



# CHANTHATAM

## SREE OOTUKULANGARA BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



**Panchayath/  
Municipality/  
Corporation**

Peruvemba

**District**

Palakkad

**Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction**

Peruvemba junction– 1.3 km

**Nearest Bus station**

Peruvemba junction bus stop– 1.3 km

**Nearest Railway  
station**

Pudunagaram railway station- 3km

**Nearest Airport**

Coimbatore International Airport- 72km



Sri Ootukulangara Bhagavathy Temple  
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TIME

DATES

November- December ( *Vrischikam*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

41 days



### ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The land where Peruvemba temple now exists was originally a farmland. When working on the land, a farm worker noticed that the plough accidentally hit a stone and the stone started to bleed. The worker was scared at this sight and he immediately fled from the scene to intimate the land owner. The land owner inspected the scene and called for an astrologer who performed a *Devaprasnam* and found that it was Bhadrakali in *Swayambhu* form (self-incarnated in the stone) and as per the astrological prediction, a small temple without a roof was built.

Since the stone was found under the shade of an Ashoka tree, the tree itself was chosen to act as the roof to the temple. This is how the Ootukulangara Temple came into existence. At the Peruvemba temple, Bhagavati is worshipped in Bhadrakali form. Often, the name Bhadrakali is misinterpreted as being one of the fiercest forms of the Devi. However, this is not true. Bhadrakali literally means, "That Kali who safeguards Her Devotees" and as per *Agrala Stotram* created by Markandeya, Bhadrakali bestows Happiness and Peace upon her devotees.



RELEVANCE-  
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Approximately 10000

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Vilakku  
Niravilakku  
Special poojas

## DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

Patham Padhiyam popularly known as Chanthatam is the major temple festival. It normally falls in the last week of December. The festival begins from the Malayalam month of *Vrischikam* or Mandalamasam. *Vilakku* (lighting of lamps in the temple and special pooja) is daily performed from the first day of *Vrischikam masam* to chanthatam festival. The chanthatam is celebrated after 41 *Niravilaku* in the first following Monday or Thursday. Devotees offer auspicious offering of the Bagavathy '*chanthatam*' to the Bagavathy at the festival day. The temple is open till 1 PM from the morning at the Chanthatam day.

During this day, there is a day when everyone is allowed to freely enter the inner portals of the temple and reach very near the goddess. The temple has its own *Aal maram* and temple pond. The dewaswom building is now newly built alongside the kalyana mandapam. This temple is very near the Shiva kshetram and Ganapathy temple of the Gramam.

