



KARTHIKA VELA

VARAVOOR PALAKKAL BHAGAVATHI TEMPLE, CHALAKUDY



LOCATION

Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation

Varavoor Panchayat

District

Thrissur

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Kundannur – 2.2 km

Nearest Bus station

Ottupara Bus Station – 6.9 km

Nearest Railway
station

Shoranur Junction Railway Station – 13.5 km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 77.3 km



ACCESSIBILITY

Varavoor Palakkal Bhagavathi Temple,
Varavoor. P. O,
Chittanda – Thalassery Road,
Thrissur - 680585
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CONTACT



TIME

DATES

February – March

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

2 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The history of *Palakkal Bagavathi* temple started years ago when a saintly man reached this place. He started worshipping the great *Parashakthi* in the form of holy *Sreechakra*. The goddess *shakthi* appeared in front of him and disappeared leaving the powerful *kala* as the source of her power. After the period of holy man, this temple fell into the hands of *mandalika* and they started worshipping goddess in the form of *Badrakali*. As the age of *mandalika* ended, Brahmins took control of the temple and started worshipping the goddess in the form of *Durgadevi*. This form of worship is still continuing here under the governance of Cochin *Devaswom* Board.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED**

Approximately 1000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Melam
Kavadi
Kalam Kalaasham
Vedikketu

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

Melam, traditional Kerala temple music with five instruments, is performed as part of the ritual. Caparisoned elephants and *Kavadi* are part of the festivities. Traditional performing arts, music and dance are staged during the period. The temple is traditionally decorated with plantain, coconut leaves, flowers, leaves, traditional lamps and lights

