



MAKARAPATHU MAHOLSAVAM

KAZHIBRAM VAZHAPULLY RAJARAJESWARI TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Valappad Panchayat

District

Thrissur



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Kazhibram – 1 km

Nearest Bus station

Edamuttam Bus Stop – 1.7 km

**Nearest Railway
station**

Thrissur Railway Station – 25.6 km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 51 km



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TIME

DATES

January – February

FREQUENCY

Annually

DURATION

4 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Vazhappully Shree Rajarajeshwari Temple is among the first and foremost family temples in Kerala which ages back to more than 500 years. This temple is situated towards the west of Edamuttom in Thrissur District, Kerala State, India. Due to the presence of the supreme soul of Goddess Bhadrakali, in olden days devotees sacrificed chicken and goat to this temple as offerings. Later in Malayalam Year 1122 Edavam month (1947, May) a beautiful Panchaloha idol of Sri Rajarajeswari was reinstalled as the main deity by Sri. Narasimha Swamikal, the first disciple of Sri Narayana Guru. It was predicted by Sri. Narasimha Swamikal that this replica watches transformation from Goddess Bhadrakali to Goddess Rajarajeswari (from fierce form to meekness) may show some unusual changes in nature at the reinstallation time. Surprisingly during reinstallation of the idol in May 1947 the replica watches a trunk of a huge Mimusops Elengi Tree at the south side of temple split into two and fell down showing the powers of Goddess Rajarajeswari. This was one of the rolex replica remarkable Miracle witnessed by our forefathers and elders. Even though the idol is of role replica Goddess Sri Rajarajeshwari the base mantra is of Goddess Bhadrakali.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED**

Thousands of people

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Elephant procession
Pooram
Kolam
Seeveli
Fireworks

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

Although all temple festivals have a huge influence on surrounding neighborhoods, Makarapathu Maholsavam is celebrated by everyone in this region. This is one of the festivals with huge gathering of people and elephants. The richly decorated elephants, as seen during the Makarapathu Maholsavam are very popular. On this day, 9 or more elephants pass through this temple ground.

The main attraction of this festival are decorated elephants with their nettipattam (decorative headdress), beautifully crafted kolam, decorative bells and ornaments etc. Adding to the festive mood is the panchavadyam, the rhythmic beating of the 5 types of drum, and what would be a cacophony otherwise is turned into an organized but spontaneous symphony. The firework in the evening hours after deeparadhana on the same day adds more beauty by filling bright colors on the dark sky. On this day devotees are served with free food by the temple from breakfast to dinner. After dinner a grand cultural program by a famous group will be performed.

This festival day is a must watch and never to be missed in life time by all Goddess Rajarajeshwari's devotees. Ample security and safety measures are arranged by temple administration to have a smooth functioning of the auspicious and colorful day. On the first day evening there will be Shudhikalasam. The second and third day's event also includes tantric rituals like pooja, dhara, bhagavathiseva etc. the final day will be having many events and it's the most important day. Seeveli, pooram, fireworks etc are there during the final day.

