GLOSSARY

Adiachy: Female slave
Adiyam: Male slave
Amma: Mother (Goddess)
Anakkalu: Elephant leg
Angakaran: Supportive theyyam
Anju: Five
Anjupula: Five days of pollution
Anjupully: Five circles
Arichattu: Rice powder
Asuras: Evil spirits
Attam: Dance
Ayutham: Weapon / Instruments
Avarna Jati: Low caste
Bhagavati: Mother goddess
Bhutas: Demons
Bhutattas: Dance of devil
Chala: Hut
Chalia: A low caste
Changathi: Friends
Chelu: Small/mud
Cherumas: A tribal
Chilenka: Anklet
Choru: Boiled rice
Choruvaral: Taking rice from the boiled water
Deivam: God
Deepam: Oil lamp
Ettillekkar: Eight clan people
Etto: Eight
Ezhampula: Seven days pollution
Ezhuttu: Writing
Gramadevata: Village deity
Guru: Teacher
Gurukkal: Teacher
Illem: Clan/ house
Ittupura: A special house for delivery
Ittany: Coffin made of bamboo
Jati: Caste
Jatigunam: The characteristics of ones caste
Kacha: Long white cloth
Kadumthudi: Proto type of drum
Kanisakaran: Diviner
Kalasam: Toddy
Kalasam: Validictory/ concluding
Kaliyattam: Dance of Kali
Karavaral: Putting hand in the bioling oil
Kari: Charcoal
Kattumurthikal : Goddess of the forest
Kavu : Grove
Khadi : Hand spun cloth
Kireedam : Crown
Koilu : Muslim
Kolam : Effigy
Kottam : Place of worship
Kudiyam : Tenant
Mana : House of the landlord/Brahmin
Mankannu : The eye of a deer
Manjel : Turmeric
Marumakkathayam : Matriarchy
Mudiyettu : Crowning
Mudiyirac : Dismounting the headgear
Mukappali : Mask
Murik : A thorny softwood tree
Naduvan : Master of ceremony
Naduvazhy : Ruler / king
Nathumkannu : Eye of Nath
Neeja jati : Untouchable/low caste
Nira : Full
Noolukettu : Ceremony of tying a string around the waist of an infant
Pandam : Fire-wick
Pathillekkar : Ten Clan People
Parikarma : Going around
Polla : Honorary title of pulaya
Prachurulu : The featherfold of dove
Prakriti : Nature
Prasanakaran : Fortune teller
Puja : Sacrifice
Pula : Pollution
Pulam : Energy/ strength
Sakti : Shell
Sanku : High caste
Savarna jati : Snake grove
Serpakavu : Habit
Silam : Low caste
Sutras : Trident
Stula : Rotation
Swastika : Head priest
Tandri : Dried bark used as soap
Thali : Wed-lock-money
Thalippanam : Song
Thottam : Beginning
Thudangal : Small Drum
Thudi : The climax of dance
Uranjattam : Tail
Varavil : Round
Veeran : Invocation for blessing
Vetta : Hero
Vyantra : Technique