

The Dance of the Divine

An ancient ritualistic form of worship, the folk art Theyyam is a blend of dance, music and fervent devotion. Fiery colours, awe inspiring headgears, costumes and face designs, the rhythm of the chenda, the intense fragrance of the burning camphor and intense passion all combine to offer you an experience worth a lifetime.





Dance of the Divine

Clad in fiery red, these infuriated spirits will bless you for prosperity and will take away your fret. Colourful and rich in presentation, Theyyam is a ritualistic folk dance which has an elite place in the heritage of Kerala. Theyyam which literally means God is a combination of ritual, theatrical and lived culture of the northern parts of Kerala.

Performed in Kavu, Kalari and Tharavadu (traditional family houses) especially in Kannur and Kasaragod districts, Theyyam developed regional variations. Of the over 400 Theyyams evolved over centuries, Theyyam is a synthesis of tribal, Dravidian and Aryan cultural practices and many of them are confined to certain localities and the right to perform it restricted to certain communities.

The Theyyam season begins after the harvest in October and continues till April-May.



Theyyam Calendar

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KURUMBA BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Dhanu 7 - 11

Date - English

Second half of December

Theyyams Performing Here

KolaswaroopathinkalThaivam,
Paradevatha, Oorpazhasshi,
Vettakorumakan, Padaveeran,
Chooliyar Bhagavathy,
Muvalankuzhi Chamundy,
Vishnumoorthy, Gulikan

Google Cordinates

11.916153, 75.357295

Address of Temple

Pattuvatheru Chirakkal,
Kannur

Contact

Sri. Sasi, Secretary
Contact no: 9995935409

Major Committee

Major Committee: Pathinal Nagaram
Kshetra Samrakshana Samithi
Secretary: R C Thampan
Contact No: 9447688276

MADAPPALLI SOMESWARI TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Kundor Chamundi, Bhagavathy,
Vishnumoorthy,
Padaveeran,
Gulikan,
Muvalamkuzhi Chamundi

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Dhanu 22 - 23

Date - English

First half of January

Google Cordinates

12.177453,75.186291

Address of Temple

Karivellur
Kannur

Major Committee

Major Committee: Pathinal Nagaram Kshetra
Samrakshana Samithi,
Secretary: R C Thampan
Contact No: 9447688276

KUNNATHURPADI MUTHAPPAN DEVASTHANAM



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Dhanu 4 - Makaram 6

Date - English

December - January

Theyyams Performing Here

Puthiya Sri Muthappan,
Puramkala Sri Muthappan,
Naduvazhissan Daivam,
Thiruavappana,
Moolampetta Bhagvathi

Google Cordinates

12.078475,75.620010

Address of Temple

Payyavoor,
Kannur

Contact

Sri. S K Kunhiraman Nayanar, Trustee, Kunnathurpadi
Muthappan Devasthanam,
Contact no: +91-498-210283

SRI KAITHERI EDAM BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Vettakkorumakan-Deyvathar,
Gulikan,
Bhadrakali,
Sreeporkali

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Kumbham 6/7/8/

Date - English

Second half of February

Google Cordinates

11.853655,75.582190

Address of Temple

Kuthuparamba,
Kaitheri, Kannur

Contact

Secretary, Kaitheri Edam
Bhagavathy Temple,
Contact No: +91-490 2364273

Major Committee

Koyma: Kaitheri Karthavu Family

SREE PUTHIYA BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Thee Chamundi, Vishnumoorthy, Puthiya Bhagavathy and other theyyams

Address of Temple

Near Naval Academy,
Pazhayangadi, Kannur

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Kumbham 16 -19

Date - English

First half of March

Google Cordinates

12.015040,75.203518

SREE KUDAKKATH KOTTANACHERY TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Vettaikkorumakan, Vishnumoorthy, Angakulangara Bhagavathy, Anthikolam, Karanavar Theyyam, Kavil Theyyavum Kalikkathirayum, Kundaro Chamundi, Madayil Chamundi, Ottakolam, Pallakarivedan, Pallakikurathi, Pallakichamundi, Panchuruli, Pattar Theyyam, Raktha Chamundi, Thoovakkaran

Google Cordinates

12.152768,75.216095

Address of Temple

Vellur, Kannur

Contact

Sree Kodakkathu Kottanacherry Temple Devaswom Committee,
Contact No: +91-4985 266515,
www.kudakkathkottanachery.com

