



SIVARATHRI FESTIVAL

PAZHOOR PERUMTHRI KOVIL TEMPLE



LOCATION

Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation

Piravom

District

Ernakulam



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Thottapady

Nearest Bus station

Pazhoor temple bus stop – 120 m

Nearest Railway
station

Piravam road railway station – 12 km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 47 km



CONTACT

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Ernakulam – 686664
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TIME

DATES

February/March

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

6 days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Situated in Piravom, Pazhoor Perumthrikkovil is dedicated to Lord Shiva. It is believed that the work of this temple was done by Perumthachan. According to the legend, long ago the area was home for many Brahmin families. The children belonging to these Brahmin families had a very strict teacher. The kids believed that the teacher was being too harsh on them because he had no child. So the kids made an idol out of sand and 'payal' (weed) and prayed to God for blessing their teacher with a kid. Pleased by their devotion, the god granted their wish. The idol made out of 'paayal' won the place name 'Payaloor', which later became 'Pazhoor'.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Approximately 5000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Pooram
Procession
Kavadi
Attakavadi
Karakattam
Mayilattam
Bali

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

Sivarathri festival is celebrated for a period of six days, The last day is Shivarathri and *Pooram* is the main attraction in the morning. Three caparisoned elephants array in the temple courtyard and the temple musical ensembles play on. This lasts till afternoon and in the evening they go on in a procession to Pisharukovil temple at Piravom and returns accompanied by 50 spectacular *kavadis*.

Besides the five –tiered *Attakavadi*, *Karakattam*, *Mayilattam*, etc accompany the procession. It arrives at the temple before midnight. Thousands of devotees gather at the river banks during the night to perform a ritual sacrifice known as *bali*. This sacrifice is done standing knee-deep in the river to propitiate ancestors.

