



MANJESHWAR SHASHTI

SRIMATH ANANTHESHWAR TEMPLE, MANJESHWAR



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Manjeshwar Gram Panchayat

District

Kasaragod



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Current Office Junction – 400 m

Nearest Bus Station

Manjeshwar Bus Stop – 2 Km

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Manjeshwar Railway Station – 2 Km

Nearest Airport

Mangalore International Airport – 35 Km



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TIME

DATES

November – December
(*Maargashira Maasa*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

7 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Manjeshwar Shashti is an annual ritualistic festival at the Srimath Anantheshwar Temple. The festivities include the significant car festival that falls on the sixth day of the bright half of the month of *Margshirsha* (November-December). The day is known in popular parlance as the *Manjeshwar Shashti* and coincides with *Skanda Shashti* in other parts of South India. On that day, the six - wheeled chariot called *Brahma Ratha* is pulled along the Car Street so-called from its use, by thousands of devotees coming from far and near. The *Ratha* has a base 17 feet square, a height of 17 feet in raw and a maximum girth of 53 feet. But when decked for the occasion, it rises to a height of 71 feet and affords an unforgettable experience of solemnity and grandeur as it moves amidst a soothing mass of human heads. The *Ratha* was built in 1834 A.D. The presiding deity of the temple is Lord Shiva accompanied by *Shesha* or *Anantha* (the serpent). The main *sanctum* also has images of Lord Narasimha and Lord Subrahmanya.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 25,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Pallaki Utsava
Vasanth Pooja
Mrithikarohan
Vahana Utsava
Hagalu Utsava
Mrigabeta
Adda Pallaki
Wooden Lalki
Small Chariot Utsav

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

Manjeshwar Shashti is the annual car festival at the Srimath Anantheshwar Temple and coincides with *Skanda Shashti* celebrations dedicated to Lord Subrahmanya in other parts of Kerala. The festival commences with the *Dwajarahanam* or flag hoisting and is followed by various rituals performed to pay obeisance to the divine presence in the temple. On the sixth day of festivities, a six-wheeled chariot called *Brahma Ratha* with the Lord's idol and decorated with flowers and flags is drawn along the street accompanied by thousands of devotees.

