



CAR FESTIVAL, NURANI VILLAGE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Palakkad

District

Palakkad



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Puthupally Post Office– 300 m

Nearest Bus station

Sadam square Bus Stop – 210 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Palakkad town railway station – 2.5 km

Nearest Airport

Coimbatore International Airport- 70 km



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TIME

DATES

March-April (*Painguni*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Nurani is a renowned village in Palakkad district of Kerala State and is famous for its culture and religious fervor. According to legends, this area belonged to Kurur *Mana* and Neelakanta Nambooridipad was the head. He as a harden *Bhaktha* of Lord Dharma Sastha was a regular visitor of Aryankavu for *Darshan* of Lord. Due to old age, he could not visit Aryankavu and was lamenting. As per the advice of Ayyappa (who came in his dream), he built a temple in his courtyard, installed the above idols seated on the elephant, worshipped them and got solace. About five centuries ago Brahmins – mostly Scholars, Pandits, Vaidikas, Priests and Cooks – from Thiruvannamalai in north arcot district and other parts of Tamilnadu came here in search of pastures new and established their dwelling in the present *Agraharam* (village). These Brahmins engaged the *Aadhivasi*, who were inhabitants of a nearby colony, for cultivation. Once when the *Aadhivasis* were working to clear bushes in a hillock, they heard the sound of bells and experienced a fragrance and strange phenomena. On hearing this, the Brahmins ordered further excavation and, to their astonishment, found three cylindrical *vigrahas*, a small granite elephant another flat *vigraha* buried under the hillock. On conducting *Ashtamangalya deva prasna* by eminent Astrologer and *Pandits*, it was found that The cylindrical *Vigrahas* are of Hariharaputhra (Ayyappa), Poorna and pushkala (the two consorts of Hariharaputhra) and the flat one of Ilaya Bhagavathy (Malikapurathamma). On hearing this, the Brahmins rejoiced and decided that the idols should be installed in a suitable temple and daily *poojas* should be conducted as prescribed by *Agama Sastras* for the prosperity of the village.

They built the temple at the North Western end, facing the entrance of the village and installed the three cylindrical *vigrahas* with the granite elephant. As Siva *Dhrishti* (sight of Siva) is said to be *Ugra* (harsh), to protect the residents of the street facing the Siva temple, a Bala Maha Ganapathy temple was erected directly facing the Siva Temple. A *Rajagopuram* constructed by the present generation in front of Ganapathy Temple is an added attraction. Certain family members and individuals were kind enough to sponsor major combination for the construction of all three temples of the village.

Daily *Thrikala Poojas* are being conducted in all the temples, as prescribed by *Agama Sastras*. As the idols were found by *Aadhivasis* during the excavation, they were also given a share by installing the flat *vigraha* (Malikapurathamma) in their colony, whom they worship in their own style. Soon after the *Sasthapreethi* functions, villagers visit here with *Narthakas* and exchange view each other



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

Approximately 8000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Dhwajaroohanam
Special poojas
Religious discourses
Procession
Aarattu

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

There are two Car festivals in the Nurani village. One at Sivan kovil, Panguni uthiram *ratholsavam* at Siva Temple. Name itself shows that it falls in the month of Panguni (March – April) and *Dhwajaroohanam* is before 8 days in *Rohini* star and *Ratholsavam* on 9th day. *Dhwajaavarohanam* is on the 10th day after *arattu*.

Second car festival is at Maha Vishnu temple. Here also *Dhwajaroohanam* is on *rohini* star in the month of *chithira* (mostly *Akshaya Thritheeya*) and car festival on the 9th day in *Uthiram* star. Here importance is stressed on *Dhwajaavarohanam* on 10th day after *aarattu* in *hastham* star. In some months it may go to the month of *vaikasi*.

