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8TH EDITION

KERALA LITERATURE FESTIVAL

23 - 26 JAN 2025
KOZHIKODE BEACH

600+ SPEAKERS
300+ DISCUSSIONS

A GLOBAL CELEBRATION OF
WORDS, CULTURES AND IDEAS

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WELCOME TO THE 8TH EDITION OF THE KERALA LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Dear Friends,

It is with immense joy and pride that I welcome you to the 8th edition of the Kerala Literature Festival (KLF)—a vibrant celebration of stories, ideas, cultures, and conversations happening on the historic shores of Kozhikode, now proudly recognized as Kerala's first UNESCO City of Literature. We are honored to have UNESCO as one of our Knowledge Partners for this edition, strengthening KLF's role as a global platform for literary and cultural exchange.

Over the years, KLF has grown into one of the largest and most dynamic literary festivals in the world, where Nobel and Booker Prize-winning authors, acclaimed writers from India and abroad, cinema legends, musicians, performers, and filmmakers come together to celebrate the power of words and creative expression.

This year, we are privileged to welcome France as the Guest Nation. A distinguished French delegation of writers, publishers, and cultural ambassadors, led by the Ambassador of France in India, will enrich the festival with France's rich literary heritage and vibrant contributions to art, cuisine, and performance. Adding even more excitement, the 26th DC International Book Fair is being held alongside KLF, offering visitors access to over one million books from 350 publishers around the world. This grand literary showcase provides an unmatched opportunity for readers and collectors to explore a vast array of literature across genres, languages, and cultures.

Guiding KLF's vision since its inception has been the world-renowned poet and literary figure, Prof. K. Satchidanandan, whose role as Festival Director for the past seven editions has been invaluable. His profound understanding of literature and global cultures has shaped KLF into a platform that not only celebrates literature but also promotes diverse voices and creative collaborations.

Continuing the inspiring legacy of DC Kizhakemuri, the third generation—Govind Deecce and Siddarth Deecce—are now leading the festival with passion and vision. Their dynamic leadership brings the best of global intellectual discourse to KLF while introducing innovative and immersive experiences for every attendee. Strengthening this effort is the dedicated Team DC Books, whose intellectual capital and relentless commitment have made KLF even more engaging and vibrant. Their hard work continues to elevate KLF as a beacon of literary and cultural celebration.

With close to 600 speakers participating in thought-provoking sessions, we are proud to anticipate over 600,000 attendees across four remarkable days. This extraordinary gathering reflects the universal love for literature and the arts, making KLF a truly democratic festival driven by public participation and collective enthusiasm.

KLF draws inspiration from Kerala's rich literary tradition. From the Revathi Pattathanam Sabha at the Thali Temple in Kozhikode in the 14th century to DC Kizhakemuri's pioneering of India's literary festival movement with the Samastha Kerala Sahitya Parishad in 1957, KLF continues this legacy of intellectual gatherings. In 2024, DC Books, a principal promoter of KLF, proudly celebrated 50 years of nurturing literary culture.

The unwavering support from the Government of Kerala, especially the Honorable Chief Minister, along with contributions from the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Tourism, has been instrumental in KLF's evolution into one of the largest literary festivals in the world. The involvement of cultural organizations like Samskarika Vedi and the Calicut Chapter of the Indian Institute of Architects has also played a vital role in engaging and inspiring the youth. No festival in Kozhikode would be complete without a culinary journey. The Paragon Food Court, a festival partner since inception, continues to serve the authentic flavors of Calicut, offering guests a world-class dining experience.

KLF has set a precedent for literary festivals across Kerala, inspiring similar events by media houses, corporations, academic institutions, cities, panchayats, and NGOs. Together, we are nurturing a culture of reading, sparking intellectual dialogue, and creating spaces for meaningful exchanges.

This year, KLF's programming grew beyond expectations with an exciting lineup of sessions and guests. To accommodate the demand, we expanded from 7 to 9 stages, including separate children's stages tailored to different age groups, ensuring a more focused and engaging experience for all.

