

GLOSSARY

Agraharam –

Agrahara is the name given to the Brahmin quarter of a heterogenous village or to any village inhabited by Brahmins

Devasthana –

Devasthana is the space dedicated to the divine

Thinnai –

Thinnai is an informal seating space on either side of the entrance, where the host would entertain guests or hold informal meetings.

Rezhi –

The courtyard space of the house

Thalam -

It is the space around the courtyard, the homakundam or the place for the sacrificial fire is located here.

Adukulla –

The kitchen area is called so

Machil –

Machil is the attic room. The stairway from the akamthinna leads to the machil. This room is assigned for the use of newly wedded couples