



Hindu Baby Boy Names Starting with S in Tamil

102 names with Tamil script, meanings, honest origin labels and
nakshatra letters

A printable shortlist for Tamil-speaking Hindu families.
Tick the names you like, then take the page to your elders and your priest.

How to use this list

Hindu baby boy names starting with S in Tamil are boy names that begin with the sound S, written in Tamil script, and rooted in Hindu tradition. Most honour Murugan, Shiva or Vishnu, or use Tamil words for virtues such as wealth and truth. Many families also match the first letter to the baby's **nakshatra**.

Six steps to a name

- 1. Get your baby's nakshatra and pada from your priest.
- 2. Note the naming syllable for that pada.
- 3. Shortlist names that begin with that syllable.
- 4. Check each meaning and origin label.
- 5. Say each name aloud with the surname.
- 6. Fix one spelling and use it everywhere.

Tamil has no native S

The letter ஸ does the job in pure Tamil words and covers both the S and CH sounds. That is why சேரன் is written Seran or Cheran, and செந்தில் is written Senthil or Chenthil. Sanskrit-origin names borrow the Grantha letters ஸ and ஷ for the S and SH sounds.

Option	Best for	Limitation
Pure Tamil (Selvam, Sezhiyan)	Families who want a Tamil-word meaning	Fewer options; spellings vary
Deity names (Saravanan, Sivakumar)	Honouring Murugan, Shiva or Vishnu	Very common, so repeats are likely
Modern Sanskrit-origin (Sathvik, Shreyas)	Short names that travel beyond Tamil Nadu	Less Tamil identity
Nakshatra-matched	Families who follow naming letters	Letters vary by almanac

Handy tools

Drik Panchang shows a baby's nakshatra and pada from the birth details. The **Tamil Lexicon** from the University of Madras helps you confirm what a Tamil word means. **UIDAI (Aadhaar)** rules matter once you have chosen a spelling, because the name must match across documents.

Modern Hindu baby boy names starting with S

Short Sanskrit-origin names that are easy to spell, say and write on school and passport forms.

✓	Name	Tamil	Meaning	Origin	Style
☐	1 Sathvik	சத்விக்	Calm, pure, virtuous	Sanskrit	Modern, short
☐	2 Shreyas	ஸ்ரேயாஸ்	Excellent, auspicious	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	3 Shaurya	ஷௌர்யா	Bravery, courage	Sanskrit	Modern, short
☐	4 Saarth	சார்த்	Meaningful, purposeful	Sanskrit	Modern, short
☐	5 Samarth	சமர்த்	Capable, powerful	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	6 Shivansh	சிவன்ஷ்	A part of Shiva	Sanskrit	Modern, deity-linked
☐	7 Soham	சோஹம்	"I am He," a spiritual phrase	Sanskrit	Modern, spiritual
☐	8 Siddharth	சித்தார்த்	One who has achieved his goals	Sanskrit	Classic-modern
☐	9 Sahaj	சஹஜ்	Natural, easy-going	Sanskrit	Modern, short
☐	10 Saksham	சக்ஷம்	Capable, competent	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	11 Sanchit	சஞ்சித்	Collected, accumulated	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	12 Sahas	சாஹஸ்	Courage, boldness	Sanskrit	Modern, short
☐	13 Sarvesh	சர்வேஷ்	Lord of all; a name of Shiva	Sanskrit	Modern, deity-linked
☐	14 Shivam	சிவம்	Auspicious; Shiva	Sanskrit	Short, deity-linked
☐	15 Sairam	சாய்ராம்	Sai Baba and Rama together	Devotional compound	Modern
☐	16 Sanjeev	சஞ்சீவ்	Life-giving, reviving	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	17 Sankalp	சங்கல்ப்	Resolve, determination	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	18 Sushant	சுஷாந்த்	Very calm, peaceful	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	19 Shyam	ஷ்யாம்	Dark blue; a name of Krishna	Sanskrit	Classic, short
☐	20 Sarath	சரத்	Autumn	Sanskrit	Classic, short

Lord Murugan names starting with S

Murugan names are the most common deity names among Tamil families. Senthil and Sevel are Tamil in origin; Shanmugam and Subramani came through Sanskrit.

