

Deepavali Thiruvizha 2026

Press Kit • Little India Shop Owners and Heritage Association (LISHA)

3 October – 29 November 2026 • Little India, Singapore



Welcome to the Festival of Lights

It is once again time to celebrate *Deepavali* the Festival of Lights. LISHA is proud to present **Deepavali Thiruvizha 2026**, our flagship cultural festival honouring one of the most significant occasions in the Hindu calendar.

Derived from the Sanskrit word meaning "*a row of lights*," Deepavali symbolises the eternal triumph of **light over darkness, good over evil and hope over despair**. Over the decades, it has grown into a national celebration cherished by all communities in Singapore.

About LISHA

The Little India Shop Owners and Heritage Association (LISHA) was established to present and preserve the heritage and culture of Little India. Through meaningful celebrations like Deepavali Thiruvizha and The Pongal Festival, LISHA educates the public on Indian festivities, sustains Little India's merchants, and safeguards our heritage for future generations.

Educate

Sharing the meaning and traditions of Indian festivals with all communities

Sustain

Supporting Little India's merchants and the local economy

Preserve

Safeguarding heritage and culture for future generations

Festival at a Glance

Festival Period

3 October – 29 November
2026 (*58 days*)

Street Light-Up

3 October – 29 November
2026

Festival Village

10 October – 8 November
2026

Primary Venues

Serangoon Road,
Campbell Lane, Birch
Road

Organiser

Little India Shop Owners
and Heritage Association
(LISHA)

Website

www.lisha.sg ·
www.deepavali.sg

Light Up Ceremony

3 October 2026 (Saturday) • 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM • Birch Road (Tented Open Field)

Guest of Honour

Ms Indranee Rajah, Minister, Prime Minister's Office; Second Minister for Finance and Second Minister for National Development



Programme

Registration from 6:00 PM • Guests to be seated by 6:30 PM • Ceremony runs until 9:30 PM

The Light-Up

A breathtaking illumination stretching over **2 kilometres along Serangoon Road**, followed by traditional music and dance performances partnered with MediaCorp Vasantham



Nightly Illumination

Lights on daily **7:00 PM to midnight** throughout the festival period



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SINDA in Partnership with LISHA



Project Give Campaign 2026

SINDA's Project Give is a month-long annual campaign dedicated to supporting over 2,000 Indian students and families in need. Beyond providing financial and social support, the campaign promotes community engagement, encourages a culture of giving back and strengthens community bonds.

Project Give Outreach Bus – Explore & Discover

Festival-goers can step inside the SINDA outreach bus to learn more about SINDA's programmes and how SINDA aims to support families and the community.

Get Deepavali Ready – Inside the Bus : Participants can get into the festive spirit with traditional henna art.

Wishes Come to Life – Interactive LED Experience: Members of the public can submit personalised Deepavali wishes for a **record-breaking attempt at the most personalised well wishes displayed on an LED screen**, with the Guest of Honour and SINDA beneficiaries joining the community in marking the milestone.

Elderly Engagement

SINDA will bring 30 seniors on a special Deepavali outing, supported by 30 volunteers. The programme includes festive shopping at Mustafa, a communal dinner and participation in the LISHA Deepavali Light-Up, fostering social inclusion and intergenerational connections.





FESTIVAL VILLAGE

Festival Village

10 October – 8 November 2026 • Campbell Lane • Daily 7:00 PM – Midnight

Step into the vibrant spirit of Deepavali at the enchanting Festival Village along Campbell Lane, a kaleidoscope of stalls offering traditional clothing, delectable snacks, intricate handicrafts, and festive décor that embody the heart of this joyous occasion.

Merchants will extend their shop spaces to display and sell Deepavali festive items, bringing the precinct alive with colour and light, celebrating the season in its fullest, most luminous expression.

Kolam Art Collaboration

Pre-Festival Village Opening • Birch Road • In Partnership with the People's Association

A large-scale community *kolam* sticker installation at Birch Road created by residents and People's Association grassroots volunteers will serve as the festival's striking visual centerpiece.

Kolam, the ancient Indian art form crafted with colored powder, carries a timeless message: **the triumph of light over darkness**. Each intricate pattern is an act of devotion, a welcome to abundance and a gesture of community.

This collaboration deepens intercultural bonds, inviting all of Singapore's communities to participate in the creation of something beautiful and shared.



