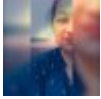


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ATTUKAL PONGAL: TODAY

Attukal Pongal is celebrated in Attukal Bhagavathy Amman Mandir (Ker)
It is a sweet offering of Rice, Jaggery, Coconut n water in earthen pots and prepared in fireplace made with bricks. These 5 elements show relationship of Human life with Panch Bhutas



Women from different parts of Kerela take part in this festival and take vratha for 9 days. On the first day, thottam pattu takes place. This is like a song which tells the whole story of kannaki. The right to sing Thottam pattu goes to a particular family.

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This is sung in a green shed made with coconut leaves in front of the Mandir. This ritual lasts till the 10th day of festival. Villakku kettu is an offering which is done during the 10 days of festival. It is a huge lamp decorated with flowers, glitter paper, cloth etc.



They are taken to the mandir and finally it is burnt in the mandir.

Thaloppoli is another ritual done by girls under 10 years of age on the day of pongala. It is performed for health, wealth and prosperity of the family. The girls are beautifully decorated with little crowns.



Kuthiottam is a ritual performed by boys below 12 years of age. It is believed that these boys are injured soldiers of Mahishasura mardhini. They have to stay in the mandir for 7 days.

Pongala concludes with Guruthi pooja which is a special ritual performed by the main pujari.



Separate thread on Devi Kannagi, written earlier ■ <https://t.co/ZN4CsyvW9i>

STORY OF DEVI KANNAGI

Kannagi is worshipped as Devi in many areas. She is the epitome of chastity. In Kerela, she is worshipped as Bhadrakali and Attukal Devi.

For Sinhalese Buddhists of Sri Lanka, she is Devi Pattini and Kannaki Amman for the Sri Lankan Tamil Hindus.

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