

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT

Malappuram was the military head quarters from ancient times. During the Sangam period Eranadan Malappuram was under the Chera Empire. The King of Mysore, Hydarali, conquered the places and her son, Tipu Sultan, handed over the area to the British as part of Srirangapattanam treaty. The British established the Haigh Barracks on top of the hill, at the bank of the Kadalundi river, to station their forces, where once Tipu had a fort. Main Barracks has now been turned into the seat of district administration.

This district was the venue for many of the Mappila revolts (uprisings against the British East India Company in Kerala) between 1792 and 1921. It was a famous centre for Hindu - Vedic learning and Islamic philosophy and a place of cultural heritage. Malappuram has a rich and eventful history. It was the military headquarters of the Zamorins of Kozhikode since ancient times.

Malappuram is the headquarters of Malappuram district in the state of Kerala. It is a city and a municipality. Malappuram is the third largest district on the basis of area and most populated district in the state of Kerala. It was formed on 16 th June 1969.