CHAMAKKAVU TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Thiruvirakkattu Bhagavathy,
Vettaikkorumakan,
Kelamkulangara Bhagavathy,
Panchuruli,
Paramakali,
Kaavil Theyyam

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Makaram 13 - 17

Date - English

Second half of January

Google Cordinates

12.152166,75.209495

Address of Temple

Vellur, Kannur

Contact

P K Balakrishnan Nambiar,
Secretary,
Contact No: +91-4985 266954

Major Committee

Koyma: Vellur Periyadan Family

SREE PORKKALI KAVU



Theyyams Performing Here

Padaveeran,
Chooliyar Bhagavathy,
Vishnumoorthy,
Muvalam Kuzhichamundi,
Gulikan

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam
Medam 21 - 22

Date - English
First half of May

Google Cordinates

12.153508,75.211853

Address of Temple

Vellur Pazhaya Theru,
Vellur, Payyannur,
Kannur

Contact

Sri. Gangadharan,
Contact No:9744251423

Major Committee

Major Committee: Pathinal Nagaram
Kshetra Samrakshana Samithi,
Secretary: R C Thampan,
Contact No: 9447688276

SREE CHAMUNDESWARI TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Muvalam Kuzhichamundi,
Chooliyar Bhagavathy,
Vishnumoorthy,
Gulikan

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Kumbham 12 - 13

Date - English

Second half of February

Google Cordinates

12.155473,75.211568

Address of Temple

Puthiyatheru, Vellur,
Payyannur, Kannur

Contact

Sri. Kunjhikrishnan,
Secretary,
Contact No: 9947273032

Major Committee

Major Committee: Pathinal Nagaram
Kshetra Samrakshana Samithi,
Secretary: R C Thampan,
Contact No: 9447688276

SREE KOZHUNTHUMPADI KAVU



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Kumbham 20 - 21

Date - English

First half of March

Theyyams Performing Here

Karinkutti Sasthan, Vishnumoorthy,
Madayil Chamundi,
Raktha Chamundi, Bhairavam,
Gulikan, Vallarkulam
Vettaikkorumakan,
Oorpazhassi, Bhagavathy,
Karuval, Panayakkattu Bhagavathy,
Vellarangara Bhagavathy

Google Cordinates

12.160265,75.205078

Address of Temple

Vellur, Payyannur, Kannur

Contact

Sri. E Rajendran, President,
Contact No: 9447646474,
Sri. Santosh, Secretary,
Contact No: 9947167254

Major Committee

Koyma: Edachery Pothuval Family

ASHTAMACHAL BHAGAVATHY KAVU



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Medam 9 or 10 Or 11

Date - English

Second half of April

Theyyams Performing Here

Ashtamachal Bhagavathy,
Thiruvarkattu Bhagavathy,
Vettaikkorumakan,
Kshetrapalan,
Veerabhadran,
Vellattam for Abhimanyu Prabhu

Google Cordinates

12.091748,75.202095

Address of Temple

Vellur, Payyannur, Kannur

Contact

Sri. Sunil, Secretary,
Contact No: 9847339276

Major Committee

Janmadhikari: Suresh Babu,
Anjhoottan - Payyannur Moonnoottan,
Major Committee: Pathinal Nagaram Kshetra Samrakshana Samithi,
Secretary: R C Thampan,
Contact No: 9447688276

ANDOL KUNNUMMAL PUTHIYARAKKAAL CHERALATH BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Kumbham 9 -1 2

Date - English

Second half of February

Theyyams Performing Here

Puliyoor Kannan, Poomaruthan,
Vishnumoorthy, Raktha Chamundi,
Padarkulangara Bhagavathy,
Cheralath Bhagavathy,
Changannum -Pongannum,
Devakooth

Address of Temple

Cheralath, Puthiyarakkal, Andol,
Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Google Cordinates

12.268636,75.232385

KUTTAMATH PONMALAM SREE VISHNUMURTHY TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Raktha Chamundi,
Angakulangara Bhagavathy,
Vishnumoorthy,
Ottakolam Theyyam

Address of Temple

Cheruvathur, Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Thulam 21-23

Date - English

First half of November

Google Cordinates

12.222681,75.167480

POTHAVOOR SREE MELEDATH POOMAALA BHAGAVATHY KAVU MUNDYA



Theyyams Performing Here

Thee Chamundi (Ottakolam)

Address of Temple

Pothavur, Chemeni, Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Thulam 16/17/18

