



THALAPPOLI FESTIVAL

MARADU KOTTARAM DEVI TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporationn**

Maradu Municipality

District

Ernakulam



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Kundanoor Junction – 1.3 km

Nearest Bus station

Maradu Junction Bus Stop – 61 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Nettoor Railway Station – 4.2 km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 32.3km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

February - March

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

2 days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Maradu Kottaram was the summer house of the Kings of Cochin in ancient times. The main deity of the Kottaram temple is *Bhagavathy*. The *Bhagavathy* (*Bhadrakali*) faces west and *poojas* are offered twice in a day. The sub deities in Maradu Kottaram Bhagavathy temple are *Shasthavu*, *Nagaraja*, *Gandakarna*, *Ganesha* and *Bramharakshas*. Temple is managed by a trust, lead by the Maradu, Kundannoor and Poonithura nair family members. Maradu Kottaram Bhagavathy temple is famous for the amazing and beautiful fire works performed during the annual festival. The thalapoli festival is performed for peace and prosperity.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 20000



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Prabhatha pooja
Abishakam
Kootavedi
Paraku Ezhunellipu
Pakal Pooram
Nadaswaram,
Deeparadana

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The Annual *Thalappoli* festival in the temple is observed in *Kumbham* month. Girls, unmarried women and married women carry lighted lamps and move in a procession to the temple. The festival takes place in the festival grounds of *Maradu*, which has mega fireworks display lasting for 1.5 hours on the last two days. This festival is conducted by two committees known as "*Vadakke Cheruvaram*" (North side of the Temple) and "*Thekke Cheruvaram*" (South side of the Temple). *Thalapoli* is celebrated for 8-9 days and *vedikettu* is displayed for 4 days. On the first day of the *thalapoli maholsavam* both the committees conduct a sample *vedikettu* for testing the fire works made. After 2 days the main *vedikettu* is conducted. 1st day by *Vadakke Cheruvaram* and the 2nd day by the *Thekke Cheruvaram*. Both these days *vedikettu* is conducted at night after *deeparadhana* and at morning 3 am.

