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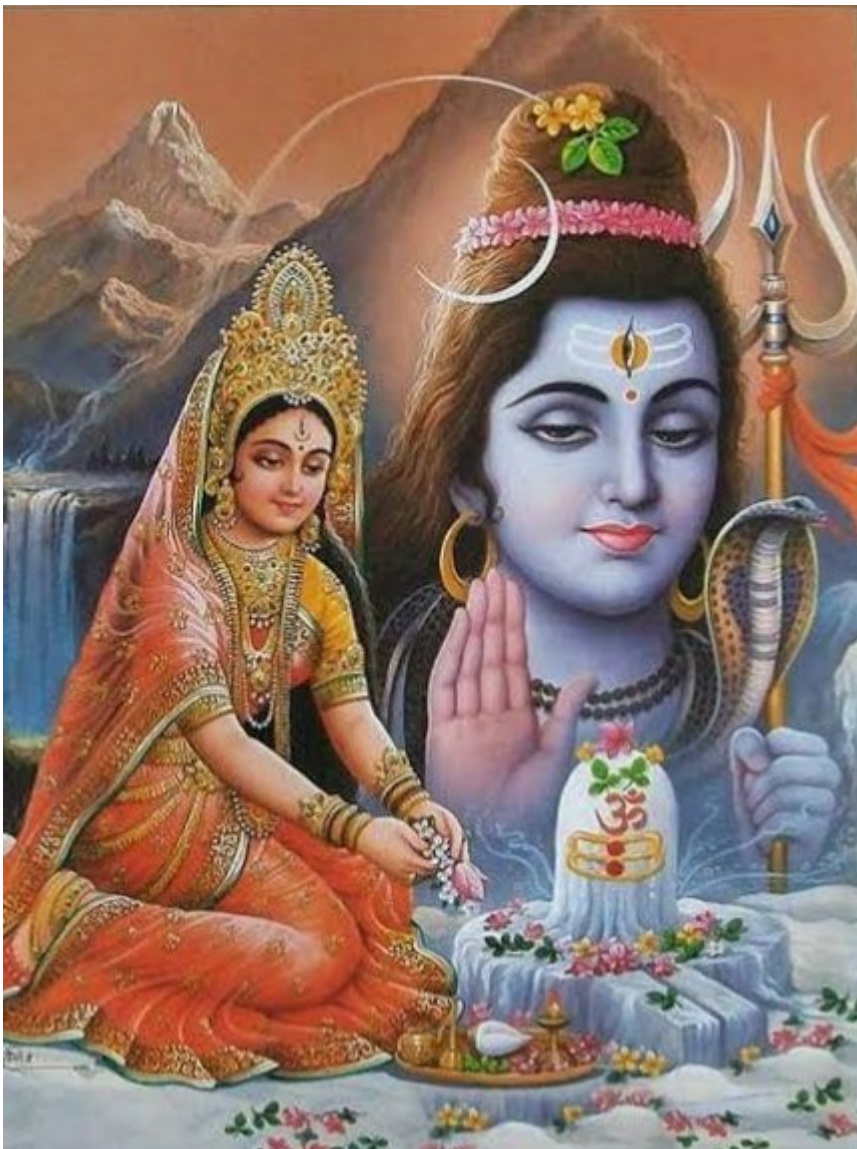


#Thiruvathira

Ardra Darsanam/ Thiruvadira vratham



Thiruvadira is celebrated in a full moon day of Dhanu / Marghazhi month in Kerala and Tamilnadu. Thiruvadira is the nakshatra of Mahadeva. It is auspicious to worship Siva and go to the temple before sunrise for darshan.



Thiruvathira in Kerala is important for women. Thiruvathira Vratam is taken by all ladies. Unmarried for a good married life and married ladies for long life of husband.

Thiruvathirakali a dance form is performed. There is a custom called Pathirappochoodal ■



Means adorn the hair with flowers at midnight.

In Tamilnadu, Ardradarshanam celebrated in all Shiva temples. Worshipping the Dance form of Mahadeva, Nataraja is auspicious. Chidambaram temple celebrate Ardra Darshanam in a grant manner. People observe fast on this day



Sage Vyagrapada, and Adishesha observed the fast and were given darshan of Cosmic dance by Nataraja on this day. On this day a special sweet called as 'Thiruvadiralakali is made and offered to Shiva.

Om Namah Sivaye
Shambo Mahadeva