Date - English

First half of November

Google Cordinates

12.264320,75.225386

SREE THAMBURATTI BHAGAVATHI TEMPLE KUTTIKOL



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Kumbham 10- 14

Date - English

Second half of February

Theyyams Performing Here

Vayanattu Kulavan,
Vishnumoorthy,
Pullikarimkali,
Pulikandan,
Puliyoor Kali,
Thampurattiyamma,
Rakthajathan

Address of Temple

Kuttikol, Kasaragod

Google Cordinates

12.480625,75.203371

PALAKKATTU VADAKKEKALARI VAYALIL BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Vrishchikam 1-2

Date - English

Second half of November

Theyyams Performing Here

Puliyurkali, Puliyurkannan,
Padarkulangara Bhagavathy,
Pallikkoruvedan, Thondachan,
Puthiya Bhagavathy, Poomala
Bhagavathy, Cheralath Bhagavathy,
Uchoolikkadavathu Bhagavathy,
Poomaruthan, Raktha Chamundi,
Culigan, Vishnumoorthy

Address of Temple

Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Google Cordinates

12.261143,75.134736

SREE PULIYAKKAT YOGI MADAM



Theyyams Performing Here

Moovalamkuzhi Bhagavathy,
Chamundi,
Padaveeran,
Pottan,
Raktha Chamundi,
Vishnumoorthy

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Thulam 15-16

Date - English

Second half of October

Google Cordinates

12.260891,75.122515

Address of Temple

Padinjhattam Kozhuval,
Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Contact

Sri. Madhu Master, Secretary,
Contact No: 9497836733

KOOTTATHILARA SREE VISHNUMOORTHY TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Achan Daivam,
Padaarkulangara Bhagavathy,
Raktha Chamundi,
Vishnumoorthy,
Gulikan

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Dhanu 6-9

Date - English

Second half of December

Google Cordinates

12.262313,75.125418

Address of Temple

Koothathilara, Padinjhattam
Kozhuval, Nileshwaram,
Kasaragod

Contact

Sri. T V Narayanan,
Secretary,
Contact No:9495073646

Major Committee

Anjhoottan - Suresh Babu,
Palai Parappan

SREE NAGACHERRY BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Vrischikam 12-15

Date - English

Second half of November

Theyyams Performing Here

Bhagavathy,
Padarkulangara Bhagavathy,
Raktha Chamundi,
Vishnumoorthi(Paradevatha),
Poomaruthan

Google Cordinates

12.25808 1,75.122838

Address of Temple

Padinjhattam Kozhuval,
Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Contact

Sri. Ramakrishnan, Secertary,
Contact No: 9400487606

SREE MADIYAN KOOLOM TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Kalarathri Bhagavathy,
Kshetrapalakan,
Manavalan Theyyam,
Manavatty Theyyam,
Manjhalamma Theyyam,
Nadayil Bhagavathy

Address of Temple

Madiyan Koolom P.O,
Kanhangad, Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Edavam 8-9

Date - English

Second half of May

Google Cordinates

12.351760,75.081240

ANJOOTAMBALAM VEERERKAVU



Theyyams Performing Here

Vishnumoorthy,
Moovalankuzhi Chamundi,
Gulikan,
Chooliyar Bhagavathi,
Padarkulangura Bhagavathi,
Padavæeran

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Thulam 11 - 12

Date - English

Second half of October

Google Cordinates

12.250643,75.128970

Address of Temple

Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Contact

Sri. P C Balakrishnanan,
President, 9447692354,
Sri. K K Kumaran, Secretary,
Contact No: 9446270185

Major Committee

Anjhoottan-Suresh Babu,
Kothavarman,
Contact No: 9846961009

SREE CHOOLIYAR BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Padaveeran,
Vishnumoorthy,
Chooliyar Bhagavathy,
Moovalamkuzhi Chamundi,
Gulikan

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Date - English

Google Cordinates

12.342048,75.084065

Address of Temple

Ajanur, Kasaragod

Major Committee

Major Committee: Pathinal Nagaram Kshetra Samrakshana
Samithi, Secretary: Sri. R C Thampan,
Contact No: 9447688276

VERIKKULAM SREE CHOLIYAR BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Padaveeran,
Vishnumoorthy,
Chooliyar Bhagavathy,
Moovalamkuzhi Chamundii,
Gulikan

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Makaram 21 - 22

Date - English

First half of February

Google Cordinates

12.466488,75.104155

Address of Temple

Kundamkuzhi Nagaram,
Kolathoor P.O,
Chenkala (via),
Kasaragod

Major Committee

Major Committee: Pathinal Nagaram Kshetra Samrakshana Samithi,
Secretary: R C Thampan,
Contact No:9447688276

