



PRATHISTADINAM

MELAKKAM SREE KALIKAVU BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Manjeri Municipality

District

Malappuram



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Manjeri

Nearest Bus station

Manjeri – 4 km

**Nearest Railway
station**

Angadipuram–22 km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 22 km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

February-March (*Kumbham*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

7 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

This is one of the famous temples in Malappuram district with more than 900 year old history. Goddess is the main deity, Ganapathy and Ayyappa are the sub deities. This is one of the only temple in Kerala where the ritualistic *kalampattu* ceremony takes place every day in an year. *Prathishtadinam* is celebrated in order to celebrate the birthday of the deity. Hence this festival is celebrated in a grand manner.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

10,000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Percussion music
Musical concerts
Bharathanatyam
Mohiniyattam
Ottanthullal
Kuchupudi
Seminars
Religious discourses
Kalamezhuthu pattu

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

Prathishtadina mahothsavam in Melakkam Sree Kalikavu Bhagavathy temple falls in the Malayalam month of *kumbham*. There are numerous number of cultural programmes, seminars, religious discourses associated with this festival, also *annadanam* is provided on all days. Different types of dance forms like *bharathanatyam*, *mohiniyattam*, *kuchupudi* etc and musical concerts are staged during this period. On all the festival days *kalamezhuthu pattu* is performed. This is a ritualistic art form involving the drawing of a picture of Bhagavathy with colour powder. Festival comes to end on the *pooyam* asterism of Malayalam month *kumbham*. That day is considered as the *pirannal* (birthday) of the deity.

