



KODIYETTA MAHOTSAVAM

SREE RAGHAVAPURAM TEMPLE, PAYYANUR



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Cheruthazham Panchayat

District

Kannur



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Tisk English Medium school– 750 m

Nearest Bus Station

Temple Bus Stop – 500 m

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Pazhayangadi Railway Station - 8 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 135 Km



CONTACT

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DATES

January - February (21 – 25 *Makaram*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

5 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Mahotsavam is an annual festival at the Raghavapuram Hanuman Temple and is celebrated during the Malayalam calendar month of *Makaram*. The temple, also known as *Valliya Ambalam* is one of the most ancient and famous *Vaishnava* temples of Northern Kerala. It is said to have been constructed in the 8th century A.D. by Udaya Varman Kolathiri and finds mention in the legendary Panchapurana. Legend has it that when Lakshmana (Lord Rama's brother) was injured during the Rama-Ravana war, Hanuman was sent to bring a certain herbal plant (*Mrithasanjeevani*) to cure him. As Hanuman carried the entire Himalayan mountain of Ishabhadri (since he was unable to identify the herb) with the *Mrithasanjeevani*, a piece of the mountain broke and fell from his hands at the place where the temple now stands. The pieces were said to have fallen in seven segmented portions one touching the other to form the present day Ezhimala Hills. The divine presence of Hanuman and Lord Rama is believed to have existed in the place since then. Lord Rama (with his consort Sita), Lord Anjaneya, Lord Parameshwara (Lord Shiva) and Goddess Durga are the main deities worshipped at the temple.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 3000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettam
Thirumulkazhcha
Pallivetta
Aarattu
Aarattu Sadya
Thayambaka
Thidambu Nritham
Cultural Activities

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The annual temple festival or Mahotsavam is celebrated from the 21st to 25th of the Malayalam calendar month of *Makaram*. During the festival, the idols (*uthsavamoorthi*) of Lord Rama with his consort Sita, Lord Hanuman, Lord Shiva and Goddess Durga are carried by *Brahmins* on their head who perform a special ritualistic dance called *Thidambu Nritham*. The *Thidambu Nritham* with 4 idols is unique to the temple. The festival is marked by various rituals like *Thirumulkazhcha*, *Pallivetta* (ritualistic hunting), *Aarattu*, *Aarattu Sadya*, *Thayambaka* etc. Hundreds of devotees throng the temple premises to offer prayers to the divine presence at the shrine. Cultural events like musicals are also organized during the festival days.

