



NILAMBUR PATTU UTSAVAM

VETTAKKORUMAKAN TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Nilambur Municipality

District

Malappuram



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Near Puthiya Kovilakam Homestay – 35 m

Nearest Bus station

Nilambur New Bus Stand – 500 m

**Nearest Railway
station**

Nilambur Railway Station – 4 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 44.5 Km



CONTACT

Vettakkorumakan Temple
Nilambur Kovilakam,
Nilambur- 679329



TIME

DATES

January (*Dhanu*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

6 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Legend has it that Vettakkorumakan, the main deity of the temple, is the son of Lord Shiva and his consort Parvathy and was born while Shiva and Parvathy were on a hunting expedition to the forest. He is believed to have become the king of the forest. When Vettekkorumakan accepted the invitation of the Nilambur Kovilakam King to reside at their family temple as their family God, his only demand was that elaborate arrangements must be made for him to meet his people, the tribals of the forest, once a year. The 'Paattu' festival is thus believed to have come into existence. The *Paattu* in *Nilambur Paattu* refers to songs sung in praise of the Lord. In *Nilambur Kovilakam* records, this festival is also referred to as *Paattu Atiyanthiram*. This festival offers the people of Nilambur to relive and refresh their memories about *Nilambur Kovilakam*. The festival has gone far beyond its religious significance and nowadays it is celebrated as a cultural event with the participation of people belonging to different faiths.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

National



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

Over 1 Lakh

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Nilambur pattu
Sarvani Sadya
Komaram Thullal
Tribal Songs
Village Fair
Musical Shows
Cultural Events
Elephant Procession

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The annual festival of the Vettakkorumakan Temple is known as Nilambur Pattu Utsavam. The festival is celebrated in the month of *Dhanu* (January) of the Malayalam calendar. The celebration continues for 6 days and is marked by singing of hymns praising the God, by the Royal Family along with the tribals of Nilambur. As a part of the festival, *Sarvani Sadya* (food) is distributed by the temple to tribals. The serving of food doesn't stop until the *Mooppan* (head of the tribals) announces that he and his people are satisfied with the food and that now the serving can be stopped. It is said that on average about 2000 kilos of rice are prepared during the day. Adorned elephants, drums, *Komaram* (considered as messengers of the God), various cultural programs, etc. are the other highlights of this festival. Many cultural activities take place in the nearby area of temple too. The festival has in present times also extended to a cultural gathering attracting thousands of artistes and lakhs of people.

