



# SHIVARATHRI

## VELLOORKUNNAM MAHADEVAR TEMPLE



### LOCATION

Panchayat/  
Municipality/  
Corporation

Muvattupuzha Municipality

District

Ernakulam



### ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction

Muvattupuzha Town -200m

Nearest Bus station

Muvattupuzha Bus Stop – 500 m

Nearest Railway  
station

Angamali Railway Station – 35 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 34 Km



### CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

February – March

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

4 Days

### ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Velloorkunnam Mahadevar Temple northside of moovattupuzha river ( near bridge ) and western side of MC Road in the town, on a small hill. Other deities are Ganapathy, Sreekrishnan, Sasthavu and Nagaraja. Festival Sivarathri, Bathing ghat provided for the devotees, and camping site for Sabarimala Pilgrims. Velloorkunnam Maha deva temple, located near Muvattupuzha, Ernakulam Dist. is one of the most popular Hindu pilgrimage spots in Kerala, and one of the greatest siva temple in Kerala, attracting thousands of pilgrims from all parts of the State. This is one of the rarest Siva Temples situated near The three rivers, which merge to form a single river. Lord Maheswara is the eliminator of all the worries. He gets easily pleased with those who worship. He awards peace in this World and salvation in the other World. He is the annihilator of the wicked and protector of the good. The idol in Velloorkunnam Mahadeva Temple is Kirathamoorthy, who gets easily pleased in his Devotees. They believe that the fore sating of arrogance and the trust in Lord Sankara bring them auspices. The other deities are Vinayaka, Sreekrishna, Sreedharma Sastha and Naga. Mondays, Saturdays and *Pradosha* days are important here.



RELEVANCE-  
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Approximately 10000

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Rudrabhishekam  
deeparadhana  
Shivarchana  
Sreebali ezhunallippu  
Pradasa oottu  
Mahasivarathri  
abhishekam  
Cultural programmes

## DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

On the festival days special poojas are offered to the deities like *rudrabhishekam*, *deeparadhana*, *Shivarchana* etc. Fireworks also provides a visual treat to the eyes. Various cultural programmes are staged in the evening like *kadhaprasangam*, dance performance, drama, bale etc. Shiva rathri day is considered most auspicious which includes rituals like *Sreebali ezhunallippu*, *pradasa oottu* and *mahasivarathri abhishekam*. People fast throughout the day and ritual prayers are conducted in temples at night.

