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.
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KURUMBA BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE

Address of Temple
Pattuvatheru Chirakkal, Kannur

Contact
Sri. Sasi, Secretary
Contact no: 9995935409

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

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam
Dhanu 7 - 11

Date - English
Second half of December

Theyyams Performing Here
Kolaswaroopathinkal Thaivam, Paradevatha, Oorpazhasshi, Vettakorumakan, Padaveeran, Chooliyar Bhagavathy, Muvalankuzhi Chamundy, Vishnumoorthy, Gulikan

Google Coordinates
11.916153, 75.357295
In & around

Kurumba Bhagavathy Temple
Temple dedicated to Sree Kurumba
Restaurant at Puthiyatheru

A small shrine
Puthiyatheru near Chirakkal
Khadi Board Outlet

Sree Kurumba Bhagavathy Temple
ATM facility
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

Address of Temple
Karivellur
Kannur

Google Coordinates
12.177453, 75.186291

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

Kunjaar Kurathi Temple, Kottilaveedu Tharavaadu
An ancestral home, Karivellur
Vaniyillam Someswari Temple

Kottilaveedu Tharavaadu
Vaniyillam Someswari Temple, Karivellur
Vaniyillam Ancestral home

Madappally Someswari Temple Pond
Ancestral home near Vaniyillam Someswari Temple
Serpent groove, Vaniyillam Someswari Temple
Karivellur Vaniyillam Someswari Temple
Sree Mookambika Temple & Sacred Grove at Paliyeri
Kunjambu Memorial, Karivellur
Auto Stand, Karivellur
Paddy field, Karivellur
Madappally Someswari Temple
Heritage home, Karivellur
Martyr’s Memorial, Karivellur
KUNNATHURPADI MUTHAPPAN DEVASTHANAM

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam
Dhanu 4 - Makaram 6

Date - English
December - January

Google Coordinates
12.078475, 75.620010

Address of Temple
Payyavvoor, Kannur

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

Theyyams Performing Here
Puthiya Sri Muthappan,
Puramkala Sri Muthappan,
Naduvazhissan Daivam,
Thiruavappana,
Moolampetta Bhagvathi
In & around

Entrance Kunnathurpadi Muthappan Devasthanam
Way to Kunnathurpadi Muthappan Devasthanam
Forest trails to Kunnathurpadi Muthappan Devasthanam

Moolasthanam of Muthappan
One with nature
Respecting the nature, surroundings of Muthappan Temple

Green Haven of Muthappan at Kunnathurpadi
Shrine of Lord Muthappan at Kunnathurpadi
Kunnathurpadi Muthappan Devasthanam
Panoramic view of Kunnathurpadi Muthappan Devasthanam
Kunnathurpadi Views
From Kunnathurpadi
Hills of Payyavvoor
Waterfall near the temple
SRI KAITHERI EDAM BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam
Kumbham 6/7/8/

Date - English
Second half of February

Google Coordinates
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

Theyyams Performing Here
Vettakkorumakan-Deyvathar, Gulikan, Bhadrakali, Sreeporkali

Dance of the Divine

To P
Koothumadam, Sri Kaitheri Edam Bhagavathy Temple

Sri Kaitheri Edam Bhagavathy Temple

Sacred Grove of the temple

Kodimaram (Flag staff) of the temple

Shrines inside the temple

A memorial at Kuthuparamba

Village path
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 Coordinates
12.015040,75.203518
In & around

Sree Puthiya Bhagavathy Temple
Ettikulam Valiya Bhagavathy Temple
Shrine of Ettikulam Valiya Bhagavathy

Padinjattu Puthiya Bhagavathy Temple
Shrine of Padinjattu Puthiya Bhagavathy
Padinjattu Puthiya Bhagavathy

Temples
Palakkode Azhimugham (Estuary)
Fishing boat at Palakkode River
SREE KUDAKKATH KOTTANACHERY TEMPLE

Address of Temple
Vellur, Kannur

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

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 Coordinates
12.152768,75.216095
In & around

Sree Kudakkath Kottanachery Bhagavathy Temple
Entrance Mandapam of the temple
Serpent Grove of the temple

Outside view of the temple
Temple Pond
Vellur Sree Kudakkath Kottanachery Temple
CHAMAKKAVU TEMPLE

Address of Temple
Vellur, Kannur

Date - Malayalam
Makaram 13 - 17

Date - English
Second half of January

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

Approximate Festival Date

Theyyams Performing Here
Thiruvirakkattu Bhagavathy, Vettaikkorumakan, Kelamkulangara Bhagavathy, Panchuruli, Paramakali, Kaavil Theyyam

