



SHIVARATHRI MAHOTSAVAM

RAJARAJESWARA TEMPLE, TALIPARAMBA



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Taliparamba Municipality

District

Kannur



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Rihan Children's Hospital – 800 m

Nearest Bus Station

Kappalam Bus Stop – 800 m

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Kannapuram Railway Station – 12.3 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 137 Km



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TIME

DATES

February – March (22, 23 Kumbham)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

2 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

(Legend/History/Myth)

Shivarathri Mahotsavam is one of the most popular annual festivals at the Rajarajeshwara Temple dedicated to Lord Shiva (of the Hindu trinity). The festival commemorates the legendary story of the Lord drinking up poison to save the world. Worshipping the Lord on festival days is believed to liberate one from the cycle of death and birth. The occasion is marked by a grand procession during which Lord Krishna from the Trichambaram temple visits the Rajarajeshwara temple. The placing of the idol of Lord Krishna beside the *Mahashivalingam* and the rituals that follow also signify the unity of *Shaivaites* and *Vaishnavites*. The Lord is known as Sadashiva, Perinchelloorappa, Lakshmeepuresha, Rajadhiraja etc. at the temple. The deity here is said to be consecrated by the great sage Agastya Muni. A unique feature of the shrine is the absence of the *Kodimaram* and the practice of the whistling of the holy conch.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 5000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Akhanda Namajapam
Sree Bhoothabali Ezhunellathu
Thiruvathirakkali
Kathakali
Bhajans
Annadanam
Cultural Programs

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

Shivarathri Mahotsavam is a ritualistic festival celebrating the divine power of Lord Shiva. The festivities are an ensemble of sacred ceremonies to invoke the Lord. It is also marked by *Sreebhoothabali Ezhunnellathu* from the famous Thrichambaram Temple to Rajarajeswara Temple. *Vedic chants, Sankaranarayana Pooja, Bhajans* and other cultural events are the other events. Participation in rituals is restricted to Hindus only.

