

KALIYATTA MAHOTSAVAM

ALAPPADAMBA VETTAKKORUMAKAN TEMPLE



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Kankol Alappadamba Panchayat

District

Kannur



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Swamimukku Junction – 1 Km

Nearest Bus Station

Swamimukku Bus Stop – 1 Km

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Payyannur Railway Station – 15 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport –162 Km



CONTACT

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TIME

DATES

April – May (*Medam*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

4 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Kaliyatta Mahotsavam is a popular *Theyyam* festival held at the Vettakkorumakan Temple in Alappadamba. The festival falls in the Malayalam calendar month of *Medam* and is considered as an offering to the Lord Vettakkorumakan, the main deity at the shrine. The temple functions under the Thaippally Nair Family. Vettakkorumakan is believed to be born to Lord Shiva and his consort Goddess Parvathi while the Lord assumed the form of a hunter (*Kiratha*) to deliver a weapon known as *Pashupathasthra* to Arjuna (the third of the Pandava brothers from the legendary *Mahabharata*). *Orpizhassi* and *Vettakkorumakan* are the major *Theyyams* performed at the temple during the festival.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

About 3000



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Vellattam
Aksharashloka
Oorpazhachi Theyyam
Vettakkorumakan Theyyam
Thiruvathira
Kolkali
Cultural programmes

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

The Kaliyattam festival is celebrated during the Malayalam calendar month of *Medam*. *Vellattam* (Kaliyattam) for *Oorpazhachi* and *Vettakkorumakan* are performed on the first day. The *Vellattams* are marked by ritualistic performances in special costumes, traditional facial paintings and unique headgears. Other events include *Kolkali*, *Thiruvathira*, fireworks and cultural programs.

