



APPAVANIBHAM NERCHA IDIYANGARA SHEIKH MASJID



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Kozhikode Corporation

District

Kozhikode



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Idiyangara Pond – 80 m

Nearest Bus station

Francis Road Bus Stop – 800 m
KSRTC Bus Station – 2.9 Km

**Nearest Railway
station**

Kozhikode Railway Station – 1.5 Km

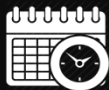
Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport –28.3 Km



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TIME

DATES

April

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

4 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Appavanibham Nercha is a famous annual festival celebrated at the Idiyangara Sheikh Masjid. Sheikh Shamsuddin Mohammad bin Alauddin al Himsi lived during the 16th century in Calicut. He was the son of a Sufi Sheikh who arrived from Arabia and married locally. People irrespective of caste or creed join in the Appa Vanibham Nercha of the Idiyangara Sheikh Masjid in Kozhikode. Cultivated crops, new clothes etc are given as offerings to the mosque by devotees during the festival time. Miniature forms of the human body and limbs are also given as offerings to the mosque. The festival is more than 400 years old and attracts thousands of believers. There are various religious institutions and charity centres functioning under the administration of this mosque.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 10,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Ghattum Dhua
Salat Prayers
Sermons
Prasadam Offerings

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

The Appavanibham Nercha is a famous festival of the the Idiyanga Sheikh Masjid in Kozhikode. People give away local agricultural produce and clothes as offering at the *Masjid*. Apart from these, they also offer miniature forms of human body and organs to the mosque. There are various religious institutions and charity centers functioning under the administration of this mosque. Everyday, thousands of believers throng the mosque to offer their prayers. It has been around 454 years since the custom of *Appavanibham* started.