Sangeetham Under the Stars

17 & 31 October (Saturdays) • 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM • Indian Heritage Centre Open Stage • Free Admission

Two enchanting evenings of free live music celebrating the full spectrum of Indian musical heritage beneath the open Singapore sky. From the disciplined grace of Carnatic classical to the infectious energy of Bollywood, *Sangeetham Under the Stars* offers something for every soul.



Carnatic Classical

Timeless performances honouring the ancient South Indian musical tradition



Fusion Sessions

Blending tradition and modernity in unexpected, joyful harmony



Bollywood Beats

Crowd-favourite rhythms that get everyone on their feet



Emerging Artists

A dedicated showcase for the next generation of Indian music talent

IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

AR/VR Heritage Walk

"Journey Through Time"

Every Saturday, 10 October – 7 November • \$15/person • Free for Seniors • \$10 for Students

A first-of-its-kind immersive experience in Little India. Portable AR/VR headsets guide participants through the precinct's most iconic heritage landmarks, dissolving the boundary between past and present.

- Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple (1880s)
- Tekka Market
- Little India Arcade

Every participant receives a **digital souvenir album** via QR code, positioning Little India as a tech-forward cultural destination for international visitors.



Big Bus Deepavali Tours

Every Saturday, 10 October – 28 November • 7:00 PM & 8:00 PM • \$12/person (includes \$5 F&B voucher)

A spectacular 45-minute festive detour from Orchard Hotel, winding through Little India to Racecourse Road, marveling at the beautifully adorned Deepavali streetlights that transform the precinct into a river of golden radiance.

Two trips per Saturday evening ensure every visitor can join the experience. Each participant receives a **\$5 F&B voucher** redeemable at participating merchants throughout Little India.

Route

Orchard Hotel → Little
India → Racecourse Road

Duration

45 minutes per tour

Departures

7:00 PM & 8:00 PM every
Saturday

Price

\$12/person including \$5
F&B voucher

Hands-On Craft Workshops

Tekka Place • October 2026



🔥 Brass Lamp Engraving

**10 & 24 Oct (Sundays) • 10 AM–1 PM •
\$10/person • 20 pax**

Personalise a miniature *kuthuvilakku* brass lamp using pattern hammering and decorative etching under master craftsmen, preserving an endangered tradition.



🎨 Clay Diya Painting

**17 & 31 Oct (Saturdays) • 2–4 PM • Free with
registration • 30 pax**

Decorate terracotta *diyas* with acrylic paints, gilding paste, and rhinestones. Learn the symbolism of peacocks, lotus flowers, and kolam patterns.



👨‍🍳 Spice Blending Masterclass

**17 & 31 Oct (Saturdays) • 11 AM–1 PM •
\$8/person • 20 pax**

Create Garam Masala and Sambar Powder with a local chef. Take home freshly made blends, recipe cards, and whole spices concluding with a tasting session.

PHOTO CHALLENGE

Deepavali Photo Trail Challenge

3 October – 8 November 2026 • Self-Guided & Free • Throughout Little India

Visit **10 photo points** across Little India and submit your best shots via LISHA to enter weekly lucky draws. The trail turns the entire precinct into a living canvas every diya, every rangoli, every festive storefront a frame waiting to be captured.

Prizes include shopping vouchers of **\$50, \$100 and \$150** redeemable at participating merchants.



MOU Signing Ceremony

LISHA signs three strategic partnerships to strengthen its community impact and broaden the reach of its programmes across key areas of Indian community life.

Tamil Representative Council (TRC)

Youth Entrepreneurship & Leadership

LISHA and TRC will jointly develop training, internships, coaching and networking opportunities for Indian students and youths, co-shaping and administering the programme together.



Muneeswaran Community Services (MCS)

Community Support & Outreach

Improving access to programmes and charitable services through referrals, joint outreach, beneficiary assessment and practical support including volunteers and venues where feasible.



Fit Mantras

Health & Well-being

Developing fitness, yoga and wellness activities for the community, including programmes tailored to Tekka shopkeepers and Little India merchants. Specific activities will be agreed together.

Join Us in Lighting Up Little India

Deepavali Thiruvizha 2026 aspires to deliver an immersive and inclusive celebration that showcases Little India as a must-visit destination, reinforcing Singapore's identity as a harmonious, multicultural nation.

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