



KUMBHA BHARANI MAHOTSAVAM

CHENTHITTA DEVI TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Thiruvananthapuram Corporation

District

Thiruvananthapuram

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/
Junction**

Thampanoor KSRTC Bus Station – 1.50 Km

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Thampanoor KSRTC Bus Station – 1.50 Km

**Nearest Railway
station**

Trivandrum Central Railway Station – 1.50 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 7 Km



ACCESSIBILITY



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

February- March (Kumbham)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

3 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Kumbha Bharani Mahotsavam is celebrated to pay obeisance to the Goddess Bhadrakali, the presiding deity of the Chenthitta Temple. It is an annual festival celebrated with fervor. Special rituals are held on the Bharani day, marking the birth star of the Goddess. The temple has separate shrines dedicated to Lord Ganesh and Lord Shiva, Lord Muruga, Lord Ayyappa and Lord Krishna. The temple is famous for a ritual known as Mangala Guruzi. Legend has it that once while Mahadeva went for Theerthadana with his family, consisting of Devi, Muruga and Ganesha, Devi became Rajaswala. Thus Devi took rest on a raised place in the forest which later came to be known as Chenthitta (raised piece of land that is red in colour) while Mahadeva was worshipped on the banks of river Karamana (the temple came to be known as Karakandeswara Temple right opposite to the Chenthitta Temple).



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Above 10,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Pongala
Laksharchana
Elephant Procession
Classical Music
Renditions

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

The festival is celebrated in the Malayalam month of Kumbham. Various special prayers and rituals are conducted during the festival. Women offer Pongala, an offering prepared for the Goddess in earthen pots on hearths. The temple is beautifully decorated and elephant procession is taken out. Laksharchana, a special chant of mantras is performed amidst showering of the idol with flowers for peace and prosperity. Classical music renditions are also part of the festivities.

