	1,000	do	50
221.	Akkayampatti (V)	1·03	do	19	Perumal Koil Festival	2	Mar/Apr	2,200	Coconuts	40
					Pattatharasi amman Festival	...	...	...	...	...

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					KULITHALAI TALUK (Concld.)					
222.	Palayapalayam	0·67	Manapparai	19	1. Perumal koil Festival	2	Mar/Apr	2,200	Coconuts	...
					2. Pattatharasi-amman Festival	...	...	...	...	...
225.	Vadavampadi (V)	0·68	do	1	Iyanar Koil Festival	2	April	300	Sweetmeats coconuts, fruits & sugarcane	46
226.	Valayapatti (V)	0·61	do	19	Muthalamman Festival	1	April	2,000	Betel nut & cigarettes	42
					Bagavathi amman Festival	1	...	...	...	...
227.	Muthupatti (V)	0·48	do	19	do	1	do	2,000	Betel nut and cigarettes	...
228.	Adikkaram (V)	1·24	do	19	do	1	do	2,000	do	...
229.	Sivandampatti (V)	1·71	do	23	Panguni pongal	2	do	650	...	42
235.	Usilampatti (V)	1·01	do	25	do	2	do	2,000	Coconuts, fruits, sugarcane, flowers, sweetmeats, camphor & other incenses	50

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					TIRUCHIRAPALLI TALUK					
1.	Pettavaithalai	3·23	R. S.	1/8	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Provisions& vegetables	15 Fair takes place on Tuesday
12.	Srirangam (M)	5·07	do	½	1. Chithirai Festival	1	April/May	10,000	Toys, bamboos, peas etc.	3
					2. Sorgavasal Festival	20	Dec/Jan	25,000	Toys, bamboos and canes,	...
					3. Thai Theppam Festival (at Thiru-vanaikaval)	1	Jan/Feb	1,000	Ivory articles, toys & vessels	2
					4. Panjappiragaram Festival	1	Mar/April	2,500	...	...
23.	Tiruchirapalli (M)	8·98	do	½	1. Thayumanavar-swami Theppam Festival	1	...	2,000	Toys	1½
					2. Kuzhumai Festival	1	Dec/Jan	2,000	Toys and sugarcane	1
					3. Poosam Festival	1	Jan/Feb	1,000	Toys	1½
					4. Nachiar Festival	1	Mar/April	2,000	do	1
31.	Kulumani	1·67	Jeeyapuram	3	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables provisions & cattle	Fair takes place on Monday
38.	Kumaravayalur	1·28	Tiruchirapalli	7	Panguni Uthiram Festival	1	Mar/April	1,500	Toys & mud pots	7
74.	Ariyalur	2·51	Ponngudi	3	Weekly fair	1	September	500	Bulls	12 Fair takes place on Sunday
95.	Palanganangudi	5·34	do	...	Mariamman Festival	1	May/June	2,000	...	...

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					KULATHUR TALUK					
1.	Komangalam (P)	1·71	Inam Kulathur	1	Bagahavathi-amman Festival	8	Mar/April	1,000	Betel leaves & nuts	14
3.	Kalkudi (V)	2·76	do	4	Mariamman Koil Festival	15	do	1,000	Bangles & tender coconuts	18 Festival takes place on second Sunday in the month of 'Panguni'
4.	Boothagudi (P)	8·65	do	5	do	3	do	500	Coconuts, fruits, sweets & flowers	...
	Poruvoi	...	do	5	do	15	do	500	Coconuts, fruits, sweets & beads	18
9.	Avur (P)	5·70	Kumaraman-galam	6	Roman Catholic Church Festival	3	April	500	Sweets, privisions & beads	14
10.	Mandaiyur (P)	11·26	do	3	Periyayyanagar Koil Festival	15	Mar/Jun	8,000	...	11
	Singathakurichi	...	...	3	Sanjivi Nainar Koil	8	do	300	Sweetmeats & coconuts	12
12.	Mathur (V)	5.89	Kumaraman-galam	1	Grama Festival	10	Feb/Mar Mar/Apr	1,000	Retail goods	10
13.	Latchumanpatti (V)	8·60	Keeranur	½	Mattu Vedikkai	1	Feb/Mar	1,000	Sugarcane & tender coconuts	14 Festival takes place once in a year
18.	Killukkottai (P)	3·81	do	10	Durgai amman Festival	10	June	2,300	Retail goods	32

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					KULATHUR TALUK (Contd.)					
23.	Visalur (V)	3·04	Keeranur	9	Panguni Uthiram	10	Mar/Apr	1,500	Retail goods	28
33.	Perambur (V)	4·86	do	12	Weekly fair	1	...	200	Vegetables & provisions	15 Fair takes place on Tuesday
35.	Tirunallur (P)	3·63	Inam Kulathur	12	Sri Mariamman Koil Festival	22	Mar/Apr	2,000	Sugarcane, tender coconuts & other sweetmeats	23
36.	Kathalur (P)	7·52	Manapparai	14	Angalamman Koil Festival	1	Feb/Mar	800	Fruits, betelnuts, leaves & beads	23
37.	Velur (P)	3·35	Kulathur	7	Kudirai Eduppu at Sri Nallayan koil	1	June/July	2,000	Coconuts, plantains, betel leaves, nuts, camphor & sweets	18
38.	Vadugapatti (V)	2·25	do	8	Mariamman Festival	10	Mar/Apr	500	Sweetmeats, bangles & betel leaves	19
39.	Viralimalai (P)	2·58	Manapparai	8	1. Thai Poosam	10	Jan/Feb	2,500	Sweetmeats, coconuts, fruits, camphor, incense, mud pots, bangles & aluminium vessels	18
					2. Vaikasi Visakam	...	May/June	...		
					3. Weekly fair	...	...	3,000	Rice, grains, salt, leather, vegetables, betel leaves, nuts, cattle, clothes, goats, chillies, sweetmeats & mud pots	Fair takes place on Monday

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					KULATHUR TALUK (Contd.)					
40.	Meppodagudi (P)	2·77	Samudram	5	Mariamman koil Festival	25	Mar/April	1,000	Coconuts, sweets & pearls	15 Festival takes place on first Sunday in the month of 'Panguni'
41.	Vanathiryan Patti (P)	5·44	do	5	Manthai Karuppan Koil Festival	22	Mar/April	500	Bangles, betelnuts, coconuts & fruits	20
	Jayamangalam	...	do	3	Mariamman Festival	8	do	1,000	Sweetmeats bangles, betel leaves & nuts	22
	Attipallam	...	do	3	do	15	do	700	Aerated water, sweets, fruits, betel leaves & nuts	21
42.	Namampatti (P)	5·59	Manapparai	4	Nalmuthu Mariamman Koil Festival	10	do	2,500	Coconuts, fruits, peals & provisions	26
	Kavarapatti	...	do	3	Mariamman Koil Festival	10	do	2,500	do	26
43.	Rasalipatti (P)	4·33	do	2½	Rasamuthu Mariamman Festival	10	do	2,000	do	26
	Patavapatti	...	do	2½	Poo Mariamman Koil Festival	3	do	2,000	do	26
44.	Virudapatti (P)	2·70	do	5½	Mariamman Festival	10	do	800	Bangles. fruits, coconuts, & sugarcane	26
45.	Poyyamani (V)	3·04	do	6	do	10	Apr/May	900	do	27
46.	Thengathinnipatti (P)	3·07	do	4	do	10	April	1,000	do	25

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					KULATHUR TALUK (Contd.)					
47.	Viralur (V)	4·44	Kulathur	9	Muthumariamman Festival	22	Mar/Apr or Apr/May	1,200	Coconuts, fruits, pearls, provisions & flowers	20
48.	Rajagiri (V)	4·21	do	10	Kothandamman Koil Festival	10	March	1,200	do	20
	Kolavoipatti	...	do	10	Muttu Vedikkai	1	Jan/Feb	1,500	do	...
55.	Keeranur (N. P.) (V)	3·57	R. S.	½	Sivan Koil Festival	10	May/June	100	Sweetmeats, fruits & toys	20
56.	Keeranur (P)	0·15	do	3/8	Weekly fair	1	do	500	Vegetables, mud pots, provisions, clothes, toys & fish	20 Fair takes place on Monday
57.	Naniur (V)	3·13	Keeranur	9	Viyagulamatha Festival	1	September	1,000	Sweets & eatables	20
62.	Kunnandar koil (V)	1·01	do	8	Ani Festival	10	June/July	60	...	28
68.	Kilanur (P)	6·88	do	11	Iyanar Koil Festival	3	May/June	200	...	30
69.	Veerakudi (V) Koilveerakudi	4·20	do	11	1. Saraswathi Pooja & arrow throw-ing Festival	1	Sep/Oct	100	Sweetmeats & toys	27
					2. Kumaran Koil Panguni Uthi-ram Festival	1	Mar/April	500	do	...
80.	Irundirapatti (P)	5·30	do	20	Muthumari-amman Koil Festival	10	March	2,500	...	26
82.	Eswarankoil (V)	4·11	Inam Kulathur	13	Erudu Padi-amman Koil Festival	7	April	500	...	25

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					KULATHUR TALUK (Contd.)					
83.	Kothira patti (V)	3·02	Inam Kulathur	12	Malaikudia-padiamman Koil Festival	7	April	500	...	22
85.	Kodambalur (N.P) (V)	1·71	Manapparai	8	Pidariamman Festival	15	May/June	5,000	Pearls, sweetmeats, coconuts & fruits	22½
86.	Kodumbalur (P)	3·13	do	8	Sri Mariamman Festival	22	Mar/Apr	500	Pearls, sweetmeats, coconuts & fruits	22½
87.	Kasavanur	2·48	do	8	Sri Muthumari-amman Koil Festival	15	do	1,000	Coconuts, fruits, sweets, pearls & toys	22½
91.	Iluppur (N.P.) (V)	0·56	Inam Kulathur	15	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Vegetables& mud pots	23 Fair take place on Thursday
92.	Iluppur (P)	3·37	do	1	1. Weekly fair	1	...	300	Clay vessels & vegetables	52 Fair takes place on Thursday
					2. Sivan Koil Festival	10	April/May	1,000	Sweetmeats	...
96.	Rapusal (P)	6·11	Keeranur	7	Manian Koil pooja	1	July/Aug	1,000	Flowers	30
97.	Keelakurichi (P)	4·22	Narathamalai	8	Veeramakali-amman Koil Festival	8	Apr/May	500	Coconuts, fruits, incense, camphor, sweets & betel leaves	27

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					KULATHUR TALUK (Contd.)					
101.	Narathamalai (V)	2·55	R. S.	3	Suruliswamigal Guru Pooja	15	Mar/April	10,000	Clothes, vessels, fruits, provisions, books, pearls & sweets	12
103.	Uppiliyakudi (V)	3·16	Narathamalai	3	do	1	Feb/Mar	1,000	Sweetmeats & refresh-ments	27
107.	Andakulam (P)	6·94	Keeranur	12	Weekly fair	1	...	150	Mud pots & vegetables	33 Fair takes place on Saturday
109.	Vaithur (P)	4·78	Pudukottai	12	Masi Mahoth-savam	10	Feb/Mar	50	...	45
					Sri Mariamman Festival & Poo-chorial	11	Mar/Apr	7,000	Sweetmeats, clothes, provisions, fruits, bangles, toys, sweets & eatables	
112.	Thennangudi (V)	1·01	Vellanur	5	Mariamman Festival	10	March	2,000	Toys, sweets & eatables	34
115.	Vathanakurichi (V) Melapatti	2·60	Pudukottai	8	Droupathi-amman Koil Festival	10	June	600	Sweets & bangles	25
117.	Muttukadu (V)	3·19	Vellanur	1½	Vaikasi Festival	10	May/June	500	Coconuts, fruits, nuts and sweets	27
120.	Vellanur (V	5·57	R.S.	½	Pidari Koil Festival	10	Jan/Feb	500	Refreshments, sweets, coco-nuts, & flowers	26
125.	Annavasal (P)	5·50	Pudukottai	10	Masi Magham	1	Feb/Mar	500	Coconuts, fruits, camphor, in-cense, betel leaves, nuts, pearls & sugarcane	29

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					KULATHUR TALUK (Contd.)					
126.	Veerapatti (P)	6·82	Pudukottai	14	Guru Pooja	1	Sep/Oct	1,500	Coconuts, plantains, fruits, betel leaves, nuts, camphor & sweets	32
128.	Alathur (V)	3·15	do	18½	Neeliamman Festival	10	June	700	Sugarcane, plantains & coconuts	30½
130.	Thalinji (V)	1·10	Manapparai	3/8	Nallavan Festival	18	May	1,000	Sugarcane, mangoes, plantains & coconuts	28
131.	Kadavanampatti (V)	1·94	Pudukottai	18	Manjivirattu	1	February	1,000	Sugarcane, plantains & tender coconuts	30
132.	Gudalur (V)	1·51	do	17	Minodikaruppur Koil Festival	6	August	300	...	33
134.	Kilikudu (P)	2·08	do	8	Iyanar Koil Festival	8	do	500	...	33
135.	Peyal (V)	1·61	do	19½	Vairavasamy Festival	10	March	1,000	Coconuts, plantains, fruits, betel nuts, camphor & incenses	34½
136.	Pavambur (P)	7·67	do	14	Iyanar Koil Festival	10	August	500	Coconuts, fruits, sweets and pearls	40
					do	11	June	1,550	Plantains, coconuts & sweets	...

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					KULATHUR TALUK (Concld.)					
137.	Kudumiamalai (P)	2·41	Pudukottai	12	Weekly fair	1	...	100	Vegetables,	Fair takes place on Tuesday
143.	Thiruvengavasal (P)	7·59	do	7	1. Vaikasi Festival	10	May/June	300	Sugarcane & tender coconuts	33
					2. Vasantha Uthsavam	10	June	1,000	do	...
	Ayingudi	...	do	5	Veeralakshmi Koil Festival	3	July/Aug	600	Sweets & bangles	34
	Perunjonai	...	do	7	Madha Koil Festival	10	April	250	Sweets	34
144.	Ariyur (V)	2·05	do	7	Pidariamman Festival	10	Aug/Sep Oct	500	Coconuts, fruits, camphor, incense, betel leaves, nuts sweets	32
146. & 147.	Vayalogam (P) & (N.P.)	2·88 0·10	do	10	Sri Muthumari-amman Car Festival	10	May/June	15,000	Provisions, fruits, sweets & vessels	36
149.	Pulvayal (P)	7·59	do	9	Ulaganayagi-amman Festival	10	July/Aug	500	Mangoes &'tender coconuts	39
	Sundarapatti	...	...	10	Iyanar Festival	10	June/July	500	Sugarcane, tender coconuts & sweets	...
150.	Perumanadu (V)	3·12	Pudukottai	7	Pidariamman Festival	10	July/Aug	1,000	Sweetmeats & fruits	29

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					ALANGUDI TALUK					
5.	Adanakottai (P)	5·85	Pudukottai	16	Mariamman Koil Festival	15	Mar/Apr	1,000	Tea, light refreshments, bangles, flowers, coconuts & fruits	49 Festival takes place in Masi & Panguni
11.	Varappur (P)	5/1	do	15	1. Shandy	1	...	300	Rice, ragi, provision. oil, sweet-meats, mut-ton and vegetables	51 Shandy meets on Tuesday
					2. Sivan Koil Festival	10	Feb/Mar	1,500	do	Festival takes place in Masi month
					3. Karuppar Koil Festival	10	Mar/Apr	...	...	Festival takes place in Panguni month
12.	Perungalur (P)	8·07	do	12	1. Sivan Koil Festival	10	do	...	Sweetmeats, coconuts, betel nut and leaves	45
					2. Pidari Amman Festival	10	Apr/May	5,000	...	...
					3. Malayamarugan Koil Festival	10	May/June	...	...	...
22.	Sembattividuthi (P)	5·80	do	14	Tamil New Year's Day	1	April	500	...	45
23.	Therkutheru (V)	2·09	do	15	Mariamman koil Festival	10	Apr/May	2,000	Coconuts and fruits	46
24.	Malaiyur (P)	4·32	do	17	Perianayagi-amman Festival	10	do	2,000	do	43

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					ALANGUDI TALUK (Contd.)					
27,	Kanakkankadu (P)	2·69	Pudukottai	19	Shandy	1	...	2,000	Coconuts & fruiis	48 Weekly fair meets on Saturday
28,	Mullankurichi (P)	6·93	do	25	1. Mathiamman Koil Festival	1	April/May	2,000	Paddy, vegetables & foodgrains	52
					2. Shandy	1	...	500	Coconuts, fruits and provisions	Shandy takes place on Monday
29.	Pallavarampathai (P)	5·84	do	22	Sunaiykkoil Kaliyattam	1	May/June	2,000	Coconuts fruits and meats	57
30.	Pilaviduthi (P)	4·52	do	17	Malaiyathal-amman Koil Festival	1	do	2,000	Coconuts, fiuits, betel nuts and flowers	57
					Iyanar Koil Festival	1	Mar/Apr	2,000	Jack fruits, light refresh-ments, beads and pearls	...
31.	Ambukoil (P)	1·30	do	17	Viramakali-amman Koil Festival	3	April	4,000	Coconuts and fruits	61
33.	Maruthankone-viduthi (P)	1·13	do	13	Shandy	15	...	1,000	Provisions	Weekly fair: takes place on Sunday
34.	Banduvakottai (P)	0·95	R.S.	18	Sri Chelliamman Festival	10	July/Aug	750	Sweetmeats, coconuts, betel leaves and nuts	...

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					ALANGUDI TALUK (Contd.)					
39.	Pappapatti (V)	1·69	Thanjavur	16	1. Shandy	1	...	500	Salt, oil, vegetables & textiles	39 Weekly fair meets on Tuesday
					2. Mariamman Koil Festival	3	Mar/Apr	1,000	Coconuts, fruits, bangles, sweetmeats, beads, soaps, combs and pasi pavalam	...
44.	Peyadipatti (V)	1·31	Pudukottai	16	Sri Muthumari-amman Koil Festival	10	May/June	3,000	Sweetmeats coconuts, betel nut and leaves	47
47.	Theethanviduthi	1·39	do	10	Shandy	1	...	1,500	Vegetables, provisions and pots	67 Weekly fair meets on Sunday
50.	Kulandiranpattu (P)	2·68	do	14	Koothaiamman Koil Festival	1	May/June	2,000	Light refreshments & bangles	63
51.	Kattathi (P)	1·42	do	8	Veerathaikoil kaliyattam	10	do	500	Bangles, sweets, coconuts, provisions, betel nuts & & leaves	75
52.	Karambakudi (P)	3·68	do	17	Shandy	1	...	3,000	Vegetables, fish, pots, paddy & hay	Shandy meets on Wednesday
53.	Thirumananjeri (P)	2·56	do	26	New year' day Festival	1	April/May	5,000	Coconuts, fruits & light refreshments	59
61.	Vanakkankadu (P)	2·35	do	20	Muthumariamman Koil Festival	10	do	1,000	Sweetmeats	53 Festival takes place on the Full Moon day

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					ALANGUDI TALUK (Contd.)					
64.	Vadagadu (P)	5·52	Pudukottai	80	Shandy	1	...	500	Mutton, fish, kerosene, vegetables & sweets	52 Weekly fair meets on Tuesday
65.	Keelathur (P)	5·44	do	19	1. Aadi Matha yedappu Festival	1	August	1,000	Cocouuts, fruits, betel leaves & camphor	50
					2. Madakoil Aadi Festival	1	do	...	Sweetmeats	...
66.	Keelapatti. Rasimangalam (P)	0·77	do	16	Sebastian Festival	10	do	2,000	Sundry articles	50
70.	Vadavalam (P)	9·20	do	8	Aani Festival	10	June/July	5,000	Coconuts, fruits, betel leaves & nuts	...
	Ichaid I Bit	...	do	8	do	10	do	5,000	Coconuts & fruits	...
	Ichaid II Bit	...	do	8	do	10	do	5,000	Coconuts, fruits, betel leaves & nuts	...
71.	Kayampatti (P)	0·93	do	8	Veeramahiniammal Festival (Madu Eduppu)	1	March	5,000	Light refreshments	39
72,	Veppangudi (P)	2·91	do	5	Mariamman Madu Eduppu	1	do	1,000	Light refreshments & eatables	38
	Immanampatti	...	do	5	Mariamman Koil Madu Eduppu	1	do	500	do	...
73.	Thiruvarangulam (P)	1·37	do	6	Vaikasi Festival	10	May/June	5,000	Fruits, beads & light refreshments	38

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					ALANGUDI TALUK (Contd.)					
74.	Thirukkattalai (P)	1·42	Pudukottai	4	Sundara Mahiniamman Koil Madu Eduppu	1	March	1,000	Light refreshments and eatables	36
75.	Pudukottai (P)	3·04	R.S.	...	Weekly fair	1	...	Village people only	All commodities and cattle	Shandy meets on Friday
90.	Kothakottai (P)	2·55	Pudukottai	10	Veeramakaliamman Festival	10	March	500	Light refreshments and edibles	41
91.	Manjamviduthi (P)	2·61	do	10	do	10	do	500	do	41
94.	Alangudi (P)	1·20	do	13	Shandy	1	...	5,000	Food stuffs, cattle and provisions	45 Shandy meets on Thursday
96.	Melathur (P)	3·38	do	16	Subramaniaswamy Festival	10	April	1,500	Sundry commodities & retail articles	48
	Suranviduthi	...	do	17	Koppi Festival	1	February	500	do	49
101.	Kuppakudi (P)	4·19	do	11	Panguni Uthiram	10	Mar/April	1,500	Toys, sweetmeats, fruits, coconuts and cashewnuts	47
103.	Venkatakulam (P)	0·89	do	9	Shandy	1	...	500	Vegetables, fowls & provisions	43 Weekly fair meets on Sunday
105.	Kolavaipatti Mothupattinam	1·63	do	11	Sivan Koil Festival	10	May/June July/Aug	250	Beads (pasi pavalam) & edibles	48
				11	Amman Koil Festival	10	Mar/Apr	100	Beads (pasi pavalam), coconuts, fruits and edibles	48

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					ALANGUDI TALUK (Concld.)					
106.	Sendakudi (P)	3·78	Pudukottai	13	Mariamman Festival	10	Mar/Apr	600	Beads (pasi-pavalam), edibles, coconuts, fruits and flowers	48
					TIRUMAYAM TALUK					
1.	Oliamangalam (V)	5·23	do	18	Weekly fair	1	...	100	Vegetables	45 Fair takes place on Thursday
5.	Surapatti (V)	0·53	do	22	Iyappanar Koil Festival	3	July	500	Coconuts, cattles & bangles	40
8.	Mullipatti (V)	0·78	do	20	Pari Vettai	10	June	700	Bangles, coconuts, fruits and toys	40
9.	Keelattanayam (P)	3·48	do	18	Iyanar Koil Festival	10	July/Aug	500	Sweetmeats, and retail articles	51
10.	Kalanivoipatti (V)	0·53	do	20	Pidari Festival	10	March	400	sugarcane & coconuts	45
11.	Karamapatti (V)	0·80	do	16	Karuppar Festival	10	do	500	do	47
17.	Gudalur (V)	1·19	do	11	Iyanar Koil Festival	2	August	500	Groceries	44
					Veeramakali amman Festival	15	...	...	...	...
18.	Rarapuram (V)	1·44	Namana-samudram	6	Sri Pettazhagar Koil Festival	10	June/July	500	Sweetmeats	46

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					TIRUMAYAM TALUK (Contd.)					
19.	Kummangudi (V)	0·50	Namana-samudram or Aranthangi	6 or 5	1. Piramar Ayyangar Koil Festival	10	July/Aug	500	Sweetmeats	45
					2. Sevvoi Festival	1	Mar/Apr	2,500	do	...
					3. Sethu Vinayagar Koil Festival	1	do	...	...	...
22.	Peraiyur (V)	0·80	Namana-samudram	3	Panguni Uthiram Festival	10	Mar/Apr	500	Sweetmeats	45
24.	Kadambavayal (P)	0·31	Pudukottai	8½	Kadambaraya-swamy Festival	7	April/May	200	Bangles, eatables & fruits	42
25.	Kottur (V)	...	do	4	Sevvoi Festival	10	June/July	1,000	Coconuts and fruits	46
26.	Nachandupatti (P)	3·49	do	11	Sivan Koil Festival	10	Apr/May	350	do	44
27.	Kulamangalam (V)	4·05	Namana-samudram	6	Udayanasakthi-amman Festival	10	July/Aug	750	Sweetmeats	47
					Malaya Koil Subramaniyar Festival	1	Jan/Feb	2,000	do	...
28.	Panayapatti (P)	...	do	14	Sivan Koil Festival	10	Apr/May	380	Bangles, eatables and fruits	47
29.	Melappannaiyur (V)	5·53	do	8	Visagam Festival	2	May/June	700	Sweetmeats	47
32.	Arasamalai (V)	3·34	Pudukottai	14	Thai Poosam	10	Jan/Feb	1,000	Sundries	47
33.	Sathanur (V)	1·65	do	14	1. Sivan Koil Festival	10	Apr/May	500	Bangles, eatables and mats	48
					2. Vaiyapuri-swami Festival	1	Mar/Apr	...	do	...

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					TIRUMAYAM TALUK (Contd.)					
34.	Vellakudi I Bit (V)	0·98	Pudukottai	15	Iyanar Koil Festival	4	July	500	Bangles and groceries	48
35.	Karaiyur (P)	...	do	16	1. Mariamman Festival	10	May/June	300	Sweets and savouries	50
					2. Iyanar Koil Festival	10	July/Aug	300	...	...
36.	Karaiyur (V)	7·58	do	11	Iyanar Koil Festival	10	do	300	Sweetmeats and pavalam	...
39.	Nagarapatti (V)	1·75	do	22	Sivan Koil Festival	...	Apr/May or July/Aug	400	Bangles, mats and eatables	53
40.	Kallampatti (V)	2·14	do	23	Mariamman Koil Festival	3	Feb/Mar	320	do	56
41.	Ammankurichi (V)	4·01	Namana-samudram	20	Meenakshi-amman Koil Festival	1	do	400	Sweetmeats and sundries	57
44.	Thenur (V)	2·99	Pudukottai	19	Thellimalai Subramania-swamy Festival	1	Mar/Apr	600	Bangles, mats and eatables	32
46.	Kovanur (V)	2·13	Namana-samudram	11¾	Pongal (Mattu Pongal)	1	January	1,200	Sugarcane, vegetables & mud pots	55
48.	Sundaram (V)	1·26	do	12	Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec/Jan	1,500	Fruits & sugarcane	57
50.	Konnaiyur (V)	1·41	do	18	Muthumariamman poc-chorial Festival	15	Mar/April	5,000	Sundries	60
52.	Thuthoor (V)	2·88	Pudukottai	22	Sivan Koil Festival	3	April/May	500	Bangles, mats & eatables	55

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					TIRUMAYAM TALUK (Contd.)					
54.	Ponnamaravathy (P)	5·25	Namana-samudram	18	Enarmariamman flower Festival	10	February	2,000	Sweetmeats	63
	Valayapattinatham Pudupatti	...	do	18	Udayarpiratti-amman Festival	10	do	2,000	do	...
55.	Ponnamaravathy West (V)	4·12	do	18	1. Weekly fair	2	...	1,000 to 2,000	...	57 Fair takes place on Tuesday & Saturday
					2. Malayamudi Koil Pushyam	1	Jan/Feb	...	...	...
					3. Sooram Festival	1	Nov/Dec	2,000	Sundry articles & vegetables	...
					4. Uthiram Festival	1	Mar/April	3,000	...	...
					5. Alagi Adipuram	1	July/Aug	3,000	...	...
57.	Varpet (P)	1·06	do	21	Moolam Festival	1	Aug/Sep	2,500	Chin plates and vessels	65
	Melasivalpuri	...	do	21	1. do	1	do	2,500	do	...
					2. Magham Festival	1	February	...	...	...
59.	Thirukkalambur (P)	7·80	Pudukottai	29	Festival (Name not stated)	3	April/May	400	Bangles, eatables, mats & fruits	62
60.	Vandampatti (P)	2·02	Namana-samudram	24	Vendampatti Vizakam	1	May/June	...	...	59
					Sivan Koil Festival	10	April/May or July/Aug	360	Bangles, eatables, mats & fruits	58

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					TIRUMAYAM TALUK (Contd.)					
61.	Ponnamaravathy East (V)	5·25	Namana-samudram	18	Pudupatti Udaya-pirattiamman 'Therottam'	10	April	2,000	Mud pots, sweetmeats & all articles	63
	Veguputti	...	...	...	Enumariamman Koil poo-choriyal	...	...	5,000 to 6,000	...	...
62.	Moolangudi (V)	2·55	Namana-samudram	16	Poysallimeyyar Koil Festival	1	Feb/Mar	6,000	Sweetmeats	62
63.	Melanilai (V)	2·38	Pudukottai	20	Kaliamman Koil Festival	1	do	300	Bangles, eatables, mats & fruits	53
65.	Kulipirai (P)	2·74	Namana-samudram	10	1. Weekly fair	1	...	500	Sweetmeats	62 Fair takes place on Thursday
					2. Vasandham Festival	10	May/June	3,000	do	...
66.	Athur (V)	2·69	Pudukottai	18	Mariamman Koil Festival	1	Feb/Mar	680	do	51
67.	Virachilai I Bit (V)	...	Namana-samudram	6	Aani Festival	10	June/July	500	do	50
68.	Virachilai (P)	7·19	do	...	Vigneswarar Koil Festival	10	May/June	350	Bangles, eatables & mats	48
69.	Lakshmipuram (P)	...	Pudukottai	14	Sivan Koil Festival	10	April/May	400	do	47
70.	Lembalakudi (P)	8·15	Namana-samudram	4½	Alagianachi amman Festival	10	May/June	500	Sweetmeats	56

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					TIRUMAYAM TALUK (Contd.)					
71.	Thekkattur (V)	8·35	Narayana-samudram	5	Angalamman Koil Festival	6	March	150	Coconuts, sweetmeats, plantains, groceries & bangles	40
73.	Perungudi (V)	10·87	Pudukottai	8	Munasanthyal Festival	10	April	...	Coconuts, fruits & betel leaves	45
	Kadayakudi (H)	...	do	41½	Chithira Pournami	4	April/May	600	Sweetmeats	37
75.	Mirattunilai (V)	4·52	do	7½	Muthumariamman Festival	2	Mar/April	250	Flowers, drinks, coconuts and fruits	45
78.	Sengirai (V)	4·15	do	14	Sivan Koil Festival	3	April/May	300	Bangles, eatables & mats	47
79.	Rayavaram (V)	...	Tirumayam	4	Amman Koil Festival	1	Jan/Feb	2,000	Sweetmeats	51
			Aranthangi	7	Manji virattu	...	Mar/April	5,000	do	57
80.	Rayavaram (P) (Kulamangalam vattam)	Included in 79 0·84	Namana-samudram	6	Thiruvettalayar Festival	10	July/Aug	400	do	46
85.	Tirumayam (P)	5·91	R.S.	1	1. Weekly fair	1	...	50	...	45 Fair takes place on Saturday
					2. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec/Jan	...	Miscellane-ous articles	...
					3. Manji virattu	1	Jan/Feb	2,000	...	...

