REPORT ON HERITAGE CENTRES IN THODUPUZHA MUNICIPALITY

1. ANNA MALA NADHAR MAHADEVA TEMPLE KARIKODE

Survey No: - 1589/4
Village: - Karikode
Local Body: - Thodupuzha Municipality
Taluk: - Thodupuzha
Heritage grade: - II
Zone: - Public and Semipublic Zone
Location: - This is located near Karikode junction on the side of Thodupuzha-Velliyamattom road.
Latitude: - 9° 54’ 00.6’’ N
Longitude: - 76° 43’ 41.1’’ E

Brief History: - This is an old temple of lord ‘Siva’. People believe that this is more than 1800 years old. The architectural style of this temple is ‘Chola Silpa Style’. It is believed that the idol ‘Sivalinga’ of this temple is ‘Swayambhoo’. The walls and roof of this structure is made with granite.

Fig.1 Annamala Nadhar Mahadeva Temple Karikode
2. AMARAMKAVU KOLANI

Survey No.: 346/2
Village: Thodupuzha
Local Body: Thodupuzha Municipality
Taluk: Thodupuzha
Heritage grade: II
Zone: Agricultural cum Residential Zone
Location: This is located about 1200 meters away from Kolani junction on Thodupuzha-Koothattukulam road and at the side of Kolani Manakkadu road.
Latitude: 9° 53' 26.5'' N
Longitude: 76° 41' 26'' E

Brief History:
This is a bit of forest in the name of ‘Vanadurga’, and an old Sree Krishna Temple more than 1700 years of age. A number of giant trees more than 500 years of age are seen in this ‘Kavu’. These trees are the main attraction. Now it is under the possession of Kolani Ayyappa Temple trust.
3. SREEKRISHNA TEMPLE KOLANI

Survey No: - 347/1-1

Village: - Thodupuzha

Local Body: - Thodupuzha Municipality

Taluk: - Thodupuzha

Heritage grade: - II

Zone: - Public and Semipublic Zone

Location: - This is located about 950 meters away from Kolani junction on Thodupuzha-Koothattukulam road and at the side of Kolani Manakkadu road.

Latitude: - 9° 53' 23.1'' N

Longitude: - 76° 41' 33.2'' E

Brief History: - The legend of the Kolani Sree Krishna Temple is related to the exile of Pandavas. According to the legend, the brothers installed five temples dedicated to Lord Krishna. Among the five, Bhima installed this temple.

It is believed that the temple was built during the 11th century.

Fig.3 Sreekrishna Temple Kolani
4. ST. GEORGE CHURCH MUTHALAKODAM

Survey No: - 99
Village: - Thodupuzha
Local Body: - Thodupuzha Municipality
Taluk: - Thodupuzha
Heritage grade: - II
Zone: - Public and Semipublic Zone
Location: - This is located on the east side of Thodupuzha-Udumbannur road at Muthalakodam junction.
Latitude: - 9° 54' 38.3" N
Longitude: - 76° 43' 58.8" E
Brief History: - It is the first Catholic Church in this region in the name of St. George. This church was established in 13th Century. It is a famous pilgrim centre of Roman Catholics.

Fig. 4 St. George Church Muthalakodam
5. BHADRAKALI KSHETHRAM KARIKODE

Survey No: - 1590

Village: - Karikode

Local Body: - Thodupuzha Municipality

Taluk: - Thodupuzha

Heritage grade: - II

Zone: - Public and Semipublic Zone

Location: - This is located at Karikode junction on the side of Thodupuzha-Velliyamattom road.

Latitude: - 9°53'59.4'' N

Longitude: - 76°43'39.1'' E

Brief History: - This was the temple of the family deity of Vadakkumkoor dynasty. It has an age of more than 1300 years. The idol in this temple is Bhadrakali. A mosque is also near the temple for the worship of the Muslim soldiers of Vadakkumkoor. It is known as Karikode Nainaru pally.

Fig.5 Bhadrakali Kshethram Karikode
6. **NAINAR MOSQUE**

**Survey No:** - 1571  
**Village:** - Karikode  
**Local Body:** - Thodupuzha Municipality  
**Taluk:** - Thodupuzha  
**Heritage grade:** - II  
**Zone:** - Public and Semipublic Zone  
**Location:** - This is located at Karikode junction on the side of Thodupuzha-Velliyamattom road.  

**Latitude:** - 9° 54' 02" N  
**Longitude:** - 76° 43' 45.4" E  

**Brief History:** - It has an age of more than 1300 years. This mosque was of Vadakkumkoor dynasty for the worship of the Muslim soldiers of Vadakkumkoor. This is related to Karikode Bhadrakali Kshethram. Now the old mosque has been dismantled and a new one is built on that place.

![Fig.6 Nainar Mosque Karikode](image-url)
7. URAVAPPARA OLAMAT TOM

Survey No: - 598
Village: - Thodupuzha

Local Body: - Thodupuzha Municipality
Taluk: - Thodupuzha
Zone: - Rocky Area

Location: - This is located about 2 kilometers away from Olamattom junction on SH 33 (Thodupuzha-Puliyanmala road).

Latitude: - 9° 52' 41.8'' N
Longitude: - 76° 42' 54.7'' E

Brief History: - It is situated at a height of 150 metre above MSL. The legend is that the idol here is a self-born one. ‘Pandavas’ along with their spouse ‘Draupadi’ had a sojourn here during their twelve years exile. Three big boulders can be seen at top of the rock which is believed to the three stands of a rock oven used by the ‘Pandavas’ for cooking purposes. When a shortage of water occurred, ‘Bhima’ forcibly applied his foot on the hard rock which produced an elephant spring.
8. DHANWANTHARY AYURVEDA VAIDYASHALA

Survey No: - 266

Village: - Thodupuzha

Local Body: - Thodupuzha Municipality

Taluk: - Thodupuzha

Zone: - Residential Mixed Zone

Location: - This is located at Dhanwanthary junction near SH 8 (Thodupuzha-Pala Road).

Latitude: - 6° 53' 51.7" N

Longitude: - 76° 42' 32.7" E

Brief History:

Dhanwanthari Vaidyasala is established by Vaidyan C. N. Namboodiri in the year 1933. It became the first Ayurvedic firm from south India to explore the Delhi market and other major centers in India.