

# Mangalore, origins of its name

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Mangalore was named after the local Hindu deity [Mangaladevi](#) , the presiding deity of the [Mangaladevi temple](#)

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According to local legend,

[Matsyendranath](#)

, the founder of the

[Nath](#)

tradition, arrived in the area with a princess from

[Kerala](#)

named Premaladevi. Having converted Premaladevi to the Nath sect, Matsyendranath renamed her

*Mangaladevi*

. After her death, the Mangaladevi temple was consecrated in her honour at

[Bolar](#)

in Mangalore.

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The city got its name from the Mangaladevi temple.

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One of the earliest references to the city's name was made in 715 CE by the [Pandya](#) King Chetvar, who called the city Mangalapuram. The 17th century Italian traveller [Niccolò](#) reported Mangalore as Mangal in his accounts.