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					TIRUMAYAM TALUK (Contd.)					
86.	Tirumayam (V)	5·91	R.S.	¾	1. Weekly fair	1	...	200	Shop articles	45
					2. Napkaikan mayamani mettu (Mattu vedikkai)	1	...	200	Sugarcane and other articles	...
90.	Neikonam (V)	2·08	Namana-samudram	6	Mahatma Festival	1	Feb/Mar	300	Sweetmeats	52
91.	Virachilai II Bit (V)	2·80	do	5	Aani Festival	10	June/July	600	do	50
92.	Kannanur I Bit (V)	2·99	Pudukottai	17	Sivan Koil Bairavaswamy Koil Festival	10	do	300	Bangles, eatables and mats	50
93.	Rangiam (P)	...	Tirumayam	16	Sivarathiri	2	Feb/Mar	2,000	Coconuts, plantains, sugarcane, betel leaves & nuts	56
94.	Rangiam (P)	5·77	Namana-samudram	16	do	2	do	2,000	Coconuts and fruits	56
96.	Durvasapuram (V)	1·37	do	6	Aani Festival	10	June/July	100	Sweetmeats	58
100.	Thulayanur (V)	8·69	do	4	Solappiratti-amman Festival	3	June	300	Drinks	46
102.	Pillamangalam (P)	1·61	Tirumayam	8	Poonalagiamman Festival	17	May/June	1,000	Sundry articles	54
103.	Neivasal (V)	3·97	do	10	1. Tittani Iyanar Koil Festival	1	February	500	Coconuts, sweetmeats grocerics, bangles and rlce cakes	56
					2. Sivarathiri	1	...	...	Jack fruits and plantains	...

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					TIRUMAYAM TALUK (Contd.)					
106.	Pallivasal (V)	0·49	Tirumayam	6	Sandana Koodu	3	September	3,000	Sweetmeats	50
107.	Vengalur (V)	0·92	do	8	Madhieduppu mandaiamman Festival	13	May/June	2,000	do	52
108.	Konapet (P)	2·05	do	4	1. Weekly fair	1	...	80	Vegetables and pots	45 Fair takes place on Tuesday
					2. Koppadai amman Festival	10	May/June	3,000	Sweetmeats	...
109.	Adanur (V)	6·65	Chettinad	2½	Sivarathiri	1	Feb/Mar	500	Sweetmeats and betel nuts	55
114.	Illanjavur (V)	1·58	Tirumayam	½	Mariamman flowers Festival (Poo-choriyal)	10	February	570	Coconuts, sweetmeats, flowers, groceries & bangles	46
115.	Kadiapatti (P)	5·69	do	2	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Sweets, coconuts, fruits, vegetables, betel leaves & nuts	46 Fair takes place on Thursday
116.	Panangudi (V)	5·69	do	2½	do	1	...	600	Vegetables, & provisions	48 Fair takes place on Tuesday
117.	Kannankarakudi	1·38	do	2½	Panguni Uthiram Uthsavam	10	Mar/April (ordinary festival)	100	Coconuts & eatables	49

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					TIRUMAYAM TALUK (Contd.)					
118.	Nedungudi (P)	3·75	Valaramanickam	8	1. Chithira Pournami	1	April	1,000	Glass bangles & sweetmeats	67
					2. Pidari Festival	3	May	...	...	...
					3. Visakam	10	do	...	...	...
119.	Rayavaram (V)	5·34	Tirumayam	5	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, paddy & other things	48 Fair takes place on Wednesday
120.	Pudunilaivayal (V)	3·02	Aranthangi	6	Aani Festival	11	June/July	1,000	Mud pots & vessels	53
121.	Melanilaivayal (V)	4·16	do	7	Sevvoi Festival	1	Mar/April	500	Sweetmeats	54
122.	Keelapanaiyur (V)	3·58	Tirumayam	11	Kamakshiamman Festival	10	do	500	do	44
123.	Arimalam (V)	3·26	Pudukottai	11	Meenakshi sun-dareswararswamy Festival	10	April/May	1,000	Pooja articles & bangles	44
124.	Arimalam (P)	3·26	Tirumayam	10	1. Vilangiamman Festival	10	...	700	Eatables & mats	14
					2. Iyanar Koil Festival	10	Mar/Apr	830	...	...
					3. Vasantha Uthsavam	1	April/May	1,500	Sweetmeats	...
					4. Adi pooram	6	July/Aug	1,200	...	...
127.	Samudram (V)	1·13	do	11	Kaman Festival	1	Feb/Mar	2,000	Bangles and shop articles	49 Festival takes place on Masi Amava-sai day

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					TIRUMAYAM TALUK (Contd.)					
128.	Agavayal (V)	1·50	Aranthangi	3	1. Mariamman Pandigai	1	Mar/Apr	2,000	...	...
					2. Kanduri Eduppu	1	...	2,000	Sweetmeats	...
					3. Weekly fair	1	...	15,000	Vegetables, flowers and fish	Fair takes place on Wednes-day
130.	Katamangalam (V)	2·22	Pudukottai	19	Karuppan Koil Festival	3	Mar/Apr	250	Bangles, eatables and mats	52
131.	Kummangudi (V)	3·67	Tirumayam	15	Panguni Pongal	2	do	1,000	Sugarcane, plantains, jack fruits, coconuts, rice cakes, flowers, bangles and groceries	48
132.	Thalaythivayal (V)	1·71	Valaramani-ckam	4	Manji virattu	1	Jan/Feb	500	Sweetmeats	51
133.	Nallambala-samudram	1·40	Aranthangi	6½	Sivarathri and Kavadi Eduppu	1	February	2,000	do	57
135.	Kaikulanvayal (V)	0·50	do	3	Mariamman Pongal	1	Mar/Apr	400	do	50
137.	Velavayal (V)	0·87	do	5	do	1	do	250	do	52
150.	Valaramanickam (V)	3·34	R.S.	3/8	Masi Magham	10	Feb/Mar	750	Fried rice & coconuts	53
152.	Irumbanadu (V)	3·64	Valaramani-ckam	10	Virakaliamman Festival	1	April	1,000	Sweetmeats	63 Once in two years

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					TIRUMAYAM TALUK (Concld.)					
161.	Embal (P)	4·02	Valaramanic-kam	8	Weekly fair	1	...	400	Vegetables	60 Fair takes place on Sunday
162.	Embal (V)	0·26	Pudukottai	30	1. Sivan Koil Festival	10	Feb/Mar	350	Bangles, eatables and mats	63
					2. Iyyangar Koil Festival	2	August	...	...	...

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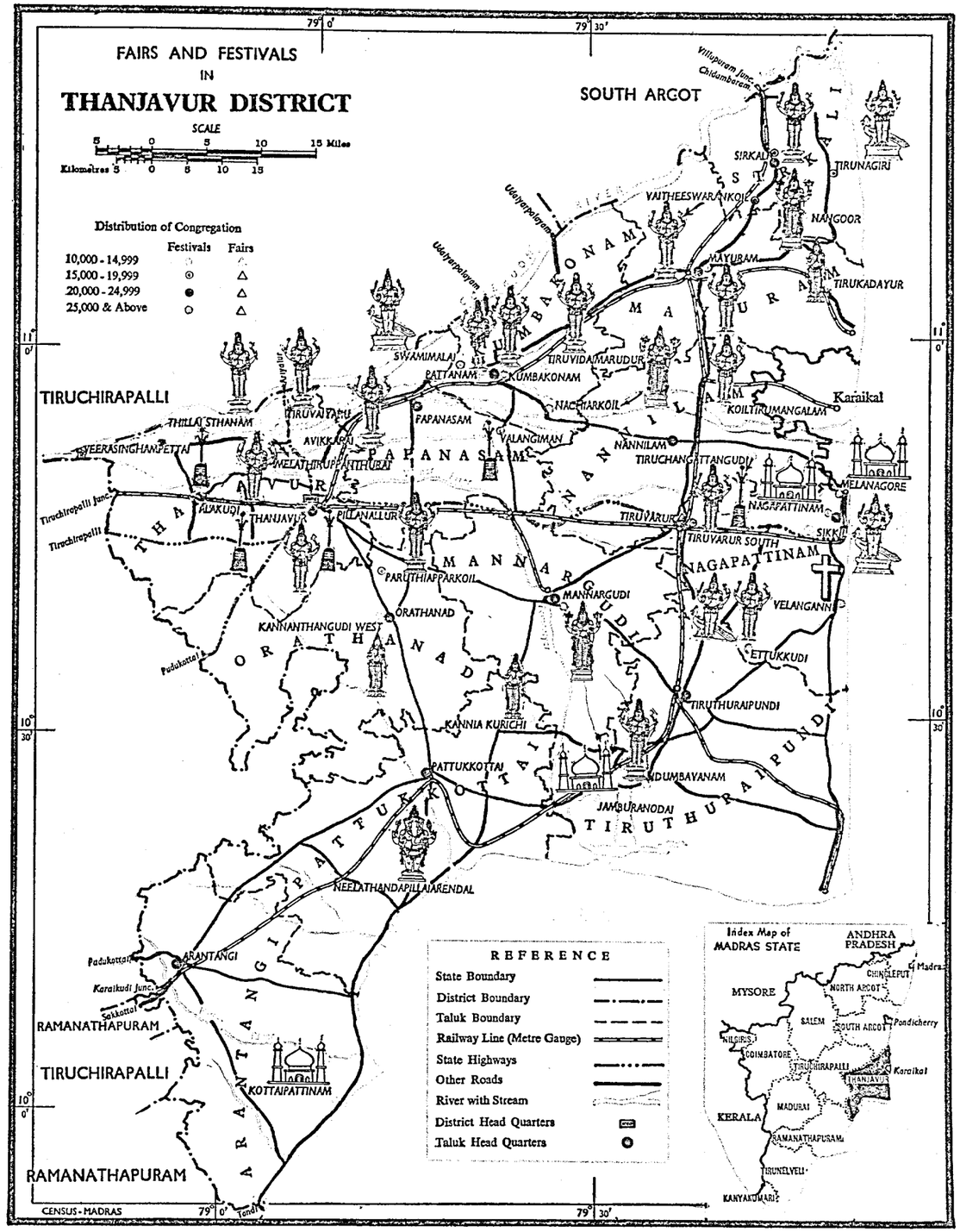
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FAIRS AND FESTIVALS IN THANJAVUR DISTRICT

Annually 454 festivals of which 430 are Hindu, 14 Christian and 10 Muslim are celebrated in the Thanjavur District and each of the twelve taluks has its share. All these festivals are also spread over the twelve months of the year. The two tables appended give an indication of the number of festivals in every taluk, and the seasonal distribution of the festival. Though for statistical purposes, the number of festivals has been ascertained to be 454, scant information is available in respect of 79 festivals. The following tables give information districtwise and monthwise.

Taluk		No. of festivals
Sirkali	...	38
Mayuram	...	25
Kumbakonam	...	39
Nannilam	...	7
Papanasam	...	32
Thanjavur	...	24
Orthanad	...	12
Mannargudi	...	37
Nagapattinam	...	41
Tiruthuraipoondi	...	41
Pattukottai	...	54
Aranthangi	...	25
Total	...	**375**

Month		No. of festivals
January-February	...	17
February-March	...	29
March-April	...	42
April-May	...	101
May-June	...	69
June-July	...	22
July-August	...	28
August-September	...	15
September-October	...	12
October-November	...	17
November-December	...	7
December-January	...	16
Total	...	**375**

The peak season of festivals is April–May and in a slightly smaller extent May–June. The lean season is November–December. Generally the festivals are well-attended, and for statistical purposes, it may be taken that nearly twenty lakhs of people in the aggregate, gather at these festivals.

Besides the recurring annual festivals, Thanjavur has the unique distinction of celebrating the Maha-Magham festival in Kumbakonam every twelve years. This festival is similar to the Kumbha Mela of North India. In Mayuram, the Thula-snanam, a bathing festival for widows, attracts all such bereaved for a holy dip. In Sirkali taluk, Panguni Uthiram and Karthigai festivals in the Vaitheeswarankoil are the most popular. Orthanad and Mannargudi taluks also celebrate the Panguni Uthiram on a grand scale. In Nannilam taluk, Amudu Padaiyal or poor feeding is a festival largely attended. The Mariamman festival is Papanasam taluk's greatest event.

Kumbakonam, Mannargudi and Nagapattinam taluks celebrate festivals which attract half lakh people and more. Most festivals draw devotees in the below 1,000 and 1,000–4,999 groups. The table given below, offers a clear picture.

Congregation range of festivals

Taluk	Over 50,000	Festivals	20,000 to 50,000	Festivals	10,000 to 20,000	Festivals	5,000 to 10,000	Festivals	1,000 to 5,000	Festivals	Below 1,000	Festivals
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sirkali ...	...	...	60,000	3	37,000	3	48,000	9	9,000	7	6,750	16
Mayuram ...	...	...	25,000	1	10,000	1	25,000	5	31,500	15	1,250	3
Kumbakonam ...	3,00,000	3	...	...	75,000	7	25,000	5	22,200	13	4,250	11
Nannilam ...	...	...	...	...	20,000	2	14,000	2	4,000	3	...	...
Papanasam ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,000	2	25,500	14	5 000	16
Thanjavur ...	...	...	...	...	90,000	9	...	...	23,000	11	2,000	4
Orthanad ...	...	...	30,000	1	10,000	1	17,000	3	12,800	7	...	...
Mannargudi ...	50,000	1	...	...	...	...	5,000	1	17,500	9	8,400	26
Nagapattinam ...	5,50,000	5	...	...	45,000	4	11,000	2	26,500	13	5,875	17
Tiruthuraipoondi.	...	...	...	...	22,000	2	45,000	9	19,500	12	7,750	18
Pattukottai ...	...	...	...	...	20,000	2	49,000	9	38,100	25	8,030	18
Aranthangi ...	...	...	...	...	10,000	1	22,000	4	9,000	7	7,150	13
Total ...	**900,000**	**9**	**115,000**	**5**	**339,000**	**32**	**271,000**	**51**	**238,600**	**136**	**56,455**	**142**

Christian influence in Thanjavur is not inconsiderable. Christmas and Easter are celebrated in style in all the Taluks. The Velanganni festival in Nagapattinam taluk is famous.

The Ramzan and Muharram festivals are cele- [illegible] in grand style particularly in the taluks of Papanasam, Nagapattinam, Thiruthuraipoondi, Pattukottai and Aranthangi. Nagapattinam is famous for the Kandoori festival. It is interesting to note that in Nagapattinam, the Hindu festival of Chithira Pournami, the Christian festival of Velanganni and the Moslem festival of Nagore, attract lakhs of pilgrims from all over the south.

FAIRS

All the taluks of Thanjavur District except Papanasam, conduct fairs. As many as 69 weekly fairs, are regularly held. The table appended will give in one view all information connected with the fairs.

Taluk	Weekly fair	Bi-weekly fair	Annual fair	Days of the Week: Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sirkali ...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...
Mayuram ...	5	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	1	...
Kumbakonam ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nannilam ...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
Thanjavur ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...
Orthanad ...	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...
Mannargudi ...	7	...	1	2	...	...	1	2	1	1
Nagapattinam ...	9	...	...	2	1	1	...	2	2	1
Tiruthuraipoondi ...	18	...	...	3	1	3	2	3	1	5
Pattukottai ...	12	...	...	1	2	2	3	3	...	1
Aranthangi ...	10	...	...	3	1	1	...	...	2	1
Total ...	**69**	**1**	**2**	**13**	**9**	**8**	**7**	**13**	**10**	**9**

The annual fair held in Kumbakonam during February–March is a cattle fair of a month's duration. Similarly the annual fair at Mannargudy where pottery is the main commodity is also of a month's duration. In Thanjavur taluk, two cattle fairs are held every week. The Vegetable fairs at Mannargudi are well known. Pattukottai taluk attracts 26,391 people to its fairs which is the maximum attendance in the district.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					SIRKALI TALUK					
1.	Pudupattinam (P)	5·83	Coleroon	7	1. Sri Gangai-amman Koil Festival	10	August	1,000	Toys, sweetmeats and vessels	...
					2. Sri Droupathi-amman Koil Festival	...	...	...	...	...
					3. Kodiyampalayam Sri Gangai-amman Koil Festival	...	...	...	...	...
7.	Thandavankulam	3·89	Tirumaivadi	7	1. Magha Uthsavam	1	Feb/Mar	5,000	Foodstuffs	80
					2. 'Thee' Mithithal (Fire Stamping)	2	Apr/May and July/Aug	6,000 2,000	...	...
9.	Arapalam (P)	1·59	Kollidam	4	Amman Koil 'Thee' Mithithal	...	do	2,000	Fancy goods and sweet-meats	70
10.	Achalpuram (P)	2·14	do	3	1. Shandy (Fair)	1	...	150	Vegetables, fruits, fish and pots	70 Shandy takes place on Fridays
					2. Gnanasambandhar Tirukalyanam	10	May/June	1,000	do	...
17.	Inamputur (P)	0·67	Tirumaivadi	¾	1. Mariamman Koil 'Thee' Mithithal Festival	10	April/May	500	Fruits, bangles, and pots	62 On Full moon day of Chithirai
					2. do	10	May/June	500	Shop articles, vessels, and mud pots	... Fire stamping Festival is Celebrated on 10th day

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					SIRKALI TALUK (Contd.)					
18.	Gopalasamudram (P)	3·52	Kollidam	¼	Sri Pilichiamman Koil Festival	10	April	1,000	Fruits, bangles, pots, sweetmeats, swadeshi and articles	65 On Uthiram star of Panguni month
19.	Sodiakudi (P)	2·45	Tirumaivadi	1 5/8	Sri Iyanar Uthsavam	10	do	200	...	60 On Full Moon day of Chithirai
21.	Vadarangam (P)	1·77	Sirkali	9	1. Navarathri	10	Sep/Oct	1,000	Fruits, bell metal, vessels and foodstuffs	75
					2. Vaikunta Ekadasi	10	Dec/Jan	...	...	...
					3. Brahmothsavam	10	June	...	...	...
23.	Erukkur (P)	1·95	Arasur	½	Amudu Padayal Festival	2	Apr/May	700	Plantain fruits, puffed rice, and aerated waters	60 On New Moon of Chithirai
24.	Arasur (P)	1·39	do	1	Sri Mariamman Koil 'Thee' Mithithal	1	July/Aug	100	...	60
25.	Odavanthankudi (P)	1·01	do	3	Christmas	3	December	200	Aerated water, betelnut & puffed rice	61 On 25th December
26.	Mandanam (P)	1·68	Tirumailadi	3	Mariamman 'Thee' Mithithal	2	July/Aug	7,000	Sweets, tea, pots, fruits, vessels and shop articles	65

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					SIRKALI TALUK (Contd.)					
28.	Vettangudi (P)	6·30	Sirkali	7	Mariamman Koil Adi 3rd Friday Festival	10	July/Aug	700	Puffed rice, vessels, aerated water, sweet-meats & etc.	63
29.	Alangudi (P)	1·94	do	5	1. Droupathiyar Amuthu Padayal	2	Apr/May	300	...	58 On New Moon day of Chithirai month
					2. Sri Durgai-amman Festival	1	do	do	...	...
37.	Keelmathur (P)	1·49	Arasur	3½	Sri Raghava-perumalswami	10	April	800	Pots, betel-nut, plantain, and fruits	65
39.	Kondal (P)	1·74	Sirkali	4	Subramanya-swami Thai Poosam	1	Jan/Feb	1,000	Sugarcane, plantain fruits, bangles, cane and baskets	55 On Poosam star of Thai month, 'Kavadi' is carried by the people during the Festival
43.	Thandalankoil (H/o. Sirkali)	5·33	do	¼	Tirumulaippal	10	Apr/May	5,000	Shop articles and sweetmeats	59
	Sirkali	...	do	¼	do	10	do	20,000	...	55
49.	Tirumulaivasal (P)	5·41	do	8	'Thee' Mithithal Festival	1	July/Aug	200 to 500	Baskets and sweetmeats	64 On Fridays during Adi month

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					SIRKALI TALUK (Contd.)					
56.	Tiruppangur (P)	1·61	Vaithees-waran Koil	2	Sri Siralukanathai swamy Visakam Festival	10	May/June	500	...	6½ On the Visakham star of Vaikasi month
59.	Vaitheeswarankoil (P)	2·55	do	⅛	1. Karthigai Festival	1	Nov/Dec	5,000	...	55 It is one of the famous places in South India
					2. Panguni Uthiram Festival	1	Mar/Apr	20,000	...	...
					3. Mandalabisheka Karthigai	1	May/June	20,000	...	...
61.	Karaimedu (P)	2·75	Sirkali	6	Sri Amman Perumal Koil Festival	10	October	550	...	60
65.	Tirunagiri (P)	1·85	do	8	1. Tirukarthigai Festival	10	Nov/Dec	15,000	Fruits, brass vessels and sweets	60
					2. Panguni Thiruvedapari Festival	10	Mar/Apr	12,000	...	...
67.	Perunthottam (P)	4·33	Vaitheeswa-rankoil	10	1. 'Thee' Mithithal	1	Apr/May	200	Buttermilk, sweets, aerated water & puffed rice	...
					2. Masi Magham	1	Feb/Mar	200	...	...
68.	Mangamadam (P)	1·43	do	8	Fair	1	...	500	Provisions, clothes and vegetables	64 Shandy takes place on Sundays

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					SIRKALI TALUK (Concld.)					
70.	Nangoor (P)	2·38	Sirkali	6	Garudasevai	2	Jan/Feb	10,000	Vessels, foodstuffs & stationery	55 On New Moon day
74.	Thiruvengadu	3·38	do	8	Indra Mahothsavam	10	March	5,000	Betel nut, and shop articles	64 Ends on Masi Magham day
76.	Melaiyur (P)	2·38	Sambanar Koil	8	Sri Pallavaneswaraswamy Devasthana Pattinathadigal Festival	11	July/Aug	500	Brass vessels and miscellaneous articles	75
77.	Keelaiyur	3·46	Vaitheeswarankoil	11	1. Sangamugamuzhukku	2	do & Jan/Feb	5,000	Clothes, provisions & vessels	68 On New Moon day of Thai and Adi months
					2. Pattinathar Uthsavam	1	July/Aug	5,000	...	...
					MAYURAM TALUK					
17.	Talanayar (P)	3·07	Vaitheeswarankoil	4	Mathagadi Shandy (Fair)	1	...	300	Provisions & sweetmeats	51 Fair takes place on Sundays
46.	Thirumananjeri (P)	1·38	Kuttalam	3	Arulvallalnathar Koil Thirukalyanam	3	Apr/May	2,000	...	48
62.	Kidarankondan (P)	3·07	Sembanarkoil	4	Fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, sheep, fowls, provisions, dried fish & beverages	59 Fair takes place on Fridays

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					MAYURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
77.	Sembanarkoil (P)	0·52	Sembanarkoil	1	Fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, sheep, fowls, provisions, dried fish & beverages	53 Fair takes place on Tuesdays
85.	Mayuram (M)	4·36	R.S.	2	1. Fair	1	...	5,000	Vegetables, grains, fish, dried fish, fruits and clothes	44 Fair takes place on Mondays
					2. Tula-snanam	30	Oct/Nov	25,000	Clothes, pots, vessels and wooden articles	...
86.	Mayuram (Rural)	0·25	Mayuram Town	½	Tula-snanam	30	do	5,000	Sugarcane, & puffed rice	45
87.	Pattamangalam (P)	0·50	do	½	Aipasi Kadamuga snanam	...	...	1,000	do	45
88.	Sithakadu (P)	0·49	Mayuram	½	Fair	1	...	...	Vegetables, fruits, fish, dried fish, mutton, groceries, mud pots & betel leaves	44 Fair takes place on Mondays
89.	Muvalur (P)	2·66	do	8	Panguni Rudramatha Theertham	10	Mar/Apr	500	...	51
94.	Kuttalam (P)	2·56	Kuttalam	1	1. Uthavetheeswarar Koil Karthigai Sunday	4 or 5	Nov/Dec	3,000	...	44 Every Sunday of Karthigai month
					2. Uthavetheeswarar Koil Thai Friday	4 or 5	Jan/Feb	...	...	Every Friday of Thai month

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					MAYURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
99.	Perumal koil (P)	...	Theralandur	2	1. Kambar Festival	2	April	5,000	...	48
					2. Annaruvi Perumal Brahmothsavam	16	June	1,000	...	...
101.	Keelayur (P)	1·22	do	2	Vedapurees-warar Brahmoth-savam	10	April	1,000	...	48
102.	Sengudi (P)	2·33	Elanthankudi	3	Kaman Festival	4	Feb/March	50	...	45
103.	Valuvoor (P)	2·48	do	¾	1. Tiruvadirai Festival	2	Dec/Jan	1,000	Light refreshments	75
					2. Magha Uthsavam	2	Feb/Mar	1,000	...	...
113.	Tirukadayur (P)	1·44	Tirukadayur	¼	Kalasamharam in Chitrothsavam (Sri Abiramiambal Sametha Sri Amirthakades-wararswamy)	18	April/May	10,000	Paddy	60
116.	Sathangudi Part (V)	...	Tranquebar	¾	Feast of our Lady of the Rosary	9	Sep	3,000 to 5,000	Fancy articles, bangles & toilets	62 Second week of September month
125.	Agrathanur	2·23	Manganallur	4½	Sri Mariamman Koil Fire Festival	15	Feb/Mar or Mar/Apr or Apr/May	1,000	Pooja articles and sweet-meats	50
127,	Perunjeri (P)	1·53	do	2	Magha Uthsavam	10	Feb/Mar	700	Sweets & puffed rice	38

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					MAYURAM TALUK (Contd.)					
132.	Komal East	4·71	Manganallur	4	1. Mariamman 'Thee' Mithithal	1	Apr/May	1,000	Fruits, flowers and shop articles	40 Ramalingar Uthsavam takes place on Chithirai Pournami Day every year
					2. Ramalingar Uthsavam	4 or 5	do	3,000	Puffed rice	...
136.	Tiruvaduthurai (P)	2·13	Narasingapettai	1	Gomukthees-warar Ratha Sapthami and Theerthavari Festival	10	Feb	5,000	Groundnut oil and cake	40
142.	Konerirajapuram (P)	3·16	Aduthurai	8	1. Vaisaka Uthsavam Festival	10	May/June	5,000	Paddy	40
					2. Tiruvadhirai Festival	10	Dec/Jan	...	...	...
146.	Nakkambadi	1·56	Kollumangudi	6	Nakkambadi Kaliamman koil 'Thee' mithithal	16	Apr/May	3,000	Fruits, roasted nut & soaps	40 Fire stamping Festival takes place on Tuesday of Chithirai month every year
152.	Manganallur (P)	1·43	Manganallur	1½	Droupathi-amman Koil Festival	18	May/June	5,000	...	45
154.	Thathangudi (P)	1·27	do	¼	Sriman Rama-lingaswamigal Festival	3	April	3,500	Roasted nuts & Sweets	40
156.	Perambur (P)	1·67	do	4	Skandha Sashti	7	Oct/Nov	3,000	...	50

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					MAYURAM TALUK (Concld.)					
176.	Porayar (Tranquebar) (P)	8·00	Porayar	½	Mariamman Festival	30	Mar/Apr	4,000 to 5,000	Eatables	65
					KUMBAKONAM TALUK					
8.	Anakkarai Vinayagantheru (P)	1·74	Aduthurai	9	Sri Villaiyandavar Koil Festival	1	July/Aug	2,000	...	39
10.	Chidambaranathapuram	1·02	do	8	Sri Chamundi amman Koil Festival	10	May	500	...	39
11.	Kurichi (P)	1·28	Kuttalam	10	Sri Rama Navami Uthsavam at Sri Kothandaramaswami Koil	1	May/Apr	500	...	40
16.	Pandanallur (P)	1·22	do	6	1. Pasupatheeswaraswami Koil Masimahothsavam	10	Feb/Mar	3,500	...	43 Takes place in the month of Masi
					2. Masi Magham	10	do	1,200	Sugarcane, sweetmeats & household articles	...
					3. Panguni Uthiram	3	Mar/Apr	...	—	—
17.	Neikuppai (P)	1·20	do	7	Mariamman Festival	10	May/June	1,000	Pottery	57 Takes place on Full Moon day
25.	Tiruppanandal (P)	3·78	Aduthurai	6	1. Chaithrothsavam Arunajadeswaraswami Koil	15	April	2,000	Brass vessels	36
					2. Kaliattam	15	May	1,000	—	—

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					KUMBAKONAM TALUK (Contd.)					
32.	Tiruloki Inam Sivapuram	2·36	Aduthurai	6	Mariamman Uthsavam "Thee" Mithithal	9	May	1,000	...	39
			Narasingam patti	6	do	9	May/June	200	...	38
41.	Tiruvalliyangudi	1·69	Aduthurai	4½	Vaikunta Ekadasi at Sri Kolavalli Ramaswamy Koil	4	Dec/Jan	100	...	35
46.	Neerathanallur	3·18	Kumbakonam	6	Cattle Fair	30	Feb/Mar	400 to 800	Plough bulls of all sorts and breeds	30
67.	Govindapuram (P)	...	Aduthurai	...	Pothendraswamy Pooja	15	Sep./Oct.	500	...	30
68.	Thiruvidaimarudur	3·29	R.S.	...	Thai Poosam	10	Jan/Feb.	10,000	...	31
79.	Erakaram (P)	...	...	5	Kaliattam	15	March	300	Sweetmeats & fruits etc.	25
81.	Perumpandi (P)	1·01	Kumbakonam	2	do	1	April/May	500	...	27
82.	Keranathakuruppur	...	...	3	Kaliamman festival	1	...	2,000	...	...
87.	Sendrapuram Tirunageswaram	...	Tirunageswaram	1	Uppiliappan Temple Kalyana Uthsavam	10	May/June and Oct./Nov.	1,000	...	35
					Car Nithyothsavam	...	March/April	...	...	...
107.	Darasuram (P)	...	Darasuram	½	Muni Andavar festival	1	July/Aug.	4,000	...	25
					'Thee' Mithithal Fire walking	1	Feb./Mar.	5,000	...	...
108.	Kumbakonam (M)	4·42	R.S.	2	(1) Masi Magham	10	Feb./Mar.	15,000	Fancy Goods, vessels & cloth	22
					(2) do	—	Oct.	2,00,000	...	...
					(3) Navarathri	...	...	5,000	...	...

