

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, SOUTH ZONE,
CHENNAI
O.A. No. 135 of 2023**

Hariharan

...Applicant

Vs.

District Collector, Thiruvallur & Ors.

...Respondent

MEMO FILED BY THE APPLICANT

It is respectfully submitted as follows:

1. The present OA was posted for compliance on 03.09.2024 where the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board as well as the State of Tamil Nadu were directed to file a report on their preparedness regarding the Vinayagar Chaturthi Festival which was on 07.09.2024. A compliance report dated 04.09.2024 was filed by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) through the Joint Chief Environmental Engineer.

2. The Report stated that TNPCB has made sincere efforts to comply with the judgement and submitted that revised guidelines of the CPCB dt. 12.05.2020, are being implemented in every way possible. Further, the report stated that the committee has taken sincere efforts to execute all possible steps for the celebrations.

3. However, during the Vinakaya Chaturthi celebrations this year as well, idols made of plaster of paris, decorated with with synthetic dyes and were immersed in the natural water bodies. Photos and video links of the same are annexed below.

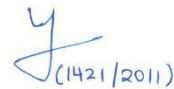
4. It has been already established that immersion of the idols will have an adverse impact on natural water bodies and also has negative impact on the aquatic life and clogs the ecosystem by killing fishes, damaging plants and affecting the natural flow of water. The photos and videos of this year's festivities are evidence of the Respondent's failure to comply with the directions of this Hon'ble Tribunal.

5. It is necessary to note that this entire violation is not a clandestine act that would require the Pollution Control Board and the State machinery to investigate and find out who the violators are or the commission of the offence itself. These massive statues were kept in public display for several days (even for such pandhal police permission is also sought and issued) and thereafter taken in a procession, in most cases with

police presence and are dumped in the sea/river/lake in the presence of the authorities. There is no plausible explanation or reason for the authorities failure to check such brazen violation of law.

6. Thus, it is humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Tribunal may be pleased to take this memo on record, pass any such further orders and thus render justice.

