UTSAVAM

MANNOOR SHIVA TEMPLE, KOTTAPADI

LOCATION

Panchayat/ Municipality/ Corporation	Malappuram Municipality
District	Malappuram

ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/ Landmark/ Junction	Kottapadi Mosque – 150 m
Nearest Bus Station	Down Hill Malappuram Bus Stop – 220 m
Nearest Railway Station	Angadipuram Railway Station –19.8 Km
Nearest Airport	Calicut International Airport – 25 Km

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TIME	DATES	FREQUENCY	DURATION
	December – January *(Dhanu)*	Annual	8 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Sree Mannur Shiva temple is one of the oldest Shiva temples in Malappuram district. Utsavam at the temple is an annual affair conducted in the Malayalam calendar month of *Dhanu* to pay obeisance to Lord Shiva. The deity of Vettakkorumakan at the shrine is given equal importance and hence the Vettakkorumakan Pattulsavam is also conducted during the eight-day spectacular festival. This temple is one of the rarest Hindu shrines in Kerala with *Gajavrishtakrithi* (shape of an elephant) construction. The temple faces east. Lord Ganapathi and Lord Ayyappa are the sub deities.

RELEVANCE- (Local/National / International)	Local	NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED	Above 10,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettu
Pattulsavam
Aarattu
Elephant Procession
Percussion Music
Performing Arts
Cultural Programs

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The annual festival is celebrated in the Malayalam calendar month of *Dhanu* and is marked by eight days of festivities. It commences with the *Kodiyettu* or flag hoisting ceremony. Specials *Poojas* and rituals are performed to appease and seek the blessings of the Lord. The *Vettakkorumakan Pattulsavam* is a significant offering performed during the festival. *Aarattu* or the ritualistic bathing of the deity takes place on the final day to the accompaniment of elephant procession and percussion music. Various traditional performing arts and cultural events are staged during the festivities.