



POORAM KUTTUR NAITHALAKKAVU TEMPLE



LOCATION

Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation

Kolazhy Grama Panchayat

District

Thrissur



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Kuttur – 1.1 km

Nearest Bus station

Punkunnam Bus Stop – 3.1 km

Nearest Railway
station

Thrissur Railway Station – 5.5 km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 58.6 km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

April – May

FREQUENCY

Annually

DURATION

10 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Amma is considered to be the deity of the village Kuttur, which has been surrounded by Siva Temples. The Naithalakkavu Amma has the sole authority to open the Thekke Gopuram (South Gopuram) of Vadakkunatha temple for the Thrissur Pooram. The myth behind the arrival of the Naithalakkavu Amma to Kuttur is that she came along with Kunddil Nambiddi from Arimbur, a place west to Thrissur. Kunddil Nambiddi during his pilgrimage came to Pallipuram Siva temple and placed his umbrella down near the temple, after which it became impossible for him to lift it. Knowing that the Amma liked to stay on the same place near Siva, she was installed on a plate having NAI (ghee) with sesame lamp (Thila in Sanskrit). Thus the name Nai-thila- kavu became popular. She is the regional deity of Kuttur, Pamboor & Attoor. The festival is conducted to celebrate the divine presence of the deity in Kuttur.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Approximately **1000**

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettu

Elephant procession

Chendamelam

Pookavadi

Kulavazha samarpanam

Roopakalam

Arattu

Kodiyirakkam

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

The temple *pooram* starts with *kodiyettu* (flag hoisting). A palm tree would be cut down and the flag will be attached to the palm wood and it will be raised in the temple premises. Then elephant procession with the idol will be conducted. The devotees will follow the procession around the *chuttambalam* of the temple. *Chendamelam* will also accompany the procession. The exhibition of the festival items is also an event conducted during the festival. The deity will go and take part in the Thrissur *Pooram*. A procession with *Pookavadi* is an inevitable program of this festival. *Kulavazha samarpanam* (bananas will be provided by the devotees to the temple) by the devotees is also held as a part of the festival. Various tantric rituals will be conducted. *Roopakalam* will be drawn in the ground with natural colours, whereas it depicts the picture of Goddess *Bhagavathy*. The temple will be decorated with beautiful flowers and coconut tree leaves. In the end of the festival, after which the deity comes back from Thrissur *pooram*, *Arattu* of the idol will be held in the temple pond. Then the *Kodiyirakkam* ritual, in which an elephant will take out the *Kodimaram* from the ground.

