



MAHASIVARATRI FESTIVAL

THRIPPARA SREE MAHADEVAR TEMPLE



LOCATION

Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation

Vallikkodu

District

Pathanamthittah



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Pathanamthitta Town - 6Km

Nearest Bus station

Thrippara – Kaippattur Bus stop – 200M

Nearest Railway
station

Chengannur Railway station – 28 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International airport – 106 Km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

February-march, Malayalam Month
Kumbham,

FREQUENCY

Yearly

DURATION

10 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

This was the festival known as Mahasivaratri Mahotsavam *Thrippara Shiva Kshetram* is a famous Shiva temple in *Vallicode Village, Pathanamthitta District*, Kerala, India. This temple is located on the banks of the *Achankovil* river. The main sanctum sanctorum here is situated in the open directly above the temple ghats. This makes it a bit different from other temples in this area. The temple has a history dating back to 800 years. Once the time of *Vanavasa* (living forest) *Arjuna* one of the *Pandavas* and *Lord Krishna*, who passed through the forest, in a *Pradosha* day (a special day in Malayalam month). And both felt exhausted and hungry they rest in a river side and is there, they cooked the food. Before a meal, *Arjuna* asked *Lord Sreekrishna* to find a place for *Sivapooja* before eating food. Then *Lord Krishna* told *Arjuna* And sees to him his own foot for *pooja* in the concept of *Lord Siva*. Then *Arjuna* felt *Lord Siva's* present. After this events that place was known as *Thrippara* Years ago this forest covered full of grass and rocks. One day a person who came to this place and furnishing his weapon in a rock. Then blood came from a rock,. This information was formally began the temples's *Pooja*, and also known as *Thrippara* temple. *Sivaratri* was the main festival of this temple. This is a famous legend on *Shivaratri* and happened during the churning of ocean by *Devas* And *Asuras* To Get '*Amrit*.' While churning the ocean, highly toxic poison came out and *Lord Vishnu* asked the '*Devas*' And '*Asuras*' to approach *Lord Shiva*. He agreed immediately to help them and drank the poison. In order the poison to have no effect, *Lord Shiva* should not sleep. So *The 'Devas'* and '*Asuras*' kept praying the whole night. Pleased with the devotion *Lord Shiva* said 'whoever worships me on this day will get their wishes fulfilled.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

Above 6000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettu
Palliunarthal
Bhagavathaparayanam
Ganapathihomam
Pallivetta
Cultural Programme
Thiru arattu Procession

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

The festival was on February/march(Malayalam month Kumbham).It was a 10 days festival including different type of ritual ceremonies and cultural programmes. The festival starting the Kodiyettu ceremony.Palliunarthal, nadathurakkal, Nirmalyam, Ganapathihomam and Bhagavathaparayanam are the important morning ceremonies. Bhagavathaparayanam, Annadanam, religious speeches are including the daily programme schedule.Sreebhoothabali, Pallivetta, And arattu procession was another important ritual ceremonies of this festival. Cultural programmes were also including the programme schedule