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					KUMBAKONAM TALUK (Contd.)					
109.	Pattanam (V)	...	Kumbakonam	1	Magham Navarathri	10	Feb/Oct	10,000	Fashionable articles	25
110.	Kavalithottam (V)	...	do	2½	Fire walking	10	Mar/April	250	Confectionery & fruits	24
114.	Thiruvalanjuzhi	...	Swamimalai	¼	Vinayaga Chathurthi	10	Aug/Sep	350	Confectionery sugarcane & fried grains	20
113.	Swamimalai (P)	1·01	R.S.	...	1. Kirthigai Murugan Temple	1	Every month	10,000		
					2. Navarathri	10	Nov/Dec	1,00,000	Coconuts, fruits, sweetmeats & ground-nuts	25
					3. Tirukarthigai	10	Oct/Nov	10,000		
					4. Skandar Sashti	10	Mar/Apr	10,000		...
					5. Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/Apr	10,000		
					6. Valli-kalyanam	6	Nov/Dec	10,000		
118.	Korukkai (P)	...	...	3	Mariamman Festival	2	Apr/May	750	...	28
121.	Krishnapuram (P)	...	Kumbakonam	5	Droupathiamman Fire walking Festival	3	do	300	Sweetmeats & confectionery	28
124.	Nachiarkoil (P)	...	do	6	Srinivasaperumal Koil					
					1. Vasantha Uthsavam	10	do	...	...	Starts on "Swathi" star. Begins on Visakha star. Fourth day flower palanquin. 'Floating' festival is important. Garuda sevai takes place on the day next to Vaikunta Ekadasi. This happens to be the fourth day festival. On "Uthiram" star a big car festival takes place.
					2. Tirukalyanam	...	Aug/Sep	1,000	...	
					3. Margazhi 'Floating Festival	10	Dec/Jan	50,000	...	
					4. Panguni Uthiram	10	Mar/Apr	2,000	...	
					5. Agasa Mariamman Koil Uthsavam	13	May/June	5,000	Sweetmeats, aluminium and iron utensils, retail articles, vegetables & jack fruits	

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					KUMBAKONAM TALUK (Concld.)					
133.	Patteeswaram	...	Darasuram	2	Muthupandhal Festival	1	June/July	5,000	All kinds of articles including sweetmeats	25
135.	Udayalur	...	Kumbakonam	9	Chellamekaliamman Festival	1	Mar/April	1,500	Fried grains, bangles and confectionery	20
139.	Tirucherai	...	...	9	Thai Poosam Festival	10	January	5,000	Sweetmeats & stationery	34
					NANNILAM TALUK					
27.	Tiruvilimalai (P)	1·89	Poonthottam	8	Veezhinatha-swamy Koil Brahmothsavam	9	Apr/May	1,000	Pots and sweetmeats	45 Takes place after Chithira Pournami
38.	Koiltirumangalam (P)	1·80	do	1	Somayagam of Maranayanar	8	May	10,000	Handicrafts for domestic use	48
67.	Tiruppugalur (P)	1·69	Nannilam	4	Appar Uthsavam	10	April	8,000	do	48
77.	Srivanchiam (P)	1·65	do	6	1. Karthigai Festival	10	Nov	1,500	Shop articles & brass vessels	33
					2. Brahmothsavam	10	Feb	1,500	...	...
95.	Tirukandeswaram (P)	1·08	do	½	Bi-weekly Fair	2	...	300	Vegetables, betel, onion & provisions	46 Fair takes place on Mondays and Thursdays
99.	Tirukannanpuram	2·53	do	4	Mahothsavam	10	Feb	6,000	All handicrafts	48
100.	Tirochengattangudi (P)	2·05	do	7	Amudu Padaiyal	7	May	10,000	do	46

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					PAPANASAM TALUK					
1.	Tiruvaigavoor (P)	3·10	...	4	Sri Nathaswamy Festival	2	Jan/Feb	6,000	Sweetmeats & fruits	32 On Sivarathri and New Moon days
8.	Thurubur (P)	1·25	...	3	Mariamman Festival	1	April/May/ June	500	Sweatmeats	30
13.	Kapisthalam	1·59	...	4	Tiruvadhirai Festival	1	Dec/Jan	2,500	Pots	18
22.	Veeramangudi (P)	2·61	...	6	Fire stamping Festival	1	May/June	1,500 to 2,000	...	12 Once in three years
25.	Illuppakorai (P)	0·58	Pasupathikoil	2	Skandar Sashti Festival	6	Oct/Nov	200	Fancy goods	9
28.	Chakrapalli (P)	0·56	Ayyampet	1	Sapthasthanam in Siva Temple	2	Mar/Apr	2,000	...	11
30.	Sarabojirajapuram (P)	1·43	...	1	Droupathiamman Fire walking Festival	1	April/May	500	...	12
34.	Papanasam (P)	1·64	...	2/8	1. Srinivasa-perumal Koil Brahma Festival	10	do	1,000	Sweets & aluminium vessels	16
					2. Easter	3	do	5,000	Brass and bronze vessels	...
51.	Ombathuveli (P)	1·57	Papanasam	4	Brahmothsavam	10	do	50	Sweets, balloons, roasted nuts etc.	20
54.	Maligaithidal (P)	1·47	Titte	5	Droupathi-amman Koil Festival	1	Mar/Apr	400	Sweetmeats	18
72.	Milattur (P)	7·05	Titte	5	Bagavatha Mela	4	May	5,000	...	10
			Thanjavur	10	Nattiyam Festival					

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84.	Padagacheri (P)	1·11	Kumbakonam	10	Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/Apr	500	Pots, fancygoods and sweets	26
86.	Valangaiman (P)	2·11	...	...	Mariamman Festival	...	...	50,000	...	...
90.	Kandiyur (P)	1·46	Koradacheri	7	Narasinga-mangalam Iyanar Koil Festival	4	April	3,000	Pots, nuts, betel leaves & refreshments	40
92.	Perungudi (P)	1·33	Nidamangalam	6	Mariamman Koil Festival	7	Mar/Apr	200	...	25
93.	Poonthottam (P)	2·49	do	5	1. Sathanur Veeran Koil Festival	10	May/June	200	Eatables	26
					2. Iyanar Koil Festival	10	...	150	do	...
	Kathanur (H)	...	...	7	Droupathi-amman Fire walking Festival	7	Mar/Apr/ May	200	Sweets and flowers	...
94.	Alangudi	1·08	Nidamangalam	4	1. Dakshinamurthy Brahmothsavam	10	Apr/May	1,500	Pots, fancy-goods & sweets	30
					2. Dakshinamurthi Guruvara Uthsavam	1	Jan/Feb	1,500	do	...
96.	Saranatham (P)	1·65	Kodabitchari	5	Odath Uthsavam (Deepavali)	1	Nov	2,000	Sweets & eatables	30
100.	Kotaiyur (P)	1·25	Nidaman-galam	1	Sri Iyanar Koil Festival	1	Apr/May	2,000	do	20

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					PAPANASAM TALUK (Contd.)					
106.	Neikunnam (P)	2·23	Ammapettai	2½	1. Deepavali	2	Oct/Nov	...	...	...
					2. Pongal	...	January	...	...	...
					3. Valmiki-nathaswamy Festival	...	...	300	Bangles & fancy goods	...
					4. Chithirai Pournami Brahmothsavam	1	Apr/May	...	...	...
					5. Vijayadhasami Festival	1	October	...	...	...
118.	Nallavannian Kudikadu (P)	2·60	...	...	1. Deepavali	2	Oct/Nov	300	...	9
					2. Mattu Pongal	2	January	...	...	...
					3. Iyanar Koil Kappukattal, Karagam	12	Apr/May	500	...	...
					4. Kamakshi-amman Festival	1	Feb/Mar	300	...	...
119.	Poondi (P)	2·68	Kudikadu	1	Mariamman Festival	10	May/June	1,000	Groundnuts	8 On Visa-kam star
124.	Ukkadai	1·44	...	3	Mariamman Festival	10	April	3,000	Plantains & sweets	15
					Sethularoyar Koil Festival	1	February	2,000	Coconuts	...
					Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov	150	Groundnuts	...
					Muharrum	1	July/Aug	1,500	...	...
125.	Ammapettai (P)	3·83	...	1	Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov	...	...	13
					Sankaranthi Festival	1	January	...	...	...
	Pudur (H)	...	...	...	Panguni Uthira Festival	1	March	300	Retail articles	...

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					PAPANASAM TALUK (Concld.)					
126.	Vadapathi (P)	3·01	Ammapatti	1/8	Deepavali	2	Oct/Nov	500	Foodgrains, vegetables & ghee	12
					Pongal	2	January	...	...	...
130.	Puliyakudi (P)	4·43	do	1	New Year Kailasanathar-swamy Koil Festival	1	April	200	...	15
					THANJAVUR TALUK					
10.	Tiruvaiyaru (P)	...	...	9	1. Sapthasthana Festival (Sri Pushpavanes-waraswamy)	12	April	10,000	Bronze vessels and fancy goods	9
					2. Thiagaraja Uthsavam	3	January	...	...	...
11.	Perumbuliyur (P) (Thillai Sthanam)	1·68	...	9	Sapthasthana Festival	2	April	10,000	Eatables and fancy goods	9
20.	Koothur Vittala-puram (P)	2·91	Budalur	7	Karagam Festival in Kaliamman Koil	...	...	...	...	17
25.	Koviladi (P)	3·75	do	10	Panguni Uthsa-vam (Uthiram)	10	Mar/Apr	1,000	Sweetmeats & plantains	22
38.	Tirukattupalli (P)	...	do	5	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, textiles, mats & sheep	15 Fair takes place on Thurs-days
					2. Panguni Uthiram Festival	11	Mar/April	1,500	...	Takes plaee on the day of Uthiram star

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					THANJAVUR TALUK (Contd.)					
44.	Konerirajapuram (P)	1·12	Budalur	9	Panguni Uthiram Festival	3	Mar/Apr	...	...	15 On Uthiram star
45.	Karuppur (P)	1·15	do	9	do	3	do	300	...	15 On Uthiram star
46.	Kalyanapuram II Sethi (P) Veerasinghampettai (H)	1·65	...	6½	Mariamman Festival	4	do	10,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	6½
63.	Avikkarai (V)	0·31	...	6	Tiruvaiyaru Sapthasthanam Festival	4	April	10,000	do	6
64.	Kandiyur (P)	1·16	Thanjavur	7	Sapthasthanam Festival	7	do	3,000	do	7
65.	Melathiruppanthuruthi (P)	2·60	do	9	Sapthasthanam Festival (Sri Pushpavaneswaraswamy)	2	do	10,000	...	9
75.	Kangeyampatti (V) Pudukuttarapatti (H)	4·66	...	1	Christian Festival	...	...	400	...	18 On Sundays
83.	Perambur II Sethi (P)	3·23	Alakudi	2½	Kaliamman Festival	3	March	1,000	...	8
99.	Melavelithottam (V) (Mukesa Meluveli)	2·35	...	2	Cattle Fair	1	...	1,000	Cattle	1½ Fair takes place on all Fridays
114.	Sorakudipatti (P) Royamundampatti	9·64	Sodigampatti	2½	Kaliamman	7	May/June	600	Sweetmeats & beverage	20
	Inam Navalur	...	do	2½	do	7	do	600	do	...

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121.	Alakudi (P)	3·55	R. S.	...	Mariamman Festival	3	April/May	10,000	Retail articles	6
122.	Vannarapettai (P)	3·10	Alakudi	1¼	do	3	Apr	2,500	Sweetmeats, sundry articles and fruits	6 Once in two years
123.	Ramanathapuram (P)	4·40	...	3	1. Mariamman Festival	5	do	3,000	Toys, eatables, aluminium & clay vessels	2
					2. Iyanar Festival					
125.	Thanjavur (M)	...	R. S.	...	1. Muthu Pallakku (Pearl Palanquin)	1	May/June	10,000	...	...
					2. Twelve Garuda Sevai	1	do	3,000	...	...
					3. Cattle Fair	1	...	...	Cattle	Fair takes place on Fridays
134.	Pinnanallur (P) (Mariammankoil)	1·13	do	...	1. Last Avani Sunday	1	Aug/Sep	10,000	...	4
					2. Floating car Festival	1	Sep/Oct	...	...	...
					3. Palanquin	1	July/Aug	1,000	...	...
144.	Pudupatti (V)	3·31	Budalur	2½	1. Kamakshiamman Festival	...	Feb/Mar	3,000	Beverages & aerated waters	15 Takes place on Sivarathri day
					2. Kadambayiamman Festival	1	July/Aug	...	...	...
					3. Chinnappar Koil Festival	...	April	...	...	...
147.	Manaiyeripatti (V)	2·23	...	4	1. Mariamman Koil Festival	3	May/June	2,000	Beverages & aerated water	18

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					THANJAVUR TALUK (Concld.)					
148.	Pudukudi Vadapathi (P)	4·65	Sodiampatti	3	Murugankoil Panguni Uthiram Festival	1	Mar/April	2,000	Beverages & aerated water	20
157.	Sengampatti (P)	6·65	Budalur	...	Kamakshi-amman Festival	1	Feb/Mar	500	Beverages	15 Takes place after New Moon day and Sivarathri
					ORATHANAD TALUK					
6.	Manganoor (V)	4·47	do	14	Sebastian Festival	4	Mar/Apr	7,000	Tea, bangles & sweets	18 On the Tuesday after Easter Sunday
41.	Vamdayaniruppu (P)	3.52	Thanjavur	7½	Chithira Pournami	3	Apr/May	1,500	Coconuts, fruits & pots	7½ On Full Moon day of Chithrai month
42.	Raghavambalpuram (P)	5·69	Saliamangalam	5	1. Muthumari-amman Koil	30	Aug/Sep	5,000	...	9½
					2. Masi Magham Festival	1	Feb/Mar	2,000	...	...
	Thubayundarkottai	...	do	5	Iyanar Koil Festival	2	do	2,000	Miscellaneous articles, bangles and sweets	10
43.	Moorthambalpuram (P)	2·83	do	5	Sri Visalakshi-amman Pantham Katchi	3	May	5,000	...	12

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					ORATHANAD TALUK (Concld.)					
44.	Neivasal South (P)	4·25	Ammapet	7	Thai Poosam	1	January	2,000	...	7
46.	Keelavalur (P) Paruthiapparkoil	2·89	Thanjavur	10½	Panguni Uthiram	3	Mar/April	30,000	Brass vessels & clothes etc.	10½
47.	Ulur (P)	2·61	do	9½	Fair	1	...	500	Grocery, vegetables, dried fish, pots and kerosene	9½ Fair takes place on Mondays
57.	Thenamanadu	5·17	do	12	Fair (Nuthan Shandy)	1	...	500	Grains, vegetables & grocery	12 Fair takes place on Wednes-days
59.	Ponnappur West (P)	2·08	do	12	Iyan Koil Festival	7	April	2,000	Retail articles	12
60.	Inamthalaya-mangalam	1·55	Ammapet	9	Ponganayagi amman Festival	22	June	1,300	Bangles and toys etc	14
61.	Kulamangalam	4·79	Saliamangalam	7	Mariamman Koil Festival	30	April	2,000	do	15
64.	Kannanthangudi West (P)	3·94	Thanjavur	16½	Malaiyeriamman Festival	7	Apr/May/ June	10,000	Toys, bangles, vessels and stationery	16½
70.	Thekkur (V)	4·12	do	20	Fair	1	do	1,000	Grocery, dried fish, vegetables & mud pots	20 Fair takes place on Thurdays

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					MANNARGUDI TALUK					
2.	Nagar (P)	1·71	Nidamangalam	2½	Sri Mariamman Sri Iyanar Koil Festival	10	June	200	Sweetmeats	17½
7.	Parappanamedu (V)	1·04	do	3½	Fair (Pottery)	30	Dec/Jan	4,000	Pots	19
8.	Nidamangalam (P)	1·14	R. S.	...	Santhanaswami and Sri Kasi Viswanathaswami Brahmothsavam	20	April/May	5,000	Mirrors & eatables	18
10.	Palangalathur (V)	0·54	Koradacheri	2	Kaliamman Festival	5	May	200	Sweetmeats	20
14.	Otagudi (P)	0·44	do	2	do	5	do	200	do	20
16.	Perambur (P)	1·65	Nidamangalam	3	1. Sri Vadakku Malaiyam Koil Amudu padaiyal Festival	10	May/June	300	...	24
					2. Sri Varadarajar Koil	10	do	100	...	...
					3. Sri Mullaneswa-raswamy Koil Uthsavam	10	do	100	...	...
17.	Poovanur (P)	2·16	do	2½	Visakha Brahmothsavam	10	do	300	Eatables	21
21.	Ayyampettai (P)	4·74	Kovilvenni or Rajappanchavadi	2 or 3	Sri Thanthoni Iyanar Chithira Paruvam Festival	7	May	200	Eatables, sweetmeats & savouries	18
	Chetty Chatram	...	Kovilvenni	3½	Sri Anjaneyaswami Koil Kambasevai Uthsavam	3	do	1.000	Sweetmeats & savouries	20
	Munnavalkottai	...	Kovilvenni or Rajappanchavadi	2 or 3	Sri Ranganathar Koil Panguni Uthsavam	1	April	200	Eatables, sweetmeats & savouries	18
	Sonapettai (H)	...	...	...	Govindaraja Perumal Kamba Sevai	1	May	200	...	...

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					MANNARGUDI TALUK (Contd.)					
24.	Moovarkottai (P)	2·83	Ammapettai	4	Chithirai Pournami	1	April/May	3,000	Coconuts, pots & grocery	18
37.	Bharathi (P) Vengaramperaiyur	2·06	Tiruvarur	6	Kirthigai	1	Every month	200	...	32
42.	Vadapathimangalam (P)	2·99	Mavoor	4	Chithira Pournami Festival	10	April	...	...	35
43.	Vellakudi (P) Sithanakudi	2·08	Tirumathi-kunnam	3	Maha Sivarathri Festival Angalamman Koil	2	February	1,500	...	38
48.	Karanavur (P) Aravathur	4·09	Mannargudi	2	Mariamman Koil Festival	1	May	100	...	32 Takes place on first Saturday of Vaikasi month
51.	Kanur (P) Annavasalthenpathi	2·15	Rajappa Iyanchavadi	2	Christmas	1	December	150	Sweetmeats	25
61.	Vadavur Agraharam (P)	2·91	Ammapettai	7	Sri Kothanda Ramaswamy Koil Uthsavam	15	April	750	Vegetables, fruits & eatables	15
63.	Peraiyur (P)	6·60	Mannargudi	6	1. Avani Sunday	...	Aug/Sep	3,000	Tea & sweet-meats	24
					2. Chithirai Amudu Padaiyal	3	April/May	...	...	...
					3. Vaikasi Visakham	...	May/June	...	...	...
	Kattagudi (H)	6·60	do	8	1. Kaliamman Pooja	...	July/Aug	500	...	24
					2. Vaikasi Visakham	1	May/June	...	...	...
					3. Amudu Padaiyal	...	April/May	...	...	...
66.	Mannargudi (M)	4·46	R.S.	½	Sri Rajagopala-swami Panguni Mahothsavam	18	Mar/April	50,000 to 70,000	Brass vessels, wood crafts & eatables	25

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					MANNARGUDI TALUK (Contd.)					
	Pamani (Part)	...	...	½	Sri Naganathaswami Brahmothsavam	7	June	200	...	20
79.	Pullamangalam (P)	1·10	Mavoor	2	Ramalingaswami Uthsavam	3	March	2,500	...	45
83.	Seruvamani (P) Marangudi	2·20	Tirunellikaval	1½	Sivan Koil Brahmothsavam	10	April/May	100	Eatables	36
88.	Malavarayanallur (P)	1·81	Mannargudi	6½	Mariamman Koil Festival	10	Mar/April	2,000	Eatables & jewellery	34
90.	Serangulam (P)	...	do	3	Purattasi Brahmothsavam	10	October	500	...	26
	(Nalamsethi)	...	...	2	Mariamman Koil Festival	3	May	300	...	26
98.	Mahadevapattanam (P)	3·20	Mannargudi	8	Vegetable Fair	1	...	350	Grocery, vegetables & mutton	31 Fair takes place on Thursdays
101.	Painganadu (P)	2·60	do	6	Weekly Fair	1	...	50	Dried fish, mutton & pots	35 Fair takes place on Wednesdays
107.	Panaiyur (P)	2·80	do	9	Sri Droupathi-amman Fire stamping Festival	5	June	500	Ornaments & sweetmeats	35
108.	Adichapuram (P)	1·04	do	9	Madha Koil Festival	1	do	150	...	...
114.	Pulidhikkudi (P)	2·65	do	9	Mariamman Koil Festival	7	Apr/May	850	Pots, mats	36
117.	Renganathapuram (P)	2·19	do	9	Pidari Mari-amman Koil Festival	30	do	300	Pots	25

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					MANNARGUDI TALUK (Contd.)					
120.	Talayamangalam (P)	2·38	Mannargudi	6	Fair (Vegetables)	1	...	250	Vegetables, pots and eatables	25 Fair takes place on Fridays
121.	Thulaijendrapuram (P)	2·97	do	5	Vaikasi Visakham	2	June	1,000	Retail articles	30
124.	Paravakkottai (P)	3·77	do	7	Amman Koil Fair	1	...	1,500	Vegetables, dried fish, mutton, mats and pots	33 Fair takes place on Sundays
127.	Tirumakkottai (P)	4·08	do	9	1. Weekly fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, pots, mutton & grocery	38 Fair takes place on Sundays
					2. Perumal Koil Chithirai Pournami	10	April	...	...	...
					3. Vaikasi Visakham (Sivan Koil)	1	May	...	...	...
					4. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov	...	...	...
					5. Pongal	3	January	...	...	...
128.	Vallur (P)	2·12	do	9	1. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov	800	...	37
					2. Pongal	3	January	...	...	...
129.	Radhanarasimha-puram (P)	1·48	do	8	Mariamman Koil Uthsavam	7	Apr/June	500	Eatables	36
130.	Thenparai (P)	2·98	do	7	Weekly fair	1	...	200	Vegetables, grocery, cows, buffaloes & mutton	34 Fair takes place on Thurdays
132.	Paingattur (P)	2·23	do	10	Vasantha Uthsavam	10	Apr/May	1,500	Eatables & fruits	35

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					MANNARGUDI TALUK (Concld.)					
139.	Tirukalar (P)	1·77	Tiruthurai-pundi	8	Tiruvathirai Festival	1	Dec/Jan	2,000	Pots and grocery	42
146.	Kaluvathur (V)	1·64	Mannargudi	11	Sri Gangai Muthu Mari-amman Festival	2	May/June	500	Eatables & flowers etc	45
152.	Perugavalandan (P)	4·79	Muthupettai	4	Weekly fair	1	...	400	Vegetables	45 Fair takes place on Sundays
156.	Devadanam (P)	2·41	do	4	Archi Annammal Festival (Christian Festival)	1	January or May	200	Fruits etc.	44
					NAGAPATTINAM TALUK					
11.	Kohur (P)	...	Kivalur	4	Kohur Roman Catholic Church Festival	2	June	1,000	Swetemeats and ref-reshments	46
18.	Vadakkudi (V)	1·21	Velipalayam	4	Chithirai Pournami Festival	3	Apr/May	100	...	55 On the Full Moon day of Chithirai Month
20.	Melanagore (V)	0·35	Nagore	½	Kanduri Festival	10	November	50,000	Palm-leaf products	55 Once in ten months

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					NAGAPATTINAM TALUK (Contd.)					
23. & 24	Nagapattinam	5·54	Nagapattinam	½	1. Thiru Adi Pooram	10	August	10,000	Luxury goods and Utility articles	56 This festival is celebrated in the Siva & Vishnu temples
		0·50	...		2. Velanganni Festival	10	Aug/Sep	1,00,000	...	...
					3. Nagore Kanduri	10	Nov	1,00,000	...	...
26.	Sengamangalam (P)	1·44	...	1	1. Kaliamman Koil Festival	2	Apr/May	500 to 1,000	Flowers and toys	54 On the third Tues-days and Wednesdays
					2. Ramalinga-swamy anni-versary day	1	May/June	500	...	...
27.	Sirangudipuliyur	...	Sikkil	2	1. Mariamman Koil Festival	10	June	200	...	43
					2. Pongal	1	January	...	...	...
33.	Themangalam (P)	...	do	2	Mariamman Koil Festival	10	...	200	...	48
34.	Sirangudipuliyur (V)	...	do	2	do	7	Apr/May	500	...	50
45.	Tiruvarur (H)	4·06	Tiruvarur	1	1. Thaikkalkodi Othamkoodu Festival	10	July/Aug	1,000	Bangles & sweets etc.	35
					2. Weekly fair	1	...	20,000	Fruits, vegetables, pots and fancy goods	45 Fair takes place on Thursdays
					3. Theppa Uthsavam	3	March	...	...	...
46.	Tiruvarur (South)	0·44	do	...	1. Brahmothsavam	40	Mar/Apr	6,000	Bangles, books toys, fancy goods, pots, iron materials & fruits etc.	35
					2. Adi Pooram	10	July/Aug	15,000	...	...
					3. Navarathri	9	Sep/Oct	10,000	...	...
					4. Arudhra Festival	10	Dec/Jan	3,000	...	...

