



ANNUAL FESTIVAL DAKSHINA MOOKAMBIKA TEMPLE, NORTH PARAVUR



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Paravur Municipality

District

Ernakulam

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Municipal Junction – 1.1 km

Nearest Bus station

Paravur K S R T C Bus Stand – 260 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Ernakulam Jn. South railway station – 1 km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 19.5 km



ACCESSIBILITY

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CONTACT



TIME

DATES

January / February (Makaram)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10 days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Paravur Thampuran, a strong devotee of *Godess Mookambika* was a frequenter of *Kollur Mookambika temle*(Karnataka). When ill health made him unable to make journeys, and ailing *Thampuran* prayed to *Godess* for blessing to construct *Mookambika* temple at *Paravur*. Thus this temple was build about 500 years ago and it is a belief that offering prayers in *dakshina mookambiaka* is equivalent to offer prayers in *Kollur mookambika* .This is the only *Mookambika* temple in Kerala under Travancore *Devasam* Board. The main *poojas* here are performed by the *thanthris* of *Puliyanoor mana* in *Tripunithura*.

The major story associated with *Navratri* is the battle between the great Goddess *Durga* and the demon *Mahishasura*, who represents Egotism. To understand this story one must understand the Hindu view of life and society. Hinduism views the world drama as a battle between the forces of light and darkness. But the battle is not defined as a battle between different sections of human society on the basis of belief or disbelief in a particular dogma. The struggle takes place between Divine Beings (*Devas*) and Demonic Beings (*Asuras*). The divine forces are those that lead to progress; to a grander, more divine society. The demonic are harmful forces that thwart progress, such as Greed, Lust, Envy, etc.

The ten-day annual festival of *Dakshina Mookambiaka* Temple in North Paruvur is celebrated in *Makaram* (January–February). *Uthrattathi* in the month of *Makaram* is celebrating as ‘*Arattu*’ (final day of festival). Also eight day as ‘*Uthsavabali*’ and ninth day as ‘*Valiyavilakku*’.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

Approximately 5000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettam
Special *poojas*
Valiyavilakku
Arattu
Cultural programmes

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

The ten-day annual festival of Dakshina Mookambiaka Temple in North Paruvur is celebrated in Makaram (January–February). Festival celebration starts with the flag hoisting called *Kodiyettam*. Special *poojas* are performed on all festive days. *Uthrattathi* in the month of Makaram is celebrating as '*Arattu*' (final day of festival). Also eight day as '*Uthsavabali*' and ninth day as '*Valiyavilakku*'. On all the festival days, various cultural programme are arranged which is witnessed by thousands of devotees.

