



# ANNUAL FESTIVAL

## SRI UDANESHWARA TEMPLE, PERDALA



### LOCATION

**Panchayat/  
Municipality/  
Corporation**

Badiyadka Gram Panchayat

**District**

Kasaragod



### ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction**

Sree Udaneshwara Sabha Bhavana – 10 m

**Nearest Bus Station**

Badiyadka Upper Bus Stand – 1.6 Km

**Nearest Railway  
Station**

Kumbla Railway Station – 17.3 Km  
Kasargod Railway Station - 18.6 Km

**Nearest Airport**

Mangaluru International Airport – 63.9 Km



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**TIME**

**DATES**

Mid December

**FREQUENCY**

Annual

**DURATION**

2 Days

### **ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)**

The Annual Festival is celebrated as a thanksgiving to the divine presence at the Udaneshwara Temple. The presiding deity of the temple is Lord Udaneshwara and the Lord is accompanied by Lord Kuttichatha and Sri Shastara Swamy. The idol of Lord Udaneshwara is believed to have been brought from Kashi (Benarus) by an ascetic about 800 years ago. Legend has it that the idol (*Shivalinga*) was found in the river bed of Ganga while the ascetic was taking a holy dip in it. The idol is having a slight convexity at the left side. It is believed that this convexity reflects the presence of 'Uma' (spouse of Lord Shiva) with Udaneshwara conceptualizing the nuptial auspiciousness of *Uma - Maheshwara* wedding. This also symbolizes the conjugation of *prakruthi - purusha*. Many devotees offer to perform *Uma - Maheshwara pooja* to propitiate and invoke the benediction of the Lord.



**RELEVANCE-**  
(Local / National  
/ International)

Local



**NO. OF  
PEOPLE  
PARTICIPATED**

Over 5,000

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

*Bhajana*  
Classical Music Concert  
*Thulabara seva*  
*Mahapooja*  
*Annadanam*  
*Deeparadhana*  
*Ranga pooja*  
*Dharshana bali utsava*  
Prasada distribution

## DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The annual festival of the temple is conducted on *Dhanu Sankranthi* (mid December) with all fervour and pomp. Thousands of devotees gather to celebrate the festival. *Thulabhara* offerings are arranged during the festival. During the days of annual festival *Bhajana*, classical music concert, *Bhakti rasa manjari*, *Thulabara seva* and *Mahapooja* are conducted. Other rituals and prayers such as *Deeparadhana*, *Ranga pooja* and *Dharshana bali utsava* are held at night. Apart from distribution of *Prasada*, *Annadanam* or free food is also served during the festivities.