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					NAGAPATTINAM TALUK (Contd.)					
61.	Kivalur (P)	2·16	R.S.	1	Velli Rishaba Vahanam	1	May	2,000	...	45
69.	Sikkil (P)	2·94	Sikkil	¾	1. Sura Samharam	10	Oct/Nov	10,000	Toys, roasted nuts and books	45 Sixth day after Deepavali
					2. Chitrothsavam	10	Apr/May	500	...	Ten days before the Full moon day of Chithirai month
74.	Vadakkupoyyur (P)	2·69	Nagapatti-nam	3	1. Korakki-thar	1	Oct/Nov	5,000	Sweetmeats	53
					2. Kanduri Kallur	10	February	...	...	...
76.	Pappakoil (P)	2·24	Andhana-pettai	1	Pallivasal Kanduri Uthsavam	10	December	3,000	...	50
82.	Vadakkalathur (P)	0·69	Kivalur	3	Kivalur Akshayalinga-swamy Sapthasthanam	1	Apr/May	75	...	52
87.	Kakkalani (P)	2·04	Adiyakka-mangalam	2	Mariamman Koil Festival	3 or 5	Sep/Oct	100	...	40
91.	Pulivalam (P)	2·07	Tiruvarur	¾	Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec/Jan	1,500	Fruits & miscel-laneous articles etc.	38
92.	Vijayapuram (V)	0·30	do	⅛	Weekly Fair	1	...	2,000	Vegetables, fish & grocery	32 Fair takes place on Thursdays
97.	Kalyanamahadevi (V)	0·84	Kuzhikkarai	4	Annavasal Mariamman-Koil Festival	1	...	50	Roasted nuts and sweets	35

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					NAGAPATTINAM TALUK (Contd.)					
98.	Kottarakkudi (V)	0·26	Mangudi	2	Mariamman Koil Festival	...	April	200	Fancy goods, sweets & toys	35
105	Thevoor (P)	2·00	Kivalur	2	1. Fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, fruits & household articles	42 (1) Fair takes place on Sundays
					2. Vaikasi Visakham	1	May/June	2,000	...	(2) Takes place once in a year
107.	Vadugacheri (P)	1·65	Kivalur Sikkil	6 5	Weekly Fair	1	...	75	Birds, fish, clothes & vegetables	55 Fair takes place on every Friday
112.	Velanganni (P)	1·65	Nagapatti-nam	7	Arch Arokiya Matha Festival	11	Aug/Sep	1,00,000	Miacellaneous articles	54
113.	Kurachi (P)	1·64	Anthanpettai	6	1. Adaikalamatha Uthsavam	10	June	500	Sweets, bangles, roasted nuts & fancy goods, etc.,	57
					2. Deepavali	1	Aug/Nov	...		
					3. Sankaranthi	3	Jan/Feb	...		
127.	Pudupathur (P)	1·38	Tiruvarur	5	Angalamman Koil Uthsavam	3	May	2,000	Sweets	42
138.	Thirukkaravasal	1·70	Mavoor	3	Thiagaraja-swamy Car Festival	1	May	2,000	Pots, fancy goods & toys	37
150.	Shulavidyapuram	2·38	Nagapatti-nam	10	Santhana Mada Koil Festival	10	July/Aug	2,000	Sweetmeats	60
151.	Thalayamalai (P)	1·54	Anthanpettai	9	1. Thalayamalai Mariamman Koil Festival	5	Apr/May	100	Roasted nuts, sweets & toys	50
					2. Iyanar Koil Festival	5	...	...	...	—

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					NAGAPATTINAM TALUK (Concld.)					
152.	Prathaparamapuram	5·99	Nagapattinam	8	Fair	1	...	200	Vegetables and fish	50 Fair takes place on Sundays
153.	Tirupundi East (P)	3·61	do	11	1. Adi New Moon day	1	July/Aug	500	Vegetables, toys and miscellaneous articles	62
					2. Thai New Moon day	1	Jan/Feb	...		
159.	Valivalam (P)	Included in L.C. No. 139	Kivalur	10	Chithirai Festival	10	Apr/May	2,000	Mud pots	55 On the Full Moon day
160.	Tirukkuvalai (P)	2·81	Ammanur	6	1. Fair	1	...	50 to 100	Vegetables, dried fish & miscellaneous articles	55 Fair takes place on Saturdays
					2. Magham Festival	3	Feb/Mar	100 to 500		
					3. Brahmothsavam	10	May/June	...		
165.	Keelaiyur (P)	2·76	Tiruthuraipundi	11	Fair	1	...	100	Vegetabes, mud pots, mutton & clothes	57 Fair takes place on Mondays
167.	Ettukkudi (P)	2·46	Nagapattinam	7	Chithira Pournami Festival	10	Apr/May	2,00,000	Sweets, plantains, fruits, coconuts & flowers	50 Ten days before Full Moon day of Chithirai
171.	Vilundamavadi	3·59	do	13	1. Fair	1	...	800	Vegetables and toys	64 Fair takes place on Fridays
					2. New Year's Day	2	Apr/May	2,000	...	
172.	Vettaikkaraniruppu	4·51	do	15	Fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, coconuts & cashewnuts	65 Fair takes place on Tuesdays

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					TIRUTHURAIPUNDI TALUK					
2.	Tiruthengur (P)	1·16	Tirunellikaval	½	Droupathiamman Festival (Fire stamping Festival)	2	June	300	Flowers, pots and plantains	40
13.	Rayanallur (P)	3·08	Tiruthuraipundi	6	Fire stamping Festival	10	April/May	300	Sweets	36
23.	Manakkudi (P)	1·78	do	9	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Grocery, vegetables and fruits	Fair takes place on Saturdays
27.	Velur (P)	1·84	do	2	Rettipathi Swamigal Festival	1	Jan/Feb	1,000	Plantains & coconuts	52
	Thandalacheri (H)	...	do	2 3/8	Arivatta Nayanar Festival	1	do	500	Fruits, coconuts, toys and sweetmeats	52
31.	H. lulur (P)	2·81	do	4½	Sri Chelliammal Koil Festival	1	April	500	Sweets, mangoes & roasted nuts	55
32.	Tiruthuraipundi	4·57	R. S.	1	1. Sri Bava Owshadeswara swamy pragannayakiamman Festival	15	Apr/May	5,000	...	47
					2. Varisu Vinayagar Floating Car Festival	30	Aug/Sep	5,000	...	Fire stamping on eighth day
					3. Pollachiamman Festival	10	Mar/April	4,000	...	...
					4. Fair	1	...	1,000	Grocery & vegetables	Fair takes place on Friday on the day of 'Swathi' star
					5. Sri Varadarajaperumal Festival	1	July/Aug	3,000	...	...

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					TIRUTHURAIPUNDI TALUK (Contd.)					
35.	Konukkai (P)	5·03	Tiruthuraipundi	5½	Thai Poosam Festival	15	Jan/Feb	1,000	Bangles, sweets, toys and vessels	60
38.	Thalanayar	19·90	do	12	1. Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, pots, clothes and fish	Fair takes place on Sunday
					2. Tamil New year's day at Mari-amman Koil Festival	1	Apr/May	1,000	Sweets, beverages and roasted nuts	...
39.	Umbalacheri (P)	2·16	do	8	do	1	do	300	Pooja articles, fruits, coconuts and sweets	50
49.	Sengandhi (P)	1·32	do	¾	Vidwan Mani-kal Droupathi-amman Koil Fire Stamping Festival	1	April	500	Sweets, toys and flowers	42
				1/16	Hakamanikal Pallivasal Sandhana Koodu	1	do	do	do	...
57.	Moolakkarai (P)	1·01	Melamchethi	1½	Ayyankulam Mariamman Koil Festival	1	do	800	Sweets, grocery and roasted nuts	...
60.	Kariapatnam (P)	5·00	R. S.	1	Mariamman Koil Festival	10	do	1,500	Sweets, toys and bangles	52
64.	Vallapallam (P)	3·81	Thopputhurai	11	Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, clothes, sweets and toys	71 Fair takes place on Wednes-day

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					TIRUTHURAIPUNDI TALUK (Contd.)					
65.	Naluvedapathi (P)	3·71	Thopputhurai	10	Vaikasi Visakham	1	May/June	500	Sweets and toys	65
66.	Pushpanam	5·29	do	8	Droupathi-amman Koil Fire stamping Festival	1	September	1,000	Fancy goods & beverages	72
67.	Sembodai (P)	6·84	do	8	1. Weekly Fair	1	July/Aug	500	Paddy, clothes, fish and mutton	75 Fair takes place on Tuesday
					2. Mariamman Koil Festival	1	...	...	...	...
69.	Sembagarayanallur (P)	4·76	Kariapattinam	2	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Cattle, vegetables, mutton & grocery	65 Fair takes place on Saturday
					2. Mariamman Koil Festival	9	July/Aug	500 to 1,000	Sweets, fruits & aluminium utensils	...
71.	Thagattur (P)	4·21	Melamathur	1½	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	250	Vegetables, grocery and clothes	65 Fair takes place on Tuesdays
				1½	2. Mappilai Viran Koil Festival	15	Mar/April	2,500	Fancy goods	During the third or fourth Tuesday of Panguni month
79.	Muthupet (P)	2·27	Muthupet	⅛	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, pots and cattle	41 Fair takes place on Thursdays

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	TIRUTHURAIPUNDI TALUK (contd.)									
	Marudangaval (H)		Muthupet	½	Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, cattle, dried fish, utility & articles	Fair takes place on Thursdays
81.	Vadagadu (P)	1·72	do	1	Sri Mandapuri-swamy Devas-thanam Festival	10	April	500	Sweetmeats, betelnut and beverages	43
83.	Jamburanodai	4·75	do	2	Kanduri Festival	10	October	10,000	Utility articles	42½
85.	Idumbaranam (P)	6·62	Pundi	4½	Sivan Koil Festival	10	May	12,000	Textiles, fruits, pots, and retail goods	50
87.	Voimedu (P)	8·52	Melamarudur	3	1. Mariamman Koil Festival	10	May/June	300	Fancy goods	58 Fair every Saturday
					2. Weekly Fair	1	...	100	Vegetables, and utility articles	...
88.	Marudur South (P)	3·03	Kariapattinam	4	Weekly Fair	½	...	100	Grocery, betel leaves & vegeta-bles	60 Fair takes place on Thursdays
90.	Ayakarambalam I Sethi (P)	2·54	do	2½	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	500	Paddy, clothes, fish and pots	50 Fair takes place on Mondays
					2. Mariamman Koil Festival	10	July/Aug	1,500	Fancy goods	...
91.	Koravapulam (P)	3·97	R.S.	¾	1. Mariamman Weekly Fair	1	...	50	Grocery and mutton	69 Fair takes place on Tuesday
					2. Sri Ankalam-man Koil	9	May/June	100 to 1,000	Fancy goods, and fruits	...

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	TIRUTHURAIPUNDI TALUK (Contd.)									
92.	Thethagudi Vadakku Sethi (P)	3·22	Neivilakku	2	Sri Alakianatha-swamy Koil Visakha Festival	1	May/June	500	Grocery, and sweet-meats	70 On Visa-kham star
93.	Periakuthagai (P)	2·18	Thopputhurai	2	Kadiresan Koil Festival	1	do	1,000	Fancy goods	70
94.	Thethakudi Therku Sethi (P)	4·66	Neivilakku	2	Weekly Fair	1	...	150	Sweetmeats, paddy and grocery	68 Fair takes place on Saturdays
95.	Neivilakku (P)	1·34	do	¾	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	...	Vegetables, fruits and clothes	72 Fair takes place on Wednesdays
					2. Panamariamman Chithirai Festival	1	Apr/May	1,000	Fruits, toys and vegetables	...
96.	Karuppana-balam (P)	3·64	Kavaipulan	2	1. Mariamman Koil Festival	10	June	1,000	Vegetables, sweets & clothes	60 Fair takes place on Saturdays
					2. Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, clothes and grocery	...
97.	Ayakarambalam III Sethi (P)	3·17	Kariapatinam	4½	Weekly Fair	1	...	300	Grocery, Vegetables, and fish	61 Fair takes place on Sundays
			Kuravapulan	4	1. Deivayani Perumal Koil Festival	8	September	400	Fancy goods grocery & Vegetables	...
					2. Kingavadu-thakai Mari-amman Koil Festival	8	August	450	Grocery, vegetables and fruits	...
					3. Droupathi-amman Koil Festival	15	July/Aug	400	Grocery, and utility articles	...
					4. Nallandurgai-mariamman Koil Festival	8 or 15	September	400	do	...

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					TIRUTHURAIPUNDI TALUK (Concld.)					
106.	Vedaranyam (P)	11·78	Vedaranyam	¼	1. Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Grains, fruits, clothes and fish	75 Fair takes place on Sundays
					2. Masi Magham Festival (including Varada-rajaswamy Brahmothsavam)	19	Feb/Mar	5,000	...	...
					3. Thai Amavasai	1	Jan/Feb	5,000	...	On New Moon days.
					4. Adi Amavasai	1	July/Aug	5,000	...	...
107.	Kodiakadi (P)	4·83	Kodiakarai	1	Kodiakadi Kulagar Koil Vaisakha Festival	10	May/June	3,000	Sweets roasted nuts and bangles	70 Ends on Full Moon day
108.	Kodiakarai	0·04	do	½	1. Adi Amavasai	1	July/Aug	5,000	Sweets, roasted nuts, and bangles	70
					2. Thai Amavasai	1	Jan/Feb	5,000	...	...
					3. Mahalaya Amavasai	1	Sep/Oct	5,000	...	...
					4. Ardodaya and Maghodaya Festival	2	...	More than 5,000	...	...
					PATTUKOTTAI TALUK					
1.	Nambivayal (P)	2·37	Pattukottai	7	Weekly Fair	1	...	465	Grocery, meat, fish, vegetables, sweetmeats and food-grains	31 Fair takes place on Thursdays
4.	Alathur (P)	...	do	6	Veeranar Koil Festival	10	Apr/May	1,500	Pooja articles and betel leaves	35

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					PATTUKOTTAI TALUK (Contd.)					
12.	Olayakunnam (P)	2·39	Pattukottai	12	1. Kannan Festival	15	Feb/Mar	200	...	38
					2. Iyanar Koil Festival	1	Mar/Apr	300	...	...
14.	Madukkur North (P)	5·24	do	8	Cattle Fair	1	...	1,500	Cattle	37
15.	Madukkur South (P)	...	do	8	Weekly Fair	1	...	2,500	Vegetables, mat, dried fish, fruits, grocery and utilily articles	29 Fair takes place on Tuesday
21.	Soorapallam (P)	1·01	do	3	Suramakali-amman Temple Festival	10	May/June	1,000	Fancy goods & sweetmeat	30
23.	Enathi (P)	2·29	do	5	Chelliamman Koil Festival	2	July/Aug	1,000	...	30 Last Wednesday and Thursday of Adi month
26.	Naduvikottai (P)	1·17	do	4	Iyanar Koil Festival	1	April/May	1,500	Coconuts, fruits, betelnuts, foodstuffs & aerated water, etc.	32
40.	Anavayali I Bit (V)	0·62	Perulurani-samal	8	Fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, cattle & grocery	47 Fair on Saturday of every month
49.	Tiruchitrambalam (P)	3·42	Pattukottai	4	Fair	1	...	5,000	do	40 Fair takes place on every Tuesday

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					PATTUKOTTAI TALUK (Contd.)					
50.	Thuravikadu (V)	2·65	Pattukottai	3	1. Mariamman-Koil Festival	1	April/May	1,000	...	37
					2. Ramzan	7	March	...	...	...
57.	Pattukottai (P)	7·00	...	¼	1. Fair	1	...	400	Iron, brass, alumunium vessels & mats, etc	30 Fair takes place on every Monday
					2. Nadiamman Festival	15	Mar/Apr	400	...	Every year on second Tuesday of Panguni month
	Inam Maharaja-samudram	—	Fort	...	Akhilanda Iyanar Festival	9	March	1,500	Plantains & sweetmeats	30
59.	Nattuchali (P)	3·41	Pattukottai	3	Sri Mariamman-Koil Festival	3	June	1,500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	32
61.	Vikraman (P)	3·26	do	9	1. Mariamman-Koil Festival	1	May	700	Flowers & fruits, etc.	37
					2. Kaliamman Koil Festival	1	July	...	...	...
64.	Kanniakurichi (P)	0·90	Mannargudi	15	Sri Vadivazhagi-amman Festival	15	Apr/May	10,000	Fancy goods, toys & utensils	45 Third Sunday in the month of Chithirai
	Bhavaji Ragurama-Samudram	...	do	15	Sri Mariamman Festival	7	Mar/Apr	500	Flower & sweetmeats	...
65.	Chokkanavur (P)	2·76	Muthupettai	7	1. Village Festial	7	Apr/May	460	Sweets & puffed rice	31
					2. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov	...	...	...
					3. Pongal	1	January	...	...	...

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					PATTUKOTTAI TALUK (Contd.)					
	Puliangudi	...	Muthupettai	8	Droupathi-amman Festival	7	June/July	500	Flowers & sweetmeats	45
69.	Vattagudy (P)	·46	...	10	Sri Subramanya-swamy Koil Festival	10	Mar/Apr	2,000	Fancy goods & sweetmeats	39
71.	Vendakottai (P)	1·20	Pattukottai	3	do	7	May/June	70	...	32
72.	Ponnavarankottai (P)	2·01	do	2	Sri Mariamman Koil Festival	7	do	100	Aerated waters, betel nuts & plantains	32
73.	Anaikudu (P)	2·76	do	2½	Christmas	7	December	1,500	...	33
74.	Mudalcheri (P)	2·69	...	1	Church Festival	2	do	800	...	30
75.	Karmavayar (P)	2·41	Pannaiyur	2½	Sri Mariamman-Koil Festival	1	May/June	1,000	Beverages	33
79.	Ennanivayal (P)	0·54	Pattukottai	6	Meenakshi-amman Koil Festival	3	April	500	...	40
30.	Eduthanivayal (V)	0·46	...	2	Panchakshara Vinayagar Koil Guru pooja	3	do	1,000	...	40
84.	Ottangadu (P)	4·38	Tiruchitram-balam	¼	Mariamman Koil Festival	8	Apr/May	1,000	Sweetmeats, jack-fruits & plantains	37 Before a week to New Moon and on Sunday in the month of April or May
86.	Kalagam (P)	3·37	Pattukottai	2	Kaliamman Koil Festival	3	Apr/May	1,000	Sweetmeats	47

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	PATTUKOTTAI TALUK (Contd.)									
87.	Mavadukurichi (P)	3·12	Peravurani	1	Sri Veeramakali-amman Koil Festival	12	May/June	750	Sweetmeats, syrups and grocery	41
98.	Kooramangalam (P)	6·04	Merpanaikadu	4½	Weekly Fair	1	...	3,000	Vegetables & fruits	47 Fair takes place on every Monday
99.	Nagaram (V)	1·34	do	4½	Sri Balasubramanya swamy Panguni Uthiram Festival	10	Mar/April	7,000	Brass vessels, books and clothes	47 Every year on Uthiram star of Panguni month
101. & 102.	Kothamangalam (V)	12·51	do	6	Weekly Fair	1	...	500	Vegetables	51 Fair takes place on every Wednesday
103. & 104.	Kulamangalam (V)	12·51	do	7	Masi Magham Festival	1	Feb/Mar	5,000	Fruits and sweetmeats	51 On New Moon day in the month of Masi
105.	Pannankulam (V)	0·49	do	6	Kalappar Koil Chithirai Festival or Kalappar Koil Chithirai Pournami	...	April/May	1,000	do	51
108.	Paingal (V)	1·06	Peravurani	3	Veera Makali-amman Koil Festival	10	May/June	2,000	Fancy goods and fruits	51
109.	Mudupulikadu II Bit (V)	0·60	do	1	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	5,000	Vegetables and cattle	40 Fair takes place on every Sunday
					2. Chithirai Pournami Festival	1	April/May	...	...	...
117.	Sengamangalam (P)	3·39	do	3	Chithirai Mahothsavam	10	do	3,000	Beverages, fruits and vegetables	45

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118.	Peravurani	7·14	Peravurani	1	Chitrothsavam	10	Apr/May	1,500	Sweetmeats	42
	Neelathandapillai-arendal (H)	...	do	¾	Neelathanda-pillaiyarswamy Koil Festival	10	do	10,000	Toys and utility articles	42
120.	Kuruvikkarmbai (P)	3·12	do	4	1. Sri Mariamman poo-chorithal	7	Mar/April/ May	5000	...	45
					2. Sri Baladanda-yuthapani Visakha Vasantha Uthsavam	10	May/June			
132.	Thuvarankurichi (P)	2·96	Pattukottai	6	Mariamman Koil Festival	15	April/May	1,500	Sweetmeats, aerated waters, betel leaves, nuts & fruits	40
136.	Elangadu (P)	1·57	do	6	Droupathiamman Koil Festival	7	June	1,500	Beverages, sweetmeats, toys, flowers & fruits	43
138.	Karappankadu (P)	0·92	Muthupettai	5	Perumal Koil Festival	...	May/June	200	...	35
144.	T. Melakadu (P)	2·10	Thambikkottai	1	Visakha Uthsavam	1	do	1,500	Fruits, aerated waters & roasted nuts	41
145.	T. Vadakadu (P)	3·73	do	¾	Weekly Fair	1	...	326	Vegetables & utility articles	31 Fair on every Saturday
146.	T. Maravakadu (P)	9·75	do	1	do	1	...	200	Vegetables & mutton	41 Fair on every Wednesday

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					PATTUKOTTAI TALUK (Contd.)					
147.	Thamarankottai (P)	8·86	Maravakadu	3	Sri Kandeswara-swami Festival	10	May/June	2,100	Sweets & plantains	35
				2	Panjavayal Sri Balasubrahmanya Chithira Pournami	12	May	5,000	do	...
149.	Palanjur (P)	1·07	Adirampattinam	3	Mariamman Koil Festival	10	February	300	...	40
150.	Adirampattinam (P)	4·00	do	½	1. do	2	June	3,000	Sweets & fruits	36
					2. Durgasethiamman Festival	5	August	5,000	do	...
					3. Seku Allavutheen Andar Dargha Festival	10	do	7,000	do	...
151.	Adirampattinam Part (P)	3·75	R.S.	3/8	1. Haja Alauddin Festival (Dargha)	10	December	5,000	...	...
					2. Mariamman Koil Festival	10	May	5,000	Sweetmeats & plantains	36
					3. Chelliamman Koil Festival	6	August	500	...	...
157.	Kollukadu (V)	1·95	Adiram-pattinam	3	Mariamman Koil Festival	1	Feb/Mar	1,500	Sweetmeats, fruits and toys	43
162.	Rendampulikadu (P)	0·77	Tiruchitram-balam	6	Weekly Fair	1	...	5,000	Vegetables, fish, textiles and grocery	40 Fair on every Thursday
169.	Marungappolam (P)	1·70	Peravurani	4	Masi Magham	...	Feb/Mar	500	Betel leaves, fruits, bangles and refresh-ments	43

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					PATTUKOTTAI TALUK (Concld.)					
172.	Veeriyankottai (P)	4·06	Peravurani	5	Mariamman Koil Uthsavam	10	June	500	Sweets, betel leaves and syrups	50
176.	Athanoor (V)	2·12	do	1	Sri Veeramakali-amman Festival	12	May/June	750	Sweets, grocery and syrups	41
184.	Ambalpuram (V)	0·35	Pattukottai	⅛	Nattiamman Koil Festival	1	Mar/Apr	2,000	Coconuts, flowers, fruits, betel leaves, and nuts	30
185.	Pannankulam (V)	0·49	Peravurani	9	Sri Balasubrah-maniya Panguni Festival	1	do	1,000	Pooja articles and fruits	44
190.	Perumagalore (P)	4·00	do	7	Weekly fair	1	...	2,000	Grocery, textiles, vegetables, fish, mutton and fancy goods	50 Fair on every Wednes-day
					ARANTHANGI TALUK					
10.	Maramadakki (P)	3·21	Aranthangi	12	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, paddy, groundnuts, mats, baskets and grocery	59 Fair on every Sunday

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					ARANTHANGI TALUK (Contd.)					
54.	Silattor (P)	4·45	Aranthangi	6	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Sweetmeats, fruits, vegetables, and utility articles	56 Fair on every Fridays
					2. Mariamman Koil Festival	10	June	5,000	...	...
55.	Mangudi (V)	1·43	Ayangudi	2	Mariamman Koil Festival	10	Apr/May	1,500	...	65
71.	Subramaniapuram (V)	0·17	do	5	Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, rice, fruits and grocery	90 Fair on every Friday
78.	Aranthangi (P)	2·22	R.S.	...	1. Chatram Weekly Fair	1	...	8,000	Cattle, vegetables, fruits, fish, dried fish, mutton and agricultural products	58 Fair on every Tuesday
					2. Sri Veera Makali amman Koil Festival	12	August	...	...	...
87.	Arasarkulam (P)	5.81	Ayangudi	2	1. Weekly fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, grocery, fruits & sweetmeats	59 Fair takes place on Sunday
					2. Amman Festival	...	May/June	...	...	...
164.	Nagudi (V)	0·28	Aranthangi	8	Pillaiyar temple Sri Kalakasathi-nathaswamy	2	April	400	...	67
172.	Athani (P)	3·65	do	14	Amman Kovil Uthsavam	10	May/June	600	Sweets, toys, brass vessels and mud pots etc.	72

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					ARANTHANGI TALUK (Contd.)					
173.	Kattumavadi (V)	0·17	Aranthangi	16	Weekly fair	1	...	200	Vegetables, fruits, grocery, earthenwares, textiles, fish, dried fish, sweets and toys	73
194.	Manavanallur (P)	1·05	do	11	Mariamman Koil Pournami Festival	1	April	1,000	do	69
198.	Kalakudi (V)	1·15	do	9	Adaikalam Kathavaroya-swamy Festival	1	do	1,500	do	69
264.	Nirvilangulam (V)	1·20	do	6	Panguni Uthiram	7	Mar/Apr	300	Vegetables, fruits, grocery, earthenwares, textiles, fish, dried fish, sweets, toys and vessels	64
270.	Karakottai (V)	2·72	do	1	Ammankoil Uthsavam	1	May/June	500	do	79
304.	Avadayarkoil (P)	4·01	do	9	1. Arudhra Dharisanam	10	December	800	Cattle, vegetables, agricultural products and earthen-wares	...
					2. Ani Thiruman-janam	10	June	600	...	...

