



NIRANAM PERUNNAL

NIRANAM CHURCH



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Niranam Panchayth

District

Pathanamthitta



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Thiruvalla Town – 9.300 Km

Nearest Bus station

Niranam church Bus stop – 200 M

**Nearest Railway
station**

Thiruvalla Railway station – 113 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 26 Km



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TIME

DATES

December

FREQUENCY

Yearly

DURATION

11 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Niranam Perunnal is celebrated to commemorate saint Mar Thoma Sleeha. The eleven day festival calls for reinstating beliefs and teachings of faith. Feasts of Mar Thoma II and Mar Thoma V are celebrated together on 10th May even though the death anniversary of Mar Thoma II falls on 16 the April (as per the practice, if two memorial days are close by both may be celebrated together on the later date). Both these High Priests stayed in the Niranam Church and provided brilliant leadership to the church. Mar Thoma V suffered a lot of humiliation and threat from the adversaries of the church during his lifetime but nothing could prevent him from upholding the independence of the church. Church has a rich history of being the symbol of Christian faith in Kerala and a citadel of Orthodox Christianity since its inception in AD 54 by St Thomas, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ. St Thomas reached Kerala in AD 52 and started preaching the gospel. He founded 8 churches, which are called 'Ezhara Pallikal', meaning seven and half churches. These were at Kodungallur, Kollam, Niranam, Nilackal (Chayal), Kokkamangalam, Kottakkayal (Paravoor), Palayoor (Chattukulangara) and Thiruvithamkode (the half church). St. Thomas who had great respect for the Holy Virgin, named all these churches after St. Mary. At Niranam, St. Thomas baptized many people and ordained people with social eminence as priests to administer the church.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Above 10000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettu
Holy Mass
Special Prayers
Sandhayanamaskaram
Rasa from Parumala Church
Nerchavilambu
Social and Spiritual Discourses
Christmas Celebrations
Cultural Events
Kodiyirakku

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

Niranam Perunnal is a celebration in memory of Saint Mar Thoma Sleeha. The festivities begin with the Kodiyettu and a religious rally popularly known as Perunnal Vilambara Rally. The rally is organized by the Youth Wing of Niranam Church and begins at Kottayam Devalokam Aramana and proceeds via Puthupally Pally, Vallikkattu Dayara, Vakathanam, Thenganna, Muthoor, Thiruvalla, Paliyekkara, and Kattappuram to reach Niranam Church. Special Mass and prayers are organized during at the church during the festival. Rasa from Parumala Church is a significant ritualistic event of the Perunnal. Christmas celebrations and other cultural and spiritual events attract thousands of devotees during festival days.