Google Coordinates
12.152166,75.209495

Major Committee
Koyma: Vellur Periyadan Family
In & around

Entrance of Chamakkavu Temple
Chamakkavu Temple at Vellur
Outside view of Chamakkavu Temple

Serpent Grove of Chamakkavu Temple
Sree Chamakkavu Temple
Sub-deity at Chamakkavu Temple

Kandoth Sree Kurumba Bhagavathy Temple
Main Temple of Kandoth Sree Kurumba Bhagavathy
Priest home of Kandoth Sree Kurumba Bhagavathy
Bus Stop at Kandoth
Sree Kurumba Bhagavathy Temple, Kandoth
Fuel Station
Sree Subrahmanya Swami Temple, Payyanur
Entrance of Subrahmanya Swami Temple
Outside view of Subrahmanya Swami Temple
Dining hall of Subrahmanya Swami Temple
Sub-deity of Subrahmanya Swami Temple
Sub-deity Temple of Payyanur Subrahmanya Temple
Temple Pond, Payyanur Subrahmanya Temple
SREE PORKKALI KAVU

Theyyams Performing Here
Padaveeran,
Chooliyar Bhagavathy,
Vishnumoorthy,
Muvalam Kuzhichamundi,
Gulikan

Address of Temple
Vellur Pazhaya Theru,
Vellur, Payyannur,
Kannur

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
Medam 21 - 22
Date - English
First half of May

Google Coordinates
12.153508,75.211853

Contact
Sri. Gangadharan,
Contact No:9744251423

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

Sree Porkkali Kavu

Shrine inside the temple ground

Sub deities, Sree Porkkali Kavu

Sub deity shrine, Sree Porkkali Kavu

Serpent Grove, Sree Porkkali Kavu

Sree Porkkali Kavu Temples
SREE CHAMUNDESWARI TEMPLE

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam
Kumbham 12 - 13

Date - English
Second half of February

Google Coordinates
12.155473, 75.211568

Address of Temple
Puthiyatheru, Vellur, Payyannur, Kannur

Contact
Sri. Kunhikrishnan,
Secretary,
Contact No: 9947273032

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

Theyyams Performing Here
Muvalam Kuzhichamundi,
Chooliyar Bhagavathy,
Vishnumoorthy,
Gulikan

To P

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Sree Chamundeswari Temple, Puthiyatheru
Chamundeswari Devasthanam, Puthiyatheru
Heritage House at Puthiyatheru
SREE KOZHUNTHUMPADI KAVU

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

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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
Sree Kozhunthumpadi Kavu

Temple Pond

Sree Kozhunthumpadi Temple

Serpent Grove, Sree Kozhunthumpadi Temple

Chandan Memorial ALP School, Vellur

Chandan Memorial School

Vellur Sree Kottanachery Temple

Sub deity of Sree Kottanachery Temple

Sree Kottanachery Temple views
# Ashtamachal Bhagavathy Kavu

**Address of Temple**
Vellur, Payyannur, Kannur

**Contact**
Sri. Sunil, Secretary,
Contact No: 9847339276

**Approximate Festival Date**

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**Theyyams Performing Here**
Ashtamachal Bhagavathy,
Thiruvarkkattu Bhagavathy,
Vettaikkorumakan,
Kshetrapalan,
Veerabhadran,
Vellattam for Abhimanyu Prabhu

**Google Coordinates**
12.091748, 75.202095

**Major Committee**

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

Ashtamchal Bhagavathy Kavu
Sub-deity, Ashtamchal Bhagavathy Kavu
Ashtamchal Bhagavathy Temple

Puthankudi Tharavaadu (Family)
Bhagavathy Temple, Ashtamchal
Sub-deity Shrine

Serpent Grove, Ashtamchal Bhagavathy Temple
Ashtamchal Bhagavathy Temple Views
Ashtamchal Bhagavathy Temple Outside view
Muranden Tharavaadu (Family)
Perumba River
Perumba River, Payyanur

Punnakadavu Bridge, Payyanur
Perumba River
Perumba River
ANDOL KUNNUMMAL PUTHIYARAKKAAL
CHERALATH BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE

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

Address of Temple
Cheralath, Puthiyarakkal, Andol,
Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
Kumbham 9 -1 2
Date - English
Second half of February