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					ARANTHANGI TALUK (Contd.)					
304.	Avadayar Koil (P) (Contd.)	4·01	Aranthangi	9	3. Athmanatha-swami Ani Thiru-manjanam	10	June/July	1,000	Sweets, vessels & fancy goods	...
					4. Athmanatha-swami Margazhi Uthsavam	10	Dec/Jan			
					5. Thirumanjanam	10	do			
					6. Weekly Fair	1	...	500	Grocery, vegetables, fish, dried fish & mutton	Fair takes place on every Monday
318.	Manamelkudi (P)	4·35	do	23	Weekly Fair	1	...	2,000	Vegetables, fish, mutton, earthenwares, baskets, sweets & toys	83 Fair takes place on every Sunday
320.	Thandalai (P)	3·53	do	25	Subrahmanya-swamy Koil Uthsavam	10	April	500	do	83
326.	Neikuppai (P) Ambalavananendal	4·53	do	18	1. Panguni Uthiram	...	Mar/April	5,000	Vegetables, fish, grocery, earthen-wares, textiles & bangles	80 Fair takes place on every Sunday
					2. Weekly Fair	1	...	...	...	...
330.	Okkur (P)	2·76	do	13	Weekly Fair	1	...	200	Vegetables, fish, grocery, sweets, toys & earthenwares	71 Fair takes place on every Saturday

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					ARANTHANGI TALUK (Contd,)					
333.	Kavudhukudi (P)	3·54	Aranthangi	15	Mariamman Koil Festival	10	August	500	Sweets, toys, brass vessels & earthenwares	73
338.	Rettayalam (V)	3·16	do	20	1. Mariamman Koil Festival 2. Chithira Pournami	1	April/May	500	do	80
343.	Vichoor (P)	3·47	do	26	Ammanukku "Kavadi Eduppu" (Amman Festival)	10	May/June	400	Grocery, beverages, betelnut, beedies, cigars, fruits, brass vessels, toys & sweets	75
344.	Kottaipattinam (P)	3·03	do	30	Kanduri	11	June/July	10,000	Metal vessels, aluminium vessels, brass vessels, mats, baskets, sweets & toys	87
352.	Karur (P)	11·32	do	21	1. Pournami Festival 2. Adi Festival	10 10	April/May July/Aug	6,000	Sweetmeats, toilet articles, brass vessels & earthen-wares	95
365.	Memisal (P)	0·75	do	21	Sri Kalyanarama-swamy Festival	10	July	800	Agricultural products, sweets, toys & earthen-wares	79

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					ARANTHANGI TALUK (Concld.)					
373.	Thirupunavasal (P)	4·52	Aranthangi	28	1. Vaikasi Visakha Uthsavam	11	May/June	2,000	Fruits, sweetmeats, earthenwares, metal & aluminium vessels	86
					2. Sri Viradapuree-swaraswamy Koil Festival	10	June/July	750	Agricultural products	...

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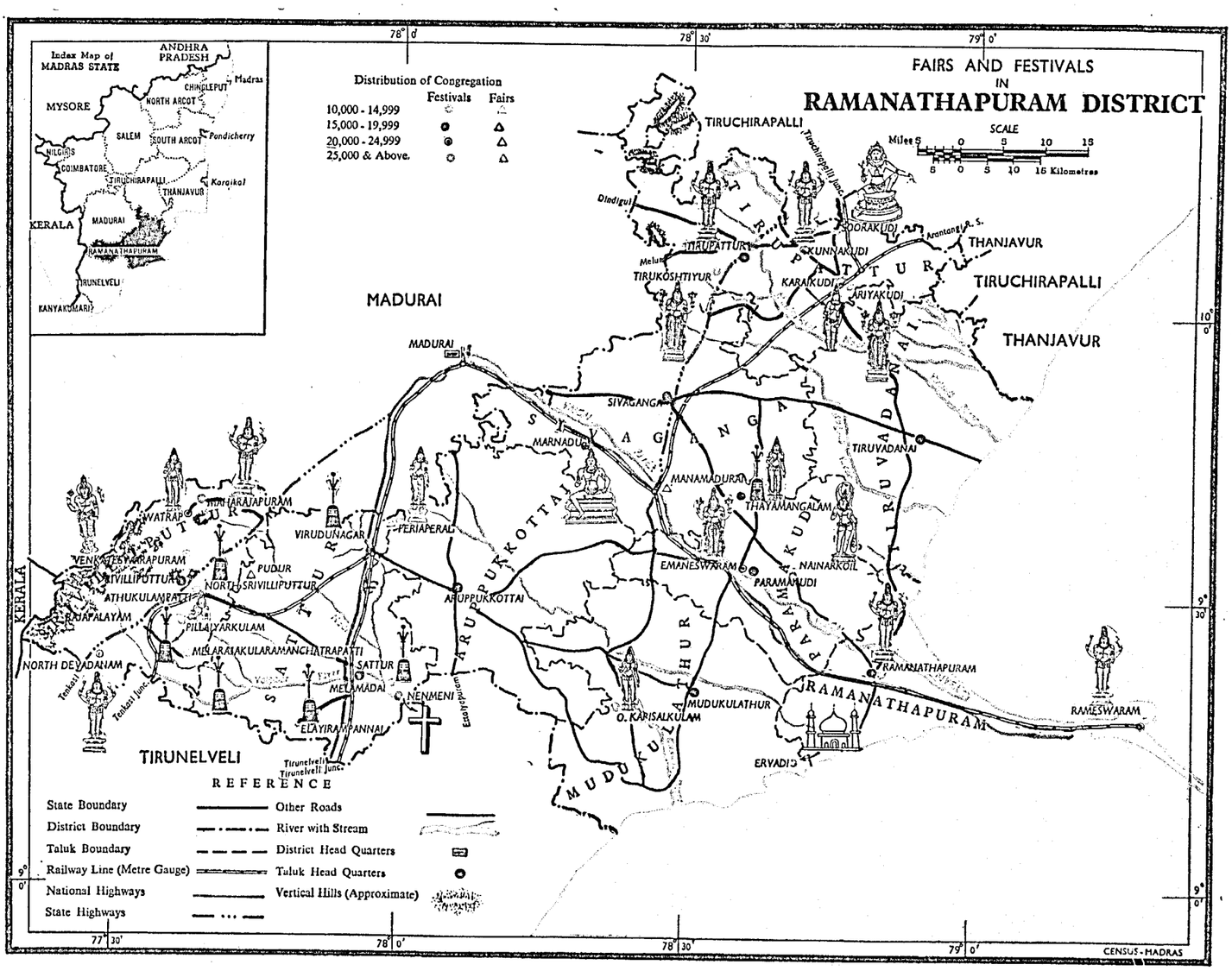
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The Ramanathapuram district celebrates 317 Hindu festivals, seven Christian and one Muslim festival every year. In this district, Christian festivals are not much noticed. Though there is only one Muslim festival, it holds a place of prominence considering the number of persons attracted by it. It is estimated that nearly a lakh and a half of people witness this lone festival.

The table appended below gives the distribution of the festivals among the nine taluks.

Taluks	No. of festivals	Attendance
Tirupattur	18	263,315
Sivaganga	5	33,000
Tiruvadanai	11	27,000
Paramakudi	10	164,000
Ramanathapuram	9	99,000
Mudukulathur	28	213,900
Aruppukottai	40	82,000
Sattur	73	390,566
Srivilliputtur	100	357,076
Extras without details of season	31	
Total	**325**	**16,29,857**

The following table gives the distribution of the festivals season war.

Month	No. of festivals	Attendance
January-February	48	100,191
February-March	19	211,610
March-April	63	340,110
April-May	23	51,700
May-June	40	359,265
June-July	22	53,700
July-August	21	306,900
August-September	8	50,200
September-October	41	95,416
October-November	19	31,390
November-December	5	16,025
December-January	8	13,350
Extras without details of season	8	
Total	**325**	**16,29,857**

The month March-April seems to be the most popular for festivals while November-December is the leanest season.

The following table gives a talukwise list of festivals reckoned by the size of congregation.

Congregation range of festivals

Taluk	Over 50,000	No. of festivals	20,000 to 50,000	No. of festivals	10,000 to 20,000	No. of festivals	5,000 to 10,000	No. of festivals	1,000 to 5,000	No. of festivals	Below 1,000	No. of festivals
Tiruppattur ...	200,000	2	...	...	40,015	4	5,000	1	15,500	6	2,800	5
Sivaganga ...	...	...	...	...	15,000	1	11,000	2	7,000	2	...	...
Tiruvadanai ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,000	3	12,000	8	...	...
Paramakudi ...	50,000	1	75,000	3	15.000	1	21,000	4	3,000	1	...	...
Ramanathapuram ...	...	...	60,000	3	10,000	1	29,000	5	...	...	...	...
Mudukulathur ...	150,000	1	...	...	10,000	1	30,000	6	19,000	11	4,900	9
Aruppukottai ...	...	...	...	...	12,000	1	27,000	5	38,800	25	4,200	9
Sattur ...	250,000	3	...	...	20,000	2	47,900	9	61,250	32	11,416	27
Srivilliputtur ...	150,000	2	40,000	2	40,000	4	25,000	5	85,476	47	16,600	40
Total	**800,000**	**9**	**175,000**	**8**	**162,015**	**15**	**210,900**	**40**	**241,026**	**132**	**39,916**	**90**

Even though the district claims to celebrate in the aggregate 325 festivals, only six attract the maximum crowd which, on an average, would be more than a lakh of persons during each of the festivals. They are the Panguni Uthiram and Kuppudaiamman festival in Tiruppathur taluk, the Mariamman and sach Innnchiar koil festivals in Sattur taluk, Vaikasi Visakham in Srivilliputhur and the Muslim festival of Sandana-koodu in Mudukulathur.

The seven Christian festivals are shared by the taluks, Tiruvadanai with three, and Sathur with the remaining four. The festivals at Tiruvadanai are celebrated by the Catholic community.

FAIRS

This district holds one bi-weekly fair, four annual fairs, and 46 weekly fairs. Tiruvadanai and Sivaganga taluks, poor in their patronage to festivals, are rich at trade in fairs. Srivilliputhur taluk, which celebrates the maximum number of 100 festivals, in the district holds only three fairs. Sathur has also a very small number of fairs, but they are very popular considering the crowd that throng there. It is the only taluk in the district which holds a bi-weekly fair. The annual fairs are cattle fairs. Nearly a lakh of people will be present during each of the fair. The following table gives a talukwise distribution of fairs.

Taluk	Weekly fair	Bi-weekly fair	Annual	Days of the week: Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Tiruppattur	...	7	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	2	2
Sivaganga	...	9	...	...	...	3	...	2	1	1	2
Tiruvadanai	...	10	...	...	...	2	1	3	...	...	4
Paramakudi	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ramanathapuram	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Mudukulathur	...	6	...	...	...	1	2	1	1	...	...
Aruppukottai	...	6	...	...	1	1	...	2	1	...	1
Sattur	...	4	1	2	1	...	1	...	...	3	1
Srivilliputhur	...	2	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Total	...	**46**	**1**	**4**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**10**	**3**	**6**	**11**

Saturdays and Wednesdays would appear to be more popular for fairs.

Among the livestock, sheep find a good market. There is also a tolerably good market for bullocks, cows, hides and skins, meat, fish, vegetables and consumer goods.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					TIRUPATTUR TALUK					
8.	Karisalpatti (P)	4·21	Manaparai	26	Fair	1	...	300	Vegetables & fruits	48 Fair on every Sunday
9.	Dharmapur (P) (Dharmapatti Konda Palayam	4·31	do	22	Muthalamman Festival	3	July/Aug	700	Sweetmeats	83
25.	A. Thokkur (P)	...	Karaikudi	20	1. Fair	1	...	2,000	Fancy goods	48 Fair meets on every Friday
					2. Puravi Eduppu Festival	2	...	2,000	Sweetmeats & vegetables	48
					3. Mathuv Eduppu	8				
52.	Madhavarayanpatti (P)	4·17	do	19	Chevvoy Festival	1	Mar/April	500	Eatables, bengal gram, mangoes plantains & fancy goods	3 On last Tuesday of Panguni month
59.	Tiruppattur (P)	5·42	do	14	Car festival	10	May	10,000	Sweetmeats	39
74.	Soorakudi (V)	2·83	do	24	Puravi Eduppu	3	May/June	10,015	Vessels & sweetmeats	31
78.	Kunnakudi (P)	3·77	do	7	Panguni Uthiram Festival	10	Mar/Apr	1,00,000	Sugarcane, peas, fruits, and earthen wares	50
81.	Pillayarpatti (P)	...	do	7	1. Amman Festival	10	May/June	600	...	45
					2. Chathurthi	10	Aug/Sep	...	...	...
82.	Siruvayal (V)	3·80	do	6	Fair	1	...	5,000	Sugarcane, plantains & tender coconuts	48

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					TIRUPATTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
84.	Alagapuri (V)	0·86	Karaikudi	12	Fair	1	...	60	Vegetables & dhall varieties	70 Fair meets on every Sunday
87.	Rasingapuram (V)	1·03	do	14	1. Puravi Eduppu	4	Mar/Apr	4,500	Fancy goods & sweetmeats	39
					2. Sivarathiri	4	Feb/Mar	...	...	...
97.	Mallakottai (P)	2·95	Sivaganga	19	Eruthu kattu	7	June/July	2,000	Fruits, small vessels & sweetmeats	30 On Sunday of Ani month
103.	Thirukoshtiyur (P)	5·32	do	16	Floating Festival (Theppam)	1	Nov	10,000	Eatables	44
114.	Kovilur (V)	1·96	Karaikudi	3	Adi Poora Uthsavam	11	July/Aug	500	Necklaces, made out of "pasi and pavazham" and other ornaments, coconuts plantains, & mangoes	51 On Pooram star of Adi
118.	Kandanoor (P)	2·00	Kandanoor	¼	1. Fair	1	March	4,000	Vegetables, eatables, coconuts. fruits & food grains	69 Fair meets on every Sunday
					2. Chelliamman-Koil Festival	10	...	...	...	...
140.	Ariyakudi (V)	2·79	Karaikudi	2	1. Vasanthoth-savam	15	June	10,000	Edibles	53
					2. Car Festival	10	May/June	1,000	do	70
141.	Karaikudi (M)	5·49	do	2	Kappudai-amman Koil Festival	10	May	1,00,000	do	51

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					TIRUPATTUR TALUK (Concld.)					
148.	Keeranipatti (V)	2·38	Karaikudi	26	Chithirai Festival	10	April	5,000	Edibles	52
152.	Kandavamanickam (P)	...	do	12	1. Fair	1	...	250	Vegetables	45 Fair meets on every Sunday
					2. Manickavalli-amman Festival	10	...	1,000	do	...
156.	Kallal	4·02	Kallal	1	Masi Magha Festival	10	Feb/Mar	500	Grocery	50
165.	Panangudi (P)	5·90	...	7	Amman Koil Festival	10	June/July	2,500	Sweets	43
							May/June	1,000	do	...
166.	Mummudisanpatti (P)	...	Natarajapuram	1	Fair	1	...	500	...	90 Fair meets on every Saturday
169.	Vediyur (P)	4·60	do	4	do	1	...	300	Edibles	40 Fair meets on Saturday
					SIVAGANGA TALUK					
7.	Madagupatti (V)	1·12	Sivaganga	11	Fair	1	...	1,000	Sweetmeats, vegetables & cloth	40 Fair meets on every Friday
1).	Paganeri (P)	3·28	do	15	do	1	...	1,000	Sweetmeats, vegetables, cloth & fancy goods	44 Fair meets on every Monday
26.	Keelapoongudi (V)	3·24	do	10	do	1	...	1,000	Earthenwares, fowls, sweetmeats, vegetables and clothes	40 Fair meets on every Saturday

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					SIVAGANGA TALUK (Contd.)					
73.	Sivaganga (P)	3·00	Sivaganga	1	1. Fair	1	...	2,000	Earthenwares, fruits, clothes, textiles, fowls & cattle	29 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					2. Sivagangai Festival	7	Mar/April	6,000	Sweetmeats, aluminium wares, fowls, cattle, meat & fancy goods	...
76.	Nattarasakottai (P)	4·00	Nattarasan kottai	1	Fair	1	...	1,000	Sweetmeats, aluminium wares, brass wares, fowls, cattle, meat & fancy goods	34 Fair meets on every Saturday
77.	Nattarasakottai (V)	6·50	do	1	Kannudaya Nayagiamman Festival	7	May/June	5,000	Sweetmeats, alumininum, brasswares, & fancy goods	34
90.	Kalaiar Kovil (P)	1·73	Sivaganga	11	1. Kalaiar Koil Theppa Tirunal	7	do	4,000	Sweetmeats, earthen wares, aluminium wares and fancy goods	40
					2. Fair	1	...	2,000	Meat, sheep, fruits, vegetables, sweetmeats, and fowls	Fair meets on Mondays
91.	Kollangudi (P)	2·23	do	9	Kaliamman Koil Festival	7	June/July	3,000	Sweetmeats, & fancy goods	35
149.	Tiruppachetti (P) North	0·36	do	1/16	Fair	1	...	1,000	Vegetables, and fruits	20 Fair meets on every Wednesday
211.	Palayanoor (P)	0·85	Tiruppachetti	...	Fair	1	...	500	do	28 Fair meets on every Monday

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					SIVAGANGA TALUK (Concld.)					
213.	Marnadu (V)	1·03	Tiruppachetti	4	Sivarathiri Karuppanna-swamy Koil Festival	1	Feb	15,000	Vegetables, and fruits	20
249.	Manamadurai	3·50	Manamadurai	4	1. Fair	1	...	25,000	Sheep, vegetables and grocery	30 Fair meets on every Thursday
					2. Chithirai Tirunal	20	April	...	...	...
					TIRUVADANAI TALUK					
14.	Kandadevi (P)	7·00	Devakottai	5	Soi Swarnamar Eswarar Ani Brahmothsavam Car Festival	23	June	5,000	Grocery	53
26.	Kadamboor	...	...	17	Sandyagapper Temple Festival	7	May/June	1,500	Sweetmeats, fancy goods, and utility articles	68
32.	Palagulam	...	...	13	Erudu kattu	1	do	1,000	Sweetmeats, corals & fancy goods	68
51.	Neivayal	...	...	17	Anthoniar Festival	10	June/July	1,000	Culture corals, stationery, fruits, sweet-meats, clothes and vessels	67
52.	Sirumalaikottai	...	...	18	Kaliamman Temple Festival	3	do	1,000	Fruits, sweetmeats and clothes	72
54.	Andaurani	...	...	23	Michael Andavar Temple Festival	10	Sep/Oct	3,000	Sweetmeats, clothes and earthen wares	75

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					TIRUVADANAI TALUK (Contd.)					
55.	Paganur	...	Devakottai	...	Mariamman Festival	...	July/Aug	300	Sweetmeats, clothes and earthenwares	78
59.	Arasathur	...	Devakottai Road	20	Arasathur Fair	1	...	1,500	Vegetables	49 Fair meets on every Tuesday
					St. Xavier Festival	2	Dec	2,000	...	... Festival is conducted on second & third day of December
88.	Orur (P)	...	Devakottai	42	Arulandiyar Festival	10	Aug/Sep	5,000	Grocery	75
99.	Tiruvadanai	1·56	do	18	Adi Uthireswarar Vaigasi Visagam	10	May/June	5,000	do	99 On Vaikasi Visakham day
122.	Melpaniyur	...	Devakottai Road	24	Fair	1	...	...	...	70 Fair meets on every Wednesday
123.	Gudalur	...	do	27	Fair	1	...	3,000	Rice, chillies, pulses, fish, textiles, sheep and vegetables	80 Fair meets on every Monday
124.	Vadakkalur	...	...	27	do	1	...	3,000	Paddy, rice, vegetables, chillies, pulses, textiles and fish	80 Fair meets on every Monday
131.	Sanaveli	...	Ramnad	27	do	1	...	600	Vegetables, fish, textiles and edibles	27 Fair meets on every Wednesday

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					TIRUVADANAI TALUK (Concld.)					
132.	Arunoothimangalam	...	Ramnad	27	Fair	1	...	500	Fruits, sweetmeats, grocery and fish	27 Fair meets on every Wednesday
141.	Odaikkal	...	...	25	do	1	...	2,000	Paddy, rice, chillies, ragi and coriander	80 Fair meets on every Saturday
142.	Pullumadai	...	...	27	do	1	...	2,000	do	80 Fair meets on every Saturday
146.	Rajasingamangalam	...	...	25	do	1	...	2,000	do	80 Fair meets on every Saturday
147.	Kothidal	...	Ramnad	22	Ramar Bajanai	1	Sep/Oct	1,000	Coconuts, fruits and sweetmeats	78 Last Saturday of Purattasi month
148.	Paranur	...	do	24	Fair	1	...	2,000	Paddy, coconuts, fruits, vegetables chillies and fish	80 Fair meets on every Saturday
150.	Kadalur	...	do	20	Koopur Vinayaga Chathurthi	10	Aug/Sep	1,500	Coconuts, fruits and vessels	80

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					PARAMAKUDI TALUK					
21.	Kannamangalam (V)	2·95	Paramakudi	10	Sri Subramanya-swamy Koil Festival	10	April	3,000	Fruits, groundnuts & coconuts	48
24.	Thayamangalam (V)	0·78	do	12	1. Sri Muthu Mariamman Koil Festival	11	March	20,000	Coconuts, fruits, sugar-cane, brass-wares & clothes	43
					2. Panguni Festival (Amman Koil Uthsavam)	8	Mar/April	15,000	Coconuts, fruits, flowers, edibles sugarcane, mangoes & jack fruits	47
32.	Illayangudi South	4·10	...	7	1. Fair 2. Mara Nayanar Guru Pooja 3. Magha Nonbu Uthsavam	1 10	Sep/Oct	5,000	Cows, food-grains & vegetables	45 Fair meets on every Saturday
56.	Kottaiyur (V) Vani (H)	3·05	...	7	Sivarathiri	3	Feb/Mar	6,000	...	52 On Mondays
98.	Emaneswaram	0·78	...	2	Vasanthothsavam	10	May/June	20,000	...	47 On Full Moon day
105.	Nainarkoil	0·73	Paramakudi	8	1. Vaikasi Uthsavam 2. Adi Uthsavam in Naga Nathar Koil	12 15	May August	50,000 35,000	Groundnuts, plantain, fruits, jack fruits, coconuts & utility articles	53
178.	Vallakulam	0·59	do	15	Sri Subramanya-swamy Koil Festival	10	January	5,000	Coconuts, fruits & sugarcane	52

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					RAMANATHAPURAM TALUK					
8.	Devipatnam	3·80	Ramanatha-puram	10	1. Adi Amavasai Festival 2. Thai Amavasai Festival	1 1	July/Aug Jan/Feb	5,000	Plamyrah baskets & mats	82
32.	Ramanathapuram (M)	4·50	do	R.S.	Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/April	10,000	Earthen wares	72 On Uthiram star day
					2. Fair	1	...	4,000	Earthen wares, grains, cattle & grocery	Fair meets on every Wednesday
45.	Tiru Uthirakosa-mangai	3·49	do	R.S.	Thiruvathirai Festival	1	Dec/Jan	5,000	Fancy goods	72 On Thiru-vathirai day
66.	Tirupullani (P)	7·64	do	6	1. Adi Amavasai Festival 2. Thai Amavasai Festival	1 1	July/Aug Jan/Feb	7,000	Coconuts & palmyrah baskets	78
107.	Rameswara m (P)	4·58	do	1	1. Adi Amavasai Festival 2. Thai Amavasai Festival 3. Masi Amavasai Samharam	1 1 1	July/Aug Jan/Feb Feb/Mar	20,000	Palmyrah baskets, clothes and portraits	100
					MUDUKULATHUR TALUK					
3.	Eluvanur (P)	2·65	Parthibanur	18	Mariamman Festival	3	Aug/Sep	1,500	...	18
11.	Melakodumalur (P)	5·07	do	8	1. Panguni Uthiram 2. Muppala Pooja	3	Mar/Apl May/June	5,000	Fancy goods, utility articles and earthen-wares	50
				10	Vaikasi Visakham (Lord Subrah-manya)	1	May/June	5,000	Utility articles and edibles	43

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					MUDUKULATHUR TALUK (Contd.)					
12.	Achankulam (P)	9·59	Soodiyur	11	1. Maha Siva-rathiri	2	Feb/Mar	1,000	...	46
					2. Adi 18th (Adiperukku)	1	July/Aug	1,000	...	...
15.	Mandalamanickam (P)	4·77	Manamadurai or Virudhunagar	30 or 32	1. Chithirai Festival (Alagar getting into the river)	3	Apr/May	2,000	Betel leaves, nuts, light refresh-ments and fancy goods	18
					2. Sivan Koil Ani Festival	10	June/July	800		
					3. Mulaikottu Festival	7	July/Aug	2,000		
					4. Purattasi Amman Koil Festival	10	Sep/Oct	600		
					5. Navarathiri Festival	9	Sep	800		
					6. Sivarathiri Parivettai	3	Mar/Apr	500		
					7. Panguni Pongal	7	do	500		
					8. Sri Ramanavami Uthsavam	10	do	300		
20.	Natham (P)	2·49	Manamadurai	18	Fair	1	...	2,000	Vegetables, fish, food grains & textiles	48 Fair meets on every Wednesday
	Kallikulam (H)	2·49	Paramakudi	22	Iyankoil Puravi-Eduppu	2	Sep/Oct	300	...	67 Once in three years on Navara-thiri Pooja
21.	Abiramam (P)	10·04	Manamadurai	18	1. Fair	1	...	5,000	Vegetables, fruits, fish, eatables, textiles, betel leaves, nuts, light refresh-ments, rice, fancy goods & utility articles	48
					2. Purattasi Magara Nonbu	...	Sep/Oct	3,000		
					3. Masikalary	...	Feb/Mar	2,000		

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					MUDUKULATHUR TALUK (Contd.)					
32.	Pulvaikulam (P)	2·25	Paramakudi	20	Perumalswami Festival	1	April	500	...	69 On Full Moon day of Chithirai month
35.	Kumuthi (P)	2·00	Parthibanur	15	Fair	1	...	1,000	Rice, dried fish, cattle and utility articles	54 Fair meets on every Tuesday
46.	Mushtakurichi (P)	5·19	Soodiyur	22	Illuppaswamy Festival	3	March	5,000	Light refre-shments and fruits	58
49.	Pakkuvetti (P)	4·34	do	17	Chithirai Festival	1	April	600	...	72 On Full Moon day of Chithirai month
50.	Ananjur (P)	7·10	do	15	Azhaganachi-ammal Festival	1	Sep/Oct	1,000	...	70 Takes place during Navarathiri
68.	Peraiyur (P)	9·00	Paramakudi	21	1. Fair	1	...	1,000	Rice, dhall, dried fish & clothes	71 Fair meets on every Monday
					2. Panguni Pongal	10	March	2,000	...	...
69.	Sengapadi (P)	4·82	Soodiyur	23	Azhagia Valli-ammal Festival	2	September	1,000	Light refresh-ments and fruits	58
71.	Pudukottai (P)	3·94	do	25	Droupathi-amman Koil Festival	3	February	1,500	do	60

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					MUDUKULATHUR TALUK (Concld.)					
77.	Mudukulathur (P)	2·50	Paramakudi	16	Fair	1	...	1,500	Rice, dhal, dried fish & fancy goods	66 Fair meets on every Thursday
95.	Kovilangulam (P)	7·05	Soodiyur	30	Thirukkaludiar Festival	2	...	5,000	Light refreshments, & fruits	66
96.	O. Karisalkulam (P)	5·51	do	27	Muthalammam Festival	7	October	10,000	...	54
97.	K. Veppankulam (P)	2·40	do	24	Arianachiamman Koil Festival	1	May/June	3,000	...	53
98.	Pammanendal (P)	4·53	do	29	Karunathar-swami Festival	3	May	3,000	...	57
120.	Kadaladi (P)	1·21	Paramakudi	26	Fair	1	...	1,000	Fish, dried fish, salt, rice & vegetables	76 Fair meets on every Tuesday
130.	Perunali (P)	5·06	Virudhunagar	37	Panguni Pongal	3	April	5,000	...	57 During Second week of April
131.	T. Balasubramania-puram	5·00	do	35	Alagiavalli-amman Uthsavam	3	August	1,000	...	55 During first week of August
153.	Ervadi (P)	7·12	Ramanatha-puram	16	Santhanakoodu Festival	11	Feb/Mar	1,50,000	Utility articles	80

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					ARUPPUKOTTAI TALUK					
39.	Thopur (P)	5·92	Kallikudi	11	Purattasi Pongal	8	October	200	...	20
40.	Vakkanankundu (P)	3·96	do	12	1, Vaikasi. Pongal	8	May	550	...	22
					2. Purattasi Pongal	8	October			
41.	Kariapatty (P)	5·61	do	10	Muthalamman Pongal (Mari-amman temple Festival)	3	Mar/April	1,000	Sweetmeats & clothes	18 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					Fair	1	...	1,000	Incense	...
	Kattukuthagai Karisalkulam (H)	...	do	9	Alagu Nachi amman Pongal	3	Sep/Oct	2,000	Sweetmeats, fried, grains, coconuts, fruits & fancy goods	21
42.	Pampatty (P)	2·94	do	8	Kaliamman Pongal	3	Mar/April	1,000	Sweetmeats, clothes & fancy goods	22
44.	Pisindi (V)	...	Virudhunagar	8	do	8	Mar/April & Sep/Oct	1,500	...	25
46.	Manthopu (P)	4·45	Kokkalanseri	5	Mariamman Festival	7	April	2,500	Vegetables, edibles, textiles & fancy goods	26
47.	Alagianallur (P)	6·07	Virudhunagar	6	Kaliamman Festival	3	Mar/April	1,500	Grocery	30
49.	Varulotti (V)	4·98	do	5	Vadakku vasal Chellaiamman Festival	3	Oct/Nov	1,500	Clothes, sweetmeats & fancy goods	35
50.	Mallanginar (P)	8·25	do	7	1. Sri Chenna kesava perumal Brahmothsavam	10	Mar/April	7,000	Sweetmeats, clothes, grocery & leather	39
					2. Muthalamman Festival	2	Sep/Oct	2,000		