CHATHAMATH PUTHIYA PADAARKULANGARA DEVASTHANAM



Theyyams Performing Here

Vishnumoorthy,
Chamundi,
Padarkulangara Bhagavathi,
Achan Theyyam,
Poomaruthan

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Date - English

Second half of November

Google Cordinates

12.25 17 10,75.159460

Address of Temple

Near Vayanasala
Chathamath, Nileschwaram,
Kasaragod

Major Committee

Anjhoottan: Suresh Babu

PANAYAL PERUNTHATTA CHAMUNDESHWARI DEVASTHANAM



Theyyams Performing Here

Vishnumoorthy,
Perinthatta Chamundi,
Ariyakkara Bhagavathy

Address of Temple

Panayal, Bekal, Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam
Vrischikam 21 - 30

Date - English
First half of December

Google Cordinates

12.430041,75.059315

PALAREKEEZHIL SREE VISHNUMOORTHY TEMPLE



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Dhanu 25

Date - English

First half of January

Theyyams Performing Here

Vishnumoorthy, Chamundi,
Cheralathu Bhagavathy
Poomaruthan

Address of Temple

Near Pallikkara railway gate,
Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Contact

Sri. Dineshan, Secreatry,
Contact No: 9895124103

Google Cordinates

12.243956,75.141500

KADAMKODU KOTTARAM VATHUKKAL VISHNUMOORTHY TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Vishnumoorthy

Address of Temple

Kadangod,
Madakkara,
Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Date - English

First half of November

Google Cordinates

12.214605,75.138596

PILICODE SREE SOMESWARY TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Padaveeran,
Moovalankuzhy,
Chamundi,
Vishnumoorthy,
Chooliyar Bhagavathy,
Culikan

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Thulam 23 24

Date - English

First half of November

Google Cordinates

12.196243,75.154773

Address of Temple

Rayaramangalam Theru,
Cheruvathur-Padualam,
Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Major Committee

Major Committee: Pathinal Nagaram Kshetra Samrakshana
Samithi, Secretary: R C Thampan,
Contact No: 9447688276

MAVILAKADAPPURAM SREE VISHNUMOORTHY TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Vishnumoorthy,
Ayittu Bhagavathy,
Uchoolikadavath Bhagavathy,
Gulikan

Address of Temple

Mavilakadappuram, Cheruvathur
? Oriyarakavu (Padanna Route),
Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Date - English

First half of November

Google Cordinates

12.193195,75.124565

SREE GOPALAKRISHNA TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Vishnumoorthy

Address of Temple

Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Kumbham 10, 11

Date - English

Second half of February

Google Cordinates

12.257826,75.142911

SREE VAIKUNDA TEMPLE



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Medam 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

Date - English

Second half of April

Theyyams Performing Here

Vishnumoorthy Palanthayi Kannan

Address of Temple

Kottappuram, Nileshwaram,
Kasaragod

Google Cordinates

12.240905,75.126610

Contact

Sri. V V Padmanabhan, President,
Contact No: 8547580840

Major Committee

Koyma 1: Raghunathan Nair, Melethu Tharavadu,
Contact No: 9496297303
Koyma 2: Sri. Thampan, Kaniyara Tharavadu,
Contact No: 9947881180
Anthithiriyam Kettambalam, Sri. Kunjhikannan,
Contact No: 9947960349

SREE OLAVARA MUNDYAKAVU TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Angakulangara Bhagavathy,
Raktha Chamundi

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Kumbham 21 - 26

Date - English

First half of March

Google Cordinates

12.100826,75.186023

Address of Temple

Olavara-Thekkumbad-Elambachi Rd, South
Thrikkaripur, Kasaragod - 671311

Major Committee

Janmadhikari: Sri. Babu Karunamoorthi,
Contact No: 9495190870

SREE KURUVAPPALLI ARA



Theyyams Performing Here

Ayitti Bhagavathy, Angakulangara Bhagavathy, Vishnumoorthy, Asurakalan, Raktha Chamundi, Guru Deivam, Gulikan

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Thulam 17 - 20

Date - English

First half of November

Google Cordinates

12.145771,75.170100

Address of Temple

Trikaripur, Pekkadam,
Kasaragod, Kerala - 671310

Major Committee

Janmadhikari: Babu Karunamoorthi, Contact No: 9495190870

SREE MANNAMPURATHU KAVU BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Mannampurathu Kavilamma, Nadayil
Bhagavathy, Kshetrapalakan

