



# KALIYATTA MAHOTSAVAM

## KANATHUR SREE NALVAR DAIVASTHANAM



Panchayat/  
Municipality/  
Corporation

Kasaragod Municipality

District

Kasaragod

Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction

Mahalingeshwara Temple – 30 m

Nearest Bus Station

Koliyadukkam Bus Stop – 550 m

Nearest Railway  
Station

Kasaragod Railway Station – 21.2 Km

Nearest Airport

Mangalore International Airport – 77.9 Km







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## TIME

### DATES

December – January

### FREQUENCY

Annual

### DURATION

7 Days

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

The Kaliyatta Mahotsavam at the Kanathur Sree Nalvar Daivasthanam is a prominent Theyyam festival. It primarily celebrates the Mother Goddess. Animals, serpents and trees also figure in the ritualistic worship as promising entities. There are different forms of Theyyam, each invariably representing superhuman powers that include heroic characters and ancestral spirits. A variety of Theyyams like Elayor Theyyam, Chamunda Theyyam, Panchoorla Theyyam and Muthor Theyyam are presented in Kanathur.



**RELEVANCE-**  
(Local / National /  
International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE  
PARTICIPATED**

Over 10,000



## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

*Vishnumoorthy Theyyam  
Elayor Theyyam  
Chamunda Theyyam  
Panchoorla Theyyam  
Muthor Theyyam*

## DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

Kaliyatta Mahotsavam at the Kanathur Nalvar Daivasthanam is a festive celebration that involves the worship of ancestral spirits and historic characters. The annual dance carnival is a spectacular treat with dance presentations marked by colourful costumes, masks, body-painting and trance-like performances. Each dance form denotes a deity who is worshipped through the dance performance. The ritualistic worship is also accompanied by treating the individual dance performers as deities.