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					ARUPPUKOTTAI TALUK (Contd.)					
51.	Nanthikundu (V)	3·93	Virudhunagar	6	Kaliamman Festival	3	Sep/Oct	500	Grocery	30
52.	Thenugal (P)	4·00	do	10	1. Fair	1	May/Oct	1,100	Cattle & grocery	22 Fair meets on every Thursday
					2. Vaikasi Pongal	8				
					3. Purattasi Makara Nonbu	10				
53.	Kalkurichi (P)	2·99	do	10	Poongavanathu Amman Koil Festival	15	Mar/April	5,000	Coconuts, fruits, sweetmeats, grocery, beverages, clothes, grain s& meat	23
54.	Johilpatty (P)	2·95	do	10	Kaliamman Pongal	1	May/June	1,000	Clothes, vegetables & fancy goods	23
64.	Manoor (P)	2·73	Parthibanur	18	Panguni Visagam	10	Mar/April	2,000	Sugarcane, plantains, coconuts & fancy goods	40
77.	N. Mukkulam (Part) Veerakudi (V)	3·02	do	18	Maha Sivarathiri	5	February	5,000	do	40
95.	Pandanendal (P)	2·91	Kallikudi	15	1. Vaikasi Pongal	8	May	300	...	24
					2. Purattasi Kudirai Eduppu	15	October			
97.	Kavilankulam (P)	4·83	Virudhu-nagar	14	1. Vadakkuva Chelliamman Pongal	3	Mar/Apr	1,000	...	26
					2. Mariamman Pongal	3	July/Aug			
98.	Ramanujapuram (P)	4·83	do	24	Perumal Festival	1	October	500	...	26

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					ARUPPUKOTTAI TALUK (Contd.)					
99.	Valukkaletti (P)	2·91	Virudhunagar	4	Kaliamman Koil Pongal	3	Mar/Apr	1,000	Sweetmeats, betel leaves and nuts	30
101.	Kuloor sandai (P)	2·91	Soolakarai	10	Soundamman Koil Pongal	3	August	2,000	...	30
102.	Seelakarai	...	do	1/8	Kaliamman Temple Pongal	2	Mar/Apr	2,000	...	30
104.	Palayampatti	...	Virudhunagar	14	Venugopalaswamy Festival	9	May/June	2,000	...	28
					Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	2,000		
108.	Sembatty (V)	...	do	13	Purattasiamman Pongal	3	October	2,500	...	30
143.	Veerasolam (P)	...	Parthibanur	10	Fair	1	...	500	Vegetables, grains, sheep, dried fish and utility articles	48 Fair meets on every Monday
162.	Thiruchuli (P)	...	Virudhunagar	20	1. Brahmothsavam	10	Mar/Apr	12,000	Grocery	38 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					2. Amman Thabasu	...	July/Aug			
					3. Fair	1	...			
169.	Athipatti	...	do	14	Perumal Temple	2	Sep/Oct	1,500	...	33 Festival is celebrated on every 20th of Purattasi
171.	Kanjanakkenpatti	...	do	14	Uijini Makali-amman Temple Pongal	3	July/Aug	500	...	38

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					ARUPPUKOTTAI TALUK (Concld.)					
172.	Aruppukottai (M)	6·00	Virudhunagar	13	Chokkanatha-swami Ani Festival	13	June/July	1,600	...	39
	Periapuliampatti (H)			12	Sri Jayanthi	3	Sep/Oct	800		
192.	Kalloorani (P)	5·31	do	18	Mariamman Festival	7	Mar/Apr	1,500	...	39
220.	Anaikulam	3·07	do	20	Fair	1	do	200	Dried fish & grocery	46 Fair meets on every Saturday
222.	Illupaiyoor (V)	1·81	do	27	Mariamman Pongal	5	Mar/Apr/ Sep/Oct	5,000	...	87
226.	Erasinnampatti (V)	2·54	do	23	Pongal Festival	3	Mar/Apr	...	...	42
230.	Aladipatti (V)	5·50	do	20	Elliamman Koil Festival	1	Feb/Mar	...	...	38
235.	Mandapasalai (P)	5·47	do	22	Fair	1	...	400	Vegetables	44 Fair meets on every Sunday
246.	Vadakkanatham (P)	6·45	do	35	Arumugaswamigal Koil Festival	3	May	1,000	Plantains & coconuts	52
					SATTUR TALUK					
1.	Erichanatham (P)	...	do	10	1. Mariamman Koil Festival	10	Mar/April	2,000	Textiles, fruits & sweetmeats	35 One week prior to Full Moon
					2. Erichanatham Fair	1	...	500	Textiles, sheep, vegetables & sweetmeats	Fair meets on every Sunday

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					SATTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
5.	Senkottai (P)	...	Sattur	7	Kaliamman Koil Festival	2	April	500	...	36
6.	Sengundrapuram (P)	2·00	...	6	Mariamman Koil Uthsavam	7	April	1,000	Sweetmeats, coconuts and fruits	35
7.	Kunthalapatti (P)	2·93	Thiruthangal	3	Nachiaramman Narayanaswamy Tirukalyanam Festival	1	Mar/Apr	1,500	...	50
	Naranapuram (H)									
8.	Elinganaickenpatti (P)	3·03	Sattur	7	1. Muthalamman Festival	2	May	500	...	37 Once in three years
					2. Sri Subramanya-swamy Koil Magha Nonbu Festival	1	Sep/Oct	...	...	...
14.	Chatrareddipatti (P)	1·19	Kokkalancheri or Virudhu-nagar	1½	1. Iyanar Koil Festival 2. Vailukantham-man Koil Festival 3. Perumal Koil Festival	4	May/June/ Sep/Oct	5,000	...	32
15.	Periaperali (P)	4·37	Virudhunagar	¼	1. Fair	2	...	10,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	30 Fair meets on every Tuesday & Friday
					2. Panguni Pongal	10	Mar/April	10,000	do	...
20.	Virudhunagar (V)	1·27	do	¼	Mariamman Festival	13	March	50,000	Clothes, coconuts, fruits & sweetmeats	30

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21.	Valliyur (P) Kumaralingapuram (H)	1·07	Virudhunagar	4	Pachai Maragadha Valliamman Festival	2	Sep/Oct	800	Coconuts, textiles, fruits & fancy goods	34
22.	Pavali (P)	4·55	do	4	1. Sri Kaliamman Festival	3	June/July	800	Textiles, coconuts & fancy goods	37
					2. Sri Pachai Maragadha Valliamman Festival	7	Sep/Oct	2,000	...	...
24.	Kavundampatti (P)	0·95	do	12	Mariamman Koil Festival	4	Mar/April	2,000	Textiles, sweetmeats & fancy goods	40 One week prior to Full Moon of Panguni
25.	Savalur (P)	6·56	do	12	Mariamman Festival	10	do	500	Fruits & sweetmeats	36
27.	Pudukottai (P)	...	do	13	Muthalamman Festival	3	Sep/Oct	2,000	Textiles & sweetmeats	40
28.	Mangalam (P)	...	Srivilliputtur	12	1. Kalangada Kanniamman Festival	7	Mar/April	6,900	Flowers & sweetmeats	40
					2. Mariamman Muthalamman Festival	...	Sep/Oct			
33.	Thatchakudi (P)	1·15	Sivagiri	8	Jakadevikal Festival	2	Feb/Mar	800	...	41 Takes place on Sivarathiri
34.	Nedungulam (P)	3·37	do	6	Maha Sivarathiri	4	February	1,500	Sugarcane, coconuts & sweetmeats	42
37.	Vellore (P)	3·64	Virudhunagar	5	Amarchiyaramman Pongal Festival	10	Oct/Nov	5,000	Textiles, beverages & fancy goods	38

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38.	Amathur (P) Nattarmangalam (H)	3·36	Sangaralinga-puram	3	Panguni Pongal Festival	3	April	2,000	Coconuts & fancy goods	36
			Virudhunagar	8	Kaliamman Koil Pongal Festival	3	June	500	Sweetmeats	38
41.	Alagapuri (P)	1·10	...	4	do	2	July	1,200	...	32
47.	Kariseri (P)	4·52	Sankaralinga-puram	2	1. do	2	Sep/Oct	500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	35
					2. Chelliamman Koil Pongal Festival	13	...	...	...	...
49.	Melamathur (P) Pathalakurichi (H)	3·74	do	3	Kaliamman Koil Pongal Festival	3	Oct/Nov	580	...	50
				4	Iyanar Koil Festival	1	Feb/Mar	100	...	40
53.	Vadapatti (P) Pudur (H)	5·73	Tulukkanpatti	2	Kannicheri Pudur Fair	1	May/June	1,00,000	Cattle, crackers & beverages	100 Takes place on Full Moon day
55.	Krishnaperi (P)	0·99	Sivagiri	6	Christmas	1	December	550	Eatables	40
59.	Injar (V)	...	do	5	1. Grama Devathai Vailukanthamman Festival	...	October	1000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	47
					2. Mariamman Pongal Festival	...	April			
62.	Sengamalanachiar-puram (P)	...	do	1	Sri Krishna Jayanthi	1	Aug/Sep	200	...	44 Takes place on Ashtami Thithi
65.	Namaskarithanpatti	1·31	do	3¾	Kaliamman Festival	2	Sep/Oct	516	Textiles & fancy goods	52

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					SATTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
69.	Thiruthangal (V)	...	Thiruthangal	...	1. Sri Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec/Jan	4,500	Sugarcane, mangoes & sweetmeats	44
					2. Ani Uthsavam	1	June/July			
					3. Panguni Pongal	1	Mar/Apr			
70.	Vadamalaipuram (P)	3·72	do	3	Chelliamman Festival	1	Mar/April	350	...	44
86.	Thammanaickenpatti (P)	3·24	Thulukkapatti	2	1. Fair	1	...	25,000	Bullocks, sheep, sugarcane, textiles & vegetables	42 Fair meets on every Friday
					2. do	1	May/June			
89.	Periavadi (P)	2·00								
	Mudalipatti (H)	...	do	3	Vaikasi month Festival	15	May/June	...	Fruits	41 Takes place on Full Moon day
	Sadhanandapuram (H)	...	do	3	Fair	15	...	...	Bullock	...
	Sinnaramalingapuram (H)	...	do	3	Vaikasi Festival	15	May/June	...	...	...
	Sundaralingapuram (H)	...	do	3	Vaikasi Full Moon Festival	15	...	...	...	...
	Kalpodu (H)	...	do	4	Christmas	1	December	200	...	...
92.	Kilathiruthangal (V) / Senganalaipatti (H)	...	do	1½	Iyanar Pongal Festival	1	Oct/Nov	300	...	43
	Pallapatti (H)	5·00	do	½	Panguni Pongal Festival	1	Mar/Apr	200	...	42
93.	Sivakasi (M) / Viswanasham (H)	2.09	Sivagiri	2½	1. Deepavali	1	Oct/Nov	1,500	...	46
					2. Pongal	3	Jan/Feb			
					3. Panguni Pongal	1	Mar/Apr			

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					SATTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
94.	Anaiyur (P)	2·65	Sivagiri	2	1. Kaliamman Festival	1	Mar/Apr	...	..	47
					2. Mariamman Festival	1	July/Aug	...	...	...
100.	Konangulam (P)	0·65	Sattur	18	1. Deepavali	1	November	1,025	...	54
					2. Pongal	3	January			
103.	Maraneri (P)	...	Sivagiri	4	Kaliamman Koil Festival	7	July/Aug	1,000	...	48
108.	Sithirajapuram (P)	3·25	do	3	1. Panguni Pongal	1	Mar/Apr	1,000	Flowers & sweetmeats	...
					2. Kanniamman Pongal	1	May/June			
					3. Kannan Festival	1	Sep/Oct			
110.	Anuppankulam (P)	6·26	do	6	1. Muthalamman Festival	1	May/June	1,500	Coconuts, fruits, flowers & sweetmeats	51
					2. Kaliamman Festival	1	Mar/Apr			
	Meenampatti (H)	...	do	5	1. Vadakuthi-amman Festival	1	Apr/May	100		
					2. Christmas	1	December			
112.	V. Chokkalinga-puram (V)	...	Thulukkapatti	4	Thai Poosam Festival	3	Jan/Feb	140	...	47
	Pethilipatti (H)	...	do	4½	Sevan's Festival	3	Feb/Mar	210	...	41
	Poochakapatti (H)	...	Sivagiri	4	Panguni Pongal	1	Mar/Apr	210	...	46
124.	Appayanaicken-patti (V)	1·66	Thulukkapatti	7	Sivarathiri Festival	2	Feb/Mar	500	...	40
128.	Veppilaipatti (P)	2·45	Veppilaipatti Chatram	½	Gangaiamman Koil Festival	3	March	1,000	...	44

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					SATTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
139.	Kallamanaickenpatti (P)	...	Sivagiri	8	1. Christmas	1	December	...	...	53
					2. Deepavaii	1	November			
					3. Pongal	3	January			
141.	Alangulam (P)	5·76	Ramakrishnapuram	7½	1. Deepavali	1	November	2,000	...	50
					2. Pongal	2	January			
143.	Lakshmipuram (P)	6·92	...	...	1. Deepavali	1	November	3,000	Sweetmeats	65
					2. Pongal	2	January			
					3. Mariamman Festival	3	June			
148.	Kananjampattl (P)	3·00	Sivagiri	7	Koil Pongal	3	June	6,000	...	54
149.	Vijayakarisakulam (P)	1·50	do	8	do	3	do	700	...	55
156.	Sattur (P)	3·12	Sattur	...	Fair	1	...	500	Sheep	48 Fair meets on every Saturday
158.	Ammapatti (P)	3·24	do	2	Kaliamman Koil Festival	4	June	1,000	...	80
168.	Irukkangudi (P) Melamadai (V)	...	do	5	Mariamman Koil Festival	1	July/Aug	1,00,000	...	48
185.	Appayanaickenpatti Ramalingapuram	6·10	do	6	Kaliamman Festival	1	Apr/May	200	Sweetmeats	53
190.	E. Duraisamipuram (P) Servaikaranpatti (H)	3·54	Sankaralingapuram	2½	Chelliamman Koil Festival	2	Oct/Nov	560	...	48

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					SATTUR TALUK (Concld.)					
193.	Elayirampannai (P)	3·11	Sattur	10	Mariamman Koil Festival	10	Apr/May	10,000	...	55
195.	Kangarakottai (P) Parapatti (H)	4·10	Sivagiri	6	1. Kaliamman Festival	1	April/May	2,000	Sweetmeats, coconuts and fruits	52
					2. Muthalamman Festival	1	May/June			
203.	Nenmeni (P)	7·65	Sattur	6	Sach Innachiar Koil Uthsavam	2	July	1,00,000	Sweetmeats	51
212.	Nalli (P)	0·91	Nalli	3½	Mampudathiamman Festival	14	Sep/Oct	300	do	56
					SRIVILLIPUTTUR TALUK					
1.	Khanasapuram	...	Srivilliputtur	16	Pongal	1	Jan	500	Textiles	16
3.	Kodikulam (P)	2·14	do	20	do	1	do	1,000	do	36
4.	Arjunapuram (V)	7·26	do	14	Nalla Thangal Koil Festival	1	Jan/Feb/	150	Grocery	48
5.	Watarap (P)	2·50	do	12	Muthalamman Festival	10	Sep/Oct	20,000	Sweetmeats, textiles, fancy goods and earthen wares	...
				12	Fair	1	...	2,000	Navathaniangal, vegetables and agricultural implements	48

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					SRIVILLIPUTTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
7.	Maharajapuram (P)	8·47	Srivilliputtur	15	1. Sundara Mahalinga Festival	7	July/Aug	50,000	Textiles and grains	48
					2. Muthalamman Pongal Festival	2	Sep/Oct	4,000	Grocery	...
					3. Kaliamman Festival	1	Mar/Apr	200	...	...
					4. Arakkamman Festival	1	do	400	...	...
8.	Mathur (P)	0·63	do	16	Village Pongal Festival	1	Oct/Nov	2,000	...	46
10.	Thambipatti (P)	0·65	do	15½	do	1	do	2,000	...	46
11.	Kottaiyur (P)	5·22	do	16	Pongal	1	January	1,500	Textiles	...
				18	Mariamman	...	Oct/Nov	700	Fancy goods & eatables	40
					Muthalamman Festival	2	Mar/April			
12.	Elandaikulam (P)	6·19	do	22	Muthalamman	1	Mar/Apr	500	Beverages and flowers	40
					Mariamman Koil Pongal Festival	...	June/July			
13.	Ayardharnam (P)	3·26	do	24	1. Matha Koil Pongal Festival	1	Mar/Apr	300	do	40
					2. Kaliamman Koil Pongal	1	June/July			
14,	Govindanallur (V)	2·23	do	20	Pongal	2	January	200	Textiles	32

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					SRIVILLIPUTTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
15.	Vellaipottal (P)	1·81	Srivilliputtur	16	1. Pongal	2	January	200	Textiles	38
					2. Panguni Mariamman Festival	3	Mar/Apr	800	...	...
19.	Karisalkulam (P)	...	do	20	Pongal	4	Jan/Feb	200	Textiles	35
23.	Sundarapandiam (P)	9·09	do	12	1. Muthalamman Festival	2	March	3,000	...	48
					2. Mariamman Festival	8	April	300	...	...
					3. Iyanar Koil Parivettai Festival	1	February	2,000	...	...
					4. Pongal Festival	1	January	2,000	Textiles	...
24.	Pudupatti (P)	8·88	do	12	1. Mariamman Festival	3	Jan/Feb	1,000	...	...
					2. Alliamman Festival	3	do	500	Textiles	46 Takes place on Poosam star of Thai
28.	Ammapatti Ruthrappa naickenpatti (P)	1·14	do	18	Pongal	1	January	200	do	42
29.	Ayyannathampatti.(P)	3·79	do	15	1. Pongal	1	do	500	Textiles, clothes, vegetables and sweet-meats	45 Fair meets on every Wednesday
					2. Fair	1	...	1,000	...	...

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					SRIVILLIPUTTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
30.	Kunrur (P)	...	Srivilliputtur	9	1. Chinnamalai Festival	2	May	1,000	Sweetmeats, beverages & clothes	40 Takes place on every fifth of May
					2. Pongal	2	January	500	...	...
32.	Pattaikulam Sallipatti (P)	3·71	do	5	Pongal	2	do	500	Sweetmeats & clothes	45
	Semmanandi Karisalkulam	...	Ramakrishna-puram	5	do	1	do	200	do	48
33.	Villuppanur (P)	8·74	Srivilliputtur	3	do	1	do	1,000	Sweetmeats	53½
34.	Thadanganinagaseri (P)	2·70	Ramakrishna-puram	2	do	3	do	1,500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	52
35.	Mullikulam (P)	1·16	Krishnapuram	1½	1. do	3	do	600	do	53½
					2. Mariamman Pongal	1	Mar/April	100	...	...
36.	Achangulam (P)	0·46	Srivilliputtur	3	Pongal	2	January	1,000	Sweetmeats & clothes	50
	Muthuvenkataraya-puram (H)	...		3	do	2	...	1,000	do	...
39.	Venkateswarapuram (V)	7·39	do	3½	Purattasi Pongal Festival	5	Sep/Oct	10,000	Sweetmeats & textiles	49
				3	Garudasevai	3	do	3,000	Grocery, curd & sweetmeats	51
40.	Kottaipatti (P)	0 79	do	3	Kaliamman Koil Pongal Festival	1	Oct/Nov	1,500	do	52 Takes place on second Tuesday of Iyppasi

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					SRIVILLIPUTTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
43.	North Srivilliputtur (V)	2·43	Srivilliputtur	2½	Pongal	2	January	300	Sweetmeats & cloth	47 Takes place on New moon day of Panguni
					2. Peria Mari-amman Koil Tookkuzhi	10	Mar/April	20,000	...	...
44.	Athikulam Sengulam	1·76	do	2	Pongal	2	January	500	Clothes	50
45.	Srivilliputtur Athikulam (V)	1·02	do	2	1. Sri Nachiyar Devasthanam Ennai Kappu Festival	9	Dec/Jan	1,000	Perfumery	48
					2. Sri Nachiyar Devasthanam Adi Festival	10	July/Aug	2,000	Fancy goods	...
					3. Srivilliputtur Madhava Sri Vaithiyanatha-swamy Festival	9	May/June	800	...	...
					4. Srivilliputtur Nachiyar Panguni Festival	9	April/May	1,000	Perfumery	...
	Athukulampatti	...	do	1	Thai Pongal "Adi Thiru"	2	January	10,000	Textiles	47
46.	Malli (P)	7·52	Ramakrishna-puram	1	Thiruviruthamman Koil Pongal	1	Sep/Oct	200	Fancy goods	50 Takes place on any Tuesday of 'Purattasi'
				2	Pongai	3	January	1,000	Fancy goods, sweetmeats & baskets	...

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					SRIVILLIPUTTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
47.	Mallipudur (P)	...	Malliputhur	...	1. Muthalamman Koil Festival	1	Sep/Oct	100	Fancy goods	51
			Ramakrishna-puram	...	2. Pongal	2	January	1,500	Sweetmeats	...
48.	Ayannachiarkoil (P)	2·67	Srivilliputtur	2	1. do	4	do	500	do	48 Takes place on any Tuesday in Panguni
				3	2. Mariamman Pongal Festival	1	Mar/April	250	Fancy goods	...
51.	Padikasuvaithanpatti (P) Vaithilingapuram	1·71	Vaithilinga-puram	8	Pongal	1	January	3,455	Sweetmeats & textiles	52
52.	Mamsapuram (P)	12·62	Srivilliputtur	4½	1. Kaliamman Koil Pongal Festival	2	April/May	1,000	...	52 Takes place in 'Chithirai'
					2. Pongal	2	January	4,000	Sweetmeats & clothes	...
					3. Mariamman Festival	7	Mar/April	2,000	Fancy goods	Takes place in 'Thai'
	Sivanthipatti (H)				4. (i) Muthal-amman Festival	1	Jan/Feb	1,000	...	...
					(ii) Kaliamman Festival	4	Sep/Oct	500	Sweetmeats	...
					(iii) Pongal	2	January	5,000	...	Takes place in 'Purattasi'
					(iv) Skandhar Festival	7	Oct/Nov	600	...	...
	Valaikulam (H)				5. Pongal	1	January	2,000	Sweetmeats	...

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					SRIVILLIPUTTUR TALUK (Contd.)					
54.	Chettikulam (V)	1·52	Srivilliputtur	...	7. Pongal	1	January	5,000	Sweetmeats & textiles	56
57.	Rajapalayam (M)	4·00	Rajapalayam	...	2. Pethanattu Devasthanam Festival	10	June	5,000	Sweetmeats, clothes, beverages & betelnuts	50
					½. Fair	1	...	30,000	Grains, vegetables, jaggery & sweetmeats	Fair meets on every Tuesday
	Rajapalayam Sammandapuram	do	do		1. Droupathi-amman Koil Festival	10	March	5,000	Sweetmeats, betel leaves & nuts	...
					1. Tamil New Year's day Sarathi kudai Festival	1	April/May	...	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	60
58.	Kothangulam (P)	2·33	Srivilliputtur	½	1. Kaliamman Festival	2	May/June	500	...	49
			Vaithialinga-puram	3/8	2. Pongal	1	January	1,700	Sweetmeats	...
59.	Arasiarpatti (P)	3·17	do	½	1. Vada Kasi-amman Pongal	1	May	1,500	Fancy goods	51
					2. Pongal	1	January	2,321	Sweetmeats & clothes	do
60.	Pillaiyarkulam (P)	6·03	Srivilliputtur	5	Mariamman Koil Chithirai Full Moon ; Pongal Festival	2	April/May	10,000	Clothes, coconuts, fruits & sweetmeats	56
				3	Pongal	2	January	500	Textiles	...

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	SRIVILLIPUTTUR TALUK (Contd.)									
61.	Ramachandrapuram or Ragunathapuram	1·70	Srivilliputtur	5	Pongal	2	January	500	Fancy goods	50
62.	Achanthavilthan (P)	7·37	do	4½	do	3	do	500	Sweetmeats	50
63.	Keelarajakularaman (P)	5·25	Rajapalayam	7	do	1	do	1,500	do	60
64.	Melarajakularaman-chatrapatti (P)	7·79	do	4	Mullai kottai Mariamman Koil Festival	7	July	10,000	Sweetmeats, fruits & coconuts	55
65.	Samsikapuram (P)	4·31	do	3	Mullai kottai Mariamman Tirunal	1	July/Aug	3,000	Fancy goods & sweetmeats	58
66.	Therkuvilanganallur (Pudupalayam) (P)	4·12	do	1	Mariamman Koil Festival	10	April/May	4,000	Sweetmeats	56
69.	Sundararajapuram (P)	3·68	do	4	Mariamman Festival	2	Sep/Oct	1,000	Fancy goods	59
70.	Solaiseri (P)	3·03	do	4½	do	3	do	1,500	do	59
71.	Seithur (P) (Mettupatti)	8·93	do	6	Ekkiladevi-amman Koil Pukkuzhi Festival	10	Mar/April	2,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	62
				6	Mariamman Koil Pukkuzhi Festival	10	Mar/April May	2,000	Sweetmeats & fruits	...
72.	Muhavur (P) (Muthuswamipuram)	3·16	do	8	Panguni Pongal	3	Mar/April	5,000	Fancy goods	62

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	SRIVILLIPUTTUR TALUK (Contd.)									
73.	North Devadanam (P)	2·87	Rajapalayam	7	Vaikasi Visagam Festival	10	May/June	100,000	Sweetmeats & crockeries	62
74.	South Devadanam (P)	3·89	do	7½	Natchadai Tharutharulia-swamy Festival	10	do	4,000	Beverages, sweetmeats & fancy goods	63
76.	Melur Duraisami-puram (P)	3·03	do	11	Mariamman Koil Mundariamman Koil Festival	10	Sep/Oct	1,000	Beverages & sweetmeats	65
77.	Puthur (P)	3·56	Sholapuram	5	Ani Pongal Purattasi Pongal	7	June/July Sep/Oct	1,500	Fancy goods & coconuts	71
79.	Chettiarpatti (P)	2·19	do	8	1. Panguni Pongal Festival	...	...	...	...	70 Takes place on last Sunday in Panguni
	Pulalveli (H)	...	do	10	2. Droupathi-amman Koil Pongal Festival	10	July/Aug	2,000	Sweetmeats & beverages	...
80.	Ayyankollankondan	2·24	do	4	1. Muthia Koil Pongal	1	April/May	1,000	Fancy goods	70
					2. Mariamman Koil Pongal	10	Mar/April			
82.	Elandiraikondan (P)	3·50	do	4	Bathirakaliamman Koil Pongal Festival	2	Sep/Oct	500	Fancy goods	50
85.	Sholapuram (P)	8·60	do	2	Desiamman Pongal Vazhavandan Amman Pongal, Mariamman Pongal	2	Mar/April May/June	400	Betel leaves & fancy goods	60

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					SRIVILLIPUTTUR TALUK (Concld.)					
86.	Nallamanaickenpatti (P)	8·60	Sholapuram	3	Mariamman Pongal Festival	2	Mar/Apr May/June	500	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	60 Falls in last week of Panguni
90.	Thengarai (P)	5·27	do	5	Kaliamman, Mariamman Festival	2	Feb & June	1,500	Flowers & sweetmeats	60
91.	Korukkampatti (P)	4·17	...	6	do	2	do	1,500	do	63

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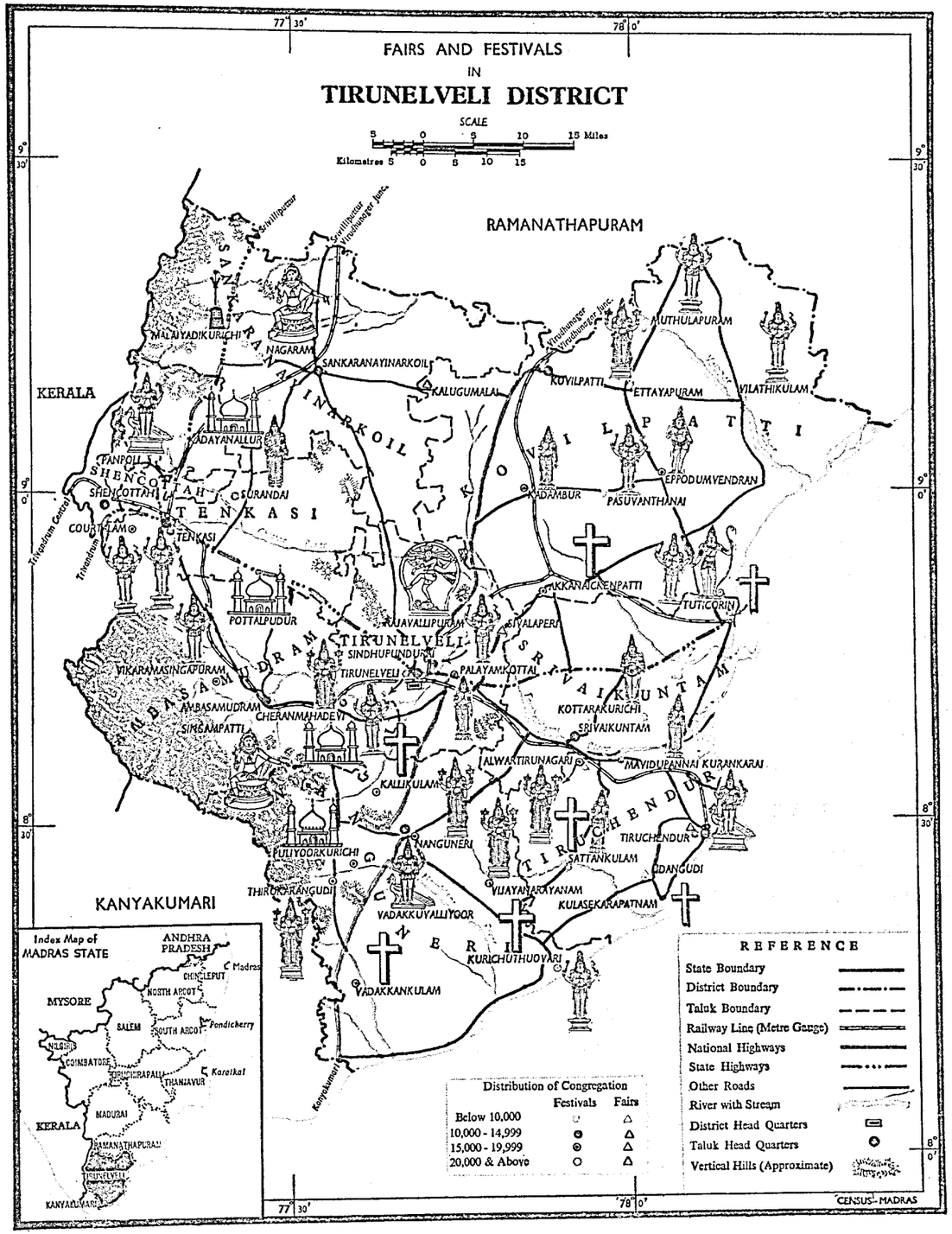
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FAIRS AND FESTIVALS IN TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT

Tirunelveli district celebrates 180 festivals annually, the estimated attendance during these celebrations being 10,21,250 persons. Of the nine taluks in the district, Sankaranayanarkoil celebrates 38 festivals. Tiruchendur taluk has only 19 festivals but it attracts the record number of 2,11,000 visitors. Shencottah has only 8 festivals, the attendance at these festivals being only 6,800. The following Table would indicate the number of festivals in the nine taluks and the estimated attendance.

