

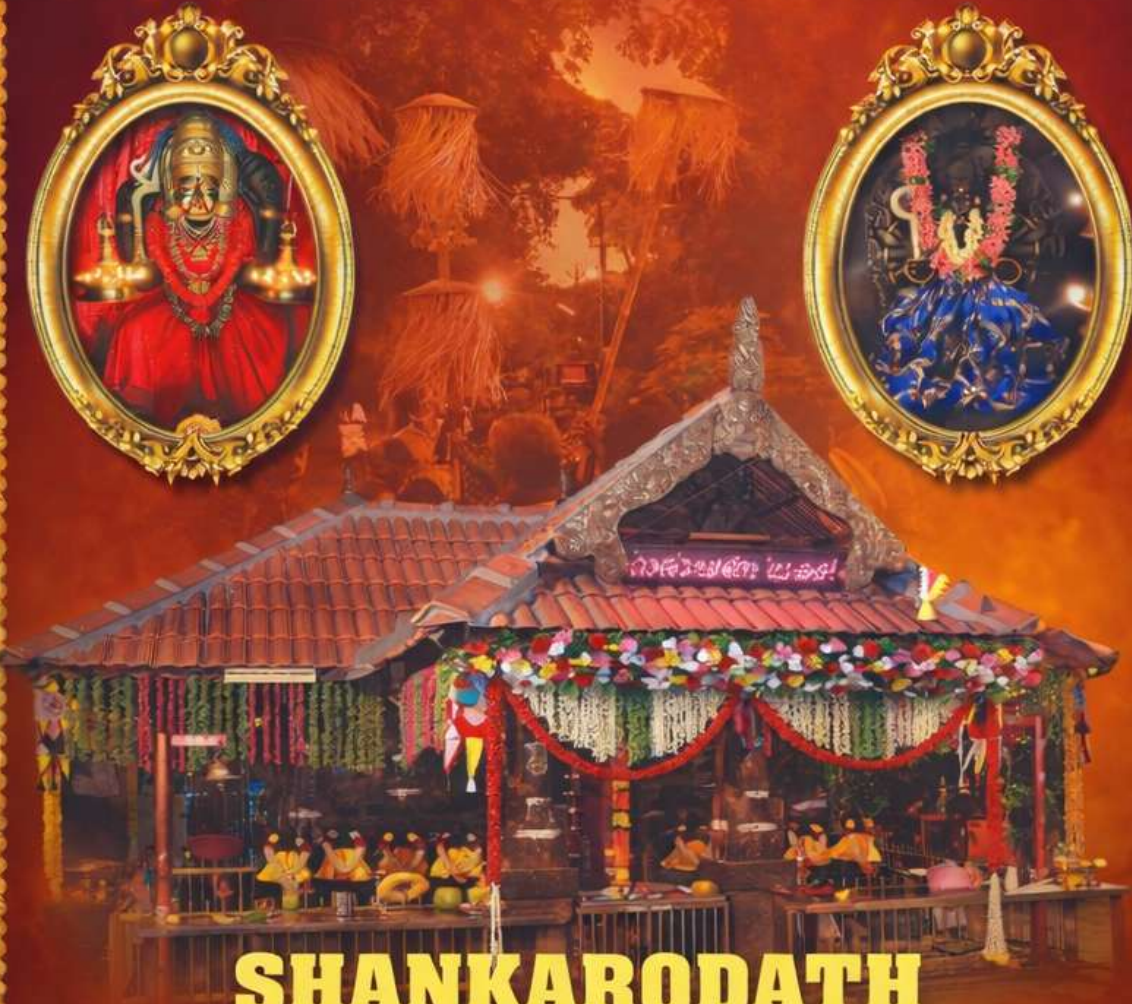
SHANKARODATHAMME SHARANAM

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The **Sree Shankarodath Kavu** annual festival celebrations will formally commence on **Sunday, February 22, 2026**, with the sacred **Kooraidal** ceremony. This ritual, will be performed under the presiding authority of the Temple Tantri, **Brahmasri Shankarodath Ambotti Thampuran** and will take place in the presence of the villagers, Kovilakam members, the Urayamakars (traditional trustees), and the local devotee community.

Following the Kooraidal, the **Parayeduppu** will begin. During this auspicious ritual, the **Velichappadu** (the deity's representative) will visit houses throughout the locality to receive offerings of paddy in the traditional *Para* measure, symbolizing the Goddess's blessings for prosperity and well-being in every home.

Dear Devotees,

We are pleased to inform you that the annual **Kumbha Bharani Mahotsavam**—including the sacred rituals of *Chanthattam*, *Guruthi Pooja*, and *Deshavela* — at **Sree Shankarodath Kavu** in Thekkumpuram, Kavilpad, will be celebrated on a grand scale from **February 22 to 24, 2026** (Kumbham 10, 11, and 12).