✓	Name	Tamil	Meaning	Origin	Style
☐	21 Saravanan	சரவணன்	Murugan, born in the reed lake Saravana Poigai	Tamil- Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	22 Senthil	செந்தில்	Murugan of Tiruchendur (Senthilandavar)	Tamil	Traditional, short

✓	Name	Tamil	Meaning	Origin	Style
☐	23 Senthuran	செந்தூரன்	Murugan, lord of Tiruchendur	Tamil	Traditional
☐	24 Shanmugam	சண்முகம்	The six-faced one, Murugan	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	25 Shanmuganathan	சண்முகநாதன்	Lord Shanmuga, Murugan	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional, long
☐	26 Sevvēl	செவ்வேள்	An old Tamil name for Murugan	Tamil	Rare, pure Tamil
☐	27 Subramani	சுப்பிரமணி	A name of Murugan (Subrahmanya)	Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	28 Swaminathan	சுவாமிநாதன்	Murugan as the lord of Swamimalai	Sanskrit-Tamil	Traditional
☐	29 Skandan	ஸ்கந்தன்	Skanda, a name of Murugan	Sanskrit	Rare
☐	30 Sakthivel	சக்திவேல்	Murugan, bearer of the spear given by Shakti	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional

Lord Shiva names starting with S

Many of these combine a Tamil or Sanskrit word with “Siva”, which is why the origin is often labelled Tamil-Sanskrit.

✓	Name	Tamil	Meaning	Origin	Style
☐	31 Siva	சிவா	Auspicious; Lord Shiva	Sanskrit	Classic, short
☐	32 Sivakumar	சிவகுமார்	Son of Shiva	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	33 Sivabalan	சிவபாலன்	Child of Shiva	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	34 Sivaraman	சிவராமன்	Shiva and Rama together	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	35 Sankar	சங்கர்	Shiva, bringer of well-being	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	36 Sekar	சேகர்	Crest, crown; Shiva as moon-crested	Sanskrit	Classic, short
☐	37 Sundareswaran	சுந்தரேஸ்வரன்	Shiva, the beautiful lord of Madurai	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	38 Sokkalingam	சொக்கலிங்கம்	Shiva of Madurai (Sokkanathar)	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	39 Somasundaram	சோமசுந்தரம்	Shiva, beautiful and moon-crowned	Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	40 Sadasivam	சதாசிவம்	The eternal Shiva	Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	41 Sivaprakasam	சிவப்பிரகாசம்	Radiance of Shiva	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional

Lord Vishnu and other deity names starting with S

Includes names of Rama, Indra, Surya and Ayyappa, since families often honour more than one deity.

✓	Name	Tamil	Meaning	Origin	Style
☐	42 Sridhar	ஸ்ரீதர்	Vishnu, bearer of Sri (Lakshmi)	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	43 Srinivasan	ஸ்ரீனிவாசன்	Vishnu, abode of Lakshmi (also spelled Seenivasan, சீனிவாசன்)	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	44 Srikanth	ஸ்ரீகாந்த்	Beloved of Lakshmi; Vishnu	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	45 Sriram	ஸ்ரீராம்	Lord Rama, an avatar of Vishnu	Sanskrit	Classic, short
☐	46 Srihari	ஸ்ரீஹரி	Vishnu	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	47 Srivatsan	ஸ்ரீவத்சன்	One who bears Vishnu's Srivatsa mark	Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	48 Sudharsan	சுதர்சன்	Vishnu's discus; good vision	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	49 Sarangapani	சாரங்கபாணி	Vishnu, bearer of the Sarnga bow	Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	50 Sowrirajan	சௌரிராஜன்	Vishnu as the Perumal of Thirukkannapuram	Sanskrit-Tamil	Traditional
☐	51 Sabarinathan	சபரிநாதன்	Ayyappa, lord of Sabarimala	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	52 Suresh	சுரேஷ்	Lord of the gods, Indra	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	53 Surendar	சுரேந்தர்	Chief of the gods, Indra	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	54 Suriya	சூரியா	The Sun	Sanskrit-Tamil	Modern, short

Pure Tamil names starting with S, with meaning

Names built from Tamil words are marked Tamil. A Tamil word joined to a Sanskrit ending, such as Selvaraj, is marked Tamil-Sanskrit.

