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#Thiruvellarai Divya Desam Dakshinayana entrance opening ceremony. The presiding deity Sri Sendhamarai Kannan/ Pundarikaksha Perumal is called as "Maayavan" during Dakshinayana.

This Divya Desam is 4th among 108 Divya Desams of Vishnu.

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The temple is also called Adhivellarai (primary white stone), Uthama Kshetram (best destination), Hita Kshetram (beneficial destination) and as the temple is perched on top of a small white-stoned hillock, it is also known as #Swethagiri (#Sanskrit: Swetha-white; Giri-hill).

In this Kshetram, there are 2 entrances to the sanctum sanctorum, Dakshinayana & Utarayana.

Dakshinayana entrance open from Aadi to Margazhi Tamil months covering from Jul-Aug to Dec-Jan & the Utharayana open from the Tamil months Thai to Aani covering Jan-Feb to Jun-Jul.

The sanctum sanctorum has one more entrance called '#Nazhi_Kettaan_Vaayil' where it is believed that the Perumal was intercepted & questioned by his consort, upon his returning home later, after his sojourn.

Even today, during the festivals, after completing the trip outside, Perumal has to account for his time to his consort by informing the time he started, the places he visited etc., at this gate in order to gain entry into the temple.

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