

INDIRAGANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
REGIONAL CENTRE – PUDUCHERRY

Lecture cum Exhibition on **The Art of Traditional Terracotta Sculpting in South India** - Process and Techniques

Special Lecture by: Padma Shri V.K.Munusamy

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Concept Note: Pottery in the Indian subcontinent has an ancient history and is one of the most tangible and iconic elements of Indian art. Evidence of pottery has been found in the Indus Valley Civilization. Today, it is a cultural art that is still practiced extensively in Indian subcontinent. The traditional community in Tamil Nadu and other parts of South India is also known for their terracotta work. They create giant realistic looking figures of horses, elephants and Aiyanaar (Village Deity). The villagers believe that their gods will ride these Vahanas and protect the villagers as well as passers-by.

The quality of live as well as the quality of Terracotta figures, too, are highly manifesting the stories of those Historic period entirely even without the portrayal of words their greatest tradition and culture which have to be preserved and handed over to the forth coming generation.

The Puducherry Regional Centre planned to organise Lecture cum Exhibition on The Art of Traditional Terracotta Sculpting in South India at Sri Aurobindo Ashram Exhibition house with the support of Sri. Aurobindo Ashram, Puducherry on 7th of February 2020.

National Award winner Thiru.V.K.Munusamy, Traditional Terracotta Sculptor and the President of Pondicherry Craft Foundation has been proposed to pay his honourable visit as a Resource Person for presenting his sensible skill to the welfare of growing modern community. Thiru.V.K. Munusamy is recipient of several awards including UNESCO & CCI Seal of Excellence Award in 2005 and represented Puducherry in the First South Asian Festival of SAARC Countries held in October 1992 and he has participated in several international exhibitions including Spain, Singapore, Germany, Romania, Thailand, France, US and Switzerland. During this Special lecture Thiru. V.K.Munusamy will exhibit his Terracotta Sculptures in the Exhibition Hall and explain the process of traditional Terracotta Sculpture making with the support of Slide Projector.