✓	Name	Tamil	Meaning	Origin	Style
☐	55 Selvam	செல்வம்	Wealth, prosperity	Tamil	Short, classic
☐	56 Selvaraj	செல்வராஜ்	Wealthy king	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	57 Selvakumar	செல்வகுமார்	Wealthy son	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	58 Selvamani	செல்வமணி	Gem of wealth	Tamil	Traditional
☐	59 Selvendran	செல்வேந்திரன்	Lord of wealth	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	60 Selva	செல்வா	Short form of Selvam	Tamil	Short, everyday
☐	61 Senthamizhan	செந்தமிழன்	One devoted to refined, classical Tamil	Tamil	Pure Tamil

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☐	62 Sentamilselvan	செந்தமிழ்ச்செல்வன்	Treasure of refined Tamil	Tamil	Pure Tamil, long
☐	63 Sezhiyan	செழியன்	Prosperous one; a title of Pandya kings	Tamil	Pure Tamil, historical
☐	64 Seran	சேரன்	A Chera king	Tamil	Pure Tamil, historical
☐	65 Senguttuvan	செங்குட்டுவன்	Chera king famed in the Silappathikaram	Tamil	Pure Tamil, historical
☐	66 Sembian	செம்பியன்	An old Chola title	Tamil	Pure Tamil, historical
☐	67 Senkathir	செங்கதிர்	Red ray; the rising sun's beam	Tamil	Pure Tamil, nature
☐	68 Sokkan	சொக்கன்	Enchanting one; Shiva of Madurai	Tamil	Pure Tamil, deity-linked
☐	69 Siruthondan	சிறுத்தொண்டன்	Humble devotee, after a Nayanar saint	Tamil	Pure Tamil, devotional
☐	70 Sibi	சிபி	A legendary king known for self-sacrifice	Sanskrit; also in Tamil Chola lore	Short, historical
☐	71 Senthilkumar	செந்தில்குமார்	Son of the lord of Tiruchendur	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	72 Senthilnathan	செந்தில்நாதன்	Lord of Tiruchendur	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional

Latest short names starting with S

Newer names lean on short Sanskrit words for virtues such as calm, courage, truth and patience.

✓	Name	Tamil	Meaning	Origin	Style
☐	73 Saaransh	சாரன்ஷ்	Essence, summary	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	74 Sahishnu	சஹிஷ்ணு	Patient, tolerant	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	75 Sanyam	சம்யம்	Self-control, restraint	Sanskrit	Modern, short
☐	76 Samay	சமய்	Time	Sanskrit	Modern, short
☐	77 Saketh	சாகேத்	Ayodhya, the city of Rama	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	78 Sachet	சசேத்	Conscious, aware	Sanskrit	Modern, short
☐	79 Siddhant	சித்தாந்த்	Principle, doctrine	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	80 Sumedh	சுமேத்	Of good intellect	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	81 Satyam	சத்யம்	Truth	Sanskrit	Modern, short
☐	82 Swaraj	ஸ்வராஜ்	Self-rule, independence	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	83 Subodh	சுபோத்	Of good understanding	Sanskrit	Modern

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☐	84 Shantanu	சாந்தனு	Peaceful; a king in the Mahabharata	Sanskrit	Classic-modern
☐	85 Sandeep	சந்தீப்	A shining lamp	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	86 Santhosh	சந்தோஷ்	Joy, contentment	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	87 Sujith	சுஜித்	Victorious	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	88 Suhas	சுஹாஸ்	Pleasant smile	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	89 Shashank	ஷஷாங்க்	The moon	Sanskrit	Modern
☐	90 Sushil	சுஷீல்	Good-natured	Sanskrit	Modern

Classic names starting with S

Long-standing names that every grandparent will recognise. Expect a few cousins with the same name.

