



THIRUVUTSAVAM

MANIKANDAPURAM SREE KRISHNA SWAMY TEMPLE



LOCATION

Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation

Vakathanam Panchayat

District

Kottayam



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Vakathanam- 1.2 Km

Nearest Bus Station

Vakathanam- 1.2 Km

Nearest Railway
Station

Kottayam Railway Station – 12.7 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 95.5 Km



CONTACT

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Vakathanam - 686538



TIME

DATES

April –May (Medam)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Manikandapuram Sree Krishna Swamy Temple is a temple which has reference in *Unnuneeli Sandesham* which is one among the oldest literary works in Malayalam. The presiding deity in the temple is Lord Sree Krishna. Lord Shiva, *Bhagavathy*, *Bhadrakalai*, *Rakshassu* and *Ganapathi* are the sub deities of the temple. *Thiruvutsavam* is an annual festival conducted in Manikandapuram Sree Krishna Swami Temple. *Arattu* falls on the tenth day of the festival after flag hoisting. This festival is conducted annually to increase the vigour of the Lord in the temple.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

Over 5000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Thrikkodiyettu
Utsavabali Darshanam
Bhajana
Sreebali
Vilakkezhunnellippu
Ancham Purappadu
Varnotsavam
Seva
Pallivetta
Arattu

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The festival begins with ritualistic flag hoisting ceremony called *Thrikkodiyettu*. From the first day onwards special events like *Utsavabali Darshanam*, *Bhajana*, *Sreebali*, *Vilakkezhunnellippu* etc are conducted. On the fifth day of festival there is a ceremony called *Ancham Purappadu* accompanied by *Nadaswaram* and *Thavil*.

Sopana Nritham, *Ottan Thullal*, *Kathakali*, *Mayoora Nritham* etc are some of the temple arts which are staged during the festival. *Varnotsavam* is a special program in which cultural activities by children are staged. The festival ends with ritualistic bath of the deity in the pond called as *Arattu*.

