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REPORT ON V. T. PAŢHANAKENDRAM

(An Organization Dedicated to the Legacy of V. T. Bhattathiripad)

2019-2024

V. T. PAŢHANAKENDRAM, SREEKRISHNAPURAM V. T. BHATTATHIRIPAD COLLEGE, MANNAMPATTA, PALAKKAD

Introduction

- V. T. Paṭhanakendraṃ, located in Sreekrishnapuram V. T. Bhattathiripad College, Mannampatta, is dedicated to preserving the works and promoting the legacy and ambitions of V. T. Bhattathiripad. V. T. Anusmarana Samithi has been active in Sreekrishnapuram V. T. Bhattathiripad College for a long time, with a bylaw ensuring the continuity of its activities. The Samithi organizes events to commemorate Bhattathiripad's death anniversaries, including the V. T. Award ceremony, V. T. commemoration talk, seminars, plays, and exhibitions showcasing his life and contributions.
- V. T. Anusmarana Samithi, Membership includes college staff, student representatives, and the union chairman, with an eleven-member Governing Body elected annually. The College Principal chairs this body, while the Secretary and Treasurer manage daily operations. Each year, a General Meeting reviews finances, policies, and elects officers. Amendments to the Samithi's policies require a two-thirds majority and Patron approval. If the Samithi becomes defunct, its assets merge with SVTB College. Recent initiatives have emphasized honoring Bhattathiripad's contributions, particularly to the Namboothiri community in Kerala, and fostering a broader understanding of his legacy among students and the