✓	Name	Tamil	Meaning	Origin	Style
☐	91 Sagar	சாகர்	Ocean	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	92 Suraj	சூரஜ்	The sun	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	93 Sudhakar	சுதாகர்	The moon	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	94 Sanjay	சஞ்சய்	Victorious	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	95 Satheesh	சதீஷ்	Shiva, lord of Sati	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	96 Subash	சுபாஷ்	Soft-spoken, eloquent	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	97 Sundar	சுந்தர்	Handsome	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	98 Sasikumar	சசிகுமார்	Son of the moon	Tamil-Sanskrit	Traditional
☐	99 Sathyan	சத்யன்	Truthful	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	100 Sudhir	சுதீர்	Steadfast, wise	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	101 Sakthi	சக்தி	Power, the Divine Mother's energy; used for boys in Tamil Nadu	Sanskrit	Classic
☐	102 Sugumar	சுகுமார்	Gentle, tender	Sanskrit	Classic

Names by nakshatra letter

The nakshatra letter narrows your list faster than anything else. Don't worry if you haven't got it yet. It is a ten-minute job for any priest, and a panchang tool can show the nakshatra and pada from the birth details. Each pada comes with a naming syllable.

Nakshatra	S-sounding naming syllables	Sample names from this list
Shatabhisha (Sathayam, சதயம்)	Sa, Si, Su	Saravanan, Sivakumar, Sudharsan
Purva Bhadrapada (Pooratathi, பூரட்டாதி)	Se, So	Senthil, Selvam, Sokkalingam
Hasta (Hastham, அஸ்தம்)	Sha	Shanmugam, Shaurya, Shashank
Ashwini (அஸ்வினி)	Chu, Che, Cho (Tamil ச reads as S or Ch, so Su, Se, So)	Suresh, Sevel, Sokkan

Please verify. Naming syllables vary slightly between almanacs, so confirm with your family priest before you commit. Some astrologers hold that the first letter must match the pada exactly. Others keep a separate nakshatra name for rituals and leave the everyday name open.

My shortlist

Cut your picks to three. Ask each elder to rank them. Write the spelling in English and in Tamil script so nobody argues about it later, then use that one spelling on the birth record, school papers and Aadhaar.

Name (English)	Tamil spelling	Meaning	Matches nakshatra letter?	Elder ranking	Final spelling

Say each name aloud with the surname, twice. Elders may prefer the full form (Senthilkumar) while the school form is shorter (Senthil). Decide which becomes official before the naming ceremony.

Quick answers

What's the best Tamil boy name starting with S for a Murugan devotee?

Saravanan, Senthil and Shanmugam are the classic picks. For a Tamil-original Murugan name, choose Senthil or Sevel.

How do I find my baby's nakshatra letter?

Ask your family priest, or enter the birth date, time and place into a panchang tool such as Drik Panchang. Note the naming syllable for the pada. Letters vary slightly by almanac, so confirm locally.

Should I pick a pure Tamil name or a Sanskrit-origin one?

Pick pure Tamil, like Selvam or Senthamizhan, if the Tamil meaning matters to you. Pick Sanskrit-origin, like Sathvik, if you want a short name that is easy to spell everywhere.

Why does the same name have different spellings?

Tamil's ் covers both the S and CH sounds, and English has no fixed rule. Senthil and Chenthil are both in use. Choose one spelling and use it on every record.

When should I check the nakshatra letter?

Before you shortlist anything. It cuts a long list down fast, so do it first and filter by meaning afterwards.

Is it okay to pick an S name that doesn't match the nakshatra letter?

That is a family decision. Some insist on the letter, while others keep a separate ritual name. Ask your priest and elders before you decide.

What does Saravanan mean?

Saravanan is a name of Murugan, linked to his birth in the reed lake called Saravana Poigai. It is a classic Murugan name in Tamil families.

What's a short S name that works in Tamil and English?

Sathvik, Shreyas, Siva and Selva are short and easy to say. Check the meaning and fix the spelling before you finalise.

About this list

This list covers Hindu boy names only. It won't help if you want girl names, or names for Christian or Muslim families. Meanings and origins are compiled from public name sources and general naming knowledge, and sources sometimes disagree (Saketh, for example, is tied to Krishna's home in some sources and to Ayodhya in others; this list follows Ayodhya). Confirm every meaning and every nakshatra syllable with an elder or your family priest before you finalise.

Population context: the Census of India 2011 recorded Hindus as 79.8% of the population, about 96.63 crore people.