



List 2006 of Tholpava Koothu performances in Temples of Kerala

Season: Dhanu to Edavam (January to June)*

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1	Kulangara Bhagawathi ¹	Eddapal	Ponnani	Mallapuram	14 days	Dhanu	18	-	Makaram	2	Jan 2 - Jan 15	K.K.R	3
2	Puthanakkal Kavuvu	Cherapulacheri	Ottapalam	Palghat	30 days	Makaram	1	-	Makaram	30	Jan 14 - Feb 12	U.N.N.	14
3	Puthanal Kavuvu	Chalavara	Cherapulacheri	Palghat	29 days	Makaram	2	-	Makaram	28	Jan 15 - Feb 10	K.K.R	3
4	Mundakkottu Kurussi	Cherapalacheri	Ottapalam	Palghat	21 days	Makaram	7	-	Makaram	27	Jan 20 - Feb 9	K.K.R	3
5	Mannur Kaimothu Kavuvu	Mannur	Pathripala	Palghat	72 days	Makaram	10	-	Meenam	22	Jan 23 - Apr 5	K.K.R	3
6	Vengasseri Kavuvu	Ambalappara	Ottappalam	Palghat	7 days	Makaram	10	-	Meenam	16	Jan 23 - Mar 30	K.K	2
7	Kaimakunnathu Kavuvu	Mannur	Ottappalam	Palghat	70 days	Makaram	11	-	Meenam	23	Jan 24 - Apr 6	P.P	11
8	Kanayam Bhagawathi	Kolapulli	Palghat	Palghat	21 days	Makaram	14	-	Kumbham	4	Jan 27 - Feb 16	K.K.R	3
9	Kanayam Bhagawathi	Kollapulli	Ottapallam	Palghat	18 days	Makaram	14	-	Kumbham	2	Jan 27 - Feb 14	M.P.	8
10	Pantakkal Kavuvu ²	Pattambi	Pattambi	Palghat	10 days	Makaram	17	-	Makaram	26	Jan 30 - Feb 8	K.K.R	3
11	Paraikkatu Bhagawathi	Kavasheri	Alathur	Palghat	7 days	Makaram	20	-	Makaram	26	Feb 2 - Feb 8	K.K.R	3
12	Kanayam Bhagawathi	Kanayam	Shoranur	Palghat	28 days	Makaram	21	-	Kumbham	7	Feb 3 - Feb 19	M.P.	8
13	Tiruvani Kavuvu ³	Mollurkara	Trichur	Trichur	7 days	Makaram	23	-	Makaram	29	Feb 5 - Feb 11	K.K.R	3
14	Bhayam Kavuvu	Porathur	Tirur	Mallapuram	30 days	Kumbham	1	-	Kumbham	30	Feb 13 - Mar 14	K.K.R	3
15	Elavadikkal Kavuvu	Koottanad Chalissori	Ottappalam	Palghat	14 days	Kumbham	1	-	Kumbham	14	Feb 13 - Feb 26	K.K.R	3
16	Kayiliyad Kavuvu	Chalavara	Ottappalam	Palghat	21 days	Kumbham	1	-	Kumbham	24	Feb 13 - Mar 8	K.K.R	3
17	Mannath Bhagawathi	Koduvayoor	Palghat	Palghat	14 days	Kumbham	1	-	Kumbham	10	Feb 13 - Feb 22	K.K.R	3
18	Mukarathi Kavuvu	Ongallur	Pattambi	Palghat	14 days	Kumbham	1	-	Kumbham	14	Feb 13 - Feb 26	K.K.R	3
19	Njangattri Kavuvu	Mukkatri/Njangathri	Pattambi	Palghat	14 days	Kumbham	1	-	Kumbham	14	Feb 13 - Feb 26	K.K.R	3

¹ First day on Puram (star/Pooram festival)

² revived in 1995

³ Last day on Bharani (star/festival)



