



MANGOTTUKAVU VELA

SREE MANGOTTUKAVU DEVI TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Alathur

District

Palakkad



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Kavussery Panchayat Post office- 4.6 km

Nearest Bus station

Athipotta bus stop – 290 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Lakkidi railway station – 15 km

Nearest Airport

Coimbatore International Airport- 97 km
Calicut International Airport- 98 km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

April-May (*Medam*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

7 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Mangottu Bhagawathi is supposed to have come to this place to fulfill the desire of a weaver. This weaver, Kuttan, was a great devotee of the Goddess. He and his people wove clothes and sold them in places where festivals were held. It is said that at one place, he was so mesmerized by the appearance of the Devi in the festival procession there that he pleaded her to come along with him. At that time, there was a whirl wind which removed the clothes of the idol of the Goddess which was being taken out in procession. Kuttan immediately threw the cloth that he had brought to sell on to the goddess. This cloth fell on the Goddess and got attached there. Next day Kuttan returned to his village. He was carrying an Umbrella. At a particular point he got so tired that he kept the Umbrella on floor and slept nearby. When he woke up, he was not able to remove the umbrella from the ground. An astrologer was summoned who told Kuttan that the Goddess had occupied the Umbrella and she wants to live in this place. Then the astrologer threw the stick in his hand and told that a temple should be built where it falls. This place is the present Athipotha.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Approximately 4000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettam
Kari-kali
Chamanz-kali
Kummatti
Chakiyar koothu
Paava koothu
Various art forms

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

In the month of Medam (April–May) a festival is conducted here lasting seven days, after the first Sunday of that month. Apart from that after the Pooram festival of Parakkattu Bhagawathi temple, that Bhagawathi shuts her temple and comes and stays in Athipotha for seven days during the month of *Meenam* (March–April).

Every year the annual festival (Vela) is conducted on the second Sunday after *Vishu* (in April), the starting of the Malayalam new year. The Mangottu Kavu vela is preceded by a host of festivities starting exactly a week before the actual festival. On the first Sunday after *Vishu* the *Kodiyettam* (Flag hoisting) ceremony is performed. On Monday there is a kari-kali dance festival, wherein members of the Mannadiar and Nair community visit all the Hindu homes in the locality and dance and sing the deities devotional songs. On Tuesday chamanz-kali follows. Here too members of the Mannadiar and Nair community sing devotional songs visiting each Hindu home in the locality. Wednesday there is *Kumatti* festival. There are other cultural events like *chakiyaar koothu*, *paava koothu* and so on during this festival period. A host of devotees arrive for the main vela festival. This is a very important temple and various types of worship are offered here. Some of them are *Pana Patasam*, *Ney Payasam*, *Tri kala pooja*, *Chandattam*, *Sahasranama pooja* etc. There are also special poojas along with chanting of *Eika mathya Sooktham*, *Sri Sooktham* and *Bhagya Suktham*.

