



KUMBHA KARTHIKA MAHOTHSAVAM

PAZHAYATTIL DEVI TEMPLE, PERISSERY



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Puliyoor Panchayat

District

Alappuzha



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Chengannur Town – 2 Km

Nearest Bus Station

Chengannur Bus Station –2.5 Km

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Chengannur Railway Station –2 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport –112 Km



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TIME

DATES

February/March (*Kumbham*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Pazhayattil Devi temple is centuries old temple located in Chengannur. This temple was existed even at the royal period. Vana Durga is the main deity of this temple. The annual festival is observed in Malayalam month of *kumbham*. Annual festival is done in order to increase the vigor of the deity.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Approx. 40000



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

- Flag Hoisting
- Annadanam
- Cultural Programs and folk arts
- Spiritual discourses
- Seminars
- Percussion Music
- Temple arts
- Musical Concerts
- Classical Dance
- Kadhakali
- Ottanthullal
- Velakali
- Chakyarkoothu
- Sopana Sangeetham
- Arattu

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The annual festival is observed in the Malayalam month of *kumbham* (February/march). There is a flag hoisting ceremony marking the beginning of the festival. The shrine is traditionally decorated with plantain, coconut leaves, flowers, leaves, traditional lamps and lights. There are special *poojas* and offerings during the festival period. Also *annadanam* is held on all days. Traditional performing arts and music and dance are staged during the festival period. Thousands of devotees throng to witness the events and rituals. Numerous cultural programs and temple arts are performed along with religious discourses on all days of the festival. Caparisoned elephants, *melam*, fireworks and *sheevali* are part of the festival. On the final day *Arattu*(holy bath) takes place where the *utsava murti* of the deity is taken out of the shrine for ritual bathing.

