



PERUNGOTTUKAVU POORAM

PERUNGOTTUKAVU BHAGAVATHI TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Nemmara

District

Palakkad

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Elavanchery Village Office – 1.4 km

Nearest Bus station

Vattekkad Bus Stop -2.1 km

**Nearest Railway
station**

Kollengode Railway station- 6.7 km

Nearest Airport

Coimbatore International Airport- 90 km



ACCESSIBILITY

Trustee / Manager
Perugottu kavu Dewaswom
Kizhakkumuri P.O.Via Nemmara
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CONTACT



TIME

DATES

January-February

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

7 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Once a king (Some say the king was Samoothiri Raja who was ruling Malabar in the olden days) wanted to have *darshan* of his favourite Goddess and did severe *Thapas*. After worshipping for many years, the Bhagavathi, pleased with his devotion, decided to fulfill his wishes and asked the king to follow her by the sound of her anklets. The Bhagavathi told him that the moment he utters a word she would freeze at the place and the king would get only a partial *darshan* of Goddess.

He followed her for quite a long time and got the partial darshans of the Goddess in the different forms of sound, hands, above breast and legs. Not satisfied with these partial *darshan* he followed her further to get a full *darshan*. After a long time he got *poorna darshan* of Bhagavathy at the slopes of Thenmala (part of Western Ghats) at Perungottukavu. After that the king attained *moksham*.

Present Form: Here the *Bhagavathi* is in a sitting position with left leg folded and right leg kept on the peetam. Till 2002 the idol was of stone and was 2 feet high. In 2002 *puna: prathishta* was done and the present *Dharu silpam* was placed. This idol is approximately 4 feet in height and the Goddess holds a *Thrisoolam* in right upper hand, sword in right lower hand, the severed head of the *asura* in left upper hand and plate in left lower hand.

Inside the *garbhagriha* to the right side of the main deity is Ganapathy. Ganesha is visible only if the devotees view from the side. Then we can see the oil lamp inside and this is worshipped as Ganapathy. In the inner *prakaram* in the South West corner Ayyappa's *prathishta* is there. Nagas are positioned in the North-West corner.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

Approximately 6000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Ganapathi homam
Kalasa pooja
Laksharchana
Sandya Deepam
Panchvadyam
Nadaswaram
Kalasabhishekam
Annadhanam

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

In the *Karitakamasam*, *Laksharchana* is conducted in a big way for two days. *Ganapathi homam*, *Kalasa pooja*, *Laksharchana*, *Sandya Deepam*, elephant procession and *kalasabhishekam* are done on the first day.

On the second day also *Ganapathi homam*, *Kalasa pooja* and *Laksharchana*, are done followed by *Kalasa* procession on elephant alongwith *Panchvadyam*, *Nadaswaram* etc and this ends with *kalasabhishekam*.

Later *annadhanam* is organised. On the first 12 days in *Karkitakamasam* special poojas are done every year. Also *Bhagavathisevas* are done in this *masam*. On the first Friday of all Malayala *masams* (*Mupattu velliyaazhcha*) *Devi namajapam* and *annadhanam* are conducted

