



# ADAVI MAHOTSAVAM

## PUTHANKAVU DEVI TEMPLE



LOCATION

Panchayath/  
Municipality/  
Corporation

Pandalam Panchayat

District

Pathanamthitta



## ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction**

Pandalam Town – 4 Km

**Nearest Bus station**

Temple Junction, MC Road – 500m

**Nearest Railway  
station**

Chengannur Railway Station – 19 Km

**Nearest Airport**

Trivandrum International Airport – 103 Km



## CONTACT

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## TIME

### DATES

February – March (*Kumbham*);

### FREQUENCY

Annual

### DURATION

13 Days

## ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The *Kurambala Padayani* festival is one of the famous *Padayani* in Pathanamthitta district. The legend is that Goddess *Bhadrakali* after killing the Demon *Darika* became very furious and destructive. Because of her immense power nobody was brave enough to go near her to make her calm. Her creator Lord Shiva laid on the way and *Kali Devi* without noticing him stepped on him. She understood her mistake regained her senses. But she was still in an angry mood and to calm her down, Lord *Shiva* with his aides (*Bhootha Gana*) wore effigies of different characters and danced before her. Goddess *Bhadrakali Devi* witnessing the painted masks, costumes of areca tree sheaths, and painted headgears became very happy. Since this dance was enjoyed by her, every year in *Bhadrakali* temples, effigies which are known as *Kolams* are made and dancers perform with the aid of percussion instrument known as *Thappu*. *Cymbals* and *Chenda* are other musical instruments used.



**RELEVANCE-**  
(Local / National /  
International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE  
PARTICIPATED**

Above 5000

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

## DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

*Padayani  
Adavi  
Kolungal  
Valiya Padayani*

*Chooral Adavi, Vellayum Kariyum Kolam, Pana, Kelayakshi, Ampalavum Vilakkum, Thulliozhikkal chiramudi, Adavi, Chooral Urulicha are the main ceremonies of this festival. The famous Chooral Adavis is part of the annual Padayani festival at the Puthenkavil Bhagavathy Temple in Kurampala, near Pandalam. It is held on February/March. It is a ritualistic dance reminiscent of the Narabali ritual or human sacrifice, and is held on the ninth day of the 13-day of annual Padayani festival at the temple. Devotees observe penance as a preparatory to the ritual and roll on the ground with thorny canes wrapped around the body. The festival concludes with the Bhairavi Kolam performance. Naayattu Padyani, Kalam Kolam and Bhairavi Kolam are part of the Padayani festival here.*

