

NAVARATHRI FESTIVAL

SREE TRIPRANGODE MAHA SIVA TEMPLE

LOCATION

Panchayath/ Municipality/ Corporation	Triprangode Panchayat
District	Malappuram

ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/ Landmark/ Junction	Triprangode – 1.3 km
Nearest Bus station	Triprangode – 1.3 km
Nearest Railway station	Tirur Railway Station –10 km
Nearest Airport	Calicut International Airport – 47 km

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TIME	DATES	FREQUENCY	DURATION
	September-October (*Thulam*)	Annual	10days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

This is one of the most important Shiva temples in Kerala. Lord Shiva here is *swayambhoo* facing west. It is believed that Lord Shiva after killing Yama in order to save Markandeya, self manifested in this place. Navarathri festival is also celebrated in this temple with greater importance with lot of cultural events. It is a nine days event. Legend associated with this festival is that the mighty demon Mahishasura defeated the Gods and their king Indra. They then approached Brahma, Vishnu and Maheshwara, who decided to destroy the demon. So they all combined their energies, and gave rise to Shakthi. Equipped with lethal weapons and riding a ferocious lion she went to kill Mahishasura. When the goddess was seen by demon, he fell in love with her and sought to marry her. The goddess promised to marry him if he defeated her in battle. Goddess in all her awesome majesty destroyed the evil without much ado. The terrible battle continued for nine days and on the tenth day Durga assumed the terrifying form of Chandika and killed Mahishasura. This is celebrated as Vijayadashami as the victory of good over the evil.

RELEVANCE- (Local / National / International)	Local	NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED	20000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS	DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*
Musical programs Cultural Activities *Sangeetha Katchery*(Musical Concert) Traditional arts Classical dance *Vidyarambham*	The word *Navarathri* means ‘nine nights’. During these nine nights and ten days, nine forms of Devi are worshipped. The tenth day is commonly referred to as *Vijayadashami*. It is celebrated as a major cultural event. This festival is a mixture of devotion and art. Major programs related with the *Navarathri* festival is musical programs and dance programs. Cultural activities take place throughout the day on the festival days. *Sangeetha Katchery* is also there. Other major event on the festival is devoting Musical Offering (*Sangeetha Archana*) in front of Devi which last for one whole day, continuous event. On the tenth day morning is Vidyarambham. In Kerala, the *Vijayadashami* is considered auspicious for initiating children into the world of letters, which is called *Vidyarambham*. In the ceremony, words symbolizing the name of God are written on the tongue of the child with a gold ring. The child is also made to write letters in a plate of rice with the help of elders.

