

## **ONAM CELEBRATIONS 2019**

The great festival of Onam is celebrated usually in the month of August-September. This period of time is the first month of year according to the Malayalicalender (Kollavarsham). The Onam festival spans over a period of ten days and these ten days are the most lively and entertaining days in Kerala when every one is gripped with the festive fever. Amrita celebrated Onam from 07<sup>th</sup> September to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Onam is celebrated to mark the homecoming of the King Mahabali who is believed to be the greatest king ever in Kerala. It is believed that he rules the underworld as per the orders of Lord Vishnu and visits his subjects once in a year and this occasion is called Onam which for Keralites all across the world is an extravaganza.

The festival of Onam brought along with it all the colors of Kerala- its history, its culture, and its beliefs. Designing of beautiful flower carpets called Pookalam, preparation of ONAM SADYA lunch, organisation of Games and the Kaikottikkali dance are the major attractions of the festival.