



# ANNUAL FESTIVAL

## ARIYANNUR HARIKANYAKA TEMPLE



### LOCATION

**Panchayath/  
Municipality/  
Corporation**

Kandanassery *Panchayat*

**District**

Thrissur



### ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction**

Ariyannur – 1 km

**Nearest Bus station**

Ariyannur Bus Stop – 120 m

**Nearest Railway  
station**

Thrissur Railway Station – 21.8 km

**Nearest Airport**

Cochin International Airport – 74.7 km



### CONTACT

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Kerala 680504  
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TIME

DATES

March – April

FREQUENCY

Annually

DURATION

15 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

People believe that *Maha Vishnu* has taken the *avatharam* of *Kanyaka* here, hence the name *Hari Kanyaka*. The Temple here is the only one of it's kind, a Temple with the Deity, *Hari Kanyaka Bhagawathy* known as *Mohini* to many, the *Avatharam* of *Mahavishnu* at the time of Churning the Ocean of Milk. In the past, this temple had a glorious history and it was much wealthier than Guruvayur Temple. This temple was the head of 32 surrounding *Deshams*.



RELEVANCE-  
(Local / National /  
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE  
PARTICIPATED

Approximately 1000

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

*Pooram purappadu*  
*Pooram Ganapathy*  
*Kodiyettam*  
*Mathrubhoothabali*  
*Ulsavabali*  
*Pallivetta*  
*Arattu*  
*Chandrolsavam*

## DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

*Pooram purappadu*, (in *Makayiram* star) *Pooram Ganapathy*, (in *Pooram* star) *Kodiyettam* (flag hoisting) in *Uthram* star), *Mathrubhoothabali Ulsavabali*, *Pallivetta* (holi hunting) *thriketta* star) and *Arattu* (holy bath) in *Moolam* star) are the most holy rites in *Ulshtavaghosham*. In the past this temple had a glorious history and this temple was much wealthy than *Guruvayur Temple*. One of ancient ritual of *Chandrolsavam* were celebrated in *Harikanyakapuram* (Present *Ariyannur*).

