



# THIRUVUTSAVAM

## ELAMGULAM SASTHA TEMPLE



### LOCATION

**Panchayat/  
Municipality/  
Corporation**

Kanjirapally Panchayat

**District**

Kottayam

**Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction**

Koorali Junction – 1.5 Km

**Nearest Bus station**

Elamgulam Church Bus Stop – 650 m

**Nearest Railway  
station**

Kottayam Railway Station – 28.4 Km

**Nearest Airport**

Cochin International Airport – 86 Km



### ACCESSIBILITY



### CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

January

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

6 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Elamgulam Sree Dharma Shastha Temple is a very famous temple in India, located in the state of Kerala. It is situated in the village of Elamgulam in Kottayam district. The annual festival conducted by the temple, with about 10 elephants, namely Gajamela, makes it more famous among the state. Thousands of pilgrims participates in this festival. The Annual festival is conducted here to celebrate the divine presence of Lord Dharma Sastha at Elamkulam.



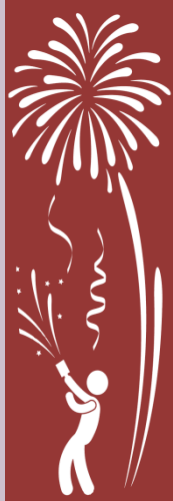
RELEVANCE-  
(Local / National /  
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE  
PARTICIPATED

1000



## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

*Gajamela*  
*Kavadiyattom*  
*Velakali*  
*Arattu*

## DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

Traditional performing arts, music and dance are staged during the period. Caparisoned elephants, *melam*, fireworks and *sheevali* are part of the festival. *Gajamela* is conducted in connection with the celebration of the festival. The temple is traditionally decorated with plantain, coconut leaves, flowers, leaves, traditional lamps and lights. Hundreds of people arrive on the day to witness various rituals and festivities. The festival ends with *Arattu*. The *utsava murti* of the deity is taken out of the shrine for ritual bathing on the final day. Caparisoned elephants and *melam* are part of the ritual. *Kavadiyattom*, *Velakali* etc also includes the events of the festival.

