



NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON TRIBAL HERITAGE

On the occasion of the
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Organised by

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS (REGIONAL CENTRE, THRISSUR),
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY (REGIONAL CENTRE, MYSORE),
INDIA HERITAGE AND MUSEUM FIELD SCHOOL (KOCHI)

In collaboration with

MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE
(DEPT. OF ARCHAEOLOGY & MATERIAL CULTURE STUDIES),
EDAMALAKUDI GRAMA PANCHAYAT,
CHAVARA CULTURAL CENTRE, ERNAKULAM,
THAMPU (ERNAKULAM/ ATTAPPADY),
TOTEM RESOURCE CENTRE, WAYANAD,
MOOZHICKULAM SALA (MOOZHICKULAM),
ERNAKULAM KARAYOGAM (HERITAGE SUB-COMMITTEE),
FOLKLAND INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR FOLKLORE (KANNUR).

Venue:

9th and 13th August 2023 : Chavara Cultural Centre, Karikkamuri Rd, Ernakulam
10th-12th August 2023 : Maharaja's College, Ernakulam



1. BACKGROUND:

- The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (IDWIP) is observed on 9th August every year to raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population, generally called as tribals/ 'Adivasis' in India.
- In recent times, there were attempts to highlight the importance of heritage (both tangible and intangible) of tribes in India in general and Kerala in particular. Examples include
 - UN Convention on Biodiversity's Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) was inspired by Kani tribe's Traditional Knowledge and Practices/ Intangible Heritage (TKP/IH), (on medicinal properties of a local plant, 'Arogyapacha'), otherwise called as Kani ABS Model, This ABS Model was awarded the UNDP's first Equator Prize (2000) and recognised as the Indian Model on Intangible Heritage (ICOM-ASPAC, Shanghai 2002),
 - Recognizing the importance of the TKP / IH of tribes, the Government of India has bestowed Padmasree to two Kerala Experts, Smt. Lakshmikuttyamma (Kani tribe, for her traditional knowledge about medicinal plants, 2018) and Shri Cheruvayal Raman (Kurichya tribe, for his efforts to conserve a large variety of traditional rice varieties, 2023).
 - Two tribal societies in Kerala, with the help of KFRI, have applied for Geographical Indication of Kannadippaya (Bamboo Mirror mat), the first from tribal sector in Kerala.
- On account of many reasons, the tribes are losing much of their TKP/IH. In order to limit such losses and to inspire tribal youth to help document the TKP/IH before it become endangered/ extinct, efforts are required at different levels. Towards this end, a **National Workshop on Tribal Heritage** will be held on the occasion of the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. The Organisers include IGNCA, NMNH and IHMFS in collaboration with Maharajas' College (Dept. of Archaeology & Material Culture Studies), Edamalakudi Grama Panchayat, and Thampu, Totem, Moozhikkulam Sala, Folkland, Ernakulam Karayogam (Heritage Sub-Committee) and Chavara Cultural Centre.

2. OBJECTIVES:

- To sensitise tribal youth about their heritage: traditional knowledge and practices/ intangible heritage (TKP/ IH),
- To highlight good practices of TKP/ IH of tribes,
- To help in safeguarding TKP/ IH of tribes, and
- To identify tribal heritage products for future consideration of GI, UNESCO RICH etc.

3. PROGRAMME:

- Workshop Programme:** A tentative programme of the Workshop is given below:

PROGRAMME (TENTATIVE)		
DAY	DATE	DURATION (1000 HOURS)
1	09.08.2023 15001700 Hours	Day 1 Session: The Beginning: • Inauguration
2	10.08.2023 10001700 Hours	Day 2 Sessions: Intangible Heritage, General • Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) • Intangible Natural Heritage (INH), • Traditional Crafts (TCS)
3	11.08.2023 10001700 Hours	Day 3 Sessions: Intangible Heritage, Special • Biocultural Community Protocol, • Role of Grama Panchayat
4	12.08.2023 10001700 Hours	Day 4 Session: Intangible Heritage Case studies of Tribes • Kasargod • Wayanad • Nilambur • Vazhachal • Idukki • Pathanamthitta • Trivandrum etc
5	13.08.2023 10001200 Hr	Day 5 Session: The Way Forward: • Valediction 1112 Hours

- Intangible Heritage and its Domains:** Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) is the 'practices, expressions, knowledge and skills that communities, groups and sometimes individuals recognise as part of cultural heritage'. IH is manifested through 5 Domains.

Working Groups: For the purpose of the Workshop, the 5 Domains are grouped into 3: Intangible Cultural Heritage, Intangible Natural Heritage and Traditional Crafts (ICH, INH and TCS respectively):

INTANGIBLE HERITAGE DOMAINS AND TYPOLOGY			
01	ICH	INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE	
	Domain 1	1.1	01 Oral Traditions and Expressions including Languages
	Domain 2	1.2	02 Performing Arts: Music, dance, Drama/ Theatre
	Domain 3	1.3	03 Social practices, Ritual and Festive events
02	INH	INTANGIBLE NATURAL HERITAGE	
	Domain 4:	2.1	04 Plants: Agriculture/ Food; Health/ Medicines
	Nature &	2.2	05 Animals: Honey collection, Fish catching, Animal hunting
	Universe	2.3	06 Universe: Rain, Weather prediction, Njattuvela
03	TCS	TRADITIONAL CRAFTS	
	Domain 5	3.1	07 NTFP (Non-Timber Forest Produce)
		3.2	08 Bamboos/ Kannadippaya
		3.3	09 Others

4. COMMUNICATION: WhatsApp

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