A highly vibrant festival held at the Neelamperoor Palli Bhagavathy Temple, the Neelamperoor Padayani is a celebration of many colours and cultures. This annual Patayani festival falls in the Malayalam month of *Chingam* (usually August/September).  
  
Patayani, which literally translates to rows of army, is performed at several temples in Kerala. However, the Patayani conducted at Neelamperoor is distinct in many ways.   
  
One of the striking elements and what sets this festival apart is the Kettukazhcha, which involves the display of beautifully decorated effigies. Huge and imposing effigies of swans and other legendary characters are taken out in a grand procession.   
  
The elaborate process of making these stunning effigies of swans is locally known as*annam kettu*. As night falls, the vibrant procession carrying the effigies of mythological characters like Bhima, Ravana and Yakshi enhances the ambience and creates an ethereal atmosphere.

*Getting there*

**Nearest railway station:**Changanassery, about 10 kms  
**Nearest airport:**Cochin International Airport, about 101 kms