Google Coordinates
12.268636, 75.232385
In & around

Andol Kunnummal Puthiyarakkaal Cheralath Bhagavathy Temple

Entrance gateway

Andol Deshasevini Library

Kavuthithottu Bhagavathy Temple

Kavuthithottu Bhagavathy Temple

An old building inside, Kavuthithottu Bhagavathy Temple

Thejaswini River

Thejaswini River view

Beautiful Thejaswini River
Fishing boat at Thejaswini River
Village way
Parakkol. K Narayanan Memorial Library

Paddy Fields
A Mundya near the library
Keezhmala Puthiyasthanam Poomala Bhagavathy Temple

St. Alphonsa Church, Chayyoth
Pottan Kavu at Palathadam
Ayyamkunnath Bhagavathy Temple, Kasaragod
KUTTAMATH PONMALAM
SREE VISHNUMURTHY TEMPLE

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
Thulam 21-23
Date - English
First half of November

Theyyams Performing Here
Raktha Chamundi,
Angakulangara Bhagavathy,
Vishnumoorthy,
Ottakolam Theyyam

Address of Temple
Cheruvathur, Kasaragod

Google Coordinates
12.22681, 75.167480
In & around

Kuttamath Ponmalam Sri Vishnumurthy Temple, Cheruvathur
Neelankavil Bhagavathy Temple
Entrance to Kuttamath Bhagavathy Temple
Kuttamath Bhagavathy Temple
Statue of Mahakavi Kuttamath
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 Coordinates
12.264320,75.225386

Dance of the Divine
In & around

Pothavoor Sree Meledath Poomaala Bhagavathy Kavu Mundya

Serpent Grove

Entrance gate to the temple

Mandapam in front of the temple

Sree Meledath Poomaala Bhagavathy Kavu

Sree Meledath Poomaala Bhagavathy Kavu

Walkway to the temple

Farming

Paddy fields
Restaurant

Turmeric Farms

Thejaswini River

Fishing boat at Thejaswini River

Andol Hanging Bridge
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 Coordinates
12.480625, 75.203371
In & around

Sree Thamburatti Bhagavathi Temple, Kuttikol

Sree Thamburatti Bhagavathi Temple, Kuttikol

Sub-deity Shrine

Vyanattu Kulavan Bronze Statue

Top view of the temple

On the way to Kuttikol Temple

Kuttikol Village

Kudakkallu, Kundamkuzhy
KOOTTATHILARA SREE VISHNUMOORHTHY TEMPLE

Theyyams Performing Here
Achan Daivam,
Padaarkulangara Bhagavathy,
Raktha Chamundi,
Vishnumoorthy,
Gulikan

Address of Temple
Koothathilara, Padinjhattam
Kozhuval, Nileshwaram,
Kasaragod

Google Coordinates
12.262313,75.125418

Date - Malayalam
Dhanu 6-9

Date - English
Second half of December

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

Major Committee
Anjhoottan - Suresh Babu,
Palai Parappan

Approximate Festival Date
Koottathilara Sree Vishnumoorthy Temple

Huge Banyan Tree in front of the temple

Sree Puliyakkatt Vishnumoorthy Temple

Priest home of Sree Puliyakkatt Vishnumoorthy Temple

Kinavoor Kovilakam, Nileshwaram

Inside view of Kinavoor Kovilakam
PALAKKATTU VADAKKEKALARI VAYALIL
BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE

Theyyams Performing Here

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

Address of Temple

Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam
Vrishchikam 1-2

Date - English
Second half of November

Google Coordinates

12.26143, 75.134736
In & around

Palakkattu Vadakkekalar Vayalil Bhagavathy Temple
Sub deities temple
Sub deities temple

Palakkattu Thutyaparambathu Bhagavathy Temple
Sacred Grove of Palakkattu
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 Coordinates
12.260891,75.122515

Address of Temple
Padinjhattam Kozhuval,
Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Contact
Sri. Madhu Master, Secretary,
Contact No: 9497836733
In & around

Sree Puliyakat Yogi Madam

Padinjhattam Kozhuval Sree Puliyakat Yogi Madam

Gandhiji’s message at Rajah’s School, Nileswharam

Sri. T.C. Ramavarma Valiya Raja Memorial

100 year’s old Mango tree inside the school campus

Rajah’s Higher Secondary School, Nileswharam
SREE NAGACHERRY BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE

Theyyams Performing Here
Bhagavathy,
Padarkulangara Bhagavathy,
Raktha Chamundi,
Vishnumoorthy (Paradevatha),
Poomaruthan

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
Vrischikam 12-15
Date - English
Second half of November

