

Mutthu Marathon 2018 – FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

(NOTE: All information given below is subject to change anytime to accommodate any unexpected constraints. Updated 2017-Nov-17)

1. Who are the organizers of the Mutthu Marathon?

Mutthu Marathon (MM) is organized by 'Mutthu Marathon Organizing Committee' under the guidance of Konganapuram Foundation, a non-profit charitable trust focused on rural development, and Konganapuram Sports Club. Major sponsorship and volunteer support for this year's marathon is provided by Swelect Energy Systems Ltd., Ducen Infotek, AGN SCHOOL and others. There are many individuals and organizations who sponsor cash awards, medals, prizes, food, lodging, etc. and a great deal of volunteer help is provided by students and village folks too. The event has been also receiving abundant support and guidance from members of Chennai Runners, Auroville Marathon, Salem Marathon, Coimbatore Marathon and Annur Marathon.

2. What is the motivation and theme of Mutthu Marathon?

Mutthu Marathon was launched nearly two decades ago by Konganapuram Foundation, to inspire, encourage and promote personal courage through physical accomplishments, particularly in rural areas of Tamil Nadu. The ultimate vision is to be an inspired part of the enduring journey of an Olympic marathon runner from the region! The motto of Mutthu Marathon is: "ஒலிம்பிக்கில் தமிழ்நாடு; தமிழ்நாட்டில் ஒலிம்பிக்!"

3. What are the events, age requirements, fees and reporting times?

Sunday, 7th January 2018						
Code	Race	Categories	Age Requirement	Entry Fee	Reporting Time	Start Time
42K	Full-Marathon	MEN	18 years & above	Rs. 400	05:40 AM	06:10 AM
21K	Half-Marathon	MEN, WOMEN	18 years & above	Rs. 350	05:50 AM	06:20 AM
11K	11 KM Run	MEN, WOMEN	18 years & above	Rs. 300	06:00 AM	06:30 AM
		BOYS, GIRLS	Under 18			
6K	6 KM Run	WOMEN	18 years & above	Rs. 250	06:10 AM	06:40 AM
		GIRLS	Under 18			
		BOYS	Under 14			
3K	3K Run	BOYS	Under 11	Rs. 200	06:20 AM	06:50 AM
		GIRLS	Under 11			
8W	8 KM Walk	MEN, WOMEN	40 years & above	Rs. 200	06:30 AM	07:00 AM
Notes: (1) All runners below 18 years of age must get parent approval.						

4. Where does a race start and end? Is there a route map?

All races start at Selliamman Kovil, Vaikundam (வைகுந்தம்). (Please note that you may see variations in the spelling of the name, such as Vaikuntham, Vaiguntam, etc.) The estimated start times are given on

MM home page. The 6KM race ends at the Erumaippatti Maariamman temple. The 3KM race ends at Velliampalayam Muniappan Kovil. All other races end at the playground of K.A. Nachiappa HS School, Konganapuram. For an approximate route map, please see the MAP tab.

You can see the START POINT on Google Maps using the link below, and is also illustrated on a map image in Appendix 1.

<https://www.google.co.in/maps/place/Selliamman+Kovil/@11.5236971,77.9409385,16z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0000000000000000:0xe5ebd78c2b7c450f>

5. Where can I register and till when?

I. Online registration can be done at: <http://eventjini.com/mm>

Please note:

- January 5, 2018 is the last date for online registration. One line registrations fees are same as direct registration.
- January 6, 2018, for direct registration at JPR Mandapam, Vaikundam

II. Direct (offline) registration can be done as follows:

a) Till January 5, 2018:

- AGN SCHOOL, Konganapuram. Phone: +91.90.253.41.900
- GUGAN MEDICALS, Konganapuram. Phone: 04283-265838

b) On January 6, 2018, 10 AM to 7 PM – ‘EXPO DAY’:

- JPR Mahal, Vaikundam. Phone: +91.90.253.81.400 (Map given in Appendix 1).
- Please also see the details given on the Registration tab.

III. Spot Registration can be done on:

January 7, 2018 at the START POINT (Selliamman Kovil) till 30 minutes before the particular race starts. Please note:

- **There will be an additional charge of Rs.50 for each spot registration at the START point.**
- **Spot registration is NOT available for 42K and 21K races. Only 11K, 6K, 3K and 8W participants may do spot registration.**

6. Do online registrants require check-in at JPR Mahal on EXPO Day?

Yes, online registrants must do a check-in at JPR Mahal by 7PM on Saturday (the day before the race), and complete the registration in order to receive BIB and T-shirt.

