



NAVARATHRI FESTIVAL

MELAKKAM SREE KALIKAVU BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Manjeri Municipality

District

Malappuram



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Manjeri

Nearest Bus station

Manjeri – 4 km

**Nearest Railway
station**

Angadipuram–22 km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 22 km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

September-October; Annual; 9 Days, 10th day morning *Vidyarambham*

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

This is one of the famous temples in Malappuram district with more than 900 year old history. Goddess is the main deity, Ganapathy and Ayyappa are the sub deities. This is one of the only temple in Kerala where the ritualistic *kalampattu* ceremony takes place every day in an year. Navarathri festival is celebrated in this temple with a great pomp. It is celebrated as a cultural event. Cultural events takes place on last 3 days. Legend associated with this festival is that the mighty demon Mahishasura defeated the Gods and their king Indra. They then approached Brahma, Vishnu and Maheshwara, who decided to destroy the demon. So they all combined their energies, and gave rise to Shakthi. Equipped with lethal weapons and riding a ferocious lion she went to kill Mahishasura. When the goddess was seen by demon, he fell in love with her and sought to marry her. The goddess promised to marry him if he defeated her in battle. Goddess in all her awesome majesty destroyed the evil without much ado. The terrible battle continued for nine days. On the tenth day Durga assumed the terrifying form of Chandika and killed Mahishasura. This is celebrated as Vijayadashami as the victory of good over the evil.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

15,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMMS

Musical programmes
Cultural Activities
Sangeetha
Katchery(Musical
Concert)
Traditional arts
Classical dance
Sangeetha Archana
Kalamezhuthu pattu
Vidyarambham

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The word *Navarathri* means 'nine nights'. During these nine nights and ten days, nine forms of Devi are worshipped. The tenth day is commonly referred to as *Vijayadashami*. It is celebrated as a major cultural event. This festival is a mixture of devotion and art. Major programs related with the *Navarathri* festival is musical programs and dance programs, cultural activities take place during last 3 days of the navarathri period. On the tenth day morning *Vidyarambham*. In Kerala, the *Vijayadashami* is considered auspicious for initiating children into the world of letters, which is called *Vidyarambham*. In the ceremony, words symbolizing the name of God are written on the tongue of the child with a gold ring. The child is also made to write letters in a plate of rice with the help of elders. On all these festival days *kalamezhuthu pattu* is performed, since it is an important ritual in this temple. This is a ritualistic art form involving the drawing of a picture of Bhagavathy with colour powder.

