

Thiruvidadaimarudhur  
Rathotsavam

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Lord Mahalingaswamy Ratha



Goddess Brhat SundarakuchAmba Ratha



## Lord Mahalingaswamy Ratha



The *ther vadam* is a thick twisted choir which is ~ 6 inches in diameter and is as long as the height of the ratha.



The *ratha* is ~ 95 ft tall. There are 4 large, ~ 9 ft diameter, wheels made of steel.

## Goddess Brhat SundarakuchAmba Ratha



A steel plate is fixed to the front and back of the Swami *ther* to pull/push using a bulldozer.



The utsava murthi is transported from the *ther muTTi* using a make-shift structure to the *ther*.

## Lord Chandikeshwara chariot



This is the smallest of the five *ther-s*.

## Hundreds of devotees pulling the Swami *ther*



Bulldozer  
was needed  
to make the  
turns on the  
streets.





Hundreds of women pulling the *ratha* of Goddess Brhat SundarakuchAmba