






# SHIVARATRI MAHOTSAVAM SREE MAHADEVA TEMPLE MUTHALIYARMADOM

 <b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Panchayath/ Municipality/ Corporation</b>	Thodupuzha Municipality
	<b>District</b>	Idukki
 <b>ACCESSIBILITY</b>	<b>Nearest Town/ Landmark/ Junction</b>	Vimala Public school – 400 m
	<b>Nearest Bus station</b>	Vimala Public school – 400 m
	<b>Nearest Railway station</b>	Aluva Railway Station – 55 Km
	<b>Nearest Airport</b>	Cochin International Airport – 54 Km
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**TIME**

**DATES**

February - March

**FREQUENCY**

Annual

**DURATION**

2 days



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

Shivaratri Festival is celebrated annually in honour of the God Shiva. Unlike most festivals which are celebrated during the day, the Maha Shivaratri is celebrated at night. It is also believed that on Shivarathri, Lord Shiva became Neelkantha or the blue-throated one by swallowing the deadly poison that came up during the churning of Kshir Sagar or the milky ocean. The poison was so deadly that even a drop in his stomach, which represents the universe, would have annihilated the entire world. Hence, Goddess Parvathi held his neck without sleeping thus causing the throat to turn blue. This festival is celebrated in commemoration of this myth.



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

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED**

Around 8000

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

*Kavadi Nira*  
*Kavadi Khoshayathra*  
*Chenda Melam*  
*Prasada Oottu*  
Cultural Programs

## DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The festival is celebrated for 2 days and starts with *Palliyunarthal* on the first day morning. *Kavadi Nira* is a special event conducted during the festival which is held in front of Karikkode Bhagavathy Temple. During the Shivarathri day, there are grant events like *Panchabhishekam*, *Dhara*, *Kavadi Khoshayathra*, Percussion Music, *Kazhcha Sreebali* etc. being held. Spiritual discourses, cultural programs, *Vilakkezhunnellipu* etc are also held there and the festival ends with *Kadavu bali*.