7. What documents are required to complete registration?

- A photo ID
- Age & Residency Proof (Driver's License/Aadhaar Card/Voter ID). Note: If you like to compete for cash prizes (details below), then you need to show proof of permanent residence address in Tamil Nadu. For this you would need bring one of Driving License, Aadhaar Card and Voter ID. NOTE: If you running just for fun, you don't need to worry about this requirement. School students (aged <18 years) may use their ‘School ID card’ as ID proof
- Completed entry form, including Medical fitness certification by a registered medical practitioner.
 - Exceptions for Medical Fitness Certification:
 - (a) Experienced runners who have run similar races during the past six months

- may submit a copy of the completion certificate, instead.
- (b) For college/school students, the PE (Physical Education) teacher may sign the fitness form and affix the institution's seal.

8. [Where and when can the BIB and T-shirt be collected?](#)

BIB and T-shirt can be collected from 10:00AM to 7:00 PM on Saturday (the day before the race, EXPO DAY) at JPR Mahal, Vaikundam. Please see location map of JPR Mahal in Appendix 1.

Please note:

- T-shirt distribution is on a first-paid-first-served basis.
- We will do our best to provide the size requested, but not always assured.

9. [Will transportation provided to the start point on the race day?](#)

From Location	Transport to Start Location (Selliamman Kovil, Vaikundam)
AGN SCHOOL, Konganapuram	5:20 AM & 6:00 AM on Sunday
JPR Mahal, Vaikundam	Walking Distance

10. [Will a safe-keep custody option available for personal items?](#)

Yes, only at the Selliamman temple (start point). An assigned security will collect non-valuable personal items such as bags and will provide a token. They will be transported to the finish location (KA Nachiappa School), and can be collected after the race event.

11. [Are there 'Aid Stations' during the run?](#)

Yes. After the 5th KM, there are aid stations distributed along the track for every 2 KM (approximate distance). The aid stations are stocked with water, Gatorade, Vaseline spray, lemons and bananas.

12. [Will there be food available after the race?](#)

Post-run food (pongal) will be provided for all race finishers. All others may be able to purchase food from private food stands near the finish location.

13. [Do I get a certificate and medal for participating in the race?](#)

All registered participants get a certificate. In addition all successful finishers will get finisher medals at the finishing line.

14. [Are there cash prizes?](#)

Yes, the cash prizes total Rs. 3 lacs for all races, as below. Also, all successful finishers will receive medals and completion certificates.

PLEASE NOTE that only permanent residents of Tamilnadu are eligible to receive cash prizes; others may be honoured, without cash prizes, based on their finish position.

FINISH POSITION	SWLECT 42K	DUCEN 21K		11K				6K		3K		8W	
	MEN	MEN	WOMEN	MEN	WOMEN	BOYS	GIRLS	WOMEN	GIRLS	BOYS	BOYS	GIRLS	M / W
1st	₹ 42,000	21,000	21,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,500	GIFT
2nd	₹ 20,000	10,000	10,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,000	GIFT
3rd	₹ 10,000	5,000	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	500	500	GIFT
4th	₹ 5,000	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-
5th	₹ 5,000	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
6th to 10th	₹ 3,000	1,000	1,000	Special Prizes for Salem Dist. Native Runners									
				Finish			1st	2nd	3rd	4-5th	6-10th		
				SWELECT 42K	Men	₹ 5,000	2,500	2,000	1,000	1,000			
				DUCEN 21K	Men	₹ 2,500	1,500	1,000	1,000	-			
Women	₹ 2,500	1,500	1,000		1,000	-							
11th to 15th	₹ 2,000	Medal											

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16. [What is the running terrain and weather like?](#)

Mutthu Marathon track (Appendix 2), set on country roads on a hilly terrain, offers one of challenging full-marathon tracks in the world, even for veteran runners. In spite of Winter season, the temperature could get very warm (Appendix 3) especially for the full and half-marathon runners.

17. [What lodging options are available near the race start location \(Vaikuntham\)?](#)

