



MEDA THIRUVATHIRA AARATTU MAHOTSAVAM POZHIYOOR SREE MAHADEVA TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Karode Panchayat

District

Trivandrum

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Main Pozhiyoor Junction – 10 m

Nearest Bus Station

Pazhaya Uchakada Bus Stop – 3.2 Km

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Parassala Railway Station – 12.7 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport - 35.1 Km



ACCESSIBILITY



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

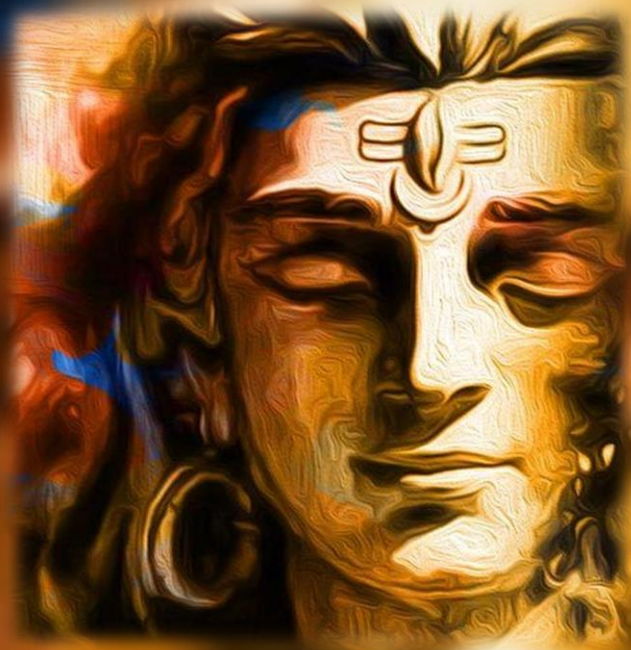
April – May (*Medam*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

8 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

This is one of the famous Shiva temples in Trivandrum district with centuries old history. It is believed to be one of the temples created by Lord Parasurama in Kerala. Annual festival of this temple is conducted in Malayalam month of medam(April/May) on Thiruvathira star, the birth star of Lord Shiva.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local

NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED`

Around 10,000



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hoisting
Annadanam
Cultural Programs and folk arts
Spiritual discourses
Seminars
Percussion Music
Musical Concerts
Dance
Kadhakali
Ottanthullal
Pallivetta
Parakkezhunallethu
Arattuz

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The annual festival is observed in the Malayalam month of medam (April/May). There is a flag hoisting ceremony marking the beginning of the festival. The shrine is traditionally decorated with plantain, coconut leaves, flowers, leaves, traditional lamps and lights. There are special *poojas* and offerings during the festival period. Also annadanam is held on all days. Traditional performing arts and music and dance are staged during the festival period. Thousands of devotees throng to witness the events and rituals. Numerous cultural programs and temple arts are performed on all days of the festival. Caparisoned elephants, melam, fireworks and sheevali are part of the festival. There are lot of cultural events and religious discourses. On the final day Arattu(holy bath) takes place, The utsava murti of the deity is taken out of the shrine for ritual bathing on the final day. Caparisoned elephants and melam are part of the ritual.