I extend my deepest gratitude to every supporter, partner, sponsor, and the thousands of attendees who make this celebration of literature possible. From the page to the stage, from insightful discussions to artistic performances, I invite you all to join us in celebrating the boundless joy of words, ideas, and stories.

Warmly,

Ravi Deecce

Founder and Chief Facilitator
Kerala Literature Festival

DOWNLOAD THE KLF APP TODAY!

Stay ahead with your favorite sessions at the Kerala Literature Festival! The KLF app is your ultimate companion to navigate all four days of the event seamlessly.

Key Features:

- **Venue Navigation:** Integrated with Google Maps to guide you to the exact venue on the beach.
- **Real-Time Updates:** Stay informed with instant schedule and venue changes.
- **Offline Access:** Access your digital calendar without an Internet connection.
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EXPERIENCE KLF

PAGE TO PERFORMANCE:

Bringing stories alive on stage.

TALES ON-AIR:

Live storytelling and audio experiences.

INTERACTIVE CHILDREN'S SESSIONS:

Featuring stars like Prakash Raj, Naseeruddin Shah and Nadia Moidu.

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KLF PUBLISHERS CONFERENCE 2025

The Kerala Literature Festival introduces its inaugural Publishers Conference, bringing together top publishers from France, English, and regional languages, with a focus on South Indian literature.

EXPLORE THE HORTUS MALABARICUS GARDEN

After five years of exploring the biodiversity of medicinal plants through Hortus Malabaricus sessions at the Lit Fest, KLF 2025 presents a prototype of Hortus Malabaricus.



INNOVATION SHOWCASE

Experience the Kerala Startup Mission's Super Fab Lab and innovation showcase

"WHISPERS OF THE UNSEEN" EXPLORES THE REALM OF CONTEMPORARY VIDEO ART



Sudharshan Shetty, Mithu Sen, Riyas Komu, Gigi Scaria, Peter Pavlensky, Radhika Agrwala, Babu Eswar Prasad, Georgi Gospodinov, Godwin Constantine.

Curator **Murali Cheerath**
(Chairperson, Kerala Lalithakala Akademi)

SOUL OF FOLK

THE ETHNIC MUSIC FOLKS

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APEX ULTIMA PROTEK

23
JAN 9:00pm

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24
JAN 8:00pm

Stephen Devassy
Attam Kala Samithi

Supported by **Murthy Classics**

Rajsthani Sufiyana Night
Mir Mukhtiyar Ali

25
JAN 9:00pm

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26
JAN 8:00pm

AGAM

AI & ROBOTICS EXPO

Step into the future at KLF 2025 with Unique World Robotic's AI & Robotics Workshop and Experience Centre. Discover cutting-edge technology, interactive demonstrations, and hands-on sessions that bring innovation to life. Perfect for enthusiasts of all ages!

THREE MUSKETEERS SILENT MOVIE WITH LIVE BAND PERFORMANCE

23
JAN

A screening of the silent movie The Three Musketeers paired with a live band performance at the Kerala Literature Festival (KLF) sounds like an incredible experience! The combination of vintage cinema and live music adds a dynamic layer, bringing the film to life in a unique way.



CAPTURED MEMORIES: A PHOTO TRIBUTE TO M T

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EXHIBITION ON VISUAL CHRONICLES

Constructed Realities

DESIGN ASHRAM

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PERFORMING ON
JANUARY 25TH 2025, SATURDAY
AT 7 PM

- EXHIBITION - CONSTRUCTED REALITIES by Biju Ibrahim
- MEHFIL - E -SAMA by Irfan Erooth & Jawed Aslam

CINEMA ON THE BEACH

22
JAN 10:00pm

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
Director: Chris Columbus

24
JAN 10:00pm

Iruvar
Director: Mani Ratnam

25
JAN 10:30pm

The King and the Mockingbird (French: Le Roi et l'Oiseau)
Director: Paul Grimault

26
JAN 10:00pm

Mayaanadhi
Director: Aashiq Abu

FLEA MARKET

Explore the vibrant Flea Market at KLF, featuring artisan crafts, eco-friendly products, and delicious food.



