

9 Kaani

The Kaanis are senior advisors to the King administrative, spiritual, and social matters, representing various sub-groups and regions of the community. There are nine elderly Kaanis in total as advisors to the King.

As per Ramesh Gopalan & elders	As per Raman Rajamannan	As per Biju's data and book
(i) Valayitta Valladan Kaani (ii) Chaden Purambula Kaani (iii) Kattathopran Kaani (iv) Kandamakkidadan Kaani (v) Aanakkadan Kaani (vi) Kuthiyathukolan Kaani (vii) Varakkuraliyan Kaani (viii) Kadattu Kumbulan Kaani (ix) Kalkoonthal Kaani. Apart from these 9 Kaani, an additional post called is also present named Kenjila Maniyaran Kaani.	(i) Nattumalan (ii) Kadattu Kumbulan Kaani (iii) Varakkuraliyan Kaani (iv) Kuthiyothukolan Kaani (v) Kattathopran Kaani (vi) Chaden Purambula Kaani (vii)Kandamakkidadan Kaani (viii) Kalkoonthal Kaani (ix) Muthur Kaani According to Raman Rajamannan, apart from these 9 Kaani, there are later added 10 Kaani to the list who governs the Ayiramperumkuda	(i) Kattathopran Kaani (ii) Purambila Kaani (iii) Idaadan Kaani (iv) Kumbilan Kaani (v) Kenjilamaniyan Kaani (vi) Barakku Uraliyan Kaani (vii) Bekran Kaani (viii) Kolan Kaani (ix) Kularan Kaani

Kulamthaari and Kulamthaarichi (Law and Order Enforcers)

The Kulamthaari group is responsible for maintaining law and order within the Mannan community. Their duties include settling disputes, enforcing community norms, and implementing punishments where necessary. Currently, these positions were held by men, but there are also women counterparts known as Kulamthaarichi, who performed similar roles.

As per Ram esh and Elde rs	As per Biju' s boo k
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(i)	(i)
Aayi	Peri
ram	ya
Kudi	Kudi
yan	yan
ava	ava
n	n
(ii)	(ii)
Peri	Aayi
ya	ram
Kudi	Kudi
yan	yan
ava	ava
n	n
(iii)	(iii)
Vali	Ilam
yula	thar
mth	i
aari	Kudi
(iv)	yan
Ilam	ava
thar	n
i	(iv)
Kudi	Vali
yan	yula
ava	mth
n	aari
(v)	(v)
Katt	Ilay
ila	avat
Vali	tam
yula	(vi)
mth	Vali
ari	ya
(vi)	Tha
Vela	nda
Vali	kkar
yula	an
mth	(vii)
ari	Tha
(vii)	nnip
Ilay	atha
avat	(viii)
tam	Pon
(viii)	gala
Tha	ali
nda	Kudi
kara	yan
n	ava
(ix)	n

Traditionally, those who disobeyed community laws were subject to punishment as per these local governing systems.

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