



KAVADI MAHOTSAVAM

SURYADEVA TEMPLE, ADITHYAPURAM



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Eravimangalam Panchayat

District

Kottayam



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Kakkathumala Bus Stop – 500 m

Nearest Bus Station

Kakkathumala Bus Stop – 500 m

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Kottayam Railway Station – 26 Km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 47 Km



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TIME

DATES

April - May (*Medam*)
November – December (*Vrishchikam*)

FREQUENCY

Bi-Annual

DURATION

4 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Kavadi Mahotsavam is associated with celebrations at the Suryadeva Temple in Adityapuram dedicated to the Sun God. The divine idol at the temple is installed facing west and regular *Abhishekam* is done by oil and water. The shrine is the only Sun temple in Kerala. The first and last Sundays of the Malayalam month of *Vrishchikam* and *Medam* are considered auspicious and special ceremonies and rituals are performed during this period. Legend has it that the idol of Surya Deva was consecrated during the '*Tretayuga*'. It is believed that a *Namboodiri* (Brahmin) who belonged to the '*Kapikkadu Marangattu Mana*' performed a deep meditation or '*Tapas*' to please the Sun God '*Aditya*'. Pleased by his devotion, *Aditya* appeared before him and instructed him to consecrate an idol in the place. Regular pujas and rituals were started from then on. At present, descendants of the very same Brahmin hold the *tantric* rights of the temple.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

More than 2000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Prayers and Rituals
Cultural Programs
Kavadi Procession



DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

Kavadi Mahotsavam is a 4-day festival conducted during the Malayalam calendar months of *Medam* and *Vrishchikam*. Devotees carry different kinds of *Kavadi* on the final day of the festival as an offering to God. This includes *Rakthachandana Kavadi* which is believed to cure diseases. Other special rituals such as *Abhishekam* is also conducted during the festival. Hundreds of devotees visit the temple to pray for their well-being and participate in the various holy rituals.