Dated on this the 21st day September of 2024



Counsel for the Applicant



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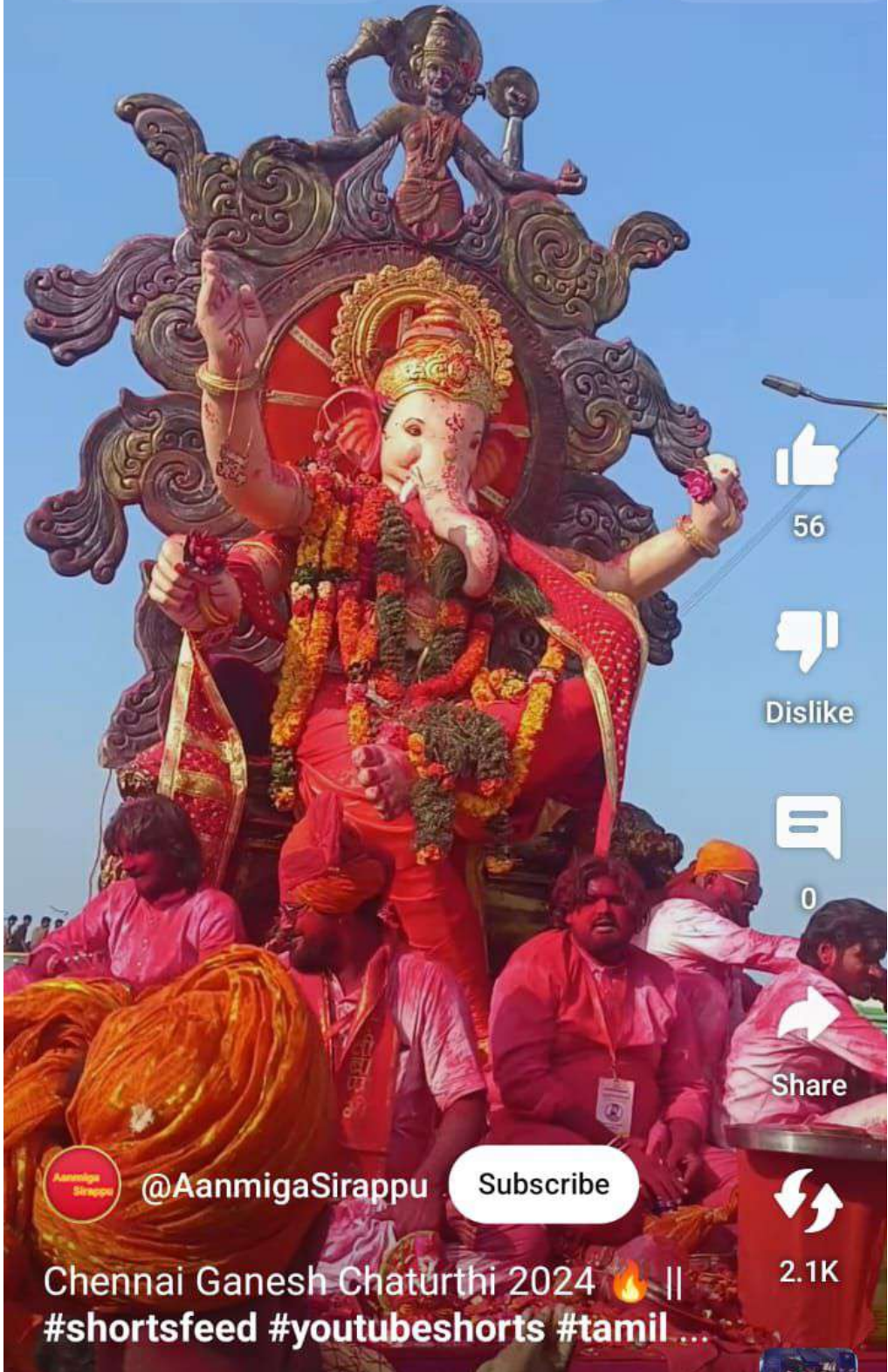
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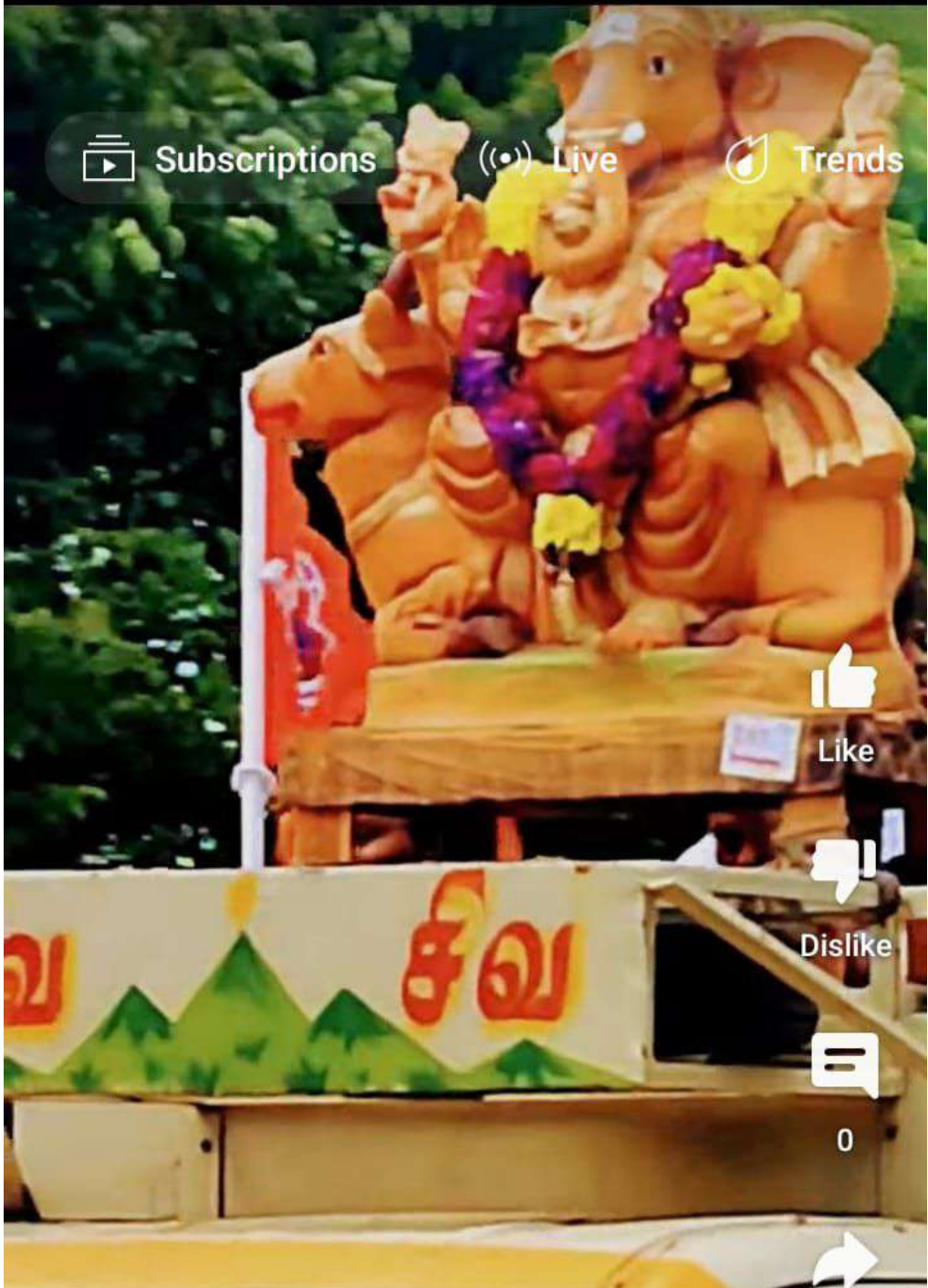