Address of Temple
Padinjhattam Kozhuval,
Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Contact
Sri. Ramakrishnan, Secretary,
Contact No: 9400487606
In & around

Kadanje Kadavu Aryakkara Bhagavathy Temple
Thaliyil Sreekanteshwara Temple
Nileshwaram Palace

Cow Shed, Nileshwaram Palace
Thekke Kovilakam, Nileshwaram
Thkke Kovilakam View

Front View of Thekke Kovilakam
Entrance of Thekke Kovilakam
Chira or Pond near Thekke Kovilakam
A heritage home, Nileshwaram

Entrance Structure of Thekke Kovilakam

Pond near Thekke Kovilakam

View of Thekke Kovilakam entrance and Pond

Sree Nagacherry Bhagavathy Temple

Dance of the Divine

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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 Coordinates
12.351760, 75.081240
In & around

An old palace

Traditional bronze lamp or Vilakku

Entrance gateway of the temple

Sanctum Sanatorium of the temple

Temple pond of Madiyan Koolam

Madiyan Koolam Temple ground

Madiyan Koolam Temple views

Shrine of Manjalamma

Palace near the temple
Bronze utensil

Wooden table

Mural Painting, Madiyan Koolam

Theyyam performing stool

Koothumadam or Traditional performing stage

Thayathuveedu Tharavaadu Temple

Shrines of Thayathuveedu Tharavaadu Temple

Sub-deity shrine, Thayathuveedu Tharavaadu Temple

Madiyan Koolam Temple, Outer view
ANJOOTAMBALAM VEERERKA Levin

Theyyams Performing Here
Vishnumoorthy,
Moovalankuzhi Chamundi,
Gulikan,
Chooliyar Bhagavathi,
Padarkulangura Bhagavathi,
Padaveeran

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam
Thulam 11 - 12

Date - English
Second half of October

Address of Temple
Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

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

Major Committee
Anjhoottan-Suresh Babu,
Kothavarman,
Contact No: 9846961009

Google Coordinates
12.250643, 75.128970
In & around

Anjootambalam Veererkavu

Shrine of Anjootambalam Veererkavu

Anjootambalam Veererkavu Temple

Anjootambalam Veererkavu Temple, Nileshwaram

Anjootambalam Veererkavu Temple View

Sub-deity shrine, Anjootambalam Veererkavu Temple
SREE CHOOLIYAR BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE

Address of Temple
Ajanur, Kasaragod

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

Theyyams Performing Here
Padaveeran,
Vishnumoorthy,
Chooliyar Bhagavathy,
Moovalamkuzhi Chamundi,
Gulikan

Google Coordinates
12.342048,75.084065
In & around

Temporary shrine, Sree Chooliyar Bhagavathy Temple

New temple structures on construction

Entrance to Bekal Fort Beach, Pallikere

Entrance gateway to Bekal Fort Beach

Bekal Fort Beach Park

Beautifully maintained, Bekal Fort Beach Park

Lawn inside Bekal Fort Beach Park

Cottages inside Bekal Fort Beach Park

Washroom inside Bekal Fort Beach Park
VERIKKULAM SREE CHOOLIYAR 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

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

Google Coordinates
12.466488,75.104155

Major Committee
Pathinal Nagaram Kshetra Samrakshana Samithi,
Secretary: R C Thampan,
Contact No:9447688276
From top, Kalarathri Bhagavathy Temple, Kolathur

Outside view of Kalarathri Bhagavathy Temple

A kavu near Peraladukka

Maruthadukkam Juma Mosque

Maruthadukkam Juma Mosque another view

Sree Panchalingeshwara Temple, Kundamkuzhy

Main deity temple, Sree Panchalingeshwara Temple

Front view of Sree Panchalingeshwara Temple

Ruins of an old fort, Kundamkuzhy

Ruins of an old fort

Ruins of an old fort, Kundamkuzhy
CHATHAMATH PUTHIYA PADAARKULANGARA DEVASTHANAM

Approximate Festival Date

Date - English
Second half of November

Theyyams Performing Here
Vishnumoorthy,
Chamundi,
Padarkulangara Bhagavathi,
Achan Theyyam,
Poomaruthan

Address of Temple
Near Vayanasala
Chathamath, Nileshwaram,
Kasaragod

Major Committee
Anjhoottan: Suresh Babu

Google Coordinates
12.251710,75.159460
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 Coordinates
12.430041, 75.059315
In & around

