



KONDOTTY NERCHA

PAZHAYANGADI MOSQUE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Kondotty Municipality

District

Malappuram



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Kondotty Town -500 m

Nearest Bus station

Kondotty Bus Stop -300 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Feroke Railway Station – 16.8 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 3.9 Km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

February-March

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

1 Day

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Kondotty Nercha or Valiya Nercha is the most significant festival of the Kondotty mosque. *Nercha* stands for celebration or festival. Although elaborate displays of cultural exposition are not in accordance with the austere form of worship followed by austere Muslims who forbid the holding of such festivals on the tombs of dead persons, several elaborate preparations made for the festival beforehand. The Kondotty Nercha lasts for a week in the month of February and March. The weather is pleasant during the season and pilgrims in their thousands flock to the mosque. There is a cultural extravaganza that extends over three days intensively but is celebrated over two extra days to begin and wind up the festivities. While several expert gives musical renditions the pilgrims pay their obeisance at the mosque and sit a while to enjoy the divine music. A large number of stalls selling all kinds of wares ranging from mouth-watering dishes to exotic clothing, jewelry, toys, decorative and utility items besides any number of household utensils. The festival is jointly organized by Sunni Muslims and Hindus.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 10,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hoisting
Goldsmith Box
Procession
Duffu muttu
Kolkali
Aravanamuttu
Religious Discourses
Cultural Events

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

Kondotty Nercha is a week-long festival held every year at Kondotty Qubba, which consists of the tomb of the first *Thangal*, Muhammad Shah. Thousands of devotees attend the *Nercha*, which consists of religious processions, trade fair and arrangements for entertainment. This festival is celebrated in the month of March-April every year. Many people donate money for the mosque. *Neichor* or ghee rice is provided to devotees and poor people. *Duffu Muttu*, *Kolkali*, *Aravanamuttu* are conducted during the festival. Religious discourses and musical renditions are also organized. The premises of the mosque wear a festive look with small traders and hawkers making the best out of the large number of people visiting the mosque.