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20	Putukulangara Kavuvu	Chathannur	Ottapalam	Palghat	14 days	Kumbham 1 - Kumbham 14	Feb 13 - Feb 26	M.P.	8	
21	Chammini Kavuvu ⁴	Aaloor, Pattambi, Pattithara	Ottappalam	Palghat	14 days	Kumbham 2 - Kumbham 15	Feb 14 - Feb 27	K.P.I	4	
22	Mangalambayan Kavuvu	Mangalam	Ottapalam	Palghat	7 days	Kumbham 5 - Kumbham 11	Feb 17 - Feb 23	M.P.	8	
23	Palapatty Kavuvu ⁵	Valappadu	Palapatty	Trichur	7 days	Kumbham 5 - Kumbham 11	Feb 17 - Feb 23	K.K.R	3	
24	Pariyanambattu Kavuvu	Mangalankanni, Kattukulam	Ottapalam	Palghat	7 days	Kumbham 5 - Kumbham 12	Feb 17 - Feb 24	R.K.	12	
25	Thekkemuthassiyar Kavuvu	Pattambi	Patambi	Palghat	41 days	Kumbham 5 - Meenam 14	Feb 17 - Mar 28	K.K.R	3	
26	Vazali Kavuvu	Bharathapuzha	Shoranur	Trichur	7 days	Kumbham 5 - Kumbham 11	Feb 17 - Feb 23	K.K.R	3	
27	Vazha Kavuvu	Painkulam	Wadakkancheri	Trichur	7 days	Kumbham 5 - Kumbham 11	Feb 17 - Feb 23	K.K.R	3	
28	Vazhani/Valliya Kavuvu	Painkulam	Talappilly	Trichur	7 days	⁶ Kumbham 5 - Kumbham 11	Feb 17 - Feb 23	K.K.R	3	
29	Vazhu Kavuvu	Kandannansseri	Talappilly	Trichur	7 days	Kumbham 5 - Kumbham 11	Feb 17 - Feb 23	K.U.N	7	
30	Mudakottukurussi Kavuvu ⁷	Cherappalaseri	Ottapalam	Palghat	21 days	Kumbham 10 - Kumbham 30	Feb 22 - Mar 14	K.K.R	3	
31	Maanjeri Kavuvu ⁸	Kongad I	Palghat	Palghat	14 days	Kumbham 14 - Kumbham 27	Feb 26 - Mar 11	M.P.	8	
32	Chathamkandar Kavuvu	Ambalappara II /Varode	Ottappalam	Palghat	14 days	Kumbham 15 - Kumbham 28	Feb 27 - Mar 12	M.P.	8	
33	Kadaparambathu Kavuvu	Ongallur	Pattambi	Palghat	41 days	Kumbham 15 - Medam 25	Feb 27 - May 8	K.K.R	3	
34	Sastham Kulangara Kavuvu ⁹	Enamava	Manaloor	Trichur	7 days	Kumbham 15 - Kumbham 21	Feb 27 - Mar 5	K.K.R	3	
35	Kozhimamparambu Kavuvu	Cheruthuruthy	Talappilly	Trichur	14 days	Kumbham 16 - Kumbham 29	Feb 28 - Mar 13	K.K.R	3	
36	Vadkkemuthassiyar Kavuvu	Naduvattam	Pattambi	Palghat	7 days	Kumbham 16 - Kumbham 22	Feb 28 - Mar 6	K.K.R	3	
37	AmaKavuvu	Perungode, Nagalasseri	Ottappalam	Palghat	10 days	Kumbham 18 - Kumbham 29	Mar 2 - Mar 13	K.K.R	3	
38	Kandaparambu Kavuvu	Ponnani	Ponnani	Mallapuram	14 days	Kumbham 23 - Meenam 6	Mar 7 - Mar 20	M.R	9	

⁴ Last day (Tuesday) Pooram festival

⁵ Aswathy vela

⁶ no fixed date

⁷ Last day on Puram (star/Pooram festival)

⁸ Last day: Tiruonam

⁹ Last Day on Karthika (star/festival)



