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PRESS RELEASE



**Kalamandalam Krishnankutty Poduval
100th birth centenary celebration
Kalasagar award presentation on May 28**

Kalasagar is celebrating the birth centenary of the great genius who left his signature in all fields of Kathakali, on 28th May. In the memory of that Paramacharya, the Kalasagar Awards 2024, which are given to artists who have demonstrated excellence in various fields of art year after year, Kalamandalam Krishnankutty Poduval's birthday on May 28, with the support of Kerala Kalamandalam and the Ministry of Culture, Government of India will present the Kalasagar Awards to commemorate a birthday of a legendary Guru of Kathakali at the Kalamandalam Nila Campus.

Sri Kalamandalam Unnikrishnan (Convenor Birth Centenary Celebration Committee) will welcome the gathering to the commemoration meeting on Tuesday, May 28 at 5 pm. Dr NP Vijayakrishnan, author and art critic, will deliver the introductory speech for the celebratory event. Dr. KG Pauluse, first Vice-Chancellor, Kerala Kalamandalam will inaugurate the memorial meeting which will be presided over by Padmashri Mattanur Shankarankutty Marar (Chairman Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy). Sri V Kaladharan (art critic, former Deputy Registrar, Kerala Kalamandalam) will be the keynote speaker at the venue graced by the distinguished presence of Shri KB Raj Anand (Dean of Kalamandalam, Member of Kalamandalam Bharana Samiti, Kathakali Critic, Chairman Vazhengada Kunchu Nair Trust). Shri Kalamandalam Narayanan Nair, Shri Aniyam Mangalassery (President, Irinjalakuda Kathakali Club) and Shri Muralidharan Master (President Chalakudy Kathakali Club) will deliver the memorial lecture.



Dr. KG Pauluse



Padmashri Mattanur Shankarankutty Marar



Shri KB Raj Anand



Sri V Kaladharan



Shri Kalamandalam Narayanan Nair



Sri Kalamandalam Unnikrishnan



Dr NP Vijaykrishnan



Shri Aniyam Mangalassery



Shri Muralidharan Master



Shri Velnezhi Anand

Dr. N P Vijaykrishnan will introduce this year's Kalasagar Laureates to the audience. Shri Velnezhi Anand (Joint Secretary Kalasagar) will deliver the vote of thanks along with his memorial lecture.

**KATHAKALI
VESHAM/ACTOR**



SHRI KALANILAYAM GOPI

MADHALAM/PERCUSSION



MUSIC /PATTU/



Shri.Kalamandalam Sukumaran

CHUTTY/MAKE-UP



CHENDA/PERCUSSION



SHRI KOTTAKKAL VIJAYARAGHAVAN

OTTENTHULL



SHRI MARGI RATNAKARAN
CHAKYARKOOTHU



KALAMANDALAM KANAKAKUMAR
KUCHUPPUDI

SHRI MARGI RAVINDRAN NAIR
KOODIYATTOM MOHINIYATTOM



SARITHA KRISHNAKUMAR
THAYAMBAKA



KALAMANDALAM KAVITHA KRISHNAKUMAR
PANCHAVADYAM THIMILA

SHRI RANJIT THRIPUNITHURA
BHARATHANATYAM



SARITHA KALAKSHETRA
PANCHAVADYAM MAD



KALAMANDALAM SREERIKHA G NAI
PANCCHAVADYAM IDAKA



SHRI ARANGOTTUKARA SIVAN
PANCHAVADYAM ILATHALAM



SHRI KALLEKULANGARA BABU
PANCHAVADYAM KOMBU



SHRI THURAVOOR VINISH KAMMATH R



SHRI KATTKULAM JAYAN



SHRI SIVAN THRIPPALLOOR

In the Kuchelavrittam Kathakali, which is held after the award ceremony, Kathakali's evergreen Padma Shri Doctor Kalamandalam Gopi as Kuchelan, Doctor Sadanam Krishnankutty as Sri Krishna, Sri Kalluvazhi Vasu as Rukmini will play the main role. Sri Kalanilayam Unnikrishnan and Sri Nedumpulli Rammohanam provide music. Sri Kalamandalam Unnikrishnan and Sri Kalamandalam Narayanan Nair will be playing Chenda and Madhalam respectively. Kathakali costumes will be provided by Kerala Kalamandalam with the participation of Sivaraman Chutty.

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