

AYYANAVAR



Population: 20,000

Religion: Hinduism

Christian: 0%

Language: Malayalam



The head of the family is the father. After the death of the father, the eldest son succeeds as the head of the family. The head looks after the other members.

The women and men have equal status. Cruelty, adultery and maladjustments etc. are the grounds of divorce.

Most Ayyanavar work as casual wage laborers in plantation and agricultural sectors. Animal husbandry is a subsidiary occupation. A few who own land cultivate it themselves. Some of them have found employment in government and private sectors.

They are non-vegetarians and eat mostly rice, vegetables, fish, and some other meats.