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39	Akaloor Kavu	Lakkidiperu	Ottappalam	Palghat	32 days	Kumbham 26 - Meenam 27	Mar 10 - Apr 10	P.P	11	
40	Aryan Kavuv ¹⁰	Kavalappara, Kunathara	Ottappalam	Palghat	21 days	Meenam 1 - Meenam 21	Mar 15 - Apr 4	K.K.R	3	
41	Kandakurumba Kavuv	Iswaramagalam	Ponnani	Mallapuram	7 days	Meenam 1 - Meenam 7	Mar 15 - Mar 21	K.K.R	3	
42	Mullakkal Kavuv	Arangottukara	Talapilly	Trichur	14 days	Meenam 1 - Meenam 14	Mar 15 - Mar 28	R.K.	12	
43	Veliyangode Bhagawathi	Palapatti	Ponnani	Mallapuram	11 days	Meenam 1 - Meenam 12	Mar 15 - Mar 26	K.K.R	3	
44	Kali Kavuv	Pallatheri	Puducheri	Palghat	7 days	Meenam 2 - Meenam 8	Mar 16 - Mar 22	K.K.R	3	
45	Alathiyur Kavuv	Porathur	Tirur	Mallapuram	8 days	Meenam 4 - Meenam 11	Mar 18 - Mar 25	K.K.R	3	
46	Mariyamman Koil	Kanjikode	Palghat	Palghat	14 days	Meenam 6 - Meenam 19	Mar 20 - Apr 2	K.K.R	3	
47	Aryambadathu Kavuv	Trithala/Pattithara	Ottappalam	Palghat	14 days	Meenam 10 - Meenam 23	Mar 24 - Apr 6	K.P.I	4	
48	Ottirathil Kavuv	Thiruvaziyodu	Krishnapuram	Palghat	7 days	Meenam 10 - Meenam 16	Mar 24 - Mar 30	R.K.	12	
49	Vengasseru Kavuv	Mezhathur (Near Trithala)	Ottappalam	Palghat	14 days	Meenam 10 - Meenam 23	Mar 24 - Apr 6	R.K.	12	
50	Machadu Bhagawathi	Machadu	Wadakkancheri	Trichur	7 days	Meenam 17 - Meenam 23	Mar 31 - Apr 6	M.R	9	
51	Panamkurissi Kavuv	Chethallur	Mannargad	Palghat	7 days	Meenam 17 - Meenam 23	Mar 31 - Apr 6	K.K.R	3	
52	Pukkottu Kali Kavuv	Mantarkode Mangalakunnu	Ottapallam	Palghat	8 days	Meenam 17 - Meenam 25	Mar 31 - Apr 8	M.P.	8	
53	Chunangi Bhagawathi	Nallepillai	Chittoor	Palghat	14 days	Meenam 18 - Medam 1	Apr 1 - Apr 14	K.R.Y	6	
54	Srikurumba Kavuv	Koduvayur	Alathur	Palghat	14 days	Meenam 18 - Meenam 30	Apr 1 - Apr 13	K.K.R	3	
55	Muthassiyar Kavuv	Pattambi	Pattambi	Palghat	40 days	Meenam 19 - Edavam 8	Apr 2 - May 22	K.P.I	4	
56	Srikurumba Kavuv	Kunnumpuram	Palghat	Palghat	8 days	Meenam 21 - Meenam 28	Apr 4 - Apr 11	A.P,	1	
57	Mannath Bhagawathi	Pazampalakodu	Alathur	Palghat	7 days	Meenam 24 - Medam 1	Apr 7 - Apr 14	K.K.R	3	
58	Mullakkal Kavuv	Nelluvaya	Wadakkancher	Trichur	12 days	Meenam 24 - Medam 5	Apr 7 - Apr 18	K.U.N	7	
59	Parikkamcherry Kavuv	Pallathery, Parai	Palghat	Palghat	7 days	Meenam 24 - Medam 2	Apr 7 - Apr 15	K.K.R	3	
60	Pazhabalakode Kavuv	Tarur I	Alathur	Palghat	7 days	Meenam 25 - Medam 2	Apr 8 - Apr 15	K.K.R	3	

¹⁰ Birthday of Rama. Only temple where Ramas whole life from birth to coronation is narrated.



