

Historic Chettuva Fort, a crumbling relic seeking conservation & devpt

'Complete records about the fort are available but they have not yet been translated'

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THE historic Chettuva Fort, located on the banks of the Chettuva river in Engandiyur panchayat of Guruvayur constituency, is awaiting heritage conservation and tourism development. Considered one of the major remnants of Dutch colonial presence in Kerala, the fort today survives only in ruins but continues to attract the attention of historians and travellers.



The Chettuva Fort in ruins

after coming under the control of Tipu Sultan, it came to be known as 'Tipu Sultan Fort.' Chettuva Fort also holds the distinction of being the only fort built by the Dutch in Kerala. Historical records indicate that the Dutch built the fort to resist attacks from the Zamorin and to protect their trade interests along the Malabar Coast.

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where the Chettuva river meets the Arabian Sea. Historical studies suggest that the foundation of the fort was built by driving large teak logs deep into the ground. Local folklore also says that man-eating crocodiles were once reared in the massive moat surrounding the fort.

At present, most parts of the fort are overgrown with vegetation. Only the remnants of walls and parts of the moat remain visible. The area has also become a habitat for venomous snakes and small wild animals, creating difficulties for visitors. Although the fort is under the protection of the archaeology department, local residents expressed concern over the lack of proper maintenance and development.

Engandiyur grama panchayat president said that the panchayat is exploring development possibilities with the aim of placing the fort and its surroundings on the tourism map. However, he added that archaeological protection rules and technical procedures remain major challenges to implementing development projects.

Thrissur GMCH doctors launch 2 advanced cardiac treatment methods

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IN A major breakthrough, a team of doctors at the cardiology department of Thrissur Government Medical College Hospital have successfully completed two advanced cardiac treatment methods in the institute, that would benefit hundreds of patients who depend on this hospital for healthcare services.



The team behind the breakthrough procedures in cardiology department of GMCH

The team has successfully completed the Cardiac Re-synchronisation Therapy, a complex process that costs a huge sum when done in private hospitals. However, at GMCH, the patient would get the advanced care by spending a minimal amount, while increasing the quality of life.

According to Dr Karunadas, cardiology HoD, "Imagine the pumping of blood by our heart as a water pumping mechanism. If the electric current didn't reach the pump properly, it won't run the water. Similarly, in some patients, the electric signals don't reach the left valve, leading to heart failure. It is also known as Left Bundle Branch block, which can be diagnosed through variations in ECG. In such patients, a battery is fixed near the left shoulder and three wires are connected to the heart through

invasive procedure." So far, five patients underwent the treatment method successfully.

Tran Catheter Aortic Valve Replacement is another complex procedure that was successfully completed at the GMCH. The procedure is used to treat a patient suffering from Aortic Stenosis, the condition of irregular pumping of blood due to narrowing of the aortic valve.

"In such conditions, we used to change the valve to an artificial one through an open heart surgery, which is a very risky process. But now, the replacement of the valve can be done through a minimal invasive process at GMCH. The process

can be done by inserting a pipe through the artery on the patient's leg. So far, four patients underwent the procedure," said Dr Karunadas.

The cardiology department of the hospital work 24x7, and also provide primary angioplasty for those who suffer from cardiac arrest.

Medical college principal Indu P S noted that to increase the services provided at the cardiology department, interventions were being made to increase the staff strength. "The facilities are there for the advanced care, and proper staff strength would help to reach the benefits to the maximum number of people," the principal said.

4 held for consuming alcohol inside Koodalmanickyam temple premises

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IRINJALAKUDA police on Friday arrested four people for allegedly consuming alcohol inside Sree Koodalmanickyam temple.

The incident occurred on Thursday night during the Valiya Vilakku elephant parade as part of the annual temple festival. A video of a group of four people drinking alcohol was circulated on social media. In the video, women surrounding

the group were seen criticising them for publicly consuming liquor. The group allegedly insulted the women.

Based on complaints received, the police arrested four people identified from the video - Thayyeri Pradheesh, 51, Shoolamparambil Anoop, 38, Thayyeri Lalu Mohan, 40 and Thayyeri Arun, 56, all natives of Padiyoor. Anoop was accused in another case of injuring a person following careless driving, the police said.

Paithrukam starts kathakali training classes

Guruvayur: A kathakali training programme aimed at introducing Kerala's classical art form to the younger generation was launched in Guruvayur under the leadership of Paithrukam Guruvayur and the auspices of Paithrukam Kalakshethra. The classes are being led by Kalamandalam Mohanan Asan. Organisers said the initiative was part of efforts to preserve and promote traditional art forms and encourage more youngsters to take up kathakali.

EXPRESS READ
Accused in theft of 10 sovereigns of gold held in Mangaluru
Guruvayur: The police have arrested the accused in connection with the theft of 10 sovereigns of gold ornaments from a house in Pavaratty. The accused, identified as Ashif, 25, a native of Kasaragod, was apprehended from Mangaluru by an investigation team led by Pavaratty inspector and SHO Antony Joseph Netto. During inspection, it was discovered that gold ornaments kept in one of the two boxes stored inside a steel cupboard had been stolen. Around 10 sovereigns of gold ornaments, including chains and bangles, were missing. Following the complaint, the police launched a swift investigation and identified the suspect. After a detailed probe and secret surveillance, the accused was tracked down and arrested from Mangaluru.

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