



KUMBHA BHARANI

EZHAMKULAM DEVI TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Ezhakulam Panchayath

District

Pathanamthitta

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Adoor – 6 km

Nearest Bus station

Ezhamkulam Bus stop – 200 M

**Nearest Railway
station**

Chengannur Railway station – 31 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum international Airport – 91.5 Km



ACCESSIBILITY

Ezhamkulam Devi Temple
Ezhamkulam
Parakkodu P. O, Adoor
Pathanamthitta
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CONTACT

DATES

February – March (Kumbham)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

3 days



TIME



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Kumbha Bharani is an annual three day festival celebrated at the Ezhamkulam Devi Temple. The deity is believed to be a manifestation of the Goddess at Kodungalloor. Legend has it that a couple of Avaruvilil Kuzhivelil house in Parakkodu visited the Kodungalloor temple. However, the husband went missing soon after offering prayers to the Goddess. The wife prayed to Devi and soon an old woman gave her company to go back home. When they reached Ezhamkulam, and as the old woman entered the reached Ezhamkulam they take rest with the side of a paddy field and back to home. When they walk to Padippura of her house she disappeared. The family of the house after astrological consultations came to understand that the lady who disappeared at the *Padippura* was none other than the Kodungalloor Goddess herself. A temple was built for her near the paddy field and the birth star of the Goddess is celebrated as part of the Kumbha Bharani festival.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

National



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

Above 50000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Malakkuda Ezhunnellippu
Kaviladiyanthiram
Navakom Pooja
Kettukazhcha
Thiru Ezhunnallathu
Garudan Thookkam
Kalamezhuthum Pattum
Fire works

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

The Kumbha Bharani is the annual festival at the Ezhamkulam Devi Temple. The festival is famous for Garudan Thookkam and Kettukazhcha that take place as part of the festival. *Malakkuda Ezhunnallippu* and *Kaviladiyanthiram* ceremony at night are the main rituals on *Aswathi*. The ritual is performed to please the Goddess worshipped in the shrine and is undertaken by a few devotees after doing the necessary purification rituals and *vratham*. Before 2 days the devotees going to *Mannady* temple for the blessings and come back to Ezhamkulam temple for *Thookkam*. Devotees hang from a chariot in the ritual and move around the shrine imitating *Garuda*, the *Vahana* or vehicle of *Vishnu*. Hundreds of devotees participate in the *Garudan Thookkam* festival. The temple is traditionally decorated with plantain, coconut leaves, flowers, traditional lamps and lights. The annual festival is noted for various other rituals. A fair is organized during the period. Display of fire works is organized at night.