- Temple pond
- Panayal Perunthatta Chamundeshwari Devasthanam
- Mandapam in front of the temple
- Shrine inside the temple
- Mandapam inside the temple
- Sub-deity shrine
- View of Panayal Perunthatta Chamundeshwari Devasthanam
- Outside view of Kalingoth Kalari Tharavadu
- Kalingoth Kalari Tharavadu
PALAREKEEZHL SREE VISHNUMOORTHY TEMPLE

Theyyams Performing Here
Vishnumoorthy, Chamundi, Ceralathu Bhagavathy Poomaruthan

Address of Temple
Near Pallikkara railway gate, Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Contact
Sri. Dineshan, Secretary, Contact No: 9895124103

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
Dhanu 25

Date - English
First half of January

Google Coordinates
12.243956,75.141500
KADAMKODU KOTTARAM VATHUKKAL
VISHNUMOOORTHY TEMPLE

Address of Temple
Kadangod, Madakkara, Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date
First half of November

Theyyams Performing Here
Vishnu Moorthy

Google Coordinates
12.214605, 75.138596
In & around

Kadamkodu Kottaram Vathukkal Vishnumoorthy Temple

Heritage Home, Kadamkodu

Muchilott Bhagavathy Temple

Theyyam Model of Muchilott Bhagavathy

Theyyam Kavu

Venkat Tharaaavudu House

Veerabhadra Temple, Cheruvathur

Sree Veerabhadra Temple, Cheruvathur

Entrance of Sree Veerabhadra Temple

Sub-deity shrine, Sree Veerabhadra Temple
PILICODE SREE SOMESWARY TEMPLE

Theyyams Performing Here
Padaveeran,
Moovalankuzhy,
Chamundi,
Vishnumoorthy,
Chooliyar Bhagavathy,
Gulikan

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
Thulam 23 24
Date - English
First half of November

Address of Temple
Rayaramangalam Theru,
Cheruvathur-Paduvalam,
Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

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

Google Coordinates
12.196243, 75.154773
In & around

Entrance gateway  Pilicode Sree Someswary Temple  Sub-deity shrine of the temple

Top view of Pilicode Sree Someswary Temple
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 - English
First half of November

Google Coordinates
12.193195, 75.124565
In & around

Houseboat cruise, Cheruvathur River

Cheruvathur River

Serene Cheruvathur River

Kalangattambalam

Temple pond, Kalangattambalam
SREE GOPALAKRISHNA TEMPLE

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam
Kumbham 10, 11

Date - English
Second half of February

Theyyams Performing Here
Vishnumoorthy

Address of Temple
Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Google Coordinates
12.257826, 75.142911
In & around

Sanctum Sanatorium of Sree Gopalakrishna Temple
Sree Gopalakrishna Temple views
Sub-deity shrine, Sree Gopalakrishna Temple

Heritage House at Perole
Pond at the heritage house
Sree Maheshwari Temple, Perole

Taluk Hospital, Nileswharam
Village Office, Perole
SREE VAIKUNDA TEMPLE

**Approximate Festival Date**

Date - Malayalam
Medam 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17

Date - English
Second half of April

**Google Coordinates**
12.240905, 75.126610

**Theyyams Performing Here**
Vishnumoorthy, Palanthayi Kannan

**Address of Temple**
Kottappuram, Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

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

**Major Committee**
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Koyma 2: Sri. Thampan, Kaniyara Tharavadu,
Anthithiriyam Kettambalam, Sri. Kunjhi kannan,

Contact No: 9496297303
Contact No: 9947881180
Contact No: 9947960349
Temple Corridor, Sree Vaikunda Temple
Entrance gateway of Sree Vaikunda Temple
Sub-deity shrine, Sree Vaikunda Temple
Sanctum Sanatorium of Sree Vaikunda Temple
Kottappuram Sree Vaikunda Temple
Side way entrance to the temple
Sacred place
Sree Vaikunda Temple, Kottappuram
SREE OLAVARA MUNDYAKAVU TEMPLE

Theyyams Performing Here
Angakulangara Bhagavathy, Raktha Chamundi

Address of Temple
Olavara-Thekkumbad-Elambachi Rd, South Thrikkaripur, Kasaragod - 671311

Major Committee
Janmadhikari: Sri. Babu Karunamoorthi, Contact No: 9495190870

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
Kumbham 21 - 26

Date - English
First half of March

Google Coordinates
12.100826, 75.186023
In & around

Outside view, Sree Olavara Mundyakavu Temple

Temple pond, Sree Olavara Mundyakavu Temple

Olavara Library

Olavara Vadakke Veedu Tharavaadu

Kunjalinkezhil Temple, Olavara

Temple Pond

Manakkad Bhagavathy Temple

Another view of Manakkad Bhagavathy Temple

Trikarippur Railway Station

On the way to Trikkarippur Railway Station
SREE KURUVAPPALLI ARA

Theyyams Performing Here
Aayitti Bhagavathy, Angakulangara Bhagavathy, Vishnumoorthy, Asurakalon, Raktha Chamundi, Guru Deivam, Gulikan

