

Cultural Background

With regard to arts and culture of this district, Tamil culture is mainly followed as the majority belongs to Tamils, besides as the second majority goes to Muslims their culture is followed whereas the least number of burghers and Sinhalese also follow their own cultures. As far as the culture of Tamils is concerned different genres of Tamil arts such as koothu (folk dance), Thenmodi, vadamody, drama, vasanthan kummi etc are found traditionally. Kummi is a kind of dance that belongs to women. All these reflects the customs, norms and tradition of Hindusim as well as it could be still witnessed that kolattam [a kind of dance with stick] is performed even by Muslims.

With regard to the worship of God, Kovils of pillaiyar, Murugan, God Shiva and nagathambiran are found along with the worship of kannagi there Apart from these, Catholic, Christian churches, Mosques and Buddhis Temples are also found in Batticaloa.