



# NAVARATHRI FESTIVAL, TRIPALLAVUR SIVA TEMPLE



## LOCATION

Panchayath/  
Municipality/  
Corporation

Alathur

District

Palakkad



## ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction

Pallavoor post office- 600m

Nearest Bus station

Kunissery bus stop – 2.1 km

Nearest Railway  
station

Palakkad Railway Station – 4 Km

Nearest Airport

Coimbatore International Airport –61 Km



## CONTACT

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## TIME

### DATES

October

### FREQUENCY

Annual

### DURATION

9 days



## ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Navaratri is a festival dedicated to the worship of the Hindu deity Durga. The word Navratri means 'nine nights' in Sanskrit, *Nava* meaning nine and *Ratri* meaning nights. During these nine nights and ten days, nine forms of Devi are worshiped. The tenth day is commonly referred to as Vijayadashami. The major story associated with Navratri is the battle between the great Goddess Durga and the demon Mahishasura, who represents Egotism. Navratri is an amalgamation of various themes, with the common theme of the victory of good over evil.

According to a Puranic legend, the mighty demon Mahishasura defeated the gods and their king Indra. They then approached Brahma, Vishnu, and Maheshwar, who decided to destroy the demon. So they all combined their energies, and gave rise to Shakti and appealed to Goddess Durga to come to their aid. Goddess Durga equipped with lethal weapons and riding a ferocious lion, the Goddess in all her awesome majesty, destroyed the evil one without much ado. The 10th day, on which the goddess killed Mahishasura, is celebrated as Dusshera or Vijayadashami as the victory of good over evil. Dussehra (tenth day) is one of the significant Hindu festivals, celebrated with pomp and fervor all over the country.

Navaratri is divided into sets of three days to adore different aspects of the supreme goddess. On the first three days, the Mother is invoked as a powerful force called Durga in order to destroy all our impurities, vices and defects. The next three days, the Mother is adored as a giver of spiritual wealth, Lakshmi, who is considered to have the power of bestowing on her devotees the inexhaustible wealth. The final set of three days is spent in worshipping the mother as the goddess of wisdom, Saraswati. In order to have all-round success in life, we need the blessings of all three aspects of the divine mother; hence, the worship for nine nights. The last three days of the Navaratri are called Durgashtami, Mahanavami, and Vijayadasami, and they are considered more sacred than the other days for Devi worship.



**RELEVANCE-**  
(Local / National /  
International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE  
PARTICIPATED**

Approximately 2000

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Ullattil Vilakku  
Narayanaswami Iyer  
family Vilakku  
Chinmaya Mission  
Vilakku  
Kandeth Vilakku  
Sambamoorthy Iyer  
Vilakku  
Perinchery Vilakku  
Eazhaam Vilakku  
Deshavilakku  
Jana Vilakku

## DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

Nine days festival starts with *Ullattil Vilakku* and ends with *Jana Vilakku*. All these days the temple will be decorated with flowers and lamps and various programmes are staged. The *thayambaka* forms an inevitable part of every vilakku. The Seventh Day of the festival is the most important and draws people from far off places.

The responsibility to conduct the 7th day festival is with the three Brahmin sects – *Vadamal*, *Brihacharanam* and *Ashtasahasram*. From several decades till this day, the 7th day festival is known for bringing famous and gigantic elephants from around Kerala and for the *Panchavadyam* performed on the particular day by percussionists continuing the foundation laid by the late Pallavur trio, Late Sri Pallavur Appu Marar, Late Sri Pallavur Manian Marar and Late Sri Pallavur Kunjukuttan Marar. This is also substantiated by the fact the school known as 'Kerala Kala Vadya' owes its origin to Pallavur and that the sons of the late Pallavur trio are continuing the legendary Panchavadyam.

Other details on navarathri festival:

Day Name of Vilakku (conducting it as a matter of Right from time immemorial)

- Ullattil Vilakku (Ullattil Family)
- Narayanaswami Iyer family Vilakku
- Chinmaya Mission Vilakku
- Kandeth Vilakku (Kandeth Family)
- Sambamoorthy Iyer Vilakku
- Perinchery Vilakku (Perinchery Family)
- Eazhaam Vilakku (Brahmin Community)
- Deshavilakku (Deshom as a whole, all communities)
- Jana Vilakku (Brahmin Youths)
- Devaswom Vilakku (if required as per traditional calendar)