We cordially invite all well-wishers and devotees to participate in these auspicious festivities and receive the blessings of the Divine Mother, Jagadambika.

- **Sunday, February 22 (Kumbham 10) 10.40 AM – Chanthattam:** Special anointment ritual performed for the *Sapta Matrikas* (Seven Mother Goddesses).
- **Sunday, February 22 (Kumbham 10) 07.30 PM – Kalam Puja (Dhaarikavadham Kalamezhuthu Paattu):** Performed by Kadambazhipuram Sukumar Kurup.
- **Monday, February 23 (Kumbham 11) 12:00 PM – Maha Guruthi Pooja:** A major ritual offering (12 *Uruli Guruthi*) highly pleasing to the Goddess, performed with deep devotion.
- **Tuesday, February 24 (Kumbham 12) – The Main Bharani Vela:** The *Bharani Vela* will be observed with traditional ceremonies, including *Chamaya Chaprachamaradhi*, and a grand procession featuring decorated bulls (*Kalavela*), chariot (*Theru*), and majestic elephant (*Gajaveeras*).
 - **4:00 PM – Commencement of Deshavela:** The ceremonial procession begins from the presence of **Mangodu Ilaya Bhagavathy (Kozhikodi Amma)**, the guardian deity of the western boundary of Kavilpad. The procession will showcase traditional art forms and ritual elements: *Koodu*, *Kuda*, *Poothan*, *Thira*, *Kalavela*, *Chariot*, and *Kavadi* and will be accompanied by *Bhagavathy's* sword & pedestal, the *Velichappad* (Oracle), *Vaalenithiya Padanayakans* (Warriors holding swords), with the rhythmic beats of **Panchavadyam** alongside the elephant.
 - **9:00 PM – Kavu Kayaral:** The procession will reach **Sree Shankarodath Kavu**.
 - **Night Rituals:** Following the *Athazha Pooja* (evening puja) and *Karivela*, the sacred **Tholpavakoothu** (Shadow Puppetry) will be performed.
 - **Night Vela & Thalapoli:** The deity will be escorted back in a procession from *Arallichuvadu Neelavattarikkavu*, Thekkumpuram to **Sree Shankarodath Kavu**. The festival concludes with the ritualistic **Kambam Kathikkal**.

We request the wholehearted cooperation and participation of all devotees to make this festival a spiritual success.

With Prayers,
The Festival Organizing Committee
Sree Shankarodath Kavu



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22nd February 2026 Sunday – Chandhattam

Morning	
05.30 AM	Opening of Sanctum Sanctorum, Ganapathy Homam, Morning (Usha) Puja and distribution of Prasadham
07.00 AM	Velakkyu Kooraidal, Deshathu Parayeduppu
08.00 AM	Chandh Kalasha Puja (accompanied by Keli Kottu)
10.40 AM	Chandhattam for Ashta Maathrukkal and Bhuvaneswari (accompanied by Melam)
Followed by	Afternoon (Ucha) Puja, Sopana Sangeetham, Deeparadhana and distribution of Prasadham
Evening	
06.30 PM	Deeparadhana and distribution of Prasadham
07.00 PM	Evening (Athazha) Puja
07.30 PM	Kalam Puja (Dhaarikavadham Kalamezhuthu Paattu)
	Performed by Kadambazhipuram Sukumarakurup
Followed by	Distribution of Prasadham
09.30 PM	Closing of sanctum sanctorum

23rd February 2026 Monday – Kumbha Bharani

Morning	
05.00 AM	Opening of Sanctum Sanctorum, Ganapathy Homam
05.30 AM	Abhishekam, Ethirthu Puja
07.30 AM	Morning (Usha) Puja, Deeparadhana, and distribution of Prasadham
09.30 AM	Pandhiradi Puja
11.30 AM	Afternoon (Ucha) Puja, Deeparadhana and distribution of Prasadham
12.00 NOON	12 Uruli Mahaguruthi Puja (Shaaktheyam) accompanied by Chembada Melam
Evening	
06.30 PM	Deeparadhana and distribution of Prasadham
07.30 PM	Evening (Athazha) Puja
08.00 PM	Closing of sanctum sanctorum



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24th February 2026 – Shankarodath Bharani Vela

