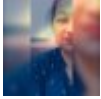


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KALADY: BIRTHPLACE OF ADI SHANKARA (Kerela)

It was at Kalady where Adi Sankaracharya was born to Sivaguru and Aryamba in 788CE.

The village of Kalady, meaning 'Feet', was earlier known as "Sasalam." There is a story explaining how Sasalam got the new name.

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One day, little Shankaracharya's mother fainted while walking the 3 km stretch for her daily bath in the Periyar River. Feeling helpless, Shankara asked his favorite deity Sri Krishna for assistance. Krishna blessed him saying, "The River will flow where your little feet mark."



Shankara marked his little feet on the ground and the river took its new course from there. The place came to be known as Kalady (feet).

Kalady Kadavu is the ghat where the river changed course.

Shankara installed Krishna murti to thank Krishna and recited Atchutha Ashtakam.



It is said that Shankara's mother was against his becoming sanyasi. Once, a crocodile caught Shankara and released him from its jaws only when Shankara's mother agreed to his sanyasa. Muthala Kadavu or crocodile ghat at Kalady denotes this event.

