



THIRU ULSAVAM

THIRUMOOZHICKULAM LAKSHMANA TEMPLE NORTH PARAVUR



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

North Paravur Municipality

District

Ernakulam



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Kurumaseri – 1.3 km

Nearest Bus station

Moozhikulam Bus Stop - 160 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Angamali Railway Station – 9.5 km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport - 12.2 km



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TIME

DATES

April – May

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The mythology behind the name of this place is *Hareetha Maharishi* did penance and meditation on the banks of river *Poorna*(*Chalakydy River*). Lord *Mahavishnu* got impressed by the dedication of the Maharishi and appeared before him on the beginning of the *Kali yuga*. Lord Vishnu gave some advice to *Hareetha Maharshi* to overcome the difficulties in *Kali yuga*. These pieces of advice are called *Thiru Mozhi* meaning 'Sacred Words'. And thereafter this place got its name as *Thirumozhi kalam* – *kalam* means place. Later *Thirumozhikkalam* became *Thirumoozhikkulam*. This shrine is associated with legends from the Ramayana. *Bharata*, the brother of *Rama* and *Lakshmana*, came to invite Rama, then in exile, to take over the reins of the kingdom, an angry *Lakshmana* suspecting *Bharata's* intentions intended to kill him; however, *Bharata's* innocence was very soon revealed, and then the two of them offered worship together at *Tirumoozhikkalam*. The name *Tirumoozhikkalam* is said to have originated from the phrase *tiru mozhi kalam* the site where sweet words were uttered. Another belief is that at the end of the *Dvapara Yuga*, *Dvaraka* was swallowed by the sea and four idols of *Sreerama*, *Bharatha*, *Lakshmana* and *Shathrukhna* which Lord *Sree Krishna* worshipped, were also washed into the sea. Some fishermen subsequently caught these four idols near *Thriprayar* and they were given to *Vakkay Kaimal*, *Naduvazhi*. *Vakkay Kaimal*, had a dream one night in which some mysterious person appeared before him and told him that four idols have been washed ashore and that these idols are to be consecrated at such and such places. They were duly installed in four temples as directed in the dream. Rama at *Thriprayar*. *Bharata* at *Irinjalakuda*, *Lakshmana* at *Moozhikkulam* and *Sathrughna* at *Payammal*.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Approximately 10000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

Elephants' Parade With Percussion Music Cultural Programs

Kudamattam Ceremony, the elephants parade with percussion music, a world famous temple festival in Kerala. The elephants are decorated with gold plated Caparisons (*Nettipattam*), Bells (*Mani*), and Necklaces. People mounted on the elephants hold Tinselled Silk Parasols (*Muttukuda*) up high, swaying White Tufts (*Venchamaram*) and Peacock Feather Fans (*Alavattam*) to the rhythm of the *Panchari Melam* (*Panchari*).