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61	Killikulangara Kavuvu	Pulachitra	Ottapalam	Palghat	14 days	Meenam 29 - Medam 12	Apr 12 - Apr 25	K.K.R	3	
62	Kozayan Kavuvu	Pattambi	Pattambi	Palghat	7 days	¹¹ Medam 1 - Medam 7	Apr 14 - Apr 20	M.P.	8	
63	Kunnumpuram Kavuvu	Kunnumpuram	Palghat town	Palghat	7 days	Medam 1 - Medam 7	Apr 14 - Apr 20	K.P.Y	5	
64	Plakodu Kavuvu	Cherakara	Wadakkancheri	Trichur	7 days	Medam 1 - Medam 7	Apr 14 - Apr 20	K.U.N	7	
65	Killikulagarai Kavuvu	Vaniyamkulam	Ottapalam	Palghat	10 days	Medam 2 - Medam 12	Apr 15 - Apr 25	K.K.R	3	
66	Killikulangara Kavuvu	Mannicheri	Palghat	Palghat	11 days	Medam 2 - Medam 12	Apr 15 - Apr 25	K.K.R	3	
67	Mariyamman Kovil	Kozavikodu, Pudusseri	Palghat	Palghat	7 days	Medam 4 - Medam 10	Apr 17 - Apr 23	K.K.R	3	
68	Kunduvampadam Kavuvu	Kongad	Palghat	Palghat	8 days	Medam 5 - Medam 12	Apr 18 - Apr 25	R.K.	12	
69	Kunisseri Kavuvu	Kinnisseri	Alathur	Palghat	7 days	Medam 5 - Medam 11	Apr 18 - Apr 24	V.P	15	
70	Mathur Kavuvu	Kozhalmannam	Alathur	Palghat	14 days	Medam 5 - Medam 18	Apr 18 - May 1	M.P.	8	
71	Mulayan Kavuvu	Kulukkallur	Ottapalam	Palghat	21 days	Medam 5 - Medam 25	Apr 18 - May 8	N.N	10	
72	Naliri Kavuvu	Karimpuzha	Ottapalam	Palghat	8 days	Medam 5 - Medam 12	Apr 18 - Apr 25	K.K	2	
73	Thoniaparambu Kavuvu	Ponnani	Ponnani	Mallapuram	14 days	Medam 5 - Medam 18	Apr 18 - May 1	M.R	9	
74	Manisseri Kavuvu	Ottapalam	Ottapalam	Palghat	14 days	Medam 10 - Medam 23	Apr 23 - May 6	K.K.R	3	
75	Mariyamman Kavuvu	Mannarkad	Mannarkad	Palghat	7 days	Medam 10 - Medam 16	Apr 23 - Apr 29	K.K.R	3	
76	Muthalappara Kavuvu	Ambalappra	Ottapalam	Palghat	7 days	Medam 10 - Medam 16	Apr 23 - Apr 29	R.K.	12	
77	MangottuBagawathi Kavuvu	Attipotta	Alathur	Palghat	7 days	Medam 15 - Medam 22	Apr 28 - May 5	K.K.R	3	
78	Nadumannath Bhagawathi	Kuthanur	Alathur	Palghat	8 days	Medam 15 - Medam 22	Apr 28 - May 5	P.P	11	
79	Puraittaikkal Bhagawathi ¹²	Kollangode	Chittoor	Palghat	14 days	Medam 15 - Medam 28	Apr 28 - May 11	K.K.R	3	
80	Sastram Kavuvu	Kalladikode	Kalladikode	Palghat	8 days	Medam 15 - Medam 23	Apr 28 - May 6	K.K	2	
81	Meenkulathi Kavuvu	Pallassena	Chittoor	Palghat	7 days	Medam 19 - Medam 25	May 2 - May 8	P.P	11	
82	Thuthakkal Kavuvu	Karalmanna	Ottapalam	Palghat	41 days	Medam 19 - Edavam 12	May 2 - May 26	U.N.N	14	

¹¹ Beginning of the Malayalam calendar

¹² Lady Vellichapad, female oracel, every second year (even numbers)



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83	Tonnikurumba Kavu	Ponnani	Ponnani	Mallapuram	10 days	Medam 19 - Medam 28	May 2 - May 11	M.R	9	
84	Mullayaparambathu Kavu	Chalisseri	Ottappalam	Palghat	13 days	Medam 22 - Kumbham 5	May 5 - Feb 17	K.K.R	3	
85	Kuthannur Kavu	Kuthannur	Palghat	Palghat	7 days	Medam 24 - Medam 30	May 7 - May 13	M.P.	8	
86	Mariyamman Kovil	Kunathara	Ottapalam	Palghat	7 days	¹³ Edavam 3 - Edavam 9	May 17 - May 23	K.K.R	3	
87	Karipodu Bhagawathi	Karipodu	Kollonkode	Palghat	7 days	Edavam 10 - Edavam 17	May 24 - May 31	K.K.R	3	

*) Tholpava Koothu is usually performed on fixed dates according to the Malayalam calendar. Because of the differences between the Malayalam calendar and the Roman calendar, the dates of the Roman calendar will change for the next season.

Abbreviations / List of the Kuttu Mada Pulavar¹⁴ (Chief in charge of Tholpava Koothu)

- 1 **A.P.** Annamala Pulavar, assistes by Sadanadan Pulavar
- 2 **K.K.** K. Krishnamurthi Palappuram
- 3 **K.K.R** Koonathara Krishnankutty Ramachandra Pulavar, assisted by Viswanatha Pulavar & Lakshmana Pulavar
- 4 **K.P.I.** Kanakan Pillai
- 5 **K.P.Y.** K.Ponnusamy Pudussery
- 6 **K.R.Y.** K.Ramasamy
- 7 **K.U.N.** Killimangalam Unnikrishnan
- 8 **M.P.** Mada Thodi Balan Pillai
- 9 **M.R.** Mani Ramasamy Pudussery
- 10 **N.N.** Narayanan Nair
- 11 **P.P.** Prabhakaran Pulavar
- 12 **R.K.** Raman Kutty
- 13 **R.KN.** Rama Krishnan
- 14 **U.N.N.** Uppath Narayanan Nair
- 15 **V.P.** Velayutham Pillai

¹³ starts first Wednesday of Edavam

¹⁴ Now there are 15 chiefs in charge of Tholpava Koothu Theatre to oversee the Tholpava Koothu performances in the 87 Koothu Madam.