



# NAVARATHRI FESTIVAL

## KADAMBUZHA BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



**LOCATION**

**Panchayath/  
Municipality/  
Corporation**

Marakkara Panchayat

**District**

Malappuram



**ACCESSIBILITY**

**Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction**

Vettichira

**Nearest Bus station**

Vettichira– 3 km

**Nearest Railway  
station**

Kuttipuram –13 km

**Nearest Airport**

Calicut International Airport – 37 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)**

Kadampuzha Bhagavathy temple, is located at a small town Kadampuzha in Malappuram District in Kerala. The presiding deity here is Sree Parvathy Devi in the form of *Kirathi* (hunter). The specialty of this temple is that there is no deity in the *Sree kovil* but a small area is kept protected. Navarathri festival is celebrated with great pomp in this temple. 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**

Above 50,000

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Cultural Programs and folk arts

Classical Dance

*Annadanam*

*Bharathanatyam*

*Mohiniyattam*

*Sangeetha Archana*

Percussion Music

Musical Concerts

*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. 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.

