



# AYILYAM UTSAVAM

## KARIPPAL NAGAM TEMPLE, CHAPPARAPADAVU



LOCATION

Panchayat/  
Municipality/  
Corporation

Chapparapadavu Panchayat

District

Kannur



## ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction

Karippal S V U P School – 66 m

Nearest Bus Station

Perumbadavu bus stop – 1.3 Km

Nearest Railway  
Station

Payyannur Railway Station – 33 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport – 154 km



## CONTACT

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## TIME

### DATES

December - January (*Dhanu*)

### FREQUENCY

Annual

### DURATION

1 Day

### ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Ayilyam Utsavam refers to the festival celebrated on *Ayilyam* asterism in the Malayalam calendar month of *Dhanu* and dedicated to the Serpent God also known as Naga. Naga is the presiding deity at the temple presently managed by the Karippal family and hence the name Karippal Naga Temple. A local committee is also formed for the smooth functioning of temple. The festival is marked by performances of the *Nagarajavu* and *Nagakanni Theyyams*.



RELEVANCE-  
(Local / National /  
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE  
PARTICIPATED

Over 1000



## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

*Sarpabali*  
*Thottam*  
*Nagarajavu Theyyam*  
*Nagakanni Theyyam*

## DESCRIPTION (*How festival is celebrated*)

Ayilyam Utsavam is a ritualistic festival dedicated to the Serpent God. Celebrated on the *Ayilyam* asterism falling in the Malayalam month of *Dhanu*, it is marked by various unique rituals such as *Sarpabali* and *Thottam* performed as an offering to serpents. These rituals are believed to appease the serpents and thus ease one from the effects of bad *Karmas* of the current and previous births. *Nagarajavu* and *Nagakanni Theyyams* are also performed during the festival.

