

Elephant Parade in Thrissur Pooram

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Recently, the **Supreme Court** stayed a series of restrictions imposed by the **Kerala high court** on the use of elephants in **Thrissur Pooram**.

- Earlier the Kerala High Court mandated a 3-meter gap between elephants, 8 meters from the public or percussion displays, and a 100-meter buffer from areas using fireworks.
- Thrissur Pooram:
 - It is an annual Hindu temple festival held in Thrissur, Kerala which is a symbolic meeting of deities of 10 temples.
 - Celebrated in Medam (April-May) in Kerala, it is known as the Mother of all Poorams (temple festival).
 - It was started by Raja Rama Varma, famously known as Sakthan Thampuran, the Maharaja of Cochin (1790-1805), with the participation of 10 different temples.
 - Vibrantly decked elephants are a major highlight of Thrissur Pooram.



• The festival starts with the **flag hoisting** ceremony, known as **Kodiyettam**. The final day is marked by a spectacular **fireworks display**.

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