



MEENABHARANI MAHOTSAVOM

PALKULANGARA SREE BHAGAVATHI TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Trivandrum Corporation

District

Thiruvananthapuram

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Enchakkal Bypass – 1 Km

Nearest Bus station

Enchakkal Bus Stop – 1 Km

**Nearest Railway
station**

Petta Railway Station – 1 Km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport – 3 Km



ACCESSIBILITY



CONTACT

Palkulangara Devi Temple
Sangeetha Nagar
Enchakkal Bypass
Trivandrum - 695024
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TIME

DATES

March – April (Meenam)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

10 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The Meenabharani festival is an annual festival at the Palkulangara Devi temple. The Shrine is more than 700 years old. Devi is worshipped in 2 different forms in the temple – Durga and Bhadra Kali. Legend has it that the main deity was installed by Arjuna. After installing the deity, Arjuna sent an arrow to the ground and it made way to a pond of milk. The milk from the pond was said to be used for various temple rituals like Abhishekam. Palkulangara means the banks of the pond of milk (Pal - Milk, Kulam - Pond, Kara - Banks).



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Above 10, 000

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Kodiyettu
Utsavabali
Sreebhoothabali
Annadanam
Kumkuma Laksharchana
Parayeduppu
Pongala
Arattu
Thrikkodiyirakku
Elephant Procession
Cultural programmes

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The festival begins with the Kodiyettu or the flag hoisting ceremony. It lasts for ten days and the dates fall in the Malayalam month of Meenam. The temple is beautifully decorated and various rituals are performed during the festival days. This includes Utsavabali, Sreebhoothabali, Kumkuma Laksharchana, Parayeduppu and Aarattu. Aarattu and Thrikkodiyirakku marks the culmination of the festival. Cultural programs, especially musical renditions make the festival evenings divine and enchanting. Women offer Pongala (preparation of offerings on hearths for the Goddess) to the deity. Thousands of devotees throng the temple during these days to offer prayers to the Goddess.

