



MEENAPPOORA MAHOTHSAVAM

VALLIYANIKKATTU BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Kumaramangalam

District

Idukki



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Kumaramangalam – 100 m

Nearest Bus station

Kumaramangalam – 100 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Aluva Railway Station – 53 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 52 Km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

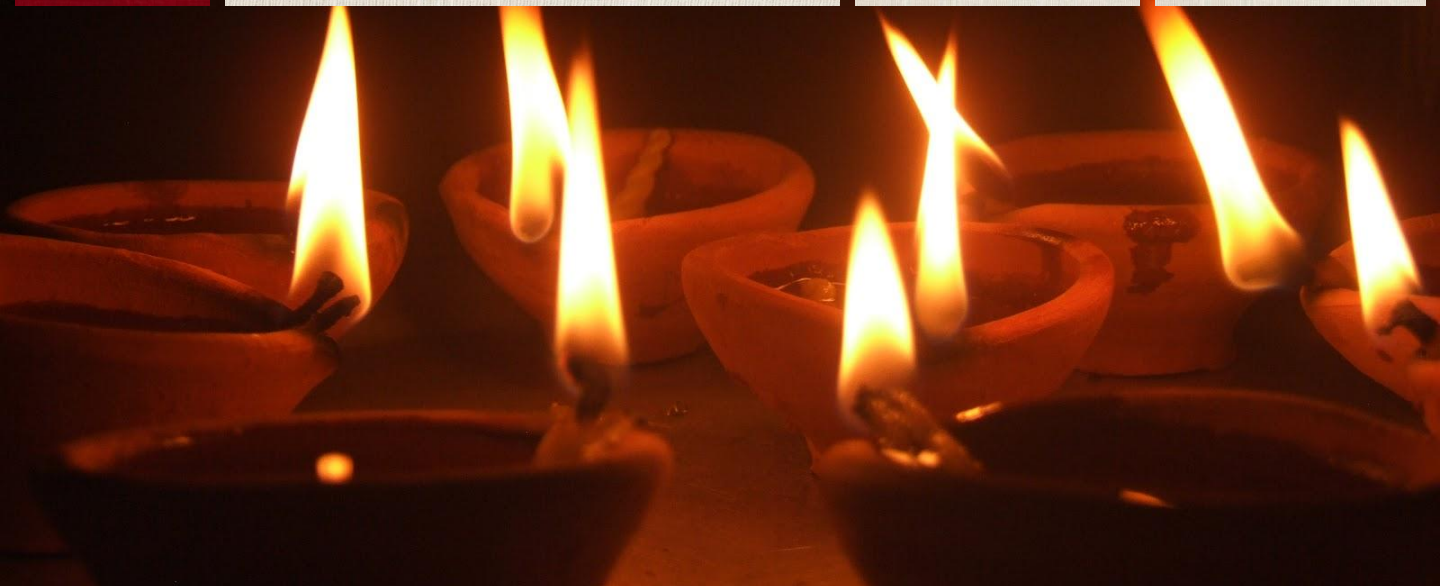
March - April

FREQUENCY

Annual

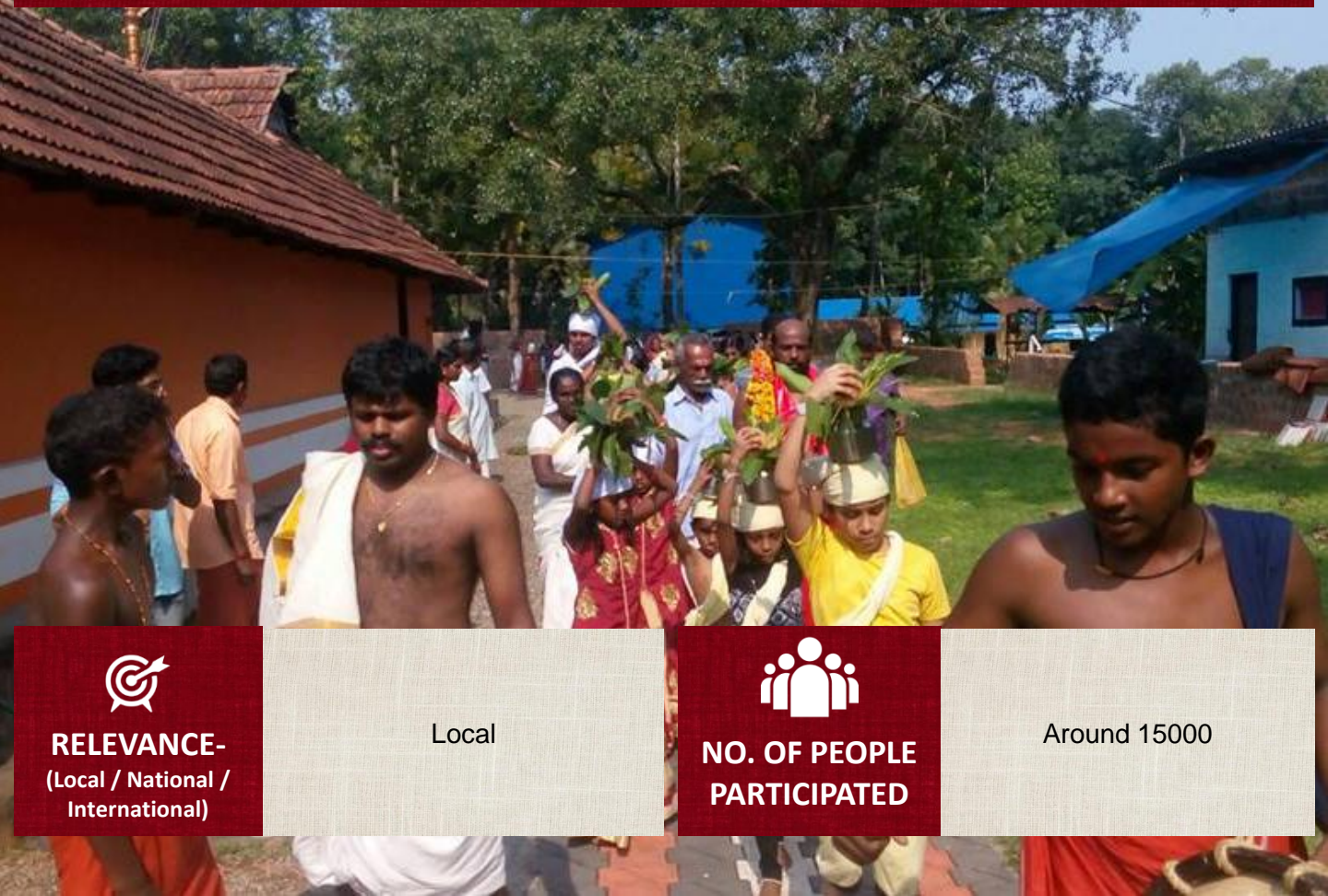
DURATION

7 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Meenappoora Mahotsavam is an annual festival conducted to celebrate the divine presence of the Goddess in the temple. The legend says that the festival is conducted in the Malayalam month of *Meenam* during the *Pooram* asterism on which the Goddess Bhadrakali killed *Asura* named *Daruka* (demon) who was making trouble to all the life's in the world. It is believed that the Goddess Bhadrakali was emerged from the third eye of Lord Shiva.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Around 15000



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettu
Mudiyettu
Ponkala
Garudan Thookkam
Kumbhakuda Khoshayathra
Chenda Melam
Prasada Oottu
Fireworks
Temple arts
Folk arts
Cultural programs

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The festival starts with flag hoisting ceremony (*Kodiyettu*) on *Makayeeram* star of *Meenam* month. From the first day onwards events such as *Ganapathi Homam*, *Ethritha Pooja*, *Deeparadhana*, *Prasada Oottu*, *Sopana Sangeetham* etc are held there. From the next day onwards there is *Mudiyettu* which lasts till the sunrise. Events such as *Garudan Thookkam*, *Kumbhakuda Khoshayathra*, *Ponkala* along with fire works make the festival spectacular.

