



NAVARATHRI

THAZHOOR BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Omalloor Panchayath

District

Pathanamthitta

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Pathanamthitta Town – 4.500 Km

Nearest Bus station

Thazhoor Kadavu Junction Bus stop – 300 M

**Nearest Railway
station**

Chengannur Railway Station – 28 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 108 Km



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TIME

DATES

October

FREQUENCY

Yearly

DURATION

11 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

This festival is the *Devibhagavatha Navahayangam and Navaratripooja*. *Devi Bhagavatha* chanting for 9 days, and introduction of the young kids to the world of letters –*Vidhyarambham*. *Sampoorna Srimad Bhagavatha Sapthaham Paarayanam* - is reciting all 12 *Skandam* - 335 *Adyaayams* - all 24000 *Mula Slokas* over a period of 7 continuous days. It is extremely auspicious to do *Sapthaha Paarayanam*. It bestow upon the devotee *Moksha* upon completion of hearing or reciting *Srimad Bhagavatham Paraayanam*. According to *Srimad Bhagavatha Mahatmym* - there are several scriptures which will bestow upon the devotee only material benefits. The scriptures and spiritual paths bestowing upon *Moksha* is very secret and are hard to follow. *Srimad Bhagavtham* alone is the most secret and easiest path to attain *Moksha*. *Srimad Bhagavatham Sapthaham Paraayanam* is more auspicious and more beneficial than doing 1000 *Ashwamedha Yagas* and 100 *Vajapeya Yagas*. This is highest *Jyana Yagyam* among other prescribed *Yagyas* given in *Vedas*

Navaratri, is a festival dedicated to the worship of the Hindu deity *Durga*. The word *Navratri* means 'nine nights' in Sanskrit, *Nava* meaning nine and *Ratri* meaning nights. During these nine nights and ten days, nine forms Of *Devi* are worshipped. The tenth day is commonly referred to As *Vijayadasami* or "*Dussehra*" (also spelled *Dasera*). arious themes, with the common theme of the victory of good over evil. According to a Puranic legend, the mighty demon *Mahishasura* defeated the gods and *Their King* ,*Indra*. They then approached *Brahma*, *Vishnu* and *Maheshwar*, who decided to destroy the demon. So they all combined their energies, and gave rise to *Shakti* and appealed to Goddess *Durga* to come to their aid. Equipped with lethal weapons and riding a ferocious lion, the Goddess in all her awesome majesty, destroyed the evil one without much ado. The 10th day, on which the goddess killed *Mahishasura*, is celebrated as *Dusshera* or *Vijayadashami* as the victory of good over evil. *Dussehra* (tenth day) is one of the significant Hindu festivals,



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 5000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Bhagavathaparayanam
Ganapathy Homam
Lalitha Sahasranamam
Annadanam
Bhadradeepa Prathikshitta
Vishnupooja
Gayathri homam
Bhajana
Khoshayathra
Vidyarambham
Poojayeduppu
Cultural Programme

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

This celebration was 11 days festival *Bhagavathaparayanam*, *Ganapathy Homa*, *Lalitha Sahasranamam* are the daily routine. *Annadanam* for all days. *Bhadradeepa Prathishta* was the main ritual ceremony. The second day *Vishnupooja* and *Gayathree Homam* was the ritual ceremony, Each day special poojas like *Sarvaishrya Pooja*, After *Deepaeadhana* all days *Bhagana* was going on. The literal meaning of '*navratri*' is 'nine auspicious nights'.

Navratri is a pious festival celebrated in the honor of nine different forms of the Goddess *Durga*, *Lakshmi* and *Saraswati* for nine continuous days. *Avabhrutha Snana* *Khoshayathra* was the main attraction of the 9th day. *Kumkumabhishekam*, *Bhadrakali Sahasranamaarchana* are included that days programme schedule. The 10th day *Mahanavami* and the last day *Vijayadasami* celebrated. In *Vijaya Dasami* day the main ritual ceremonies are *Poojayeduppu* & *Vidyarambham*. Cultural Programs are organized on festival days.

