



KOTTAKKAL POORAM

SREE VISHWAMBARA TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Kottakkal Municipality

District

Malappuram



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Kottakkal Town – 1.2 Km

Nearest Bus station

Kottakkal Old Bus Stand – 500 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Tirur Railway station - 16 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport -29 Km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

March-April (*Kumbham-Meenam*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

7 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Kottakkal Pooram, celebrated during March-April, is attractive for its cultural festivity. During the seven days, famous classical artistes of the country perform here. The Sree Viswambhara temple of Kottakkal, Malapuram organises its annual festival to honour Dhanvantari, the patron God of medicine and health. A series of Indian classical music concerts by well-known artistes is organized as a part of the festival, along with other traditional performing-arts of Kerala. The Viswambhara Temple Festival is famed for its harmony aspect as the temple permits access to all sections of people irrespective of religion and caste.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

National



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 10,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Hindustani Music
Carnatic Music
Kathakali
Ottanthullal
Chakyarkoothu
Panchavadyam
Thayambaka
Cultural Events
Elephant Procession

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

Kottakkal Pooram is the annual festival at the Sree Vishwambara temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu. The Lord is incarnated as *Dhanvanthari*. As per Indian mythology, *Dhanvanthari* is the patron god of medicine and health. People belonging to all faiths participate in this festovahence making it more popular. The festival days are made jubilant with a variety of programmes. Eminent music maestros give Hindustani and Carnatic musical concerts each day. *Kathakali*, *Ottanthullal* and *Chakyarkoothu* performances make this festival a rare visual treat. The *panchavadya* (traditional orchestra) performance is an awesome experience and people gather in hundreds to enjoy this. Th together make this festival a spectacular cultural fiesta enjoyed by all sections of people apart from its religious significance.

