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## NEPATYA

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### Organisation

**Type of Institution:** A training and performance Institute. Trust formed under Govt. Registration Rule. No. 147/IV/2004

**Year of Establishment:** 2004

**Brief History:** Napatya is a centre for Kutiyattam based in Muzhikkulam, Aluva since 1998. Muzhikkulam is one of the traditionally important places for Kutiyattam, where this art form was nurtured, flourished and developed in the last century. Many famous Chakyars belonging to Ammannur tradition were based in this historically important village. Napatya envisages functioning as one of the prime centres of Kutiyattam where this

art form will be taught, performed and preserved in the traditional format. It also focuses on basic research on the history and evolution of the art form, conception and performing of new texts and revival of old Kutiyattam performances that are not performed now. Napatya further aims to foster a democratic relationship among artistes beyond the existing hierarchy system. Many appreciation courses and demonstrations have been conducted by Napatya in several parts of Kerala during the last seven years.

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### Performance Repertory

Play	Act	Choreography (Attaprakaram)	No. of days
Karnabharam by Bhasa	One-act play (Full)	Margi Madhu	2
Subhadradhananjayam by Kulasekharavarman	Kanchukeeyam (an episode from Act II based on Vyangyavyakhya)	Margi Madhu	1
Dutaghatotkacham by Bhasa	One-act play (Full)	Margi Madhu	1
Macbeth by W. Shakespeare	Solo performance	Margi Madhu	1

## **Funding Source**

Donations from trustees.

## **Premises and Equipment**

Institute owns Kalaries (training places) and performance space where Kutiyattam programmes are conducted. The Institute is having its own costumes and percussion instruments.

## **Training Faculty**

The centre is imparting training in

Kutiyattam acting (male and female characters), Nangiar Kuthu and Mizhavu. Also conducting appreciation courses in Kutiyattam for the common public.

### ***Guru/Teachers:***

**Muzhikkulam Kochukuttan Chakyar**

- Mukhya Acharya and President

**Margi Madhu** - Artistic Director

### ***Trained performing artistes:***

**Kalamandalam Ratheesh Bhas** - Mizhavu

**Kalamandalam Anoop** - Mizhavu

**Indu G.** - Actress and Secretary

**Krishnapriya** - Actress

