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# KADAKKAL THIRUVATHIRA MAHOTSAVAM KADAKKAL DEVI TEMPLE



## LOCATION

Panchayat/  
Municipality/  
Corporation

Kadakkal Grama Panchayat

District

Kollam



## ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction

Nilamel Town – 5 Km

Nearest Bus station

Kollam Bus Stop – 450 m

Nearest Railway  
station

Varkkala Railway Station – 32.2 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 52 km



## CONTACT

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**TIME**

**DATES**

February- March (Malayalam month *Kumbham*)

**FREQUENCY**

Annual

**DURATION**

10 Days

**ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)**

Kadakkal Devi Temple is one of the oldest Devi temples in Kerala. The temple is revered by many devotees who visit the temple from far off places. It is believed by the devotees of this temple that by revering the goddess one would get rid all troubles and will be guarded from all evils. It is also thought that the deity brings in wealth and happiness. Kadakkal Temple has three main temples that are situated at equal distances in three directions from the Temple Pond, Kadakkal Chira. These are the Devi Temple, Shiva Temple and Taliyil Temple. One of the main unique features of this temple that there is neither any idol is not established nor is a priest employed there. The Kadakkal Devi Temple is associated with many legends. As per a legend Kadakkal Devi arrived from Tamil Nadu along with her sister. According to another story Panayappan, a tamil trader once exploited the Devi's family. Hence Kadakkal Devi killed him. Later she settled down in Kadakkal Peedika that later became the sanctum sanctorum of the Present Kadakkal Temple. The Nettur Kurup, had witnessed the whole incident. He was instructed by the Devi to worship her and perform the regular offerings in the Peedika (a small kind of Trade Shop made of wood). Kadakkal Thiruvathira Mahotsawam is one of the major festivals celebrated at this temple. Thiruvathira Nakshathram (star) of the Malayalam month Kumbha is celebrated as the holy birth day of the mother goddess Kadakkalamma.



**RELEVANCE-**  
(Local / National / International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED**

Approx. 40000

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hoisting  
Cultural Programs And  
Folk Arts  
Spiritual Discourses  
Seminars  
Percussion Music  
Kuthiyottam  
Annadanam  
Pongala  
Guruzi

## DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

The most important festival of the temple is the *Kadakkal Thiruvathira*. The Devi's birth date is believed to be on *Thiruvathira* of *Kumbha* which is celebrated as *Thiruvathira* Festival. The festival is celebrated as the regional Festival of Kadakkal. During the festival thousands of devotees visit Kadakkal to worship 'Devi'. On the first day several ladies gather together and offer *Pongala* to Devi at the temple ground. The festival begins with *Kuthirayeduppu* which is a grand procession followed by *Kuthiyottam* and pageants. The festival ends with *Guruzi*, a spiritual ritual. *Pongala* is celebrated on the first day of *Thiruvathira* where thousands of ladies offer *Pongala* to Devi at the Temple Ground. *Pongala* begins early morning on *Makayiram* which is the previous day *Thiruvathira*. Devotees from all over the state come for this particular *Pongala* Festival. *Guruzi* is celebrated on the last day of the *Thiruvathira* festival. This is a spiritual ritual that begins at midnight and continues till early morning.

