



CHANDANAKUDAM

PUTHURPALLI JUMA MASJID, CHANGANASSERY



LOCATION

Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation

Changanassery Municipality

District

Kottayam



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Changanassery Town – 200 m

Nearest Bus Station

KSRTC Bus Station – 200 m

Nearest Railway
Station

Changanassery Railway Station – 1 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 111 Km



CONTACT

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Changanassery- 686101



TIME

DATES

December

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

2 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Chandanakudam Festival at Puthurpalli is a manifestation of the religious harmony that exists among the Muslim, Hindu and Christian communities. The festival is an annual event held in the 400-year-old mosque. Royal patronage is accorded to the Chandanakudam festival since olden days. 'Chandanakkudam' refers to the festival procession of Muslims with a sacred pot filled with sandalwood. These pots are secured with sandal wood paste (*chandanam*) and hence the name 'Chandanakudam'.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Above 3000

EVENTS/PROGRAMMS

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)



Rasa
Elephant Procession
Cultural Programmes
Fireworks

The two-day festival is held in the month of December usually on Christmas day. The main highlight of this festival is the colourful *Chandanakudam* procession with five to seven beautifully adorned tuskers that begins from the Masjid. The festival starts with special prayers at the tombs of the Sufi saint Sayyid Hassankhadirayya and Sayyid Haja Abdul Rehman in the morning. The first day's celebrations come to a close with the reception offered to them by the Nair Service Society (NSS) leaders at Perunna. The second day's procession commences from Iruppa. The Metropolitan church and various government offices accord reception to the procession that concludes at the Puthurpalli premises. Cultural programmes, musical ensembles and firework displays are the added attractions

