



THIRUVUTSAVAM

KIDANGOOR SUBRAMANYA SWAMY TEMPLE FESTIVAL



**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Kidangoor Municipality

District

Kottayam district

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Highway Junction – 1.3 Km

Nearest Bus station

Temple Bus Stop – 160 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Kottayam Railway Station-17.2 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport-72.1 Km



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TIME

DATES

February - March

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

It is believed that the idol of *Subramanya Swami* came out of the *Kamandulu* or pot carried by *Maharsi Gauna* when it tilted and the water flowed out. According to the legends the *Gauna Nadi (Meenachil river)* starts from the *Kamandalu* of *Gauna Maharshi* like the river *Kaveri* from *Agasthya Maharshi's Kamandalu*. Hence this river got the name *Gauna Nadi*. *Gauna Maharshi* filled his *Kamandalu* with *Sapthanadi Theertham* (water from the 7 holy rivers - *Ganga, Yamuna, Saraswathy, Sindhu, Narmada, Godavari* and *Kaveri*). A beautiful idol of Lord *Subrahmanya* was also kept in his *Kamandalu*. He was eagerly waiting for the *Darshan* of Lord *Sree Rama* in his return journey to *Ayodhya* after killing *Ravana*. *Sree Rama* was accompanied by large number of devotees like *Vibhishana, Sugreeva, Hanuman* and *Angada* in the *Pushpaka Vimana*. So *Maharshi Gauna* could not see Lord *Sri Rama* and *Sita Devi* properly. So the angry *Gauna* threw the *Kamandalu* away and the idol of *Subrahmanya Swami* came out. These incidents occurred on a hill and since then the hill is known as *Kudamuruttimala*. This flow of water became a river and thus the present *Gauna Nadi* was formed. Along with the flow of the water, the idol was carried away to the Vishnu temple in *Kidangoor* and was later installed in a new *Sreekovil*. This is the present *Kidangoor Subrahmanya Swami Temple*. So the water in *Gauna* river is as holy as the *Sapthanadi Teertham*.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

2000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettu
Utsava Bali
Velakali
Koothu
Kathakali
Musical and dance
performances
Ottakavadi
Panchamudra
Pandradukavadi
Arattu

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

Utsavam commences with the *Kodiyettu* (auspicious flag hoisting ceremony) on the Malayalam star day *Karthika* and ends on the 10th day of the festival. *Arattu* ritual will be held at *Chembilavu Ponkunnathu Mahadeva Temple Kadavu* in *Meenachil River*. *Ponkunnathu Mahadevan* (Lord Shiva) is considered as the father of *Thrikkidangoorappan*. Thus this is a special day for the devotees because both Shiva and *Subrahmanya* are present for blessing them. The cultural programs conducted during this period will be an extra attraction to the pilgrims as well as art lovers. The first 8 days will be accompanied by famous elephants. *Utsava Bali*, exponents of *Velakali*, *Koothu*, *Kathakali*, musical and dance performances will enhance the beauty of the festival. *Ottakavadi*, *Panchamudra* and *Pandradukavadi* are the major offerings given to the lord. The *Abhishekam* is done with milk and tender coconut till noon in the temple and afterwards by *badam* for the wellbeing and prosperity of the place and to be filled with the blessings people have to worship the *Thrikkidangoorappan*.