Address of Temple
Trikaripur, Pekkadam, Kasaragod, Kerala - 671310

Major Committee
Janmadhikari: Babu Karunamoorthi, Contact No: 9495190870

Google Coordinates
12.145771,75.170100

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
Thulam 17 - 20
Date - English
First half of November
In & around

Sub-deity, Sree Kuruvappalli Ara

Sub-deity, Sree Kuruvappalli Ara

Devasthanam, Sree Kuruvappalli Ara

Temple pond, Sree Kuruvappalli Ara
SREE MANNAMPURATHU KAVU BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE

Theyyams Performing Here
Mannampurathu Kavilamma, Nadayil Bhagavathy, Kshetrapalakan

Address of Temple
Kizhakkan Kozhuval, Nileshwaram, Kasaragod - 671314

Google Coordinates
12.258275, 75.132548

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
After Kalasam of Madiyan Koolom

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

Major Committee
Anjhoottan: Sri. Suresh Babu
Sree Mannampurathu Kavu Bhagavathy Temple
Sub-deity, Mannampurathu Kavu
Another Sub-deity, Mannampurathu Kavu
Mannampurathu Kavu
GLP School, Nileshwaram
House of the priest
Vettaikkorumakan Temple, Kozhuval
Temple Pond of Vettaikkorumakan Temple, Kozhuval
Temple Pond of Vettaikkorumakan Temple
Madathinkeezhil Sree Kshetrapalaka Temple

Temple Pond of Madathinkeezhil Sree Kshetrapalaka Temple

Paddy fields, Kozhuval

Padannakkad Hanging Bridge

River Thejswini
SREE KURUMBA BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE, KOTTIKULAM

Theyyams Performing Here
Bhagavathy

Address of Temple
Kottikulam,
Kasaragod - 671319

Contact
Sri. Karunan, Secretary,
Contact No: 9895574218

Google Coordinates
12.416520,75.020231
In & around

Serpent Grove, Sree Kurumba Bhagavathy Temple

Sree Kurumba Bhagavathy Temple

Devasthanam

Arabian Sea view, Kottikulam

Puthrakkar Tharavadu, Kottikulam
SREE SADASHIVA TEMPLE

Theyyams Performing Here
Vishnumoorthy

Address of Temple
Puthukai, Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

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

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam
Makaram

Date - English
On February 1-2

Google Coordinates
12.269965,75.130338
ODHAVATH SREE CHOOLIYAR 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

Address of Temple
Udma Padinhar, Udma, Kasargod - 671319

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

Google Coordinates
12.436210,75.010886
In & around

Odhavath Sree Chooliyar Bhagavathy Temple

Devasthanam

Sree Chooliyar Bhagavathy Temple

The Lalit Resort, Bekal

The Lalit Resort, Bekal

The Lalit Resort, Bekal

Garden, The Lalit Resort, Bekal

The Lalit Resort, Bekal

The Lalit Resort, Bekal
Cottages, The Lalit Resort, Bekal
Ayyappa Bhajan Mandiram, Udma
Ayyappa Temple, Udma

Palakkunnu Bhagavathy Temple
Sub-deity, Palakkunnu Bhagavathy Temple
Shrine inside Palakkunnu Bhagavathy Temple

Sub-deity shrine of Chirappan
View of Palakkunnu Bhagavathy Temple
THRIKKNAD SREE TRAYAMBAKESWARA TEMPLE

Theyyams Performing Here
Vishnumoorthy

Address of Temple
Thrikkanad, Kasaragod

Contact
Secretary,
Contact No: +91 4672 237511

Google Coordinates
12.412036, 75.022150
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 Coordinates
12.306703,75.102925

Address of Temple
Kanhangad Theruvath
Kanhangad, Kasaragod

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

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

Main Temple and Sub-deities shrine

Main Temple of Sree Arayil Bhagavathy Devalayam,

Temple Complex, Sree Arayil Bhagavathy Devalayam,

Main Temple of Sree Arayil Bhagavathy Devalayam,

Entrance gateway, Sree Arayil Bhagavathy Devalayam,

Kanhangad Theruvath Sree Arayil Bhagavathy Devalayam,
NADAKKAVU KOVVAL MUNDYA DEVASTHANAM

