Our Arts Festival

Providing opportunities for our neighbourhood group members to showcase their natural talents in arts and sports is one of our priorities. Through ‘Arangu’ Arts Festival, we provide such a platform to all our members. Some of the members might have missed such opportunities because of their family circumstances or lack of opportunities in the childhood. Through ‘Arangu’ (means ‘stage’ in Malayalam) we hope to create an environment for creative social participation of our members. Also, we hope that this arts festival will nurture self esteem and increase self confidence of our members thereby enabling further empowerment.

This new format of our arts festival was launched in the year 2017. From the neighbourhood level to the state level competitions, we aim at identifying the best artists
and motivate them. The first level competitions are held under the leadership of Kudumbashree Community Development Societies (CDS) at every Local Self Government Institutions in Kerala. Those who will succeed in this phase would participate in the Taluk level competitions and then there are district level competitions in the third phase. State level competitions are held at the last phase. The State level Competitions of 2017 and 2018 were held at Alappuzha and Malappuram respectively. This year’s Arangu Festival is proposed to be held at Palakkad from 1-3 November 2019.

The competitions would be held in 2 sections. Those between the age group of 18-35 comes under junior section and those above the age of 35 years come under senior section. 25 competition items viz., Thiruvathira, Oppana, Mappilappattu, Drama, Light Music, Fancy dress, Shinkarimelam, Mimicry, Monoact, Recitation, Elocution, Marggamkali, Skit, Mime, Group Song, Group Dance (performing competitions), Drawing, story writing, poetry writing, cartoon are held in Arangu Arts Festival.

The State level festivals of Arangu Arts Festival of the last two years maintained excellent quality. During the last year Kasaragod district came at First place, Kozhikode came in the second place and Kannur district came in third place. We expect a great competition this year too. We plan to create opportunities in Arangu Festival for transgender community and help them launch livelihood opportunities in Arts sector. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Arangu state level Arts Festival from 1st to 3rd of November 2019 @ palakkad.