



KUMBHA ASWATHI MAHOTSAVAM

VALIKONAM SREE BHADRAKALI TEMPLE, THONNACKAL



LOCATION

Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation

Mangalapuram Panchayat

District

Thiruvananthapuram

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Thonnakkal Junction – 650 m

Nearest Bus Station

Thonnakkal Bus Stop – 1 Km

Nearest Railway
station

Murukkumpuzha Railway Station – 4.1 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 20.5 Km



ACCESSIBILITY



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

February - March

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Kumbha Aswathi Mahotsavam is the annual festival at the historic and ancient Thonnackal Valikkonam Sree Bhadrakali Temple. The presiding deity of the temple is Goddess Bhadrakali. The temple used to be an ancestral familial place of worship. However, now it functions under a common trust. Lord Vishnu, Lord Ganapathi, Goddess Bhuvaneswari, Yogeeshwaran, Yaksha, Manthra Moorthi etc are also worshipped at the temple. The annual festival is marked by many rituals and ceremonies spread over 10 days and thousands of people visit the shrine to offer prayers to the goddess.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED**

Around 10,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hoisting
Utsavabali
Nirakkazhcha
Kuthiyottam
Ponkala
Garudan Thoorkam
Gurusi
Cultural Programs

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The festival begins with the flag hoisting ceremony. *Utsavabali*, *Nirakkazhcha*, free food serving, *Kuthiyootam*, ornament procession, *Ponkala*, *Urul Arattu*, *Garudan Thoorkam*, *Gurusi* etc are the main events conducted during the festival. After 10 days of the festival, the temple will be closed for seven days and reopened on the seventh day with an offering called *Ponkala* from the devotees. The temple and its premises are beautifully decorated and is visited by a large number of devotees during the festival.

