



NAVARATHRI FESTIVAL

THUIRUVULLAKKAVU SREE DHARMA SASTHA TEMPLE



LOCATION

Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation

Cherpu Village, Cherpu Taluk

District

Thrissur



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Cherpu – 2.3 km

Nearest Bus station

Thayamkulangara Bus Stand – 1.2 km

Nearest Railway
station

Thrissur Railway Station – 8.7 km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 44.8 km



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TIME

DATES

September – October

FREQUENCY

Annually

DURATION

10 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Hindus celebrate the *Navarathri* festival spanning nine nights reverently. This represents the divine fight of Mother *Durga* to subjugate the evil of ignorance. The tenth sunrise is the dawn of wisdom when darkness flees in fear. This day, the *Vijayadasami* is an auspicious day in the one hundred and eight *Durga* temples of Kerala where the devotees worship omniscience as Mother. The Devotees invoke Mother *Saraswathi* and all, young and old have initiation by writing on sand spread out on the ground. At *Thiruvullakkavu*, the presiding deity is *Sastha*, the virile Guide, and Omniscience as Father. The *Vijayadasamy* is not very important in other *Sastha* temples, but at *Kavu*, it is the most auspicious day for the initiation of education. Naturally it is the day of the greatest flow of devotees and thousands of children have their initiation. The initiation can be done on any other day also; all days are auspicious at *Thiruvullakkavu*. The *Navarathri* is a cultural extravaganza since the budding artists want to make their debut at *Kavu*. Successful professionals also long to perform here during these auspicious days.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

Approximately 1000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

Pooja Vayppu
Vidyarambham
Cultural Programs

Thousands of children along with their parents visit the temple for *Vidyarambham* ritual on *Vijayadasami* day. *Vijayadasami* is celebrated on the tenth day of annual festival of *Navaratri*. (*Vidyarambham* ritual) in *Thiruvullakkavu* temple is very famous in the district. It is the initiation into the world of letters for the children usually begins with the writing of a mantra *Om hari sri ganapathaye namah* on their tongue. The ritual involves the *acharya* inscribing the words (*manthra*) *Hari sree ganapathaye namaha* on the tongue of the children with a golden ring which is to invoke the grace of the goddess of learning *Saraswati*. *Vijayadasami* day is the day of the greatest flow of devotees and thousands of children have their initiation to the world of letters. The initiation can be done any other days in *Thiruvullakkavu Sree Dharma Sastha Temple*, all days are auspicious at this temple. *Thiruvullakkavu Temple* is one of the most important and sacred pilgrim centres in Thrissur, Kerala and is located in 12Km from Thrissur Town on the way to Thrissur

