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VITASTA 2023

THE EVER-FLOWING LEGACY OF KASHMIR

Festival celebrating the spirit of Kashmir

27th to 30th January 2023 at **Kalakshetra Foundation**

29th January 2023 co-featured at **Dakshina Chitra**

The Vitasta Festival presented as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav by the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, proposes to provide a glimpse of the river 'Vitasta', currently known as Jhelum, and its impact on the Socio, Political, Cultural Heritage of Kashmir. It explores the life-giving nature of the river in transportation, trade, fisheries, agriculture, architecture, the Sufi, Buddhist and Shaivite philosophy in Kashmir. The festival will travel to different parts of India.

The programme includes on-stage performances comprising Classical and Folk genres, off-stage performances, Exhibitions, Seminars, Workshops, Craft bazaar and other activities.

All are Welcome — Entry Free

Evening Programs at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium

27th January 2023, at 5.00 pm

Chief Guests

Thiru. R.N. Ravi
Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu

Thiru. Dr. L. Murugan
Hon'ble Minister of State, Govt. of India, for Fisheries,
Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Information and Broadcasting

• Video presentation on 'Vitasta' and 'Buddhism in Kashmir' – **Mr. Siddharth Kak**
• Dance presentation by Kalakshetra Foundation – Sharadha Stotram and Vitasta Sthuthi
• **Inauguration** – Official Function • Kashmir Folk Music Symphony
• Verses from Opera on Vitasta by Kalakshetra Foundation Music Students • Folk Dance Medley

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28th January 2023, at 5.00 pm

Chief Guest

Thiru. Manoj Sinha, *Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir*

• Sufi music and Kashmiri folk music by **Ms. Aabha Hanjura and Troupe** • **Official Function**
• Theatre Presentation on Kashmir and Vitasta by **National School of Drama,** Repertory
• Bhand Pather and Therukoothu presented by **Dr. V.R. Devika**

29th January 2023, at 5.30 pm

Chief Guest

Thiru. E S L Narasimhan, *Former Governor Andhra Pradesh*

• Santoor by **Shri Abhay Rustom Sopori and Troupe** • Villupaattu: 'விதஸ்தா நதியோரம்
காஸ்மிர் கலாசாரம்' by **Smt. Bharati Thirumagan** • Bhand Pather

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30th January 2023, at 5.30 pm

Chief Guest

Thiru. G. Kishan Reddy, *Hon'ble Minister of Tourism and Culture*

• Folk Music Symphony • Folk Dance Medley • 'Bharati Kanda Bharatam' presentation
by Kalakshetra Foundation • **Valedictory** – Official Function • Dedication of lamps on the banks
of Padma Pushkarini by the Guests of Honour and Special Invitees

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Dakshina Chitra

28th January 2023

5.00 pm – 6.00 pm: Santoor by **Shri Abhay Rustom Sopori and Troupe**

29th January 2023

11.00 am – 5.00 pm: Folk performances / Craft Workshop and Craft Stalls
5.00 pm: 'Sufistication' – Sufi music and Kashmiri folk Music by **Ms. Aabha Hanjura and Troupe**

Seminar and Talk Series

28th January 2023 – 'Literary & Cultural Heritage of Kashmir'
Seminar by Sahitya Akademi at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium

Inaugural Session: 9.15 am – 10.30 am
Welcome address by **Shri K. Sreenivasa Rao**
Inaugural Address by **Dr. C.K. Gariyali**
Guest of Honour: **Smt. Uma Nandhuri**, *Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture*
Chief Guest: **Rattan Lal Hangloo**

Session I — 11.00 am – 1.00 pm
Religious and Philosophical Literature of Kashmir
Chair: **Shri C. Rajendran**
Speakers : **Advaitvadani Kaul** (Buddhism), **Aejaz Mohammed Sheikh** (Islam), **M.A. Alwar** (Abhinav Gupta), **Satish Vimal** (Kashmir Saivism)

Session II — 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Kashmiri Culture Through Ages
Chair: **Satyabhama Razdan**
Speakers: **Gauri Shankar Raina, Gh Rasool Jan**

Session III — 3.00 pm
Valedictory Address:
Shri Agnishekhar

29th & 30th January 2023 – 'Vitasta: The ever-flowing legacy of Kashmir'
Talk Series by Kalakshetra Foundation at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium

29th January 2023, Inauguration: 9.15 am – 10.15 am

Welcome Address	: **Smt. Revathi Ramachandran**, *Director, Kalakshetra Foundation*
Inaugural Address	: **Shri K. Sreenivasa Rao**, *Secretary, Sahitya Akademi*
Keynote Address	: **Dr. Bharat Gupt**, *Trustee & Executive Member, IGNCA*

Session I

10.20 am – 11.00 am	: 'Temples of Kashmir and Hindu Past of Kashmir' by **Shri Giridhar Mamidi**
11.05 am – 11.35 am	: 'Kashmir & Buddhism' by **Dr. C.K. Gariyali**
11.40 am – 12.20 pm	: 'Aagamic assumptions of Abhinavagupta's poetics & aesthetics' by **Prof. Rajneesh Misra**

Session II

2.00 pm – 2.40 pm :
'Lalleswari – the daughter of Vitasta'
by **Shri Virendra Qazi**

2.45 pm – 3.20 pm :
'Kalhana's Rajatharangini'
by **Shri P.R. Kannan**

30th January 2023, Session III

9.30 am – 10.10 am	: 'The Culture of Kashmir' by **Prof. Beena Budki**
10.15 am – 10.55 am	: 'Adi Shankaracharya from Kalady to Kashmir' by **Dr. J. Jeganaathan**
11.00 am – 11.40 am	: Why we should safeguard the Kashmir valley? by **Shri TKV Rajan**
11.45 am – 12.25 pm	: 'Bhārata and her Kāśmīra' by **Shri Megh Kalyanasundaram**

Session IV

2.00 pm – 2.30 pm :
'Kashmir through the eyes of Dr. R. Nagaswamy'
by **Smt. Kala Nagaswamy**

2.35 pm – 3.00 pm :
Summing up of Sessions by **Dr. Radha Bhaskar** and **Dr. Rajshree Vasudevan**

Observers: **Dr. Gayatri Kannan, Dr. Vijay Madhavan** and **Dr. Sujatha Mohan**

27th January 2023 from 2.30 pm to 8.00 pm | 28th – 30th January 2023, 10.00 am – 8.00 pm

Crafts Bazaar • Exhibition • Food Stalls

Folk Dance performances at Padma Pushkarni and Pandanallur Meenakshi Sundaram Pillai Avenue

Paper Mache workshop at Pandanallur Meenakshi Sundaram Pillai Avenue

Wood Carving workshop at Padma Pushkarni

Shawl Weaving at Exhibition Hall at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium

EXHIBITION : 'KASHMIR – THE CROWN OF INDIA' BY SHRI TKV RAJAN
at Costume Department Foyer

28th & 29th January 2023

at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium Canteen, 4.00 pm

Kashmir and Tamilnadu cuisine – in conversation **Shri Sanjay Raina** & **Shri Rakesh Raghunathan**

Painting Camp and Competition

27th to 30th January 2023, 9.30 am – 7.00 pm: Painting Camp by Lalit Kala Akademi
at Visual Art Dept., Kalakshetra Foundation Featuring Kashmiri and Tamil Nadu artists

28th January 2023, 10.00 am – 5.00 pm: Painting competition for children at Rukmini Arangam

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Food court by **The Southern Regional Office, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India**

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