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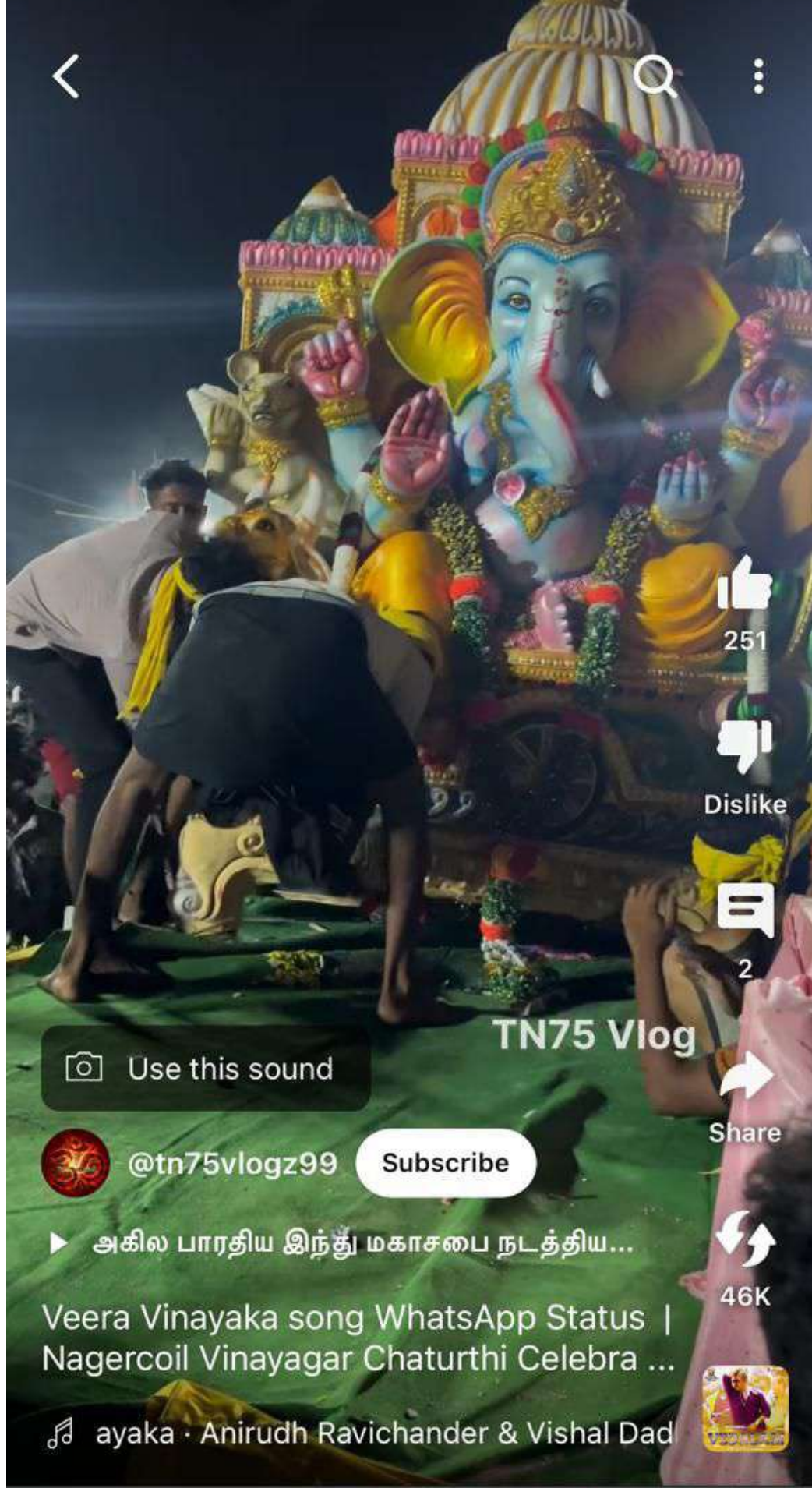
