



MARIYAMMAN UTHSAVAM KANCHIKAMAKSHIYAMMAN DEVI TEMPLE



LOCATION

Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation

Mananthavady Municipality

District

Wayanad



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Erumatheru– 1Km

Nearest Bus station

Erumatheru– 1Km

Nearest Railway
station

Kozhikode Railway Station – 97Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 115 Km



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TIME

DATES

April-May (*Medam*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

3 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

This is one of the famous temples situated in the heart of Mananthavady. Kanchi kamakshi amman and Mariyamman are the major deities of this temple and have equal importance. Lord Sreerama, Hanuman, Seetha, Ganapathy, Subramanya and Navagrahas are the sub deities. Another speciality is that, this is the only temple in Wayanad which has *Navagraha prathishta* (idols). Mariyamman festival is celebrated in the Malayalam month of *medam*. This festival is conducted in order to increase the vigour of the deity.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

5000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Cultural Activities
Musical Concerts
Traditional Arts
Annadanam
Thalappoli
Guruji

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

Annual festival of this temple is celebrated in the Malayalam month of *medam* (April/May). There are a number of traditional and cultural programmes associated with this festival. Also annadanam is held on all days. On the final day *thalappoli* takes place. *Thalappoli* is a unique ritual in Kerala. In this ritual, women and young girls carry *thalam* in their hands which is filled with rice, flowers and a lighted lamp and are accompanied by percussion music. This event is conducted to appease the deity and to bring prosperity to the entire community and the region. Festival ends with *Guruji*. This is a spiritual ritual performed on the last day of the festival. *Guruji* starts at midnight and continues till early morning.

