Facts

22 things worth knowing about Fort Kochi and Mattancherry.

- The Cochin kings who had to become temple hermits, and how Portugal ended the custom, 1505 to 1510
- Royal death taboos and the fishers' golden tribute at a feast for 15,000 guests
- Royal death taboos: a year without razors, betel, or European forts
- Royal death taboos: kingdoms stopped and fishing banned under pain of death
- Royal death taboos: sanctified deathbeds and bricked-up walls in Kerala
- How one monsoon, the great flood of 1341, rebuilt Kerala's coastline and started a new calendar
- The idol smuggled in a bread-basket: the Bhimmum crisis, 1791 to 1859
- The Bharani festival at the Bhagavathi Temple of Kodungallur
- Samkēthams: temple-run republics of pre-modern Kerala
- The Zamorin and the Chavers at Mamankam
- Odi: the black art of pre-modern Kerala
- The coronation ritual of a new Zamorin of Calicut
- The Revathi Pattathānam and its learned assembly
- The origin of Calicut's bazaar
- The Cochin coronation vow
- Boiling oil ordeal settled trade disputes in 1710 Malabar
- The Ankam duel in traditional Kerala
- The Smartha-Vicharam tribunal in traditional Kerala
- Kerala's Kudakkallu and Topikkallu burial monuments
- Chavittunatakam, a Christian theatrical form
- The "Hortus Malabaricus": a book on the plants and medicines of tropical Asia
- Martial training halls in traditional Kerala