

Thai poosam (N-8)

This festival falls on the star **Poosam** after Pongal, and is celebrated for both Lord Siva and **Murugan**. As this is an auspicious day, people start new ventures on this day, like learning the alphabet – **Edu thodakkuthal** for kids, starting new business, feeding the child with their first solid food – **choru theeththuthal**, piercing the child's ears for the first time, etc.

Murugan temples all over the world celebrate this as a big festival. Devotees carry **kaavadi** and go dancing to the temple.

