

**\*NJABM - Irumudi Kattu Instructions through Virtual/Remote Assistance\***

**1. \*NO IRUMUDI AS A BIG GROUP :\*** Unlike every year, this year we will NOT be assembling in any common place to have the Kettunara (Irumudi) as a group! Every Yatra registrant except Kanni Swamis will tie their own (& of their family's if registered) Irumudi at home and virtually we all will be in ZOOM Meetings to support each other.

a. To help make this process relatively easier, we will share a demo video to explain the 'How to Tie Your Irumudi' – (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL664yCfYgIpLu5N6Fdx9kceiuRhNvFVow> ).

b. We have created small groups of 5-6 and assigned a Guruswami to each group to be on LIVE ZOOM session on Dec 25th morning to oversee your Irumudis. (We are forming small groups so the registrants have focused support from the Gurus and volunteers should there be a need.)

**2. \*ONLY ONE MUDRA PER IRUMUDI\*** : This group's Yatra shall be to Guruvayoorappan Temple and we have been strongly advised to use **\*ONLY 'Ahimsa Ghee'. NO OTHER GHEE TO BE USED!\*** The temple is providing us the Ghee for this year. The Ghee is being shipped from India and we are to ration how much we use. Hence, we are requesting **\*everyone to carry ONLY ONE Mudra!\***. Depending on Ghee availability, we will inform additional mudra Ghee bottle requirements

**3. \*IRUMUDI ITEMS\*** : Every Yatra registrant will be asked to pick up a 'Goodie Bag' from a location relatively closer to where you live at a specific date/time. This bag will contain the following that should be used for the Irumudi. More details will be on the demo video.

a. 1 Polished Coconut For Mudra

b. 2 Unpolished Coconuts – One to break when u climb 18 Steps and another to break when u get down needs to be in Pin Mudi (Eri Thengai).

c. Kaani Ponnu (A dollar and a Quarter Cent)

d. Ahimsa Ghee – For 1 Mudra

e. Abhishekam Items

**4. \*New/old IRUMUDI BAG\***: It is absolutely advised and suggested to use the same Irumudi bag for every year (Watch it and reuse for every Yatra). However, for people who do need Irumudi Bag, let us know so we know to add it in your 'Goodie Bag' and have it ready for your pickup. If you have requested a new Irumudi set, it comes with 1 Mudra bag in it. If you need extra Mudra bags, let us know.

**Note: If you need new Irumudi Bag and new/additional Nei Thengai bag, tell us the count now.**

**5. \*ITEMS YOU SHOULD BUY AHEAD\***: We still expect you to buy / get from home the following for the Irumudi

a. We will be providing you 3 coconuts but still encourage you to buy additional 1 coconut which you can use to break before you leave home for Yatra.

b. Make sure you have Vibothi, Sandanam, Kumum, Karpooram – Basic Pooja Items at your home which you would need for Irumudi

c. Make sure you have unopened Papad. We would need a couple of them for Irumudi. The reason for this would be explained as part of the video we would be sharing.

d. One small zip lock bag of Rice, one small zip lock bag of Toor Dhal, 1 small zip bag of jaggery. DO NOT MIX IT.

**6. Please register directly in Guruvayoor Temple** to take the Yatra on Dec 25<sup>th</sup>. Here is the link - <https://form.jotform.com/hatcc/swami-ayyappan-mandalam-2021-2022>. Once registered, please make sure you get the receipt and if you do not get it, Please send a mail to [Office@krishnatemple.org](mailto:Office@krishnatemple.org).

**7. \*WHAT NEXT??\***

1. Share video of 'How to tie Irumudi' along with the document for step-by-step instructions - **Dec 22nd**

2. Know Your Small group assignment and the dedicated Guruswami to support each group. – **To be shared by Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

3. Know your Pickup Slot Assignment – **To be shared by Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**.
4. Zoom Meeting Link will be shared for virtual Irumudi and multiple break out rooms will be created for each guruswami – **To be shared by Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**.
5. Goodie Bag Pick up from the respective Pick-Up Windows by **24th Dec between 6-9 PM**.
6. **Check NJABM Group Whatsapp chats for any additional instructions for 2021 Yatra.**