



KUMBHA POORA PONGALA MAHOTHSAVAM

ANIKKATTIL AMMA SHIVA PARVATHY TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Anicadu Panchayat

District

Pathanamthitta



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Mallappally Town -3 Km

Nearest Bus Station

Mallappally Bus Station – 4Km

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Thiruvalla Railway Station – 17 Km

Nearest Airport

Nedumbasery International Airport – 114 Km



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TIME

DATES

February/March (*Kumbham*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

8 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

This is one of the rarest temples in Kerala where Adiparasakthi Sivan and Goddess Parvathi are worshiped with equal significance in one Sreekovil. The idols of Lord Shiva is in his tribal incarnation of Kiratha(hunter) with bow and arrow in his arms and Parvati has a sword in her hand. It is estimated that the temple came into existence around 1600 years ago during the early days of Edapally dynasty. The main idols of this temple are Santhana Gopala Vishnu and Sreechakram with God Ganapathy, Sastha, Mraharekshas, Nagaraja, Nagayekshi, Bhuvanewswary etc. as the sub-deities. The annual festival is celebrated for a period of 8 days starting in the *Kumbham* month and concludes on the day of the *Pooram* star, the birth star of Devi. The *Pongala* festival is quite famous and thousands of devotees from all around the state participate in the grand celebration



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Approx. 50000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hoisting
Annadanam
Cultural Programs and folk arts
Spiritual discourses
Seminars
Percussion Music
Musical Concerts
Dance
Kadhakali
Ottanthullal
Chakyarkoothu
Sopana Sangeetham
Pongala
Arattu

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The annual festival is observed in the Malayalam month of *kumbham* (February/March). The festival starts by flag hoisting ceremony and ends by *arattu*. The shrine is traditionally decorated with plantain, coconut leaves, flowers, leaves, traditional lamps and lights. There are special *poojas* and offerings during the festival period. Also *annadanam* is given on all days. Traditional performing arts and music and dance are staged during the festival period. Thousands of devotees throng to witness the events and rituals. Numerous cultural programs and temple arts are performed along with religious discourses on all days of the festival. Caparisoned elephants, *melam*, fireworks and *sheevali* are part of the festival. The Pongala festival is quite famous and thousands of devotees from all around the state participate in the grand celebration. On the day of Pongala, the women devotees offer pongala to the Goddess in the earthen pots. The famous Pongala is a rice porridge which is boiled over and over again. On that day, the temple is totally crowded and the rush spreads out of the temple premises to the public roads as thousands of women wait to get the blessings of the great Goddess. Not only from Kerala but women from various other states also come here during the pongala festival.

