



THALIYIL UTSAVAM

THALIYIL SREE NEELAKANTESWARA TEMPLE



LOCATION

Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation

Nileshwaram Municipality

District

Kasaragod



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Convent Junction – 1.1 Km

Nearest Bus Station

Nileshwaram Bus Stand – 350 m

Nearest Railway
Station

Nileshwaram Railway Station – 2.2 Km

Nearest Airport

Mangaluru International Airport – 97.8 Km



CONTACT

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DATES

February - March (*Kumbham*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

8 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Thaliyil Utsavam is a colorful annual festival at the Neelakanteswara Temple at Nileschwaram, dedicated to Lord Shiva. The festival is celebrated to pay obeisance to the divine presence at the temple. The shrine is a replica of the famous Thali Mahadeva Temple in Kozhikode and houses a tall *Shivalinga* apart from idols of Lord Ganesha, Lord Vishnu and Lord Sashta. Legend has it that Lord Parashurama constructed the temple to facilitate Sage Neela to consecrate the idol.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National
/ International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

Over 2500



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Utsava Kodiyettam
Sreebhoothabali
Thiruvashtamy
Utsavabali
Pallivetta
Aarattu
Seeveli

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

The annual festival commences with the hoisting of the flag or *Utsava Kodiyettam* on *Krishnapanchami* in the Malayalam calendar month of *Kumbham*. The Lord's idol is ritualistically taken out thrice during the day to the accompaniment of elephant procession. *Pallivetta* (holy hunting) is observed on the seventh day followed by *Aarattu* (ritualistic bathing of the idol) on the eighth day. The festival is also marked by various cultural events and other holy rituals. Hundreds of devotees visit the temple during the festival days to offer prayers and seek the Lord's blessings.