Theyyams Performing Here
Vishnumoorthy,
Angakulangara Bhagavathy,
Raktha Chamundi,
Gulikan

Address of Temple
Nadakkavu Kovval,
Vadakkumbad, Thrikkarippur,
Kasaragod - 671310

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
Kumbham 6 - 7
Date - English
Second half of February

Google Coordinates
12.156098,75.178996
In & around

- Nadakkavu Kovval Mundya Devasthanam
- Temple premises
- Banyan tree
- Heritage house
- Honey Sales Outlet, Thankayam
- A temple in Thankayam
- Chakarapani Temple Kottaram
- Sree Chakrapani Temple
- Namasakara Mandapam, Sree Chakrapani Temple
PADINJAAR CHAMUNDI TEMPLE

Address of Temple
Poothakkal - Erikulam Road, Erikulam, Kasaragod- 671314

Theyyams Performing Here
Anachanangum Bhootham,
Raktha Chamundi,
Gulikan,
Padinjhare Chamundi,
Raktheswari Chamundi,
Vishnumoorthy

Approximate Festival Date

Date - Malayalam
Thulam 21 - 29

Date - English
First half of November
KUTTAMATH BHAGAVATHY TEMPLE

Theyyams Performing Here
Baali, Raktha Chamundi,
Ankakulangara Bhagavathy,
Madayil Chamundi,
Vishnumoorthy,
Pottan Theyyam

Address of Temple
Thimri, Kottumoola, Cheruvathur,
Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
Makaram 13 - 16
Date - English
Second half of January

Google Coordinates
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KONATH CHATHAMATH BHAGAVATHY
VETTAIKORUMAKAN TEMPLE

Address of Temple
Chathamath, Nileswaram, Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
Medam 20- 21

Date - English
First half of May

Theyyams Performing Here
Oorpaazhassi, Pulluraali,
Padaarkulangara Bhagavathy,
Vettaikkorumakan

Google Coordinates
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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 MUNDYATHALINKEEZHL
VISHNUMOORTHY TEMPLE

Address of Temple
Thrikkarippur,
Kasaragod - 671311

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, Thalichalam Ottakkolam

Google Coordinates
12.127210, 75.187008
In & around

Sub-deity Shrine
Thalichalam Mundyathalinkeezhil Vishnumoorthy Temple
An old bridge near temple

Kavvayi Lake
An old bridge near temple
New bridge over Kavvayi river

Kavvayi river
Mangroves
Fuel Station
PUDUKAI KAALICHAN TEMPLE

Address of Temple
Chootwam Road, Pudukai, Nileshwaram, Kasaragod

Theyyams Performing Here
Kaalichan Daivam, Vishnumoorthy, Raktha Chamundi

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
Thulam 14 - 15
Date - English
Second half of October
In & around

Kakkat Madathil Kovilakam
Heritage house near Kovilakam
Heritage house near Kovilakam
Nileswaram River
Nileswaram River
Kakkat Sree Vishnu Temple
Padaarkulangara Bhagavathy, Chekkippara Bhagavathy, Puliyoor Kannan, Thoovakkaran, Raktha Chamundi, Vishnumoorthy

Address of Temple
Nileshwaram, Kasaragod - 671121

Contact
Phone: +91 467 228 5003

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
Dhanu 5-8
Date - English
Second half of December

Google Coordinates
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In & around

Angakalari Sree Vettaikorumakan Kottaram
Padaarkulangara Bhagavathy Temple

Serpent Grove, Padaarkulangara Bhagavathy Temple

Tharavaadu Temple

Kavilbhavan Yoga and Nature Cure Centre

Kavilbhavan Yoga and Nature Cure Centre

Sree Shasthamangalathappam Shiva Temple, Poovalamkai

St. Peter’s Catholic Church

St. Mary’s Church
PODOthuruthi Orrpazhassi
Vettaikkorumakan Temple

Address of Temple
Chathamath,
Nileswaram,
Kasaragod

Theyyams Performing Here
Oorpazhashshi Theyyam

Approximate Festival Date
Date - Malayalam
Dhanu 1-2
Date - English
Second half of December

Google Coordinates
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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 Coordinates
12.198536, 75.197911
In & around

Sanctum Sanatorium, Sree Panayakkattu Bhagavathy Temple
Sub-deity Shrine
Sree Panayakkattu Bhagavathy Temple, Kodakkad
Entrance to the temple
CHEEMENI SREE VISHNUMOORTHY TEMPLE

