

Valvil Ori and Aadi Perukku Festivals Begin in Tamil Nadu

The annual Valvil Ori festival at Kolli Hills and the Aadi Perukku celebrations at Hogenakkal commenced on August 2, 2026.

Valvil Ori festival honors the Sangam age ruler King Valvil Ori, while Aadi Perukku is a traditional festival celebrating water resources and nature.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The two-day annual **Valvil Ori festival** commenced at **Kolli Hills** in **Namakkal** district on **August 2, 2026**.
- The three-day **Aadi Perukku** festival began simultaneously at **Hogenakkal** in **Dharmapuri** district.
- Senthamangalam MLA **P. Chandrasekar** and Namakkal RDO **V. Shanthi** inaugurated the event by paying floral tributes to **King Valvil Ori**.
- A grand **flower show** was inaugurated at the **Botanical Garden** in Kolli Hills as part of the festivities.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

King **Valvil Ori** was one of the **Kadai Yezhu Vallalgal** (Last Seven Patrons) who ruled the **Kolli Hills** region during the Sangam Age.

Valvil Ori was renowned for his extraordinary **archery skills**; the prefix '**Valvil**' denotes a powerful bow.

Sangam poets such as **Kapilar** and Kazhaipadiyar composed verses in **Purananuru** praising Ori's valour and patronship.

The Sangam text **Sirupanatrupadai**, authored by **Nallur Naththathanar**, details the seven great patrons of Tamilakam.

Aadi Perukku, celebrated on the **18th day** of the Tamil month Aadi, is a water-worship festival honoring the river **Kaveri**.

Kolli Hills is an offshoot mountain range of the **Eastern Ghats** located in **Namakkal** district.

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Sangam Age patron King Valvil Ori ruled Kolli Hills; his valour is praised in Purananuru and Sirupanatrupadai.

Syllabus Relevance: Directly tested under Unit 8 (Sangam literature, Kadai Yezhu Vallalgal, and Tamil festivals).

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