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■ Sri ArunachaleswararTemple, Tiruvannamalai,TN #KarthikaDeepam Festival of Lights observed in every #TamilNadu & #Kerala Temples & homes is on the day when moon is in conjunction with constellation #Karthika & #Pournami appears as group of 6 stars in pendant shape from ear■1/5



■ The 6 stars are 6 celestial nymphs who reared the 6 babies in Saravana tank which later were joined together to form 6 faces Lord Muruga. He is called Karthikeya - God of War , the incarnation of Bhagwan Shiva created from his 3rd Eye as his 2nd son ■2/5



■ As the 6 nymphs helped in growing the six children, Bhagwan Shiva blessed immortality to the 6 nymphs as ever living stars in the sky. Any worship performed to this 6 stars is equal to worshiping Lord Muruga . Oil lamp with 365 wicks are lit in all Lord Shiva temples ■3/5



■ The 6 Nymphs are worshipped by lighting rows of oil lamps (Deepam) in the evening of #KarthikaDeepam day around the houses & streets. This day is also worshipped as Bhagwan Kartikeya or Muruga's birthday ■4/5



■ Sri Arunachaleswarar Thiruvannamalai #TamilNadu #KarthikaDeepam is lit at 6 pm at top of 2668 ft high holy mountain which is worshipped as Holy ShivaLinga. MahaDeepam is lit using nearly 3500kg of Ghee. Maha Deepam is visible around the Holy Mountain in a radius of 35 km ■5/5

