



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, Nenmara 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 *Kummatti*, *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
Kummatti
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. *Kummatti*, 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.