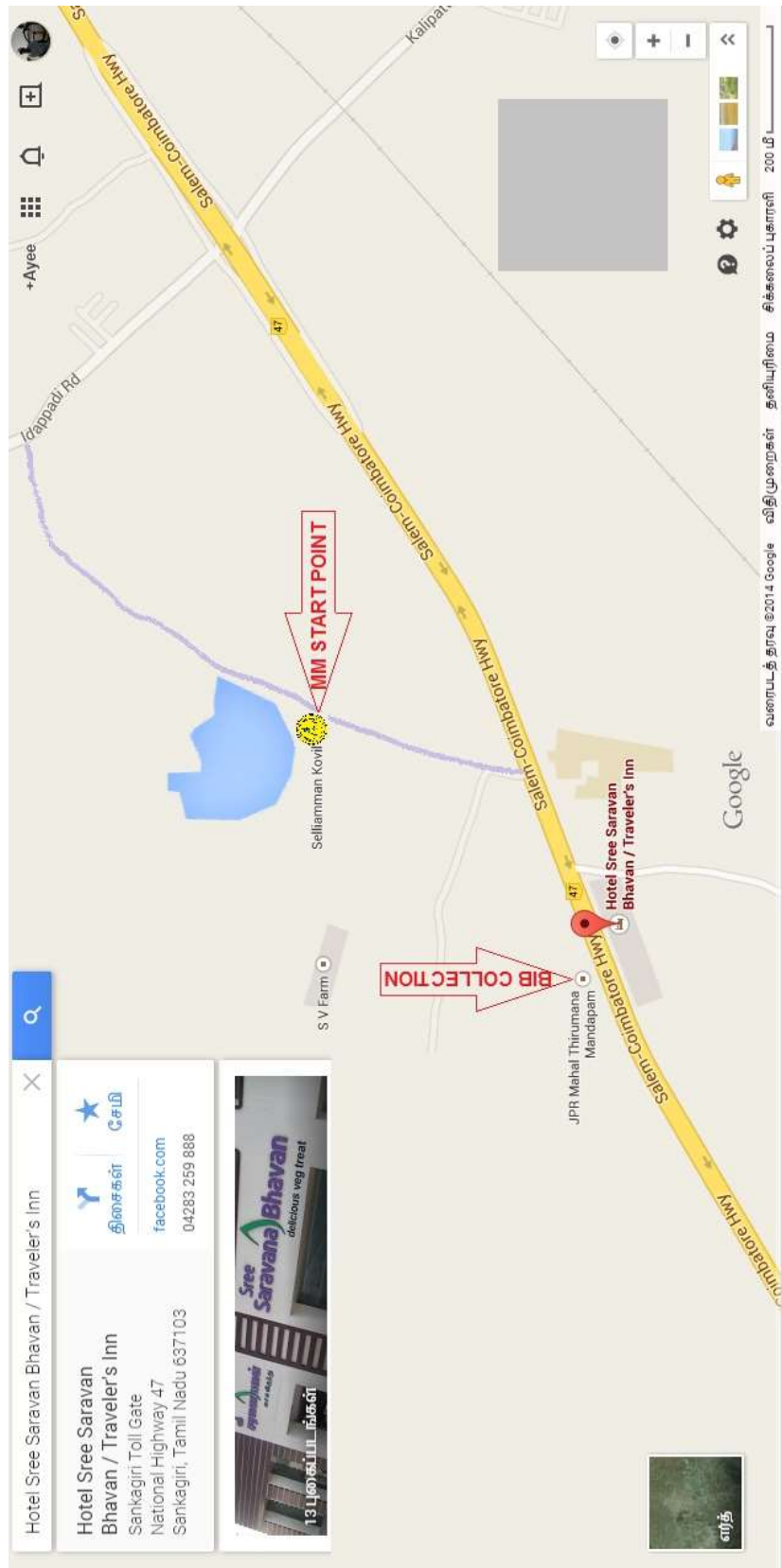
Vaikuntham is located on NH-47 at about 30 KM from Salem, towards Bhavani/Sankagiri. (*Please note that you may see variations in the spelling of the name, such as Vaikundam, Vaiguntam, etc.*) There are lodging facilities available in Salem, Sankagiri, Bhavani and Erode. Within Vaikuntham, there are two options for runners (Appendix 1):

- Hotel Sree Saravana Bhavan / Travellers Inn, Ph: +91 4283 259 888
<https://plus.google.com/104438323825462366201/about?hl=ta>
 Rooms are limited. Pls call and book early.
http://www.tripadvisor.in/ShowUserReviews-g1162345-d4167689-r194727232-Travellers_Inn-Salem_Tamil_Nadu.html
- JPR Mahal (Thirumana Mandapam), in Vaikuntham. MM organizing team has made arrangements to have the hall available from 10 AM, Saturday (the day before the race) to 12N, Sunday. There are no charges involved, but the facilities are at a minimum level. No bedding or toiletries will be provided. One separate room for female members will be available for sleeping. The mandapam is within walking distance to the Selliamman temple.

