

The Chakyar Families

PAINKULAM RAMA CHAKYAR

In the old days, there were eighteen Chakyar families. Their names are given below:

1. Kuttancherry (near Nelluvay) : This family did not have relation with any of the other families.
 2. Ammannur: Originally belonged to Pattambi; they shifted to Muzhikulam and then to Irinjalakkuda.
 3. Paravur: Belonged to Paravur, but subsequently was merged with Ammannur family.
 4. Koypa: Originally from Vanneri region, but now settled in Painkulam.
 5. Pantallur: The original station is Eranad, but now settled in Perumanam. They merged with Koypa.
 6. Mekkad: Originally belonged to Annamanada.
 7. Valia Parisha: Ancestral family was Kidangur.
 8. Ambalappuzha: From Ambalappuzha itself.
 9. Kazhakkuttam: From Kazhakkuttam itself.
- The families of Mekkad, Valia Parisha, Ambalappuzha and Kazhakkuttam merged, and now the descendent stay in Kazhakkuttam.
10. Karttikamattam: Original family hails from the south-east of Perumbavur.
 11. Cheriya Parisha: Ancestral family from Kidangur. Karttikamattam and Cheriya Parisha became one, and was settled in Kidangur.
 12. Potiyil: Ancestral family belonged to the southern side of the Aluva river.
 13. Tottam: Originally from the north-eastern side of Trippunithura.
 14. Manganam: From the east of Kottayam.
 15. Evur: Near the Evur temple.
- The families of Potiyil, Tottam, Manganam and Evur became one.
16. Manalikkara (near Padmanabhapuram): Now the family is extinct. They used to possess the rights for temples like Tiruvattar. Now the properties and rights belong to Eramallur.
 17. Perunchallur (near Talipparambu): Their properties and rights went to Mani Chakyar.
 18. Taliyil (now extinct): Their performance rights were sustained once by Koypa and later by Mani.

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