



NEMMARA VELLANGI VELA

 LOCATION	Panchayat/ Municipality/ Corporation	Nenmara Panchayat
	District	Palakkad
 ACCESSIBILITY	Nearest Town/ Landmark/ Junction	EMS Memorail Park- 350 m
	Nearest Bus station	Nenmara Bus Stop – 350m
	Nearest Railway station	Palakkad Railway Station – 27 Km Kollengode Railway Station – 13 Km
	Nearest Airport	Cochin International Airport –91 Km
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**TIME****DATES**

April (1-20 Meenam)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

20 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

(Legend/History/Myth)

Nemmara Vallangi Vela is a very famous harvest festival of Palakkad. An astounding festival of colours, art forms, fireworks and elephants, Nemmara Vallangi Vela, organised by two deshams or counties namely Nemmara and Vallangi, is pumped up by the friendly rivalry of these two regions. The festival is held every year in the Nellikulangara Bhagavathy temple the presiding deity of which is Goddess Bhagavathy. The festival provides an occasion to enjoy some of the colourful folk arts of this place such as *Kummati*, *Karivela* and *Andivela*.


RELEVANCE-
 (Local / National / International)

National


**NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED**

Over 1,00,000



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

*Kodiyettam
Panchvadyam
Pandimelam
Kalam pooja
Kalam paattu
Kummati
Karivela*

DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

The festival falls in the Malayalam calendar month of 'Meenam' corresponding to the first week of April. It commences with the *Kodiyettam* or the flag hoisting ceremony. The festivities last for 20 days, the last day marked by the '*Vela*'. The festival is known for its magnificent fireworks and traditional percussion music. Processions from Nenmara and Vallangi assemble at the Nellikulangara Bhagavathi Temple. *Kalam Pattu* (singing of songs in praise of the Goddess) and *Kalam Pooja* are performed as part of the celebrations. *Kummati*, a ritual art form is usually witnessed from the 9th to 17th day. On the 18th day, *Kari Vela* is carried out. Performers smear their bodies with black powder representing Goddess Kali and the *Bhoota Ganas* or disciples of Lord Shiva during this *Vela*. It is symbolic of the victory of Goddess Kali over the demon Darika. The final day of the festival is replete with colourful and ritualistic processions and fabulous fireworks that go on late into the night.

