



EKADASI UTSAVAM

SREE RAMA SWAMY TEMPLE, PUZHAKKATTARI



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Puzhakkattiri Panchayat

District

Malappuram



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Ramapuram – 500 m

Nearest Bus Station

Ramapuram Bus Stop – 500 m

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Angadippuram Railway Station – 8 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 33 Km



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TIME

DATES

February- March (*Kumbham*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

8 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Ekadashi Utsavam is an annual festival celebrated at the Rama Swamy Temple. Ekadashi is a religiously important day for the worship of Lord Vishnu. Lord Sree Rama, the seventh incarnation of Lord Vishnu is the presiding deity of the temple. The temple is one of the oldest in Malappuram district dating back to over 1000 years. The legend associated with this temple is that after living a prosperous life as the ruler of Ayodhya, Lord Rama handed the kingdom and other responsibilities to his sons and left Ayodhya to attain higher spiritual realms. On reaching this place it is said that he was mesmerized by its natural beauty and the serenity and chose the place for his meditation. Later on a temple dedicated to the Lord was built here.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

About 15,000



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettu
Cultural Programs
Spiritual discourses
Traditional performing arts
Drama
Percussion Music
Aarattu

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

Ekadasi Utsavam at this temple falls in Malayalam calendar month of *Kumbham*. The festival commences with the *Kodiyettu* or flag hoisting at the shrine. There are numerous vibrant cultural programmes associated with this festival. Food is served to all devotees on the festival days (*Annadanam*). The shrine is traditionally decorated and special rituals are performed. Thousands of devotees throng to witness the events and offer prayers to the Lord. The elephant procession and *Aarattu* (holy bathing) ceremony on the final day are significant traditional rituals.

