

9 Sacred Rituals Revived in Temples Between 2015 and 2025 After Decades

On July 15, 2025, the ancient Bhadradeepam ritual was revived at Kerala's Padmanabhaswamy Temple after nearly six decades, marking a return to its Vedic and Tantric roots through a three-day ceremony that symbolizes solar energy, divine protection, and prosperity.

This report presents **9 significant rituals** performed in temples across India between **2015 and 2025**, highlighting the revival of age-old traditions, regional devotion, and the enduring spiritual heritage that continues to shape India's cultural landscape.

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1.	Ancient Solar Ritual Returns to Padmanabhaswamy Temple After Six Decades. Date : July 15, 2025 Place : Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala Temple : Padmanabhaswamy Temple Ritual : Bhadradeepam ritual ✧ After a gap of nearly six decades, the ancient Bhadradeepam ritual, a sacred ceremony symbolizing solar energy and divine protection, has been revived at the iconic Padmanabhaswamy Temple in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Starting July 15, this spiritually significant event reconnects the temple to its Vedic and Tantric roots, offering a radiant spectacle of thousands of oil-lit lamps and centuries-old prayers. ✧ Bhadradeepam, which literally means "Auspicious Light," is a three-day ritual steeped in Vedic and Tantric traditions. Its core symbolism lies in the use of oil lamps (deepams) that represent the radiance and energy of the Sun, a divine force believed to dispel negativity and bestow prosperity. The ritual was first introduced in the region by the Venad king Veeramarthandan and later institutionalized by Anizham Thirunal in 1744.	 The Indian Express
2.	Arulmigu Muthukumaraswamy Temple Holds Kumbhabhishekam After a Decade of Renovations Date : July 15, 2025 Place : Madurai, Chennai, Temple : Arulmigu Muthukumaraswamy Temple Ritual : Kumbhabhishekam ✧ The centuries-old Arulmigu Muthukumaraswamy Temple underwent kumbhabhishekam after over a decade, following extensive renovations costing ₹91.5 lakh. ✧ The Special rituals were performed for the deities Goddess Sridevi, Bhodevi, Lord Sundararaja Perumal, Sri Madhuravalli Thayar, Sri Andal, among others.	 The Times of India

3.	Historic Maha Kumbhabhishekam at Padmanabhaswamy Temple After 270 Years Date : June 8, 2025 Place : Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala Temple : Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple Ritual : Maha Kumbhabhishekam ✧ In Thiruvananthapuram, the Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple witnessed its Maha Kumbhabhishekam after 270 years, marking a grand consecration following extensive renovations. ✧ The rituals, including the dedication of the three domes (thazhikakudams), reinstallation of the 300-year-old Vishwaksena idol, and Ashtabandha Kalasam at the Thiruvambady Sree Krishna Temple, were conducted by priests in the presence of the Travancore royal family and dignitaries.	 NDTV
4.	After 24-year hiatus, Veerabhadraswamy Jatire opens with Agni Konda Mahotsava Date : May 5, 2025 Place : Pattiseema, Andhra Pradesh Temple : Veerabhadraswamy Jatire Ritual : Agni Konda Mahotsava ✧ On 5 May 2025, in Mandya's Alakere village, the Veerabhadraswamy Jatire had returned after a 24-year gap, with celebrations of sacred Agni Konda Mahotsava fire ritual. ✧ The festival, deeply rooted in tradition, involves elaborate preparations by Alakere and neighboring Keelara villages, including the building of large wooden platforms and towers, strict fasting, and ritual observances.	 The Times of India
5.	Maha Kumbhabhishekam Revives Glory of Papanasanathar Temple After Two Decades Date : May 1, 2025 Place : Tirunelveli, Tamil nadu Temple : Papanasanathar Temple Ritual : Maha Kumbhabhishekam ✧ On May 1 , 2025, in Tirunelveli, the Papanasanathar Temple held its Maha Kumbhabhishekam ceremony after 20-year. ✧ The included Kumbhabhishekam for the temple's sanctum and deities, followed by a Maha Abishekam, sprinkling of holy water on devotees, and communal food distribution, drawing thousands of participants.	 New Kerla

6.	Grand consecration at Brihadeeswarar Temple after 23 years Date : January 27, 2025 Place : Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu Temple : Brihadeeswarar Temple Ritual : Maha Kumbhabhishekam ✧ In Thanjavur, the grand Maha Kumbhabhishekam of the iconic Brihadeeswarar Temple was held after 23-year, drawing thousands of devotees. ✧ The consecration was performed in both Tamil and Sanskrit, with Odhuvars reciting Thirumurai and priests chanting Vedic hymns before holy water was poured on the temple's Kalasam.	 The Times of India
7.	Koodal Azhagar Perumal Temple Radiates Divinity with Kumbabhishekam After 18 Years Date : January 21, 2024 Place : Madurai, Tamil Nadu Temple : Koodal Azhagar Perumal Temple Ritual : Kumbabhishekam ✧ On January 21, 2024, in Madurai, the sacred Koodal Azhagar Perumal Temple, one of the 108 Divya Desams of Lord Vishnu, witnessed its grand Kumbabhishekam after 18-years. The last having been held in 2006. ✧ In this ritual holy water was poured over the temple's gopurams amid chants of "Govinda" and then sprayed on devotees. Special rituals were performed for deities including Lord Sundararaja Perumal, Goddess Sridevi, Bhoodevi, and Sri Andal, followed by the traditional Garudasevai procession.	 The Times of India
8.	Jambukeswarar Temple Shines Again with Maha Kumbabhishekam After 18 Years Date : December 11, 2018 Place : Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu Temple : Thiruvanaikkaval Jambukeswarar Temple Ritual : Maha Kumbabhishekam ✧ In a spiritually charged celebration, the ancient Thiruvanaikkaval Jambukeswarar Temple in Tiruchirappalli (Trichy), Tamil Nadu, witnessed a grand Maha Kumbabhishekam a sacred temple consecration ceremony after a gap of 18 years. The event drew thousands of devotees, priests, scholars, and cultural enthusiasts, marking a powerful renewal of faith, architecture, and tradition. ✧ Thiruvanaikkaval is one of the five revered Panchabhootha Sthalams, each representing one of the five elements of nature. This temple is uniquely associated with water (Jala), and its sanctum is perpetually fed by an underground natural spring a rare and continuous manifestation of the element it represents	 The Times of India

9.	60-year-old Matunga temple celebrated a grand Kumbhabhishekam Date : November 18, 2015 Place : Matunga, Mumbai Temple : Sree Ram Mandir (Kochu Guruvayoor) Ritual : Maha Kumbhabhishekam ✧ In Matunga, Mumbai, the 60-year-old Sree Ram Mandir (Kochu Guruvayoor), Set to host a grand Maha Kumbhabhishekam. marking both the temple's anniversary and the renovation of its Rajagopuram. ✧ The temple, originally dedicated to Lord Rama, now houses several deities, each receiving individual rituals. The Rajagopuram's five gold-plated pots have been redone, and sacred rituals like Kanakabhishekam and Sahasra Kalasabhishekam was being conducted.	 India Today
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