

**Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts  
Puducherry Regional Centre**

**Event**

Event Name: Folk Street Play - Therukoothu ( Drama)

Title: **Folk Deity Aiyanaar History**

Date: 03.08.2024 & 04.08.2024 10 pm to 6.30am

Place: Muthu Mariamman Temple, Marie Uzhavarkarai

Resource person: **Om Aiyanarappan Nadaka Saba from Penmaniyaathoor village, Dindivanam**

**Highlights:**

The Aadi festival event took place on the 3rd of August, 2024, at Meri Uzhavarkarai Village, Puducherry. As part of the celebrations, a street play depicting the history of the folk deity Aiyanaar was performed at the Muthu Mariamman Temple, one of the prominent Hindu religious institutions in the region.

The play, presented by the Om Aiyanarappan Nadaka Saba from Penmaniyaathoor village, Dindivanam, Tamil Nadu, captivated the audience throughout the night. The performance ran from 7 PM on the 3rd of August until 6 AM the following morning, offering an immersive experience to the village residents and visitors.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from many villagers, who were deeply engaged with the traditional storytelling. The program concluded at 7 AM on the 4th of August, marking the end of a night filled with cultural and religious significance.