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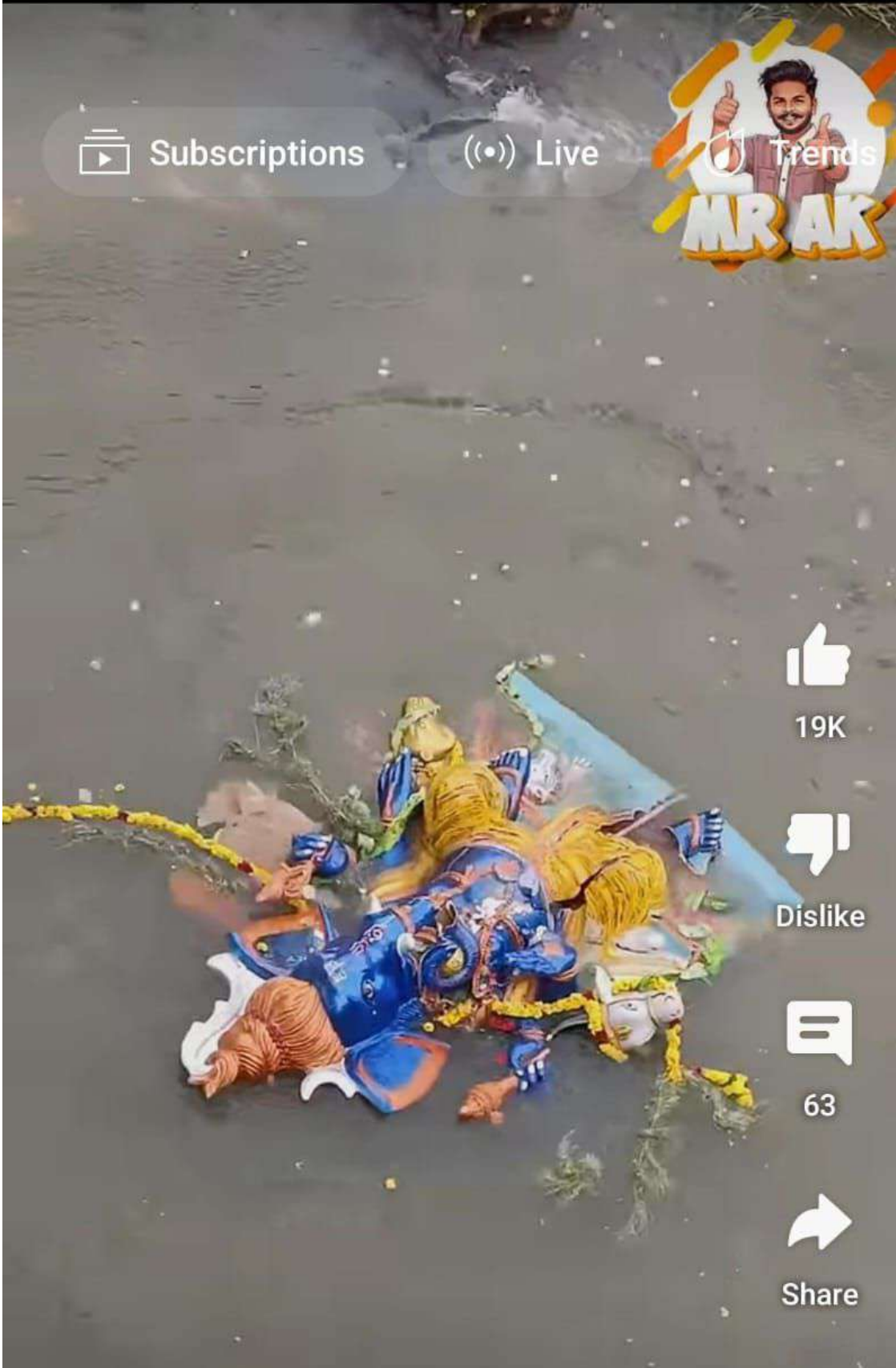


