

N.S.S. Training College Changanacherry

Thrikarthika- Festival of Kerala

Karthika is a festival of Kerala, celebrated in the God's own country. This festival is dedicated to Sakthi, goddess Parvathy, wife of Lord Shiva. Some consider this day as the birthday of goddess Parvathy. People clean their houses and surroundings in order to welcome the Goddess to their houses. They wear new cloths, prepare special dishes and exchange gifts with each other.

On the festival day, after sunset, houses, streets and temples are decorated with special oil lamps, made of clay referred in Malayalam as chirad. Use different types of variety colorful candles also. The stems of banana plant and tender coconut leaves are also use to decorate lamps. This day is considered as the day of peace. Moreover houses and streets full of lamps gives an inspiring feeling to the viewers.