



KALIYATTAM

KALAKATTU ILLAM, PERINTHATTA



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Payyannur municipality

District

Kannur



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Perinthatta Junction – 2.5 Km

Nearest Bus Station

Perinthatta Junction – 2.5 Km

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Payyannur Railway Station – 25 Km

Nearest Airport

Calicut International Airport –157 Km



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TIME

DATES

January (*Dhanu*)

FREQUENCY

Annual

DURATION

3 Days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

Kaliyattam is a ritualistic dance depicting the divine supernatural belief of the region. The celebrations are believed to increase the *deva-chaithanyam* or divine presence of the deity worshipped. Kalakattu Illam is considered as the birth place of *Sree Kuttichathan*. The legend associated has it that many years back, when there were no child births at the Illam, the eldest member (*karnavar*) of the family performed a *Yaga*. Amidst the *Yaga* a child appeared, and later this child started showcasing supernatural powers. This child was from then known as "*Kalakattu karinkutti shaasthan*". At the Illam, *Karin-kutti shaasthan* is depicted as the *Vaishnava* (related to Lord Vishnu) and the *Ucha-kutti shaasthan* as the *Shaiva amsham* (related to Lord Shiva). Other stories related to the birth and forms of *kutti shaasthan* also exist.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National /
International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE
PARTICIPATED

Over 1500

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

Purappadu
Thottam Pattu
Vellattam
Worship of weapons
Komaradarshanam
Theyyams of -
Ucha-kutti Shasthaan
Kakra Bhagavathy
Bhairavan
Karivaal
Karin-kutti Shasthaan
Raktha Chamundi
Manthramoorthi
Gulikan
Pottan
Oorpazhachi
Vettakkorumakan

The three-day long festival is marked by unique *Theyyam* performances including those of *Ucha-kutti Shasthaan*, *Kakra Bhagavathy*, *Bhairavan*, *Karivaal*, *Karin-kutti Shasthaan*, *Raktha Chamundi*, *Manthramoorthi*, *Bootham*, *Pottan*, *Gulikan*, *Oorpazhachi*, *Vettakkorumakan* etc. The start of any particular *Theyyam* is known as its "*Purapaadu*". This is followed by *Thottam Pattu* and *Vellattam*. A group of people known as *Kodakar* (people from Coorg of Karnataka) play an important role during the *Kaliyattam* at Kalakattu Illam. They have a practice of worshiping the *Manthramoorthi* of the Illam. Weapons like swords and dagger believed to be the weapons used by the Goddess Bhadrakali are worshipped. Every year, *Komaradarshanam* of the *Manthramoorthi* and *poojas* to increase the power of the weapons that are brought by them are performed. They seek blessings from the *Thanthris* at Kalakattu Illam and go back satisfied on the last day of the *Kaliyattam*.

