

VAMANAPURAM BLOCK

Vamanapuram Block Panchayat is the largest block in Thiruvananthapuram district. It is situated in Nedumangad Taluk and has an area of 421.15 Sq. Km. (19.22% of total area of the district) There are 8 Grama Panchayat viz. Vamanapuram, Kallara, Nellanad, Pullampara, Pangod, Manickal, Nanniyod and Peringamala and 11 Villages viz. Vamanapuram, Kallara, Nellanad, Pullampara, Pangod, Kurupuzha, Palode, Peringammala, Thenoor, Manickal and Koliyakode under the jurisdiction of the block. The block panchayat has 15 block divisions. The block has a secretary (Block Development Officer), Joint Block Development Officers, Extension Officer and supporting staff at its office to perform the day to day activities.

The total population of the block as per 2001 censuses is 203349 of which 105194 are male and 115155 are female. The population density is 523 and sex ratio is 1056. The literacy ratio of this block is 89.12 percentages. Venjaramood is the major town which is situated 30 km from district headquarters on the way to Kottarakkara.

The physiography of the block includes low hills with isolated hillocks, laterite mounds and valleys. The eastern part of the block is under reserve forest.

There are a number of schools upto higher secondary levels in the block. There are two Arts and Science Colleges, one Engineering college, one medical college, one Ayurveda College and several other educational institutions. Ponmudi Hill Station, Santhigiri Ashramam, Pirappancode International Swimming Pool, Happy land Amusement park, Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute, etc. are situated in this block.

The State Highway-1 passes through the western part of the block. The block has excellent transport network and is well connected to all parts of the district including state capital. The block does not find any place in the railway map.

Agriculture is the primary occupation of the people of the block. Cultivable lands are classified as wet, dry, garden and plantations. Rubber is the major plantation crop in the block. Coconut, Banana, Vegetables are also cultivated. The major river draining through the block is the Vamanapuram River. The block falls in the category of 'white' which means that less than 65 percent of the ground water is utilized.