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

After Kalasam of Madiyan
Koolom

Date - English

Google Cordinates

12.258275,75.132548

Address of Temple

Kizhakkann Kozhuval,
Nileshwaram,
Kasaragod - 671314

Contact

Sri. Aravindan, Executive Officer,
Malabar Devaswam Board,
Contact No: 9847708474

Major Committee

Anjhoottan: Sri. Suresh Babu

SREE KURUMBA BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE, KOTTIKULAM



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Date - English

Theyyams Performing Here

Bhagavathy

Address of Temple

Kottikulam,
Kasaragod - 671319

Contact

Sri. Karunan, Secretary,
Contact No:9895574218

Google Cordinates

12.416520,75.020231

SREE SADASIVA TEMPLE



Address of Temple

Puthukai, Nileshwaram,
Kasaragod

Contact

Sri. Aravindan, Executive Officer,
Malabar Devaswam Board,
Contact No:9847708474

Google Cordinates

12.269965,75.130338

ODHAVATH SREE CHOO LIYAR BHAGHAVATHY TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Padaveeran, Moovalankuzhy,
Chamundi,
Kundora Chamundi,
Padinjhare Chamundi,
Vishnumoorthy,
Chooliyar Bhagavathy,
Gulikan

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Thulam 22- 23

Date - English

First half of November

Google Cordinates

12.436210,75.010886

Address of Temple

Udma Padinhar, Udma,
Kasargod - 671319

Major Committee

Major Committee: Pathinal Nagaram Kshetra Samrakshana Samithi,
Secretary: Sri.R C Thampan,
Contact No: 9447688276

THRIKKANAD SREE TRAYAMBAKESWARA TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Vishnumoorthy

Address of Temple

Thrikkannad, Kasaragod

Contact

Secretary,
Contact No: +914672237511

12.412036,75.022150

Google Cordinates

SREE ARAYIL BHAGAVATHY DEVALAYAM



Theyyams Performing Here

Padaveeran,
Moovalankuzhy Chamundi,
Vishnumoorthy,
Chooliyar Bhagavathy,
Gulikan

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Thulam 16- 17

Date - English

First half of November

Google Cordinates

12.306703,75.102925

Address of Temple

Kanhangad Theruvath
Kanhangad, Kasaragod

Contact

Sri. M K Sasikumar, President,
Contact No: 9495417215

Major Committee

Major Committee: Pathinal Nagaram
Kshetra Samrakshana Samithi,
Secretary: Sri. R C Thampan,
Contact No: 9447688276

NADAKKAVU KOVVAL MUNDYA DEVASTHANAM



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Kumbham 6 - 7

Date - English

Second half of February

Theyyams Performing Here

Vishnumoorthy,
Angakulangara Bhagavathy,
Raktha Chamundi,
Culikan

Address of Temple

Nadakkavu Kovval,
Vadakkumbad, Thrikkariappur,
Kasaragod - 671310

Google Cordinates

12.156098,75.178996

PADINJAAR CHAMUNDI TEMPLE



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Thulam 21- 29

Date - English

First half of November

Theyyams Performing Here

Anachanangum Bhootham,
Raktha Chamundi,
Gulikan,
Padinjhare Chamundi,
Raktheswari Chamundi,
Vishnumoorthy

Address of Temple

Poothakkal - Erikulam Road, Erikulam,
Kasaragod- 671314

Google Cordinates

KUTTAMATH BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam
Makaram 13 - 16

Date - English
Second half of January

Theyyams Performing Here

Baali, Raktha Chamundi,
Ankukulangara Bhagavathy,
Madayil Chamundi,
Vishnumoorthy,
Pottan Theyyam

Address of Temple

Thimri, Kottumoola, Cheruvathur,
Kasaragod

Google Cordinates

12.220406,75.167091

KONATH CHATHAMATH BHAGAVATHY VETTAIKORUMAKAN TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Oorpazhassi, Pulluraali,
Padaarkulangara Bhagavathy,
Vettaikorumakan

Address of Temple

Chathamath, Nileswaram, Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Medam 20- 21

Date - English

First half of May

Google Cordinates

12.2493 13,75.158866

SREE VETTAIKKORUMAKAN TEMPLE MADIKAI



Theyyams Performing Here

Oorppazhasshi Theyyam,
Vettaikkorumakan

Address of Temple

Madikai, Erikkulam Kasaragod -671314

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Dhanu 7 - 10

Date - English

Second half of December

THALICHALAM MUNDYATHALINKEEZHIL VISHNUMOORTHY TEMPLE



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Thulam 25-26

Date - English

First half of November

Theyyams Performing Here

Vishnumoorthy, Angakkulangara
Bhagavathy, Raktha Chamundi,
Madayil Chamundi, Gulikan,
Thalachalam Ottakkolam