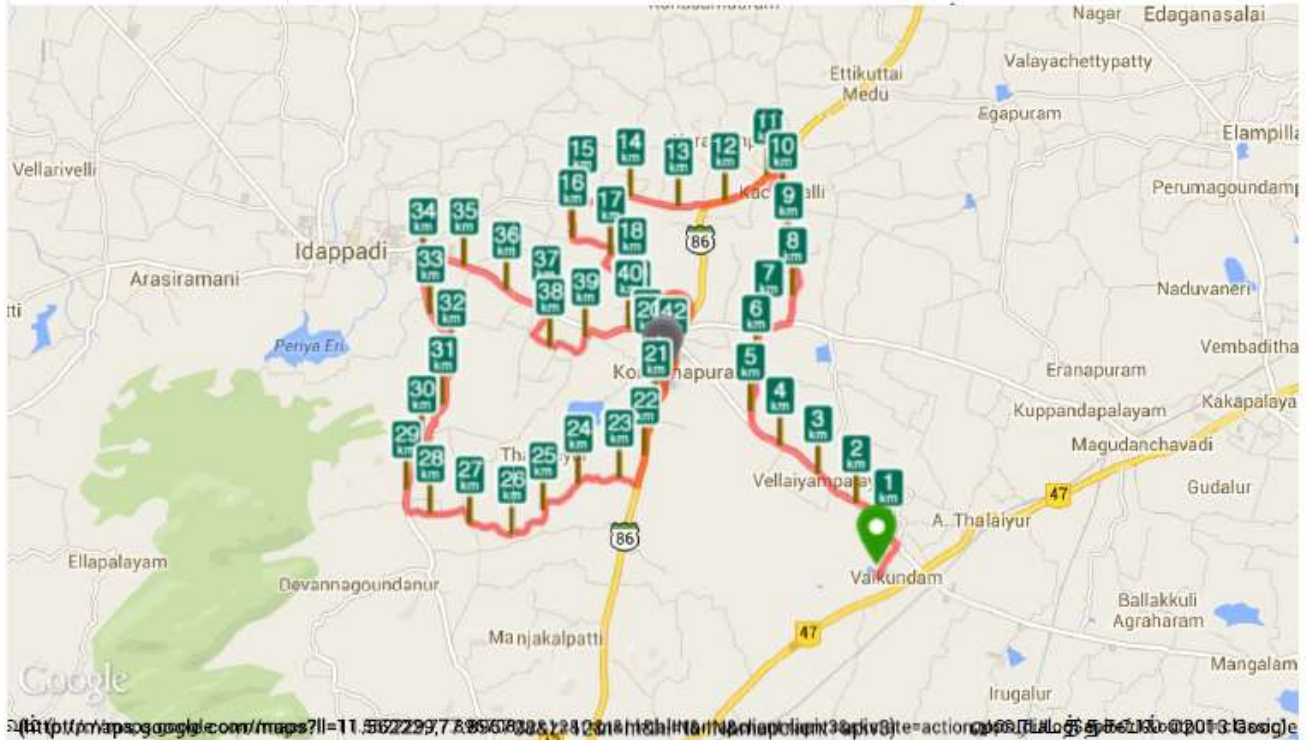
18. [Who do I contact for questions?](#)

Please see the [CONTACT & FAQ's](#) tab

Appendix 1. MM Vaikuntham Locations: Selliamman Kovil (Start Point), JPR Mahal (BIB Collection), and Hotel Sree Saravana Bhavan (Restaurant and Lodging)



Mutthu Marathon - Full Marathon Route and Elevation Profile



TOTAL CLIMB

300



[Appendix 3. Average Weather Profile for Salem](#)

<http://www.meoweather.com/history/India/na/11.65/78.166667/Salem.html>

SALEM AVERAGE WEATHER BY MONTH

Month	Temperature °F				Average Rainfall (mm)		Average snow days	Average Fog days
	Average		Absolute		Daily	Monthly		
	max	min	max	min				
January	82.8	65.3	98.6	62.6	0	0	0	0
February	86.2	64.8	95.0	55.4	0.2	6	0	0
March	89.6	70.2	100.4	64.4	0.6	18	0	0
April	81.5	68.0	102.2	73.4	1.9	57	0	0
May	87.8	69.3	102.2	68.0	4.5	135	0	0
June	91.8	73.4	102.2	71.6	2.6	78	0	0
July	84.6	69.8	96.8	68.0	3.1	93	0	0
August	78.3	70.5	95.0	69.8	2.5	75	2	0
September	85.8	72.0	102.2	60.8	10	300	0	0
October	81.0	74.7	91.4	60.8	5.8	174	0	0
November	76.3	66.0	93.2	32.0	5.5	165	2	0
December	78.4	67.5	91.4	55.4	0.5	15	0	0

YEAR TEMPERATURE IN AVERAGE