Morning

05.30 AM	Opening of Sanctum Sanctorum, Ganapathy Homam, Morning (Usha) Puja and distribution of Prasadham
07.30 AM	Alankaara Puja
09.00 AM	Deeparadhana and distribution of Prasadham
09.30 AM	Transfer of the sacred flame (Agni Pakarthal) from the sanctum sanctorum to the Pongala hearths (accompanied by Panchavaadhyam)
11.00 AM	Pongala Puja
Followed by	Afternoon (Ucha) Puja, Deeparadhana and distribution of Prasadham
02.00 PM	Ceremonial induction of the Deity into the Chariot for the divine procession
03.00 PM	Divine Procession of the Goddess's Idol, accompanied by majestic elephants and traditional percussion
03.30 PM	Auspicious Ezhunallathu of the Kodavela (ritualistic umbrellas), marking the sacred journey from Kallamparambu Ilaya Bhagavathy Temple.
04.00 PM	Commencement of the Day Procession (Kazcha Sheeveli) from the Sacred Presence of Mangodu Ilaya Bhagavathy Kozhikodi Amma

Evening

06.00 PM	Grand Double Thaayambaka Performance (synchronized percussion ensemble) at Shankarodath Kavu
06.30 PM	Deeparadhana and distribution of Prasadham
09.00 PM	Ceremonial Entry of the Vela Procession into Sree Shankarodath Kavu
Followed by	Rhythmic Ensemble at the Ritual Bonfire Altar (Paandi Melam at the Kambathara)
Followed by	Evening (Athazha) Puja, Karivela
11.00 PM	Tholpaavakoothu (Shadow Puppetry) Rendered by: Lakshmana Pulavar, Vaniyamkulam
Followed by	Commencement of the Night Vela and Thalapoli from the Neelavattari Kavu (Aralichuvadu, Thekkumpuram). Following the ceremonial entry of the Night Vela, the ritualistic 'Kambam Kathikkal' (Lighting of the Bonfire) will take place. The festival will conclude with the Velichappadu's 'Ariyeru' (Sacred Rice Scattering) and 'Kooravalikkal' (Ceremonial Removal of the Sacred Cloth)
Followed by	Closing of sanctum sanctorum

SPECIAL PUJAS

22nd February 2026
Chandhattam – Rs. 1,000

Dharikavadham Kalamezhuthu
Paattu – Rs. 1,000

23rd February 2026
Mahaguruthi Puja – Rs. 2,000

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DIVINE RITUALS AND CEREMONIAL HONORS TO GODDESS

1	Pradhana Kambam (Palat Kambham) – Main Ritual Bonfire	Suresh Nair & Family, Gurukripa, Lakkidi
2	Aana Samarpanam – Ceremonial Offering or Dedication of an Elephant for procession	Harish Loknath, Illayamalar Krishnan & Family, Canada
3	Nadakel Kambam – Ceremonial Bonfire at the Temple Entrance	Ramadevi Amma & Family, Ramaneeeyam House, Kinnarath
4	Panchavaadhyam	Jayasree and Krishna Shankar, Thoothukudi
5	Kambathara Melam (Paandi Melam) – Rhythmic Chenda Ensemble performed at the bonfire altar (<i>Kambathara</i>)	Premdeep Jewellery, Palakkad
6	Double Thayambaka – Synchronized, high-energy percussion performance featuring two lead drummers on the Chenda	Murugan Kasturi, Grandson of Kombi Nair, Bahau Ladang Geddes, Malaysia
7	Koodum Kudaiyum – Ritualistic Shrines (<i>Koodu</i>) and Ornamental Parasols (<i>Kuda</i>)	Revathi Pratheesh & Family, Qatar
8	Poothanam Thirayum – Ritual Folk Dance where performers represent the lieutenants of Goddess Kali.	Sujesh Nair, Vattaparambil Ushus House, Shoranur
9	Kaala Vela – Procession of Decorated Bull Effigies	Shivaambika
10	Pushapalankaram – Floral Decoration	K Jayaprakash, Navakumari & Family, Tiruppur Dr. Rohini Kumar & Family, Kalpathy Gayathri & Family, West Yakkara
11	Tholpavakoothu – Traditional Shadow Puppetry depicting the Ramayana saga	N C Rajasekharan & Family, UK
12	Sopana Sangeetham – Sacred Temple Music sung at the <i>Sopanam</i> (holy steps leading to the sanctum), typically accompanied by the <i>Idakka</i> .	Ajith and Shalini Ajith, Nova Steel Industries LLC, Dubai
13	Chenda Melam	Bharani & Family, Coimbatore Deepa & Latha, Bangalore Ram Venkiteswaran, Sujatha Sekhar and Adithya Ram, New York Suresh Raj & Family
14	Thaer Alankaram – Decoration of the Ceremonial Chariot	Manikuttan Thankappan, Manjanthodi House, Pudhussery Krishnan & Sudheesh, Paravoor
15	Thambolam (Vaadhyam) – High-energy folk percussion genre popular in Palakkad	Shivaranga, Shivaram, Thailand Geetha Chidhambarathanu, Nagercoil Surekha Mohan & Family, Delhi Jagadish Coimbatore (SAAOL HEART CENTRE)

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