Address of Temple

Thrikkarippur,
Kasaragod - 671311

Google Cordinates

12.127210,75.187008

PUDUKAI KAALICHAN TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Kaalichan Daivam,
Vishnumoorthy,
Raktha Chamundi

Address of Temple

Chootwam Road, Pudukai,
Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Thulam 14 -15

Date - English

Second half of October

ANGAKALARI SREE VETTAIKORUMAKAN KOTTARAM PADAARKULANGARA BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam
Dhanu 5-8

Date - English
Second half of December

Theyyams Performing Here

Padaarkulangara Bhagavathy,
Chekkippara Bhagavathy, Puliyoor
Kannan, Thoovakaran, Raktha
Chamundi, Vishnumoorthy

Address of Temple

Nileshwaram,
Kasaragod - 671121

Contact

Phone:- +91 467 228 5003

Google Cordinates

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PODOTHURUTHI OORPAZHASSI VETTAIKKORUMAKAN TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Oorpazhasshi Theyyam

Address of Temple

Chathamath,
Nileswaram,
Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Dhanu 1-2

Date - English

Second half of December

Google Cordinates

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KODAKKAD SREE PANAYAKKATTU BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Pulikandan Theyyam,
Panayakkattu Bhagavathy,
Vishnumoorthy

Address of Temple

Cheruvathur,
Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Dhanu 1- 4

Date - English

Second half of December

Google Cordinates

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CHEEMENI SREE VISHNUMOORTHY TEMPLE



Theyyams Performing Here

Raktha Chamundi, Vishnumoorthy

Address of Temple

Cheemeni - Palavayal - Odakolly Rd

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam

Medam 21 - Edavam 1

Date - English

First half of May



NAGAKALI



NAGAKAALI

A fertility goddess worshiped by childless parents, Nagakaali is a fierce goddess. In Malayalam Naga means serpent and Kali means Mother Goddess. During kaliyattam performance in shrines devotees also offer pulluvan pattu to appease the deity. Pulluvan pattu are the traditional songs of Pulluva community which is performed as a ritual offering to serpent gods. With huge headgear made of wood, the dancing gradually begins to the beat of the chenda (traditional drum), the kuzhal (wind instrument) and ilathalam (traditional cymbals) and gathers into a frenzied tempo.



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GURUDEVAN VELLATTU



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An invocation to the supreme deity, Gurudevan Vellattu is performed in a traditional home or Tharavadu in Northern Kerala. Vellattam or Vellattu is an invocative ritual held prior to the actual vibrant Theyyam performance.



KHANDAKARNAN



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A popular Theyyam, Khandakarnan was born from Lord Shiva's throat. Wearing a massive mudi (headgear) and 16 flares - made of palm leaves, Khandakarnan while performing walks up and down the kalari till all the flares attached to his body drop one by one. Khandakarnan has burning torches tied to his body and mudi.



BHAGAVATHY



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Bhagavathy literally means Mother Goddess. Bhagavathy Theyyam is an embodiment of the primal feminine energy that manifests itself in the bodies of men.



GULIKAN



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Gulikan is a unique Theyyam with different moods. With its huge headgear made of areca nut palm, Gulikan Theyyam represents the Hindu God of death, Yama. It is believed that this prankster Theyyam was born from the left toe of Lord Shiva.

In this Theyyam, the performer wears a typical mask - which has Lord Shiva's *trishul* (trident) marked on the head. A unique mix of coconut leaves is used as ornaments to decorate the area around the clothes. The most innovative ornament is the headgear made of areca nut palm decorated with tender leaves, which looks like huge ladder on head.



BHAIRAVAN



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Bhairavan is the prime deity of Paanan community and the deity is believed to be related to Shaivism cult. Artists from Malayan community also perform Bhairavan Theyyam. The performance of Bhairavan Theyyam is at night and the one performed by Paanan community has a story associated Periya puranam in Tamil literature.



PARADEVATHA



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A form of the fierce Goddess Bhadrakali, this powerful deity is believed to have been born out of the third eye of Lord Shiva with the purpose of destroying the demon Darika.



