



THALAPPOLI MAHOTSAVAM

MUTHUKADU BHAGAVATHI TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Muppathadam Panchayath

District

Ernakulam



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Muppathadam Junction – 550 m

Nearest Bus station

Muppathadam Junction Bus Stop – 550 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Aluva Railway Station – 7.8 km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport - 15.9 km



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TIME

DATES

January-February

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

6 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Many years back, *Muthukadu*, as the name suggests was a dense forest. Once an ascetic came to *Muthukadu*. He was having a mirror form of idol (*Kannadi Bimbam*) with him, which he used to do daily worships. God asked him to install the idol in the place and worship there. As a result he installed the idol there and started worshipping. Thus the place came to be known as *Sree Muthukadu*. The annual festival is conducted here to celebrate the divine presence of the deity in *Muthukadu*.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

Approximately 5000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hoisting Ceremony
Thalappoli
Pakalpooram
Cheriya Vilakku
Utsavabali
Arattu

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The *Thalappoli Mahotsavam* and *Thiruvutsavam* of *Sree Muthukadu Mahadevan* starts with Flag Hoisting Ceremony after *Deeparadhana* on *Thiruvathira* star of *Makaram*. In addition to the usual Tantric rituals, *Thalappoli* of *Muthukattilamma* is conducted. *Thalappoli* is a unique ritual where women and young girls carry *thalam* (plate) in their hands. *Thalam* is filled with rice, flowers and a lighted lamp. It is a symbol of prosperity. The next day afternoon famous *Pooram* of *Muthukadu* is conducted. For the *Pakalpooram* 9 elephants will be present. The elephants are decorated with gold plated Caparisons (*Nettipattam*), Bells (Mani), and Necklaces. Famous artists from across Kerala participate in the *Chendamelam*. On the fourth day of the festival, *Cheriya Vilakku* and *Utsavabali* is held. Traditional performing arts, dance and music are staged during the festival. The *utsava murti* of the deity is taken out of the shrine for ritualistic bathing (*Arattu*) on the final day evening to *Muppathdam Pathalam Kadavu*.

