Recently, a few history researchers urged the Kerala government to declare Thirunavaya, in the present-day Malappuram district, a heritage village and protect the historical relics in the area.

About Mamangam-

- Mamangam is a 28-day-long trade **festival celebrated once every 12 years on the banks of the Bharathappuzha**, also **known as Nila**.
- Traders from various parts of India and as well as places such as China, Ceylon, Arabia and Europe used to arrive by ship at the **Ponnani port** and then move to Thirunavaya to participate in the **trade fair held on the premises of the Navamukunda temple,** believed to be **around 5,000 years old now.**
- Famous historian MGS Narayanan, **compares Mamangam to many such trade fairs held on riverbanks in Prayag, Haridwar, Ujjain,** Gokarna and Kumbhakonam in medieval India.