

VALIYA PATTU MAHOTSAVAM

KIZHUR SASTHA TEMPLE,
CHANDRAGIRI



LOCATION

Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation

Chemanad Panchayat

District

Kasaragod



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/ Landmark/ Junction

Kizhur Beach – 700 m

Nearest Bus Station

Melaparamba Bus Stand – 1.4 Km

Nearest Railway Station

Kalanad Railway Station – 280 m

Nearest Airport

Mangalore International Airport – 64.7 Km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

November – December (*Vrishchikam*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

7 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Valiya Pattu Mahotsavam is a ritualistic festival conducted at the ancient Kizhur Sastha Temple in Chandragiri. The event takes place in the Malayalam calendar month of *Vrishchikam* for 7 days. The rituals followed during the festival are believed to appease Lord Kirata, the deity of the temple. The divine presence is said to be an incarnation of Lord Shiva and is known as the Lord's son. The origin of *Pattu Mahotsavam* can be traced to *Nilambur Kovilakam*. Hundreds of singers gather at the premises of the temple to sing in praise of the deity. Offerings and prayers are also made to Lord Shiva during the festival. It is believed that the Lord is very benevolent and generous to his devotees.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED**

Over 5000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kalavara Nirakkal
Sreebhoothabali
Special Poojas
Pattulsavam
Adiyiloonu
Thidambu Nirtham
Kalathiliri
Theyyam Kodukkal
Theyyakolam of
Vishnumoorthi
Traditional Music

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The festival begins with *Kalavara Nirakkal* (the store house of the temple is filled with grains and vegetables and other items which are used to prepare food for devotees during festival days) from different regions. *Sreebhoothabali* and *Pattulsavam* along with special *Poojas* are held on the first six days. The final day's events include *Adiyiloonu*, *Thidambu Nirtham* etc. along with other rituals. Hundreds of singers gather to sing divine praises as an offering. A large number of devotees flock to the temple to witness the festival rituals, especially the *Pattulsavam*. The festival is also marked by mystical *Theyyam* performances.