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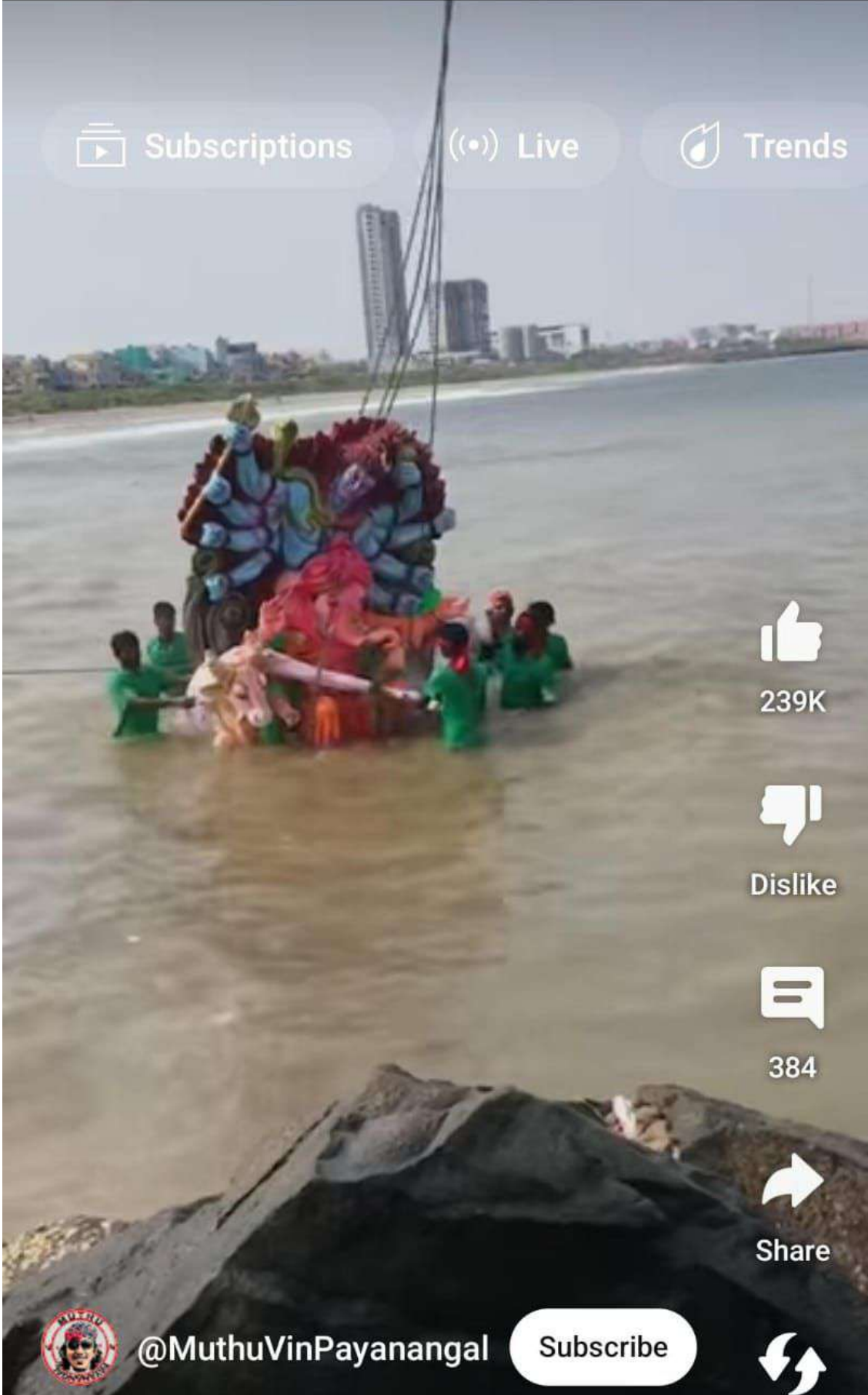
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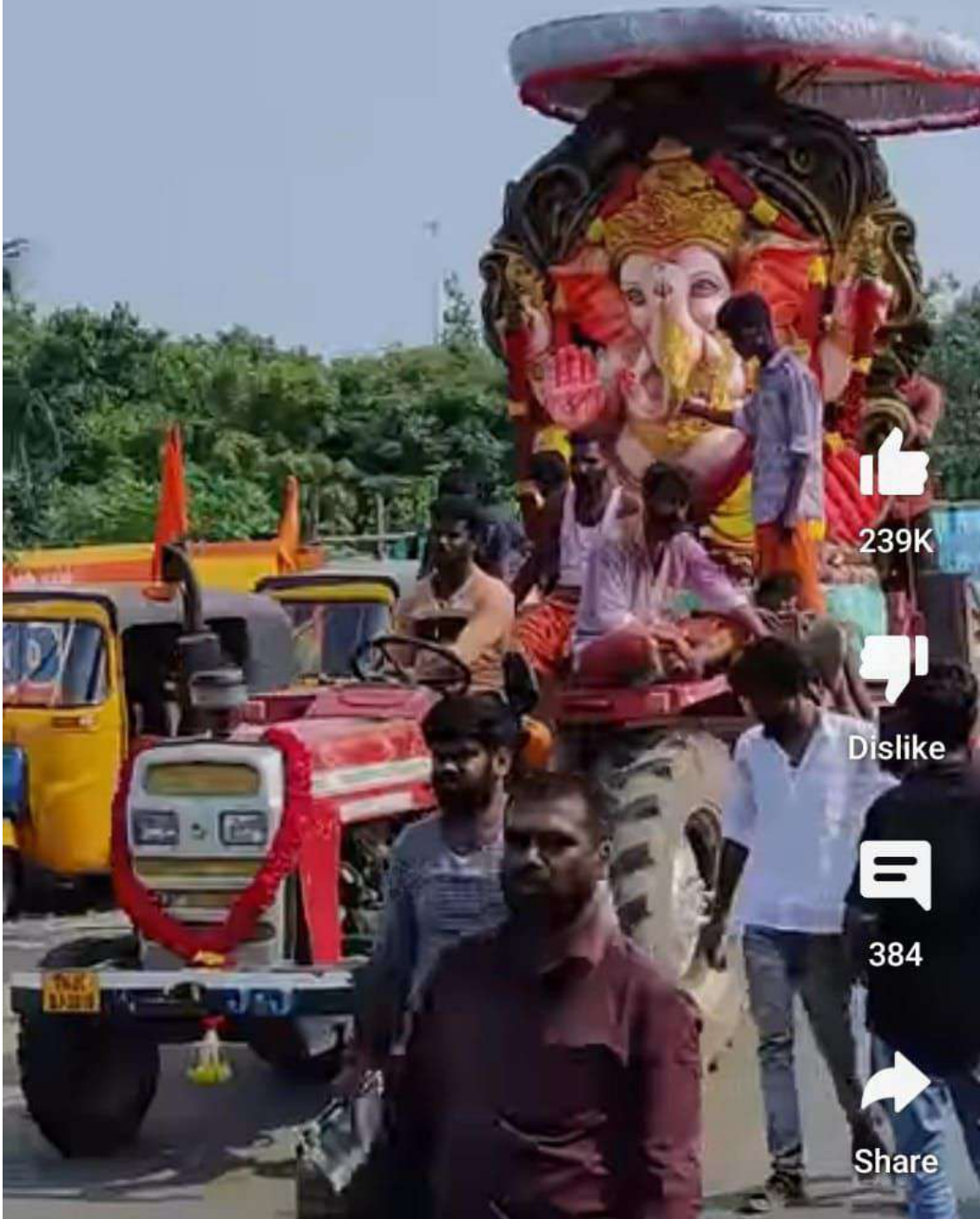




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