Taluk	No. of festivals	Attendance
Sankaranayanar Koil	38	68,100
Kovilpatti	17	74,000
Srivaikuntam	22	176,450
Tirunelveli	25	80,200
Tenkasi	19	117,700
Shencottah	8	6,800
Ambasamudram	16	131,500
Nanguneri	16	155,500
Tiruchendur	19	211,000
Total	**180**	**1,021,250**

Of the 180 festivals in the district, fourteen are Christian festivals and six are Muslim festivals.

The Table appended below gives a season-war list of festivals in the district with the attendance.

Month	No. of festivals	Atrendance
January—February	20	111,100
February—March	10	137,000
March—April	18	71,800
April—May	31	176,900
May—June	14	61,200
June—July	3	64,000
July—August	12	98,000
August—September	15	68,600
September—October	22	61,100
October—November	22	81,700
November—December	3	16,000
December—January	10	73,850
Total	**180**	**1,021,250**

The range of congregation at festivals in this district can be had at a glance from the following Table.

Congregation range of festivals

Taluk	Over 50,000	No. of festivals	20,000 to 49,999	No. of festivals	10,000 to 19,999	No. of festivals	5,000 to 9,999	No. of festivals	1,000 to 4,999	No. of festivals	Below 1,000	No. of festivals
Sankaranayanar Koil	...	...	...	...	...	...	25,000	5	38,000	22	5,100	11
Kovilpatti	...	...	...	...	20,000	2	32,000	6	22,000	9	...	...
Srivaikuntam	...	...	13,000	5	30,000	2	5,000	1	8,000	3	3,450	11
Tirunelveli	...	...	40,000	1	10,000	1	15,000	3	10,000	7	5,200	13
Tenkasi	...	...	55,000	2	45,000	4	5,000	1	11,000	7	1,700	5
Shencottah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,000	3	1,800	5
Ambasamudram	50,000	1	25,000	1	28,000	2	14,500	2	13,500	7	500	3
Nanguneri	...	...	30,000	1	85,000	8	40,000	6	...	...	500	1
Tiruchendur	75,000	1	65,000	3	40,000	4	22,000	4	7,500	4	1,500	3
Total	**125,000**	**2**	**228,000**	**13**	**258,000**	**23**	**158,500**	**28**	**115,000**	**62**	**19,750**	**52**

FAIRS

The Tirunelveli district is the scene of 62 fairs every week which attract 1,46,700 people. Tirunelveli and Tiruchendur taluk conduct the maximum number of fairs, but Koilpatti taluk with only seven fairs, attract the record attendance of 56,600 persons. While these fairs generally deal in every item of consumer need in the rural areas, trade in cattle is the most prominent. Some taluks specialise in certain items. Sankaranayanarkoil and Koilpati revel in goat fairs, Srivaikuntam and Ambasamudram in poultry fairs and Tirunelveli in cart fairs. The biggest cattle fairs are held in Koilpatti taluk. Unique among all is the daily cattle fair at Sankaranayanarkoil taluk.

The following Table gives a taluk-wise list of weekly fairs with their approximate attendance.

Taluk	No. of weekly fairs	Attendance
Sankaranayanar Koil	4	7,500
Kovilpatti	7	56,600
Srivaikuntam	7	3,700
Tirunelveli	12	12,000
Tenkasi	4	25,000
Shencottah	2	700
Ambasamudram	9	12,100
Nanguneri	5	100
Tiruchendur	12	29,000
Total	**62**	**1,467,000**

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					SANKARANAYANARKOIL TALUK					
7.	Perumalpatti (P)	3·23	Cholapuram	2	Ammankoil Festival	3	May/June	500	Clothes	48
9.	Pandapuli (P)	6·90	do	1½	do	3	do	2,000	do	45
11.	Paruvakudi (P)	4·60	Karivalam-vandanallur	3	1. Ammankoil Festival	2	do	700	Sweetmeats	41
					2. Pongal	1	January			
12.	Karivalamvandanallur (P)	7·00	do	1½	1. Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Clothes, mats & sweetmeats	40 Fair meets on every Saturday
					2. Palvarmanatha Swamy Koil Festival	...	...	...	...	...
					3. Panguni Thirunal	12	May/April	1000	Clothes, mats, and fancy goods	40
					4. Avani Thirunal	13	Aug/Sep			
					5. Skandar Sashti	7	Oct/Nov			
13.	Panaiyoor (P)	16·00	do	6	Guru pooja	1	April/May	1,000	Light refreshments	41
	(Sivagnamkizh Bagam)	...	...	5	Grama Devathai Festival	...	Aug/Sep	100	do	45
18.	Vasudevanallur (P)	2·50	Sankarankoil	14	Ani Festival	10	June/July	4,000	Clothes & vegetables	49
19.	Naranapuram (P)	10·00	Pambakoil shandy	8	1. Mariamman Festival Poochuti Festival	10	August	3,000	Sugarcane, mangoes & other fruits	56
			do	8	2. Vadakaliamman Koil Kudai	10	do	3,000	do	...

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					SANKARANAYANARKOIL TALUK (Contd.)					
20.	Sanganaperi (P)	1·05	Sankarankoil	16	1. Pongal	1	January	700	Light refreshments	49
					2. Christmas	1	December	700	do	...
22.	Periyoor (P)	3·29	do	6	Muthalamman Koil Festival	1	April/May	800	do	41
23.	Kuvalaikanni (P)	2·67	Karivalam Vandanallur	2	Grama Devathai Festival	1	do	500	do	40
25.	Vayali (P)	5·99	do	2	do	1	July/Aug	1,000	do	44
26.	Kalingapatti (P)	10·60	do	5	Kaliamman Festival	3	March	3,000	do	45
28.	Thiruvengadam (P)	6·00	Sankarankoil	12	District Board Weekly Fair	1	...	1,500	Clothes & goats etc.	46 (Every Sunday)
30.	Maiparai (P)	4·00	Kovilpatti	15	Sri Krishna Jayanthi	1	Sep/Oct	400	Light refreshments	40
43.	Subramaniapuram (P)	1·76	Pambakoil Shandy	7	1. Vel'anai kottai Mariamman Koil Kudai 2. Muthalamman Koil Chappa-ram Festival 3. Subramania-puram Chenthil Nadar Mariamman Koil Chappa-ram Festival	4	Aug/Sep	1,000	Mangoes, fruits, sugarcane, puffed rice cigar and fancy goods	55
44.	Puliyangudi (P)	4·50	Pambakoil Shandy	7	1. Muharrum Festival	1	May/June	5,000	Fancy goods	52
					2. Car Festival	1	Jan/Feb			
					3. Floating Festival	1	do			

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					SANKARANAYANARKOIL TALUK (Contd.)					
45.	Malaiyadikurichi (P)	3·06	Sankarankoil	8	Muppidary Amman Koil Festival	3	October	5,000	Light refreshments	40
49.	Nagaram (P)	3·03	do	6	Iyanar Temple Festival	3	July/Aug	5,000	do	30
53.	Sankarankoil (P)	4·25	do	1	1. Daily Cattle fair	15	do	20,000	Cattle, grocery & fancy goods	34
					2. Adi Tapasu	12	do	2,000	...	...
					3. Chithirai Thirunal (Brahmothsavam)	48	April/May	2,000	...	...
					4. Thirukalyanam	...	Oct/Nov	...	...	...
					5. Arudra Festival	...	Dec/Jan	...	...	...
56.	Kurivikulam North (P)	8·33	do	10	Chithirai Uthsavam	11	April/May	1,000	Light refreshments	48
74.	Vagaikulam	0·50	do	10	Harvest Festival (Pongal)	3	January	1,000	Clothes & ornaments	43
82.	Punnavanam (P)	1·00	Pambakoil Shandy	...	Roman Catholic Mada Koil Festival	1	July/Aug	1,000	Light refreshments	43
83.	Madathupatti (P)	5·06	Karivalam-vandanallur	½	Pamba Koil Weekly Fair	1	...	3,000	Cattle and clothes etc.	40 Fair meets on every Tuesday
85.	Ariyanayagipuram (P)	4·00	do	1½	Third Saturday Pongal	1	Sep/Oct	2,000	Light refresh-ments	38 Third Saturday of Purattasi month

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					SANKARANAYANARKOIL TALUK (Concld.)					
86.	Veerasigamani (P)	5·06	Karivalamvandanallur	3	Rajagopal Mannar Swami Koil Car Festival	10	Mar/Apr	1,000	Clothes and sweetmeats	35 On Uthiram Star of Panguni month
88.	Sendamangalam (P)	3·00	do	4½	Amman Koil Festival	2	Mar/Apr	2,500	Clothes and sweetmeats	32
89.	Majra	2·00	...	...	Christian Festival	10	Oct/Nov	2,500	do	...
94.	Pattadaikatti (P)	6·00	Sankaran Koil	7	Amman Koil Festival	3	Feb/Mar	2,000	Garments and sweetmeats	32
					KOVILPATTI TALUK					
34.	Muthulapuram (P)	3·48	Kovilpatti	16	1. Bhuvaneswarar Ani Festival	15	July	5,000	Cattle and poultry	52
					2. Masi Festival and Adi Festival	15	Mar/Aug	5,000	Cattle	...
57.	Duraisamipuram (V)	4·99	Aruppukottai	28	Thathiahkadu Festival	7	April	3,000	Sweetmeats and plantains	74
76.	Ettayapuram (P)	9·89	Kovilpatti	10	1. Weekly fair	1	...	1,500	Cattle, grains and vegetables	48 Fair meets on every Saturday
					2. Car Festival	10	Apr/May	5,000	Fancy goods	...
84.	Kovilpatti (P)	3·48	do	½	1. Theertham Festival	11	do	3,000	Light refreshments, fancy goods and stationery	38
					2. Weekly fair	1	...	2,000	Earthen wares etc.	Fair meets on every Monday

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					KOVILPATTI TALUK (Contd.)					
93.	Kalugumalai (P)	4·41	Nalattinputhur	9	1. Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Foodgrains, clothes, sweets and grocery	Fair meets on every Tuesday
					2. Cattle Fair	15	AprlMay	20,000 to 35,000	Cattle and light refreshments	...
					3. Cattle Fair	15	Jan/Feb	20,000 to 25,000	do	...
					4. Uthira Vaira	10	Mar/Apr	2,000 to 3,000	Pooja articles and sweetmeats	...
					5. Skandar Sashti	1	Oct/Nov	2,000 to 3,000	do	...
					6. Vasantha Vizha	10	May/June	2,000 to 3,000	do	...
125.	Vilathikulam (P)	8·35	Kovilpatti	22	Chithirai Festival of Sri Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple	10	April	6,000	Sweetmeats, Brasswares & fancy goods	58
172.	Vellakankottai (P)	5·62	Kadambur	12½	St. Sebastian Festival	10	January	2,500	Sugarcane, clothes, fancy goods and light refreshments	20
178.	Kadambur (P)	7·39	do	3/8	Ambigai Festival	10	Apr/May	10,000	Clothes and sweetmeats	24
189.	Eppoduyendram (P)	4·90	do	13	Solaiswamy Festival	10	do	10,000	Brasswares, earthenwares & ornaments	38
214.	Pasuvanthanai (P)	8·40	do	7	Chithirai Festival	10	do	5,000	Sweetmeats, ornaments & fancy goods	...

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					KOVILPATTI TALUK (Concld.)					
218.	Agilandapuram (P)	8·34	Kadambur	4	St. Aloysius Festival	10	April	2,000	Sugarcane, clothes, fancy goods and light refreshments	23
224.	Kayattar (P)	6·83	do	7½	1. Arokkia Mada Festival	10	February	1,000	Sugarcane, clothes and light refreshments	...
					2. Weekly fair	1	...	1,000	Clothes, grocery, dried fish, foodgrains, earthenwares, Korai mats, oil cakes, sheep and fancy gaods	Fair meets on every Tuesday
244.	Ottapidaram (P)	13·66	Thattaparai	3	Ulagamman Kudai Festival	1	March	2,500	Sweetmeats	32
261.	Akkanaickenpatti (P)	...	Naraikinar	2½	St. Anthony Festival	3	February	6,000 to 10,000	Edibles	20
268.	Puthiamputhur (P)	2·74	Thattaparai	3	Weekly fair	1	...	1,100	Sheep	32 Fair meets on every Thursday
					SRIVAIKUNTAM TALUK					
13.	Tuticorin (M)	9·57	Tuticorin R.S.	1	Sankara Rames-warar Chithirai Festival	2	Apr/May	20,000	Grocery	
				½	1. Mada Koil Festival	11	August	20,000	Sweetmeats and con-fectionery	32
					2. Purattasi Dasarah	11	October	15,000		
					3. Chithirai Festival	11	April	15,000		

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					SRIVAIKUNTAM TALUK (Contd.)					
51.	Seidunganallur	4·19	Seidunganallur	½	Weekly fair	1	...	...	Vegetables & clothes	12 Fair meets on every Wednes-day
52.	Karungulam	5·26	Sathankulam	1	Venkatachala-pathi Festival	1	Apr/May	500	...	13 On Full Moon day
56.	Srivaikuntam (P)	4·50	Srivaikuntam	½	1. Kallarpiran Koil Festival	13	April/May	3,000	Grains, sweetmeats & grocery	18 Fair meets on every Tuesday
					2. Weekly Fair	1	...	3,000	...	...
58.	Thirupuliangudi (P)	1·24	do	2	1. Christmas	1	December	150	Fancy goods & sweet-meats	20 All the Saturdays of Purattasi month
					2. New Year	1	January	...	do	...
					3. Vishnu Temple Festival	4	Sep/Oct	200	do	...
					4. Vaikunta Ekadasi	1	Dec/Jan	500	...	...
62.	Perungulam (P)	4·31	do	9	Weekly Fair	1	...	200	Clothes & earthen-wares	27 Fair meets on every Thursday
69.	Iruvappapuram (P)	6·62	Tuticorin	12	Panguni Uthiram	2	Mar/April	500	...	32
73.	Mukkani (P)	4·33	...	4	1. Adi Amavasai	1	August	...	Coconuts, fruits & sweetmeats	34
					2. Thai Amavasai	1	January	500	...	...

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					SRIVAIKUNTAM TALUK (Concld.)					
77.	Valavallan (P)	1·68	Kurumbur	3½	1. Sarlakkai Muthalamman Koil Festival	3	August	2,000	...	30
					2. Weekly Fair	1	...	500	Earthenwares, vegetables, fruits & poultry	Fair meets on every Monday
					3. Pongal	2	January	3,000	Sugarcane & yarns	...
78.	Kottarakurichi (P)	1·71	do	6	1. Sri Sudalai Madaswamy Koil Kudai	3	July/Aug	5,000	Sweetmeats	33
					2. Weekly Fair	...	...	...	...	On last Tuesday of Adi Month Fair meets on every Monday
79.	Eral (P)	1·50	do	4	1. Sri Chairman Arunachala Swamy Koil Festival	10	July/Aug Jan/Feb	30,000	Grocery & sweetmeats	30
	Thiruthondanallur	1·50	do	...	2. Adi Amavasai	1				
					3. Thai Amavasai	1				
81.	Mangalakurichi	1·64	do	...	Weekly Fair	...	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Monday
89.	Serakulam (P)	8·60	Dhathankulam	...	1. Mummariamman Koil Festival	3	July/Aug	500	...	21
					2. Weekly Fair	1	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Tuesday
90.	Vallakulam (P)	9·62	do	2	Sathan Koil	1	Mar/April	500	...	14 On Uthiram Star of Panguni month
92.	Therkukaraiseri (P)	0·24	Srivaikuntam	2	Kulasekaranathar Arumanathamman Koil Festival	10	do	100	...	16

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					TIRUNELVELI TALUK					
5.	Shelianallur (P)	...	...	...	Weekly Fair	1	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Thursday
6.	Piranjeri (P)	10·32	Gangaikondan	5	Venkatachalapathi Koil Garuda Uthsavam	1	Sep/Oct	1,500	...	15
7.	Chittarchatran	...	...	...	Weekly Fair	1	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Thursday
18.	Pallikottai (P)	6·28	Thalayuthu	7	Anthoniar Roman Catholic Festival	2	April	1,000	...	12
24.	Sivalaperi (P)	9·99	Gangaikondan	6	Chithirai Cattle Fair	15	do	5,000	Bullocks & carts	13
32.	Palamada (P)	2·01	Thalayuthu	3	1. Mangalanayakiamman Tirukalyanam	4	Jan/Feb	500	...	8
					2. Venkatachalapathi Garudothsavam	4	Sep/Oct	...	...	..
33.	Katampuli (V)	0·38	do	3	do	4	do	500	...	8
34.	Rajavallipuram (P)	1·86	do	3	Seppara Azhagiya Nataraja Temple Festival	10	Dec/Jan	5,000	Sweetmeats, flowers & fruits	10
35.	Naranammalpuram (P)	7·11	do	3	1. Navarathri	...	October	500	Sweetmeats, flowers & fruits etc.	6
					2. Kudai	...	April	400		
36.	Karaiyiruppu (P)	0·44	do	1	Dasara Festival	10	October	500	do	4
39.	Chatrampudukulam (P)	3·70	Tirunelveli	2	do	10	do	1,000	...	2½
61.	Sindhupundurai	0·56	do	1	do	10	do	5,000	...	1

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68.	Manimoorthiswaram (P)	0·43	Tirunelveli	1½	Dasara Festival	10	November	500	Sweetmeats, pops & nuts	2½
78.	Melaputhaneri (P)	...	...	...	Weekly Fair	1	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Thursday
79.	Paraikulam (P)	...	...	...	do	1	...	...	...	do
89.	Thimmarajapuram (P) (Melaveera Ragavapuram)	...	Tirunelveli	1	Weekly fair	10	October	5,000	Grocery	1
92.	Palayamkottai	7·54	Kurichi	1	Ayirathamman Navarathiri Uthsavam	...	Sep/Oct	10,000	Sweetmeats	1
	Kilaveeraragava-puram	7·54	do	1	Bi-weekly fair	...	...	1,500 to 2,000	Cattle, dried fish, vegetables, textiles & earthen-wares	Fair meets on Tuesday & Thursday
	Kokkirakulam	7·54	do	1	Festival	...	Sept/Oct	1,500	...	⅛ Festival takes place twice a year
93.	Tirunelveli (M)	5·85	Tirunelveli R.S.	1	1. Nellaiappar Car Festival	12	June/July	40,000	Sweetmeats, flowers, fruits & fancy goods	2
					2. Adi Festival	20	July	5,000	...	...
					3. Tirukalyanam Festival	15	Oct/Nov	...	...	...

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	TIRUNELVELI TALUK (Concld.)									
112.	Thiruvengada-nathapuram (P)	1·68	Pettai	3	Garuda Sevai	4	Sep/Oct	500	...	5
	Melathiruvengada-nathapuram (V)	...	...	2½	Perumal Koil Festival	4	do	300	...	...
117.	Kunnathur (P)	...	...	...	Weekly fair	...	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Sunday
121.	Melapalayam (P)	...	...	...	do	...	...	...	...	do
129.	Reddiarpatti (P)	2·78	Pagayan Kottai	2½	Thiruvenkada Mudayan Perumal Koil Festival	10	Aug/Sep	500	Sweetmeats	6
136.	Tharuvai (P)	6·50	Melapalayam-kurichi	5	Perumal Koil Festival	5	Sep/Oct	1,000	Grocery	6 Takes place from first to 15th of Purattasi month
146.	Gangaikondan	...	Gangai-kondan R.S.	2	1. Kailasanatha-swami Koil Festival	1	Apr/May	2,000	Sweetmeats, flowers & fruits	13
					2. Kailasanatha-swami Koil Thiru Kalyanam	...	Oct/Nov			
125.	Krishnapuram (P)	3·49	Seidunga-nallur	3	Sri Swami Venkatachala-pathi Koil Brahmothsavam	11	Sep/Oct	500	Sweetmeats, coconuts, fruits and betelnuts	7 Festival begins on Thiruvo-nam Star of Purattasi month
126.	Pappankulam (P)	1·63	do	3	do	11	do	500	do	7

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					TENKASI TALUK					
2.	Kadayanallur (P)	15·74	Kadayanallur	1½	Pallivasal Festival	2	Dec	5,000	Fancy goods	46
7.	Urmelalagian (P)	5·15	Nainaragaram	3½	1. Badrakali-amman Koil Festival	1	Feb/Mar.	2,000	Sweetmeats	40 On Sivarathiri day
					2. Meenakshi-amman Koil Festival	3	Apr/May	2,000	do	40 On Chithirai Full Moon day
9.	Idaikal (P)	...	do	...	Weekly fair	...	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Saturday
11.	Neduvayal	1·41	do	4	Tiruvalluvar Annual Festival	3	May	1,000	Sweetmeats	37
					Uthamiamman Koil Festival	8	Jan/Feb	1,000	do	...
13.	Ponpoli (P)	2·53	Shencottah	3	Thai Poosam	10	Jan	30,000	Toys, sugarcane & fancy goods	42
25.	Tenkasi (P)	10·10	Tenkasi	¼	1. Kasi Viswanatha Swamy Festival	10	Feb/Mar	25,000	Fancy goods	32
					2. do	10	Oct/Nov	...	...	...
					3. Weekly fair	...	...	25,000	Fancy goods	Fair meets on every Wednesday

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					TENKASI TALUK (Contd.)					
29.	Kulayaneri (P)	7·70	Pavoor Chatram	6½	Amman Koil Festival	3	Sep/Oct	500	Sweetmeats	35 Purattasi Second week
30.	Anaikulam (V)	...	...	...	Weekly fair	...	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Thursday
42.	Surandai (P)	12·00	Pavoor Chatram	6½	Azhagu Parvathi-amman Koil Festival	10	April/May	15,000 to 20,000	Grocery	28
					Weekly Fair	1	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Monday
54.	Courtalam (Township)	3·68	Tenkasi	3	Kutralanatha-swami Koil Festival	10	April/May	10,000	Sugarcane, fancy goods & sweetmeats	33
					2. do	...	Oct/Nov	10,000	do	...
					3. Floating Festival	...	Dec/Jan	10,000	do	On Thiruvathirai Star
67.	Kilviranam (P)	11·24	Pavoor Chatram	3	1. Sandana Koodam Festival	3	September	2,000	Fancy goods & sweetmeats	28
					2. Thanthoni-amman Festival	3	August	...	...	...
74.	Nettur (P)	4·09	do	15	Sri Subramanya swami Visaka Festival	3	May/June	500	Grocery	21
75.	Mayamankurichi (H)	5·69	do	12	Bajanaimadam Festival	30	Dec/Jan	1,000	Light refreshments, garlands, fruits & coconuts	20

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					TENKASI TALUK (Concld.)					
83.	Sivalarkulam (P)	9·73	Pavoor Chatram	12	Vaidyalinga-swami Temple	1	April/May	2,000	Fancy goods & sweet-meats	18 On last Friday of Chithirai
84.	Ayyanarkulam (P)	1·56	Tenkasi	19	Sudalai Swami Umbrella Festival	1	Sep/Oct	700	...	18
					SHENCOTTAH TALUK					
1.	Achamputhur (P)	13·44	Nainaragaram	5	Amman Koil Festival	1	Jan/Feb	1,000	...	40
2.	Puliyarai (P)	19·66	Bagavathipuram	7/8	Thiruvaraimuthu Koil Festival	10	do	200	...	38 Begins on Poosam Star in Thai Month
4.	Shencottah (P)	1·03	Shencottah	1½	1. Aramvalartha-amman Koil Thirukalyanam	1	Oct/Nov	2,000	...	36
					2. Skandar Sashti	1	do	2,000	...	...
					3. Weekly Fair	1	do	500	Vegetables, fruits, dried fish, earthenwares & foodgrains	Fair meets on every Tuesday
5.	Elathoor (P)	5·37	do	4	Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/April	700	Fancy goods	36 On Uthiram star of Panguni month
6.	Ayikudikilankadu (P)	7·98	Nainaragaram	2¼	Skandar Sashti Festival	6	Oct/Nov	200	...	39 The first day of waxing period during Iyppasi month
				1	Panguni Uthiram	10	Mar/April	500	...	...