POOKUTTI



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A popular Theyyam which belongs to the Shaivite belief system, Pookutti was born as a child to Kalakattu Namboodiri. Born as a mischievous child, Pookutti followed non vegetarian food habits and this enraged his father. The father himself killed the child and threw it into different fire pits. The pieces thrown into the fire pits emerged as Mantra Moorthis and Kuttichathans and destroyed the Kalakattu house.



KUTTICHATHAN



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An incarnation of shaivite strength, Kuttichathan was born when Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati lived for a while as mortals. It is believed that, he was given this form by Lord Shiva to appease childless devotees, the Kalakkattamma and Kalakkattachan. Growing up as a mischievous child, Kuttichathan decapitates his teacher. When he tries to hurt Kalakkattamma, and seeing this Kalakkattachan tears him into 396 pieces and throws them into fire. But an equal number of Kuttichathans emerge from the fire and the biggest among them went on a rampage. He is then placated by the Perumalayan, the senior most Theyyam performer of the Malayan Community at Chala in Kannur district.

The performer of Kuttichathan wears small headgear with tender coconut leaves attached to it. Sometimes Kuttichathan is believed to have taken the fish incarnation of Lord Vishnu, thus his role requires a fish tail-shaped mudi (headgear).

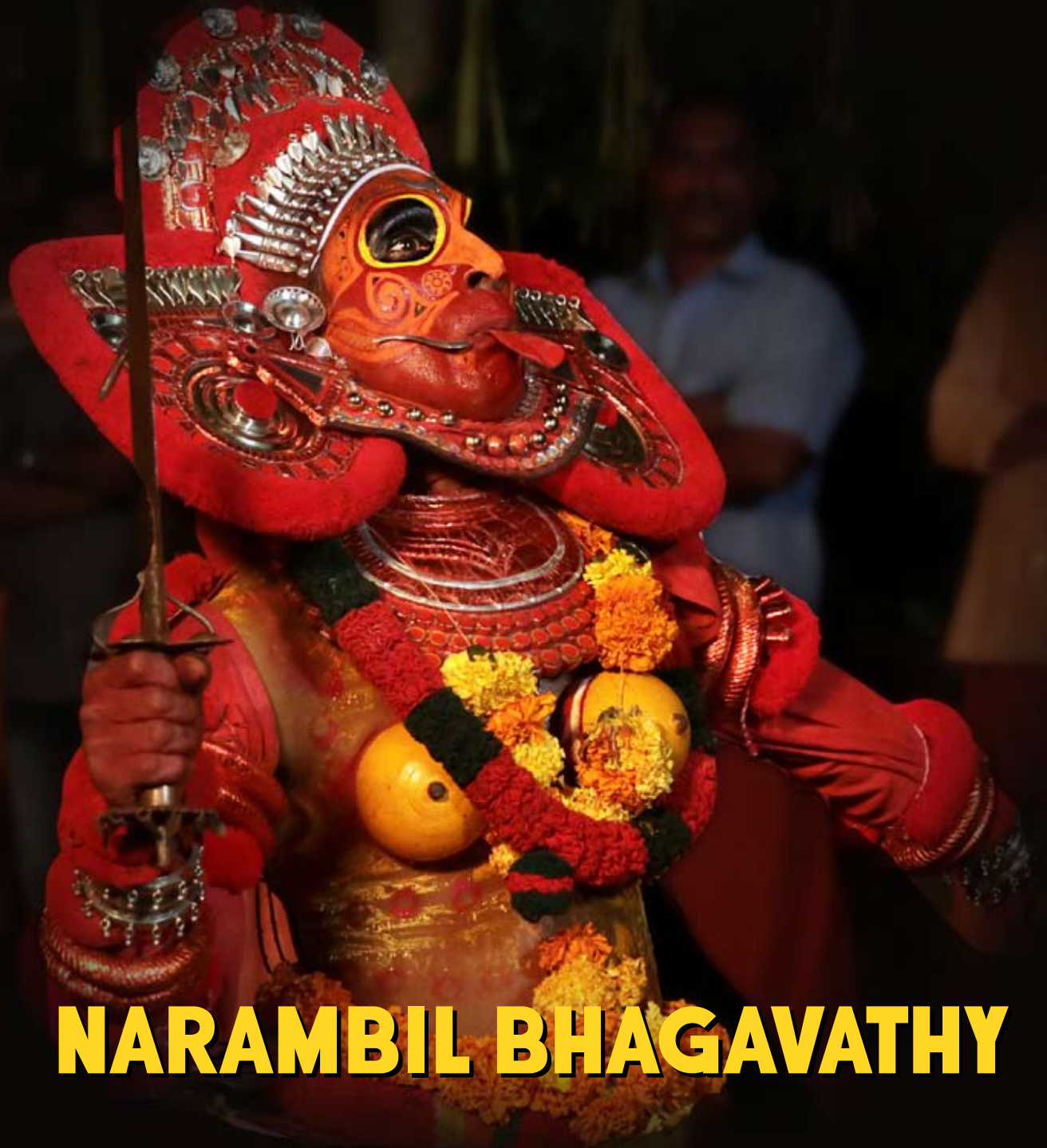


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NARAMBIL BHAGAVATHY



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Bhagavathy literally means Mother Goddess. A popular Mother Goddess Theyyam, Narambil Bhagavathy is associated with Goddess Kali, the destroyer of demons. The story of this Theyyam is related to Narambil Tharavadu (family). A girl from this family was married to Rayamangalam Adiyodi family and as times passes, she becomes pregnant. The pregnant lady lets her husband know of her desire to visit her hometown. But the husband rejects the proposal by saying to have a visit after the harvest. In between a small fight ensues and the lady dies. Her mother becomes angry and prays to the family deity. The furious goddess hurries to Rayamangalam and there Rayamangalam Bhagavathy appoints Muchilott Bhagavathy as a negotiator. There Muchilott Bhagavathy transforms herself into Manjalamma and finally transfigures herself as Narambil Bhagavathy Theyyam.



KATHIVANNUR VEERAN VELLATTU



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Kathivannoor VeeranVellattu is the invocative ritual held prior to the actual fierce performance of KathivannurVeeran Theyyam. The thottam or the invocatory chants acts as a catalyst. On the completion of these chants, the spirit of the deity is supposed to enter the body of the performer. The transformation is complete when the deities perform the Vellattam.

