



THIRUMUDI EZHUNELLATHU KADAKKAL DEVI TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Kadakkal Grama Panchayat

District

Kollam



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Nilamel Town

Nearest Bus station

Kollam Bus Stop – 45 Km

**Nearest Railway
station**

Kollam Railway Station – 44 Km


Nearest Airport

International Airport – 62 Km



CONTACT

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	DATES	FREQUENCY	DURATION
 TIME	<p>Thiru Mudi Ezhunnellathu happens once every 12 years. The last grand processions happened in 2002 and on 2015 March 25. The next procession is expected to happen in 2027.</p>	Annual	10 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Kadakkal Devi Temple is one of the oldest Devi temples in Kerala. The temple is revered by many devotees who visit the temple from far off places. It is believed by the devotees of this temple that by revering the goddess one would get rid all troubles and will be guarded from all evils. It is also thought that the deity brings in wealth and happiness. Kadakkal Temple has three main temples that are situated at equal distances in three directions from the Temple Pond, *Kadakkal Chira*. These are the Devi Temple, Shiva Temple and Taliyil Temple. One of the main unique features of this temple that there is neither any idol is not established nor is a priest employed there. The Kadakkal Devi Temple is associated with many legends. As per a legend Kadakal Devi came from Tamilnadu along with her sister. Kadakkal Devi situated in Peedika (a small kind of Trade Shop made of wood) nearby Kadakkal and Anchal Devi Situated in Kadayattu Kalari nearby Anchal. The lore is that on this day, once in twelve years, Kadakkal Devi travels 14 km to Anchal to meet her sister and participate in the annual festival of that temple.



 RELEVANCE- (Local / National / International)	Local	 NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED	Approx. 50000
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EVENTS/PROGRAMS

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

Thirumudi Ezhunellathu

Thiru Mudi Ezhunnellathu is celebrated once every 12 years. This is a grand procession from Kadakkal Temple to Arakkal Temple. The procession carries holy circlet of Kadakkal Devi. It is believed that the sister of Kadakkal Devi is located in Arakkal Temple. Thousands of devotees attached to the Kadakkal temple engage in prayers and austerities to accompany Kadakkal Devi to Anchal. At Anchal devotees engage in prayers to receive Kadakkal Devi. The path of the procession is purified by sprinkling seawater. The eldest member of the Kadayattu family separated the circlet from the Thirumudi to ritualistically pave way for the meeting of the sisters. The return journey will be devoid of pomp and ostentation. The last grand processions happened in 2002 and on 2015 March 25. The next procession is expected to happen in 2027. Thousands of people flock towards the temple to watch this spectacular event.

