

ARATTU MAHOLSAVAM

SAKTHIKULANGARA SREE DHARMA SASTHA TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Kollam Corporation

District

Kollam

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Sakthikulangara Town – 11 Km

Nearest Bus station

Sakthikulangara Bus Station – 500 m
Mini Capithan Bus Stop – 40 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Kollam Railway Station –5 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 74 Km



ACCESSIBILITY



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

January (5th to 14th Makaram)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

A popular legend about the origin of the name Sakthikulangara is related to the foundation of Sree Dharma Sastha Temple. The famous and widely worshiped idol of *Sree Dharma Sastha* in this temple was donated by a group of Brahmins traveled across India. At that time, they were on a pilgrimage to Thiruvananthapuram for participating in *Murajapam*. They were carrying a few holy idols with them, which they normally donate to the people they find spiritual. When they rested at the bank of pool in (the then) Sakthikulangara, one of the idols was miraculously attached there. They realized that Power and founded a temple at that place. Hence the name derived as Sakthikulangara. (Sakthi means power and kulangara means bank of pool). Sree Dharma Sastha is believed to be the 'Saving God' of four communities namely Sakthikulangara Cherry, Kannimel Cherry, Kureepuzha Cherry and Meenathu Cherry. Koottur family is part and parcel of the festivities. Sakthikulangara Sree Dharma Sastha is affectionately called *Kunchachamman*.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Above 10000



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hoisting
Thiru Anki Ezhunellathu
Spiritual Discourses
Fire Works
Seminars
Cultural Events And Art Forms
Musical Events
Kadha Prasangam
Uthsava Bali
Annadanam
Arattu

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

This festival was organized Devaswom Department, Kara Devaswom, Karakkal (Local People Of Different areas) & Different institutions. The shrine is traditionally decorated with plantain, coconut leaves, flowers, leaves, traditional lamps and lights. Traditional performing arts, music and dance are staged during the period. Caparisoned elephants, Melam, fireworks and Sheevali are part of the festival. There will be lot of cultural events and religious discourses. On the final day Arattu (holy bath) takes place, The Uthsava 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.