Theyyams Performing Here
Raktha Chamundi, Vishnumoorthy

Address of Temple
Cheemeni - Palavayal - Odakolly Rd
Kasaragod

Approximate Festival Date

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Entrance gateway to Cheemeni Sree Vishnumoorthy Temple
Cheemeni Sree Vishnumoorthy Temple
Priest home

Main temple of Cheemeni Sree Vishnumoorthy Temple
Walkway to the temple
Front view of the temple

Temple Pond
Paddy Fields at Cheemeni
Cheemeni Sree Vishnumoorthy Temple
St. Antony’s Church, Cheemeni

J K Residency - business hotel

Lord Shiva Temple, Cheemeni

Entrance gateway of the Shiva Temple

Sree Vairajathan Temple, Kottumpuram

Vairajathan Theyyam Model

Pilicode Kottumpuram - Sree Vairajathan Temple

Sree Rayamangalam Bhagavathy Temple, Pilicode

Entrance gateway to the temple
Main temple of Sree Rayamangalam Bhagavathy Temple

Sree Rayamangalam Bhagavathy Temple

Sub-deity of Sree Rayamangalam Bhagavathy Temple
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.

NAGAKAALI
GULIKAN VELLATTU
GULIKAN VELLATTU

Vellattam or Vellattu is an invocative ritual held prior to the actual Theyyam performance. The Gulikan Vellattu is held for Gulikan Theyyam, a character which represents the Hindu God of death, Yama. Through Vellattu ritual, the mortal human being is transformed into the divine self. Equivalent to the Thottam (the invocatory chant) ritual, Vellattams are more vibrant and vigorous.
GURUDEVAN THEYYAM
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An invocation to the supreme deity, Gurudevan is performed in a traditional home or Tharavadu in Northern Kerala.
KHANDAKARNAN

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

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

Dance of the Divine
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 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
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
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 Kuttichathan

Dance of the Divine

KUTTICHATHAN
KUTTICHATHAN

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).
NAGAKAALI VELLATTU
Vellattam or Vellattu is an invocative ritual held prior to the actual Theyyam performance. The Nagakaali Vellattu is held for Nagakaali Theyyam, a fertility goddess worshiped by childless parents. Naga means serpent and Kaali is the Mother Goddess. It is through Vellattam that the mortal human being is believed to transform himself into the divine persona. Equivalent to the Thottam (the invocatory chant) ritual, Vellattams are dynamic.
ELAYIDATHU BHAGAVATHY THEYYAM
Bhagavathy literally means Mother Goddess. Elayidathu Bhagavathy Theyyam, symbolizes the goodness over evil, this ancient form of worship includes performers blessing the devotees who throng around her.

ELAYIDATHU BHAGAVATHY THEYYAM
KARNAVAR VELLATTU
KARNAVAR VELLATTU

Vellattam or Vellattu is an invocative ritual held prior to the actual Theyyam performance. The Karnavar Vellattu is held for Karnavar Theyyam, the primary deity of Vannan community in Kerala. It is through Vellattam that the mortal human being is believed to transform himself into the Godly persona.
KARNAVAR THEYYAM
KARNAVAR THEYYAM

A popular Theyyam performed by the Vannan community of Kerala, this Theyyam protects people from the hands of evil. Worshipped in household shrines and temporary shrines, the Theyyam is propitiated to ensure success in disputes. Once the mortal human being transform himself into the divine persona will be regarded as “God incarnate” and comes out with soothing words and pass on positive energy while blessing the devotees.
RAKTHESHWARI
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.

**RAKTHESHWARI**
VISHNUMOORTHY
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.

**VISHNUMOORTHY**
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.

**KARINKAALI**

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CHAMUNDI
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.
Dance of the Divine

OTHENAN VELLATTU
OTHENAN VELLATTU

Vellattam is an invocative ritual held prior to the actual Theyyam performance. Through this ritual, the mortal human being is believed to get transformed into the divine self. It is equivalent to the Thottam, the invocatory chant, but is more colourful and vigorous.

Thacholi Othenan was a legendary hero who is believed to have lived during 16th century in North Malabar region of Kerala. Ballads of northern Kerala or Vadakkanpattu laud the feats of Thacholi Othenan. The Vellattu ritual held prior to the Othenan Theyyam is Othenan Vellattu.
Vellattam is an invocative ritual held prior to the actual Theyyam performance. The Vellattu ritual held prior to the Gurudevan Theyyam is Gurudevan Vellattu.
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