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					SHENCOTTAH TALUK (Concld.)					
7.	Samburvadakara (P)	7·02	Nainaragaram	4	1. Chithira Pournami Ratham Festival	1	April/May	200	...	34
					2. Weekly Fair	1	...	200	Vegetables, fish, clothes & earthen wares	Fair meets on every Firday
					AMBASAMUDRAM TALUK					
2.	Kilakadayam (P)	5·52	Kilakadayam	...	Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Cattle & vegetables	25 Fair meets on every Monday
4.	Vengadampatti (P)	7·77	Kadayasi	3½	Mailapuram Weekly Fair	1	...	600	Grocery & clothes	30 Fair meets on every Tuesday
7.	Pudupatti (P)	6·41	Pavoor chatram	12	Weekly Fair	1	...	2,000	Paddy & ragi	25 Fair meets on every Sunday
15.	Pottalpudur (P)	2·94	Ravana-samudram	2	Kanduri Festival	11	Jan/Feb	18,000	Grocery	23 "Rabi yussani month"
38.	Mukkudal (P)	3·14	Melakkallur	5½	T. P. Samvinam Sait Weekly Fair	1	...	2,000	Poultry	12½ Fair meets on every Friday
42.	Thiruppudaimarudur (P)	2·21	Veeravanallur	3	Thai Poosam Festival	10	Jan/Feb	3,000	Pooja articles & fancy goods	20 Festival ends on the Poosam star of Thai month

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					AMBASAMUDRAM TALUK (Contd.)					
	Thalanallur (V)	...	...	4	Sri Gajendra Varada Koil Festival	10	May	500	...	...
					do	20	December	500	...	26
45.	Ambasamudram	6·25	Ambasamudram	1	Vaigasi Festival	10	May/June	4,000	...	...
				2	Masi Tirunal in Urkad Temple	12	Feb/Mar	2,000	...	25
				½	Bi-weekly Fair Sankaran Koil	2	July/Aug	5,000	Earthen-wares, mats & clothes	Fair meets on every Thursday & Saturday
					Adi Thaipoosam Panguni Festival	...	Mar/April	...		
48.	Mannarkoil (P)	0·87	do	2	Vaikunta Ekadasi Festival	1	Dec/Jan	1,500	Coconuts and plantains etc.	27
49.	Vikramasingapuram (P)	23·34	do	5	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Vegetables	30
					Chithirai Vishu at Papanasam	10	Apr/May	10,000	Grocery	Fair meets on every Sunday
					Adi Amavasai	1	July/Aug	1,000	do	...
					Thai Amavasai	1	Jan/Feb			
					Iyppasi Vishu	1	Oct/Nov			
55.	Kallidaikurichi (P)	4·13	Kallidaikurichi	¼	Weekly fair Festival	1	...	1,000	Vegetables & earthen wares etc.	23 Fair meets on every Tuesday
63.	Cheranmahadevi (P)	6·23	Cheranmahadevi	½	Mahavidhyapatham	1	December	50,000	...	...
	Cherankoilpattu		do	¼	Kanduri Festival	2	April	25,000	Sweetmeats	12

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					AMBASAMUDRAM TALUK (Concld.)					
74.	Terkukallidaikurichi (P)	...	...	...	Weekly fair Sourimuthaiyan Koil Panguni Uthiram	1	Mar/Apr	...	...	Fair meets on every Tuesday
79.	Singampatti (P)	6·07	Kallidaikurichi	18	Adi Amavasai at Banatheertham	1	July/Aug	7,500	Pooja articles	...
					NANGUNERI TALUK					
2.	Kallikulam (P)	5·63	Tirunelveli	33	Arch. Adhisayapani Madha Koil Festival	4	August	10,000	Puffed rice, bengal gram, sweets and fancy goods	33
14.	Kalakad (P)	12·56	Cheranmahadevi	13	1. Car Festival	10	May	7,000	Grocery	27
					2. Floating Festival	1	Feb			
26.	Nanguneri (P)	11·72	Palayamkottai	17	1. Daily Fair	...	...	100	Vegetables, earthenwares & sweetmeats	Daily
			Tirunelveli	18	2. Panguni Festival	10	Mar/Apr	10,000	do	...
					3. Chithirai Festival	10	Apr/May	10,000	do	...
42.	Puliyoorkurichi (P)	1·41	do	24	Muharrum Festival	10	May	10,000	Sweetmeats and fruits	25
48.	Thirukarangudi (P)	6·00	Tirunelveli	19	Alagianambi Koil Festival	10	March	10,000	Grocery	19
55.	Ilangulam	...	...	...	Weekly fair	...	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Thursday
56.	Vijayanarayanam (P)	11·38	Palayamkottai	31	Perumal Koil Car Festival	10	September	10,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	32

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					NANGUNERI TALUK (Concld.)					
58.	Ittamoli (P)	...	...	...	Weekly Fair	...	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Wednesday
70.	Vadakkuvalliyoor (P)	19·13	Palayamkottai	28	1. Floating Car Festival Sri Subramaniya-swamy Koil Festival	1	Nov/Dec	15,000	...	28
					2. Weeky Fair	1	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Friday
74.	Vadakkankulam (P)	6·63	do	30	1. Hindu Festival	10	April	10,000	Bangles & sweetmeats	40
					2. Christian Festival	1	August	5,000	...	...
82.	Tisayanvilai (P)	6·11	Nazareth	26	Weekly Fair	1	...	...	Food grains, vegetables & grocery	38 Fair meets on every Friday
84.	Kurichuthuovari (P)	...	...	...	St. Antony's Shrine Festival	13	February	10,000	...	During the first week of February
	Vadakkuovari	3·10	do	30	Swayambulinga Swamy Festival	1	Mar/April	30,000	Light refreshments	On Uthiram star in Panguni month
	Karichuthupudur	8·87	do	30	1. Visagam Festival	1	May	7,000	...	40
					2. Thai Poosam	1	January			
					3. Adi Amavasai	1	July			
					4. Thai Amavasai	1	February			

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					TIRUCHENDUR TALUK					
3.	Alwartirunagari (P)	0·05	Alwartirunagari	1	1. Vaikasi Tirunal	10	May/June	10,000	Sweetmeats, fruits & fried grains, groundnuts etc.	18
					2. Cattle Fair	15	do	5,000	Cattle	...
8.	Thenthiruperi (P)	4·24	do	4	Panguni Uthiram Festival	12	Mar/April	2,500	Sweetmeats & ground nuts	25 Uthiram star Car Festival also takes place
9.	Mavidupannai (V) Kurankarai	1·01	Kurumbur	5	Ani Tirunal	1	June/July	20,000	Sheep	22 Takes place on the last Tuesday of Ani month
16.	Authoor Cusba (P)	3·22	Arumuganeri	4	Amman Festival	12	Oct/Nov	500	Sweetmeats & ground-nuts	36 On Bharani star Car Festival also takes place
23.	Arumuganeri	12·50	do	1	Bi-weekly fair	2	...	500	Jaggery, fruits, cattle, fish, coconuts & vegetables	30 Fair meets on every Tuesday & Saturday
31.	Angamangalam (P)	...	Nazareth	½	Uthiram Festival	3	...	3,500	Confectionery and fruits	28
34.	Mookuperi (P)	1·88	do	1	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Jaggery, fruits, coconuts, vegetables, cattle and and fish	25 Fair meets on every Friday

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					TIRUCHENDUR TALUK (Contd.)					
35.	Nazareth (P)	0·61	Nazareth	...	Weekly Fair	1	...	1,000	Jaggery, fruits, cattle, fish, coconuts & vegetsbles	24 Fair meets on every Tuesday
43.	Mirankulam (V)	7·27	Srivaikuntam	12	do	1	...	500	Mutton, beef and pork	24 Fair meets on every Wednesday
57.	Tiruchendur (P)	11·63	Tiruchendur	1	1. Masi Tirunal	12	Feb/Mar	75,000	Fancy goods, earthenwares and sweetmeats	34 On Magham Star in Masi month
					2. Avani Masa Tirunal	10	Aug/Sep	25,000	do	On Moolam Star in Avani month
					3. Visagam	1	May/June	10,000	do	On Visagam Star of Vaikasi month
					4. Skandar Sashti	1	Oct/Nov	10,000	do	...
					5. Cattle fair	15	Feb/Mar	10,000	Cattle	...
59.	Udangudi(P)	10·26	do	12	Udangudi Fair	1	..	6,000	Grocery	50 Fair meets on every Friday
62.	Chettiapathu (P)	3·69	Nazareth	12	1. Chithirai Festival	1	Apr/May	1,000	Sweetmeats, fruits and groundnuts etc.	34 On 18th of Chithirai
					2. Thai Tiruvizha	1	Jan/Feb	1,000	do	On fifth of Thai month

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					TIRUCHENDUR TALUK (Contd.)					
65.	Megnanapuram (P)	1·95	Narareth	7	Weekly fair	1	...	500	Fish, mutton, vegetables & coconuts etc.	30 Fair meets on every Saturday
68.	Amuthaunnikudi (P)	...	...	...	Weekly fair	...	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Thursday
69.	Sattankulam (P)	3·50	Nazareth	10	1. Tirukalyanam	7	Oct/Nov	20,000	Sweetmeats, fruits & ground nuts	36 During the last week of Iyppasi
					2. Dasara Festival	7	Sep/Oct	5,000	Fancy goods & sweetmeats	From 25th September to fifth October
					3. Roman Catholic Thiruvizha	4	August	6,000	Sweetmeats & fancy goods	From 20th to 24th August
					4. Weekly fair	1	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Thursday
75.	Subbarayapuram	...	...	...	Weekly fair	...	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Thursday
81.	Naduvakkurichi	7·85	Nazareth	24	Thattar Madam Fair	1	...	2,000	Fish, vegetables, rice and clothes	52 Fair meets on every Tuesday

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					TIRUCHENDUR TALUK (Concld.)					
90.	Kulasekarapatnam (P)	3·50	Tiruchendur	7	1. Chithirai Tirunal	1	Apr/May	500	Palm leaf products	38 On Chithirai Star
					2. Iyppasi Tirunal	1	Oct/Nov	500	do	...
					3. Dasara Festival	10	Sep/Oct	3,000	do	...
				9	1. Siluvai Koil Thiruvizha	4	September	6,000	do	39
					2. do	10	do	5,000	do	...

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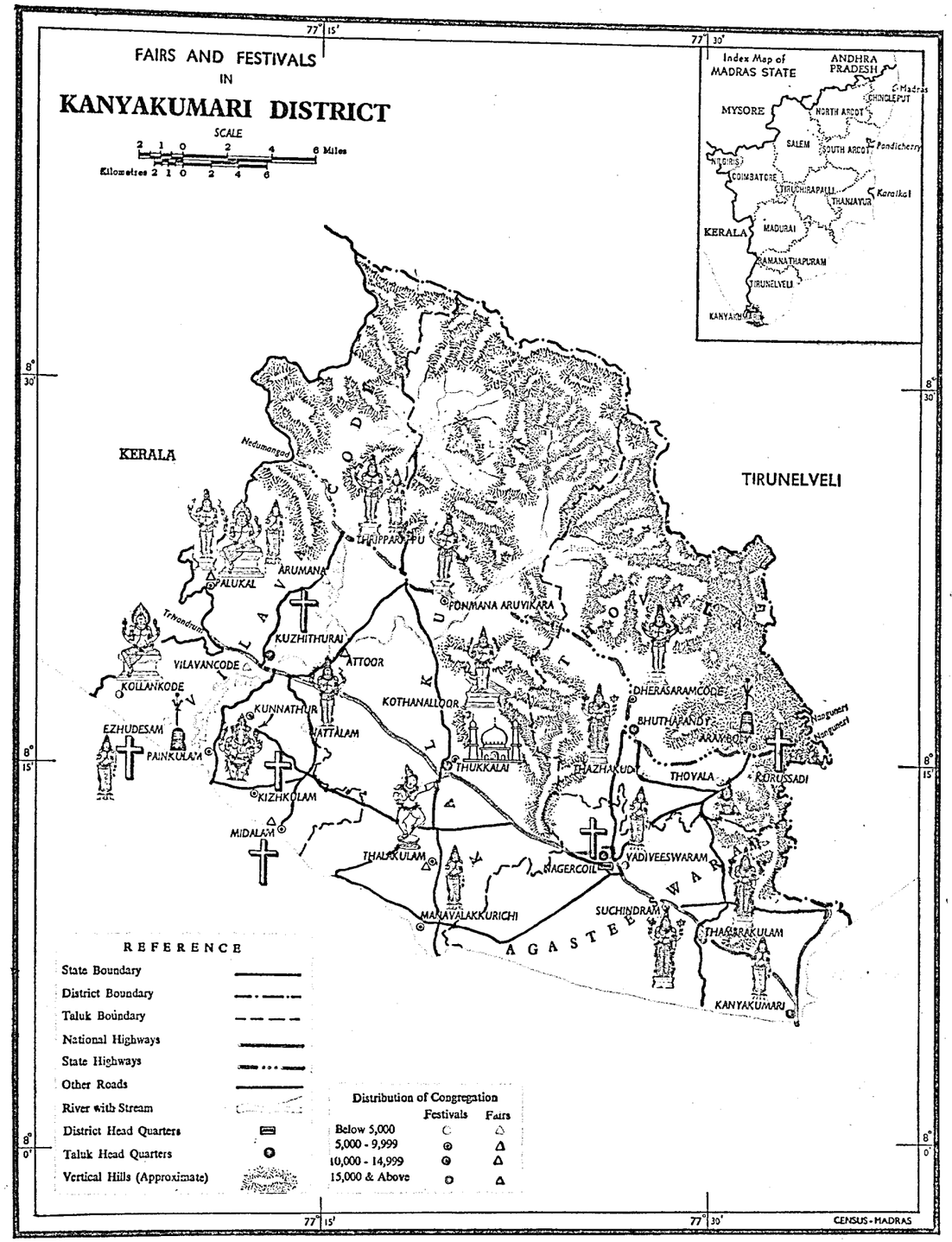
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FAIRS AND FESTIVALS IN KANYAKUMARI DISTRICT

The Kanyakumari District celebrates 72 festivals in the year of which 58 are Hindu festivals 13 Christian and one Muslim. These festivals are celebrated in the four taluks of the district as shown in the table below.

Taluk	No. of festivals	Attendance
Vilavancode	37	1,35,050
Kalkulam	18	1,95,500
Thovala	10	33,500
Agastheeswaram	7	2,56,000
Total	**72**	**6,20,050**

Though Agastheeswaram taluk celebrates only seven festivals, it must be remembered that two of the most famous shrines in South India – Kanyakumari and Suchindram-are situated in this taluk. The festivals celebrated in these temples attract the biggest crowd. Five among Agastheeswaram taluk's seven festivals attract more than 50,000 people each. The Chandanakudam festival in the Mosque at Thukkalai is a grand Muslim festival which collects a huge crowd.

In the whole of the Kanyakumari district, there is one festival which deserves special mention. The ten-day festival in Bhagawathi Amman temple in Montakkad otherwise known as the "Kodai" festival takes place in February–March when a crowd of more than a lakh of people will be present.

The celebration of the festivals, month-wise, is indicated in the following table. The busy season would appear to be between January and April with a concentration at the end of the year.

Month	No. of festivals	Attendance
January–February	8	80,000
February–March	8	1,23,000
March-April	14	86,500
April–May	6	27,500
May-June	3	56,750
June-July	3	3,500
July-August	1	4,000
August-September	4	69,000
September-October	4	7,500
October-November	5	20,000
November–December	3	15,000
December-January	11	1,25,300
Total	**70**	**6,18,050**
	+ 2 (a daily festival and a monthly festival)	**+ 2,000** (attendance of a daily festival and a monthly festival)

The following table gives the range of congregation at the festivals in each taluk.

Congregation range of festivals

Taluk	Festivals	Over 50,000	Festivals	20,000 to 50,000	Festivals	10,000 to 20,000	Festivals	5,000 to 10,000	Festivals	1,000 to 5,000	Festivals	Below 1,000
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Vilavancode ...	...	...	...	...	2	25,000	8	57,500	22	50,250	5	2,300
Kalkulam ...	2	1,50,000	...	...	1	10,000	3	18,000	11	17,000	1	500
Thovala ...	...	...	...	...	1	10,000	1	6,000	6	17,000	1	500
Agastheeswaram.	5	2,50,000	...	...	...	...	1	5,000	1	1,000	...	...
Total ...	7	**4,00,000**	...	...	**4**	**45,000**	**13**	**86,500**	**40**	**85,250**	**7**	**3,300**

FAIRS

The district holds eight daily fairs, seven weekly fairs and sixteen bi-weekly fairs. One other fair is held four times a week. These fairs attract a patronage of 53,200 persons. The above figures of fairs and their attendance is what is true of Vilavancode and Kalkulam taluks. Thovala taluk holds a solitary fair. The table given below gives the number of weekly, daily and annual fairs.

Taluk	Daily fair	Weekly fair	Bi-weekly fair	Days of week: Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Vilavancode	7	2	7	...	4	2	5	2	2	5
Kalkulam	1	4	7	3	3	3	1	4	4	...
Thovala	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Agastheeswaram	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	8	7	14	3	8	5	6	6	6	5

It will be noticed that though the Agastheeswaram taluk celebrates the most important festivals the taluk does not seem to be popular as a venue for fairs. The fairs held on the market days at Vadasseri and Mailadi are the only important fairs in the taluk.

Monday is obviously the day chosen for fairs. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday come next. Vilavancode and Kalkulam taluks hold the biggest fairs in the district. Midalam Panchayat in Vilavancode taluk holds the Karukkal fair twice a week. Quite a lot of people buy their paddy, rice, wheat and fish here. Talakulam Panchayat in Kalkulam taluk has a vegetable fair twice a week. All other fairs trade in general merchandise.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
					VILAVANCODE TALUK					
1.	Idakode (P)	17·02	Trivandrum	25	1. Melpuram Fair (Bi-weekly)	2	...	1,000	Rice, fish, & sweet potatoes	Fair meets on every Tuesday and Friday
			do	30	2. Arakonam and Daily Fair	Daily	...	600	do	27
					3. Sastha Koil Festival	3	Jan/Feb & December	500 400 500	...	...
2.	Arumana (P)	29·54	do	29	Chitharalmalai Bagavathi Koil Festival	10	May/June	1,750	Light refreshments	Vaikasi Poosa Nakshathiram
			do	...	Pakkiyapuram R.C. Koil Festival	10	October	2,500	Sweetmeats	...
			do	...	Pakkiyapuram Fair	2	...	3,000	Fish, cloth & pottery works	Fair meets on every Wednesday and Saturday
2.	Kaliyal (V) Arumana (P)	...	do	29	Kalial Roman Catholic Palli Festival	10	June/July	1,000	Jaggery, fish & paddy	...
				32	Arakanadu Sastan Koil Festival	9	Mar/April	800	do	...
					Anthikadai	Daily	...	600	do	...
3.	Pacode (P)	5·38	do	25	Panguni Festival	10	Mar/April	1,500	Sweetmeats & fancy articles	Panguni Rohini Nakshathiram
			do	...	Markazhi Festival	10	Dec/Jan	1,300	do	...
			do	...	Kozhugamthitta Fair	Daily	...	500	Jaggery, vegetables & fish	...

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					VILAVANCODE TALUK (Contd.)					
4.	Palakal (P)	5·10	Trivandrum	20	Bhadrakali Koil (Mcovottu)	...	January	8,000	...	...
			do	...	Mottamoodu-amman Koil Festival	...	March	8,000	...	...
			do	...	Palakal Sivan Koil Festival	...	January	4,000	...	...
			do	...	Kanmoodu Fair	4	...	5,000	Vegetables & grocery	Fair meets on every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday
5.	Vilavancode (P)	5·04	do	23	1. Kalikavilai Fair	2	...	3,500	Vegetables, clothes & pottery	Fair meets on every Monday and Thursday
6.	Kuzhithurai (M)	1·76								
					2. Padanthalu-moodu Anthi Fair	2	...	500	do	Fair meets on every Wednesday and Saturday
					3. Vavubali Festival	2	July/Aug	4,000	Cattle, vegetables & jaggery	25
7.	Nattalam (P)	9·87	do	28	Sivan Koil Festival	1	February	3,000	Grocery	Sivarathiri
			do	...	Vishnu Koil Festival	10	Mar/April	1,000	do	Rohini Nakshathiram of Panguni
			do	29	Palliyadi anthi-kadai Fair	Daily	...	500	do	Fair meets on every Tuesday and Friday

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				VILAVANCODE TALUK (Contd.)					
8. Kunnathur (P)	3·73	Trivandrum	25	1. Manonmani-puram Vinayagar Festival	10	April/May	10,000	Jaggery, fish, vessels & grocery	...
				2. Anthoniar Festival	...	June	2,000	do	...
				3. Kunnathoor Palli Festival	...	December	500	do	...
				4. Fair	...	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Monday
				5. Anthi Fair	Daily	...	500	Jaggery, fish, vessels & grocery	...
				6. Fair	1	...	500	Jaggery & fish	Fair meets on every Monday
				7. Sevilipalli Festival	10	June	500	Sweetmeats	...
9. Methukummal (P)	7·46	do	25	1. Krishnaswamy Koil Festival	10	January	2,500	Jaggery, tamarind, coconuts, betel leaves & fish	...
				2. Mekkadu Bagavathi Festival	5	February			
				3. Kuzhivalai Fair	Daily	...	1,500	do	...
				4. Kulappuram Sastham Koil Festival	3	February	2,500	Jaggery and tamarind	...
				5. Kulappuram Panayarathuvinai Bhadrakali Koil Festival	3	March	2,500	Coconut, fish and betel leaves	...
				6. Varuthathu Krishnan Koil Festival	3	February	2,500	do	...

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					VILAVANCODE TALUK (Contd.)					
9.	Methukummal (P) (Contd.)	7·46	Trivandrum	25	7. Kuzhu Vinar Roman Catholic Alangara Matha Koil	2	November	2,500	Coconut, fish and betel leaves	...
					8. Ayyanagamman Mariagiri Asiramam	2	December	2,500	do	...
10.	Kollamkode (P)	4·91	do	25	Mudipurai Thirunal (Kollamkodu Mudipurai Festival)	10	Apr/May	1,500	Fruits and fish etc.,	...
					Marpandam Thurai Fair	Daily	...	1,000	do	...
11.	Ezhudesam (P)	4·56	do	27	Eryuman Church Festival	10	December	2,500	Coconut, tamarind, betel leaves and fish	...
				27	Thuthur Church Festival	10	do	4,500	do	...
				27	Mutharamman Thiruvizha	4	Dec/Jan	5,000	do	...
				27	Kanchapuram Festival	Daily	...	1,000	do	...
12.	Arudesam (P)	3·38	do	23	Tirumalai Koil Panguni Pandigai	10	Mar/Apr	1,500	Vegetables and fruits	...

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				VILAVANCODE TALUK (Concld.)					
Arudesam (P) (Contd.)	3·38	Trivandrum	23	Pudukkottai Fair	2	...	2,000	Vegetables & fruits	Fair meets on every Saturday and Wed-nesday
Painkulam (P)	3·66	do	32	Kottalamoodu Kshetram Batravathi Koil Festival	10	Mar/Apr	5,000	...	27
Kizhkulam (P)	4·04	do	35	Lenemmal Tiruvizha	10	October	8,000	Sweetmeats, fish and jaggery	...
				Anthoniar Tiruvizha	10	February	8,500	do	...
				Parpparammal Festival	10	November	7,500	do	...
				Vizundempalam Fair	2	...	500	do	Fair meets on every Monday and Thursday
5. Killiyur (P)	8·12	do	31	Poottathee Amma Festival	3	Mar/April	1,200	Fried grains and fancy articles	...
6. Midalam (P)	6·20	do	30	Mathirai Vinai Thirunal	10	August	8,000	Sweetmeats, paddy, wheat and fish	...
		do	30	Karukkal Fair	2	...	10,000	do	Fair meets on every Saturday and Wednesday
7. Kizhmidalam (P)	3·65	do	34	Alanjati Fair	2	...	250	Fish, jaggery, firewood, coconuts & vegetables	...

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					KALKULAM TALUK					
1.	Thirupparappu (P)	13·12	Trivandrum	32	Sivarathiri Flag hoisting in Thirunandhikarai	10	Feb/Mar	3,000	Sweetmeats	...
			do	...	Tiruvadhirai Flag hoisting in Mahadevi Temple	10	Dec/Jan	8,000	Sweetmeats & sugar-cane	Margazhi Tiruvadhirai Star
			do	...	Kadambamoottu Fair	1	...	200	Plantain leaves	Fair meets on every Sunday
			do	...	Thirunandhikarai Fair	2	...	500	Vegetables and betel leaves	Fair meets on every Sunday & Wednesday
			do	...	Thirupparappu Fair	2	...	750	do	Fair meets on every Monday & Thursday
2.	Thiruvattar (P)	7.00	do	28	Kulasegaram Fair	2	...	1,500	...	Fair meets on every Tuesday & Friday
3.	Ponmana Aruvikara (P)	18·29	do	34	Ponmanai Sivan Koil Festival	10	Apr/May	1,000	Fancy goods	Chithirai Full Moon day
			do	...	Deepavali Festival	3	Oct/Nov	5,000	...	...
			do	...	Perunjeri Fair	1	...	100	Plantains and sweet potatoes	Fair meets on every Thursday

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					KALKULAM TALUK (Contd.)					
4.	Kothanalloor (P)	21·20	Trivandrum	35	Kumara Koil Tirukalyanam	1	Mar/Apr	50,000	Fancy goods and sugar-cane	'Panguni' Anusham Star'
5.	Mecode (P)	...	do	...	Fair	1	...	...	...	Fair meets on every Tuesday & Friday
6.	Attoor (P)	8·29	do	28	Elandeiambalam Fair	2	...	3,000	Pottery works fodder, jaggery, fish and vegetables	Fair meets on every Thursday & Sunday
			do	...	Attoor Fair	2	...	4,000	do	Fair meets on every Monday & Thursday
8.	Thiruvithamkode (P)	7·21	do	33	Margazhi festival in Neelakantaswamy Temple	10	Dec/Jan	500	Sweetmeats	'Tiruvadhirai' star in Margazhi
			do	...	Church Festival	10	September	1,500	Fancy goods, fruits and nuts	...
			do	...	Thirganamkottu	1	...	1,000	Jaggery & vegetables	Fair meets on every Wednesday
9.	Padmanabhapuram (M) (Thukkalai)	2·00	do	35	Neelakantaswamy Temple Festival	10	Sep/Oct Mar/Apr	1,000	Fancy goods	...
			do	33	Konapuram Sivan Temple Festival	...	Feb/Mar Aug/Sep	1,500	Fancy goods & sweetmeats	...

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					KALKULAM TALUK (Concld.)					
9.	Padmanabhapuram (M) (Thukkalai) (Contd.)	...	Trivandrum	33	Thukkalai Thaigara Palli Beer Md. Sahib Holi Allah Samadhi Nooha, Karthigai Pirai	1	Nov/Dec	5,000	Fancy goods & sweetmeats	...
			do	...	Christian Festival	1	October	1,500	...	Last Sunday of October
			do	...	Pettai Fair	Daily	...	500 to 700	Fruits and vegetables	...
10.	Alloor (V) Tillukiri (P)	12·52	do	37	Thiruvidakodu Mahadevar Temple Festival	10	April/May	1,000	Sweetmeats	...
11.	Iraniel (P)	5·47	do	35	Kandanvinai Church	10	September	2,000	do	...
			do	35	Alwar Koil Festival	10	March	2,000	do	...
14.	Manavalakurichi (P)	4·70	do	40	Bagiradhiamman Temple Festival	10	Feb/Mar	1,00,000	Sugarcane	Last Tuesday in the month of Masi
15.	Thalakulam (P)	8·16	do	35	Radhakrishnan Temple Festival	10	Aug/Sep	10,000	...	...
					Weekly Fair	1	...	10,000	Vegetables	Fair meets on every Monday
16.	Kadiyapattanam (P)	7·46	do	39	Weekly Fair	1	...	1,500	Fish and vegetables	Fair meets on every Friday

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					THOVALA TALUK					
2.	Boothapandy Dherasanamcope (Hamlet)	7·79	Trivandrum	48	1. Boothalinga-swamy Festival	10	Jan/Feb	10,000	Sweetmeats	...
			do	52	Sri Raghaveswarar Temple, Chithirai Festival	10	April/May	500	Fancy	"Chithirai" Magha Star
			do	...	2. Boothalinga-swamy Festival	10	do	...	...	...
3.	Thazhakudy	7·08	do	48	Tirukalyana Festival	5	Jan/Feb	4,000	Sweetmeats	...
			do	48	Jayanthi Ahamu-dia Nayanar-swamy Festival	10	Mar/April	3,000	do	"Panguni" Kirthigai Star
4.	Thovala	10·57	Tirunelveli	43	1. Suran Festival	1	Oct/Nov	3,000	Groundnuts and fancy goods	Fair meets on every Monday
					2. Weekly fair	1	...	...	...	...
5.	Aramboly (P)	14·56	do	41	Nambiran Games Festival	1	Mar/Apr	6,000	do	"Panguni" Uthiram Star
	Perumalpuram	...	do	41	Arokia Madha Church Festival	10	September	2,000	do	...
	Kurusady	...	do	41	Viyakula Madha Church Festival	10	March	3,000	do	...

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					AGASTHEESWARAM TALUK					
4.	Nagercoil (M)	8·04	Trivandrum	42	Nageramman Koil Festival	10	Jan/Feb	1,000	Sweets and fancy goods	On Thai month Full Moon
	Vadiweeswaram	...	do	42	Kattar Xavier Festival	10	December	50,000	do	...
5.	Suchindram (P)	14·00	do	45	Margazhi festival in Sthanu Malayaswami temple	10	Dec/Jan	50,000	do	In December & January on Sadayam Nakshathiram
8.	Thamarakulam	6·02	Tirunelveli	52	Nayanarswamy Pattu Tiruvizha	1	Aug/Sep Jan/Feb May/June	50,000	Grocery	3
12.	Kanyakumari (P)	5·26	do	52	Bhagavathi amman Festival	10	May/June	5,000	Sweets, toys & sea shells	12

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