ANGOULÊME, KOZHIKODE AND LYON: WHAT BEING A CREATIVE CITY MEANS

Step into the worlds of Angoulême, Kozhikode and Lyon, three remarkable cities designated as Creative Cities in Literature by UNESCO. Explore their rich literary heritage, vibrant storytelling traditions and cultural journeys. An exhibition conceptualized by the French Institute in India, with the support of the Design Ashram

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MAMBAZHAM 4+		
11:00am - 11:35am STORYTELLING: സുരവടി	11:00am - 11:40am WHAT IS THE PERFECT GIFT? Nandini Nayar	11:00am - 11:35am A SONG FROM WHERE I LIVE: Smrithi Devakumar
11:45pm - 12:20pm STORYTELLING: Vikram Sreedhar	11:50pm - 12:30pm NO HUGS FOR MUMMY : Richa Jha	11:45pm - 12:20pm THE CANDLE DOES NOT GIVE ANY HEAT
12:30 pm - 01:05 pm SANDA LWOOD'S STORY: Book Reading with Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan	12:40 pm - 01:15 pm STORYTELLING: പല വലുപ്പത്തിലുള്ള ചക്രങ്ങൾ	12:30 pm - 01:10 pm MY GRANDMOTHER CANT COOK: Indu Balachandran
01:15pm - 02:00pm THE STORY OF MOTTAINAI: Mariko Shinju & Koji Sato	01:30pm - 02:10pm THE MALLI SHOW Jeeva Raghunath	01:20pm - 02:00pm STORYTELLING: ഏറ്റവും വിലപ്പെട്ടത്
02:10pm - 02:45pm THE URULI	02:20pm - 03:00pm MAKE YOUR OWN GENIE: Reimagining Aladdin & the Magic Lamp using AI - Bansan Thomas George	02:10pm - 02:45pm WHERE IS MR. THOOKAM?: Anusha Veluswamy
02:55pm - 03:30pm STORYTELLING: Vikram Sreedhar	03:10pm - 03:45pm THE MISTAKEN IDENTITY OF KOZHUKATTA	02:55pm - 03:30pm URAMADO: Julie Stephen Chheng
MANGO 8+		
11:00am - 11:45am WORKSHOP: Gayathri Chandrasekharan with Rebekah Sarah Jose and Devika Soni	11:00am - 11:40am STORYTELLING: മഴമന്ദിര ഹാസങ്ങൾ: കെ ആർ മീര	11:00am - 11:35am THE BOOK OF EMPERORS: Ashwitha Jayakumar & Nikhil Gulati
11:55pm - 12:35pm STORYTELLING: ആനന്തം പിരിയത്തം കഥയും പറച്ചിലും: വിനോയ് തോമസ്	11:50pm - 12:30pm STORYTELLING: ഒരു ദിവസത്തെ ജോലി സക്കറിയ	11:45pm - 12:20pm LET'S TALK ABOUT TREES: Roopa Pai
12:45 pm - 01:20 pm STORYTELLING: തേന്മാവ് ബഷീർ	01:00 pm - 01:45 pm THE INSPIRING STORY OF ABDUL KALAM & DESIGN YOUR OWN FUTURISTIC ROCKET: Reena Puri	12:30 pm - 01:10 pm GOOD HABITS WITH ASHDIN DOCTOR
01:30pm - 02:10pm REALITY REIMAGINED: IMMERSIVE STORYTELLING Bansan Thomas George	02:00pm - 02:50pm THE ADVENTURES OF TARANAUTS: Roopa Pai	01:20pm - 02:00pm MAHI THE FLYING ELEPHANT: Anand Neelakantan
02:20pm - 03:00pm THE COUCH POTATO WHO SAID OUCH: Khyrunnisa	02:30pm - 03:15pm POETRY WORKSHOP: Indulekha Warriar	02:10pm - 02:50pm POETRY WORKSHOP: Indulekha Warriar
03:00pm - 03:50pm STORYTELLING: ഉണ്ണി മാധവികുട്ടി	03:25pm - 04:10pm SHOREWALK: Yuvan Aves	03:00pm - 03:35pm A BITE AFTER CHRISTMAS: Swarnavo Datta
04:00pm - 05:00pm STORYTELLING: കുഴിയാന എം മുക്തദാസ്		

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