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### **SREE KALLIL BHAGAWATHI MANDIR, METHALA (Ker)**

**Kallil in Malayalam means 'in stone'.**

**Bhagavathi's prathishta is in a cave beneath a massive rock that stands without a support on the ground. It appears as if the huge boulder is mysteriously suspended in the air.**

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Once, people gathering forest resources in the dense forest saw a beautiful lady toying with huge stones. The lady hid herself in the cave forming a cover with the stones she was playing with. The stone that went up became the roof and the one fallen down became her seat.



The Mandir is on a hilltop which can be reached climbing 64 steps, inside a vast forest of 28 acres. It is protected by the ASI. It is believed that earlier Jain monks used the place for tapasya due to the presence of stone carved murtis of Jain Tirthankaras here.



The procession of Devi during the festival is on a female elephant. It is believed that once a tusker was used. Devi cursed the animal and turned it into a rock. The rock in the nearby land is still called elephant rock and is believed to be the elephant which was once cursed.



