



THRIKKARTHIKA MAHOTSAVAM

KADAMBUZHA BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Marakkara Panchayat

District

Malappuram



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Kerala Gramin Bank – 55 m

Nearest Bus Station

Kadampuzha Bus Stand – 100 m

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Kuttipuram Railway Station –13.8 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 37 Km



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DATES

November–December (*Vrishchikam*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

3 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Thrikkarthika Mahotsavam is the festival of lights at the Kadampuzha Bhagavathy Temple. The temple is sans any deity unlike other Hindu shrines. However, the divine presence at the temple is associated with Goddess Parvathy (Lord Shiva's consort) who is worshipped in three forms here - Vidya Durga (Saraswathi) in the morning, Vanadurga in *twaritha* (one who is quick in granting blessings and favors) form (Durga) at noon and Aadi Durga (Mooladurga Lakshmi) in the evening. Legend has it that once while the great Adi Sankaracharya was passing through Kadampuzha, during one of his pilgrimages, he was drawn to a divine aura emanating from a dense undergrowth. With divine help and deep meditation, he found that the radiance shrunk and finally vanished into a hole on the earth's surface and that the phenomenon was owing to the presence of Goddess Parvathy. The saint performed the first *poojas* to the Devi on the day coinciding with *Karthika* asterism in the Malayalam month of *Vrishchikam* and Thrikkarthika Mahotsavam is celebrated to commemorate this event. It is also known as *Prathishtadinam*.




RELEVANCE-
(Local/National/
International)

Local


**NO. OF
PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED**

Above 1 Lakh



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Special Pooja
Poomoodal
Muttarukkal
Annadanam
Traditional Performing Arts
Cultural Events
Lighting of Lamps

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

Thrikarthika Mahotsavam falls in the Malayalam calendar month of *Vrishchikam*. It is a three-day spectacular event comprising of special *poojas* and offerings. *Annadanam* (offering of free food to devotees) is organized on all festival days. Traditional performing arts, music and dance are staged during the festival period. Thousands of devotees throng the shrine to offer prayers and seek the blessings of the Goddess. The festival is marked by the wonderful ritual of lighting of thousands of lamps in the temple premises by devotees.

