



THIRUVATHIRA MAHOTHSAVAM

SREE MAHADEVAR TEMPLE RAJAKKAD



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Rajakkad Panchayat

District

Idukki

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Rajakkad – 250 m

Nearest Bus station

Rajakkad – 250 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Aluva Railway Station –104 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 102 Km

ACCESSIBILITY



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TIME

DATES

January

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

2 day



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Thiruvathira Mahotsavam is a Hindu festival celebrated annually in honour of the God Shiva. Festival takes place in 2 days and the 2nd day is the main day. Thiruvathira in the month of Dhanu(malayalam calendar) is the birth star of Lord Shiva. So to please Lord Shiva a dance form called Thiruvathira is been done on that auspicious day. Thiruvathira is an important traditional festival along with the other popular festivals, Onam and Vishu. This has been celebrated by the Nambuthiri, Kshatriya and Nair communities of Kerala from days of yore. It is largely a festival for women; unmarried women observe a partial fast on this day to get good husbands and married women take a fast from the preceding day (Makayiram nakshatra) and on the day of Thiruvathira for the well being of their husband and family. The Mahadevar Temple is the most famous temple in Idukki especially in Rajakkad. The whole temple is build in Black Stone and has other number of architectural specialities.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Around 15000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)



*Thandika Varavu –
Ezhunnellippu
Oushadha Pooja
Ilaneer Khoshayaathra
Annadanam
Thiruvathira Kali*

The festival starts with some rituals and *poojas*. The fire from the *mandapam* where the deity is kept is taken out by the ascetic is been passed to other fire pots with the special guests of the festival. Tulsi plants are planted in the temple courtyard. Ladies and girls associated with the *Thiruvathira* dance have *Thiruvathirapuzhukke*(a delightful mix of tuber vegetables, coconut and jaggery) from temple and perform fasting till the dance takes place. On the second day morning is the very special ritual, ie making *Oushadam*(liquid with medicinal and healing power) and is given to minimum 5000 people present there. After that is the *Ilaneer Khoshyatra*, procession with various rituals with tender coconut water. *Maha Prasasha Utte* is giving traditional food to all devotees present there. At 6:30 in the evening is the famous Thiruvathira Kali where 5 sets of 100 people perform dance. At the end *Thiruvathirapuzhukke* is given to all people.

