



KODIYETTU UTSAVAM

SREE TRIPRANGODE MAHA SIVA TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Tripangode Panchayat

District

Malappuram



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Alathiyoor Junction – 3 Km

Nearest Bus station

Tripangode Bus Stop – 1.3 Km

**Nearest Railway
station**

Tirur railway Station –10 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 47 Km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

December - January

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

8 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Legend associated with this temple is that long ago, there lived a sage called Mrikandu with his wife Marudvati. Both were devotees of Shiva. The couple were childless, and so they decided to perform austerity rituals so they would be blessed with a child. Then one day, Shiva appeared before them, Shiva asked the couple if they desired an ordinary and mentally disabled son who would live a long life, or an exceptional son who would live a short life until the age of sixteen. They opted second choice. In due course, Marudvati gave birth to a boy and the child was named Markandeya. Markandeya was an exceptionally gifted child, and became an accomplished sage early in his childhood. He was especially devoted to Shiva, and had mastered the *Mahamrityunjaya Mantra*. As the boy was getting on to be sixteen, Rishi Mrikandu became sad. At the age of sixteen, his time on this earth will come to an end, and so Yama, came to take his life away. The boy, Markandeya was afraid, he then ran to Lord Mahavishnu (the preserver) but he was helpless and he directed him to Tripurangottappan (Lord Shiva). On the way to Triprangode temple there was a huge banyan tree that stood by making it difficult to enter into the temple. At the time he reached there surprisingly the tree separated into two parts and then, he could easily enter into temple. Markandeya hugged the Shiva Lingam and requested Lord Shiva to protect him from Yama. Yama threw his noose around the boy-sage; it encircled the Shiva Lingam too. At a blow, the Shiva Lingam burst open with a thundering roar and a majestic, fiery form of Lord Shiva appeared out of the blazing light. Lord Shiva was very angry and asked whether Yama has these much courage to encircle the Shiva Lingam with his noose, Shiva struck down Yama with his Trident (trishool), and Yama was no more. Markandeya was escaped from death. Shiva blessed Markandeya with eternal life and proclaimed that he shall remain forever as a sixteen-year-old sage. After killing Yama, Lord Shiva washed his trident in the temple pond and self manifested in this place (*Swayambhoo*).



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

25000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hosting
Kalavara Nirakkal
Tholpavakoothu
Ottanthullal
Chakyarkoothu
Thayambaka
Spiritual discourses
Seminars
Dance
Musical concerts
Krishnanattom
Thiruvathira
Bharathanatyam
Mohiniyattom
Devotional Songs
Pallivettah
Arattu

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The festival commences by flag hosting ceremony. On the first day there is an event called 'Kalavara Nirakkal' in which devotees bring sacks of rice, vegetables and fruits to temple as an offering. The shrine is beautifully decorated. Traditional performing arts like *tholpavakoothu*, *Ottanthullal*, *Chakyarkoothu*, Classical dance forms, Musical concerts are staged during the festival period. Krishnanattom, a unique temple art is also performed on the festival period. Pallivetta (royal hunting) is an important ritual performed on the second last day of the festival. On the final day of the festival Arattu (holy Bath) ceremony takes place. The utsava moorthy of the deity is taken out of the shrine for ritual bathing. Caparisoned elephants, *melom* and percussion music are part of the ritual.