The story of Theyyam revolves around the transformation of an ordinary human being into the godly form of Kathivannoor Veeran. Born to Kumarachan and Chakki of Mangat in Kannur, he acquired god-like status after he died as a martyr in a battle. Mannappan acquires battle skills and marries a lower caste woman, Chemmarathi, both against the norms of his caste. A marital discord which arises from a misunderstanding prompts him to ignore his safety and he dies as a martyr. Chemmarathi, realising her mistake, jumps into her husband's pyre.



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A popular warrior Theyyam which originated from Kathivannoor, KathivannoorVeeran is also known as Mangat Manappan. Worshipped in household shrines and temporary shrines, the Theyyam is propitiated to ensure success in disputes.

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The shrines maintained by the Thiyya community in places like Vellur, Kunhimangalam and Payyanur in Kannur district are well known for Kathivannoor Veeran performance.



RAKTHESHWARI



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One of the most spectacular Theyyams in Kerala, Raktheshwari Theyyam is performed in honour of goddess Chamundi returning after killing the demon Mahishasura. The mother Goddess is supposed to have drunk the blood of the demon to prevent it from spilling to the Earth, thus the name Raktheshwari.

Symbolising the goodness over evil, this ancient form of worship includes performers blessing the devotees who throng around her.



VISHNUMOORTHY



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An incarnation of Vaishnavite strength, Vishnumoorthy tells the story of incarnation of Lord Vishnu as Narasimha. The Vishnumoorthy is the deified form of Palanthai Kannan. Legend has it that Kannan, an orphaned boy from Thiyya community who lived in Nileshwaram, is treated badly by a so called upper caste Kuravat Kurup and banished from the land.

Kannan goes to Mangalore and takes shelter in a Vishnu temple there. He was a staunch devotee of Vishnu and later returns to Nileshwaram. While returning to the land, the Kurup kills Kannan, but Kurup's family gets hit by various calamities. The confused Kurup is asked to pay for the murder of Kannan. As an apology of his crime, the Kuravat Kurup starts to honour Kannan as Theyyam.



KARINKALI



KARINKAALI

Karinkali Theyyam is a goddess born from Lord Shiva's third eye and an incarnation of Goddess Bhadrakali. Born with the aim of destroying the demon race, the performance of Karinkali is a marked feature of the ritual practices prevalent in northern Kerala.



CHAMUNDI



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Chamundi is a myth of blood and spear known to all of India, but in the Theyyam performance this Goddess wields power. Chamundi, the incarnation of Adi Para Shakti, was born from the brow of Goddess Durga who was fighting with the demons Chanda and Munda. The goddess was impressed with Kali and called her Chamundi. The goddess blesses the devotees who throng around her after the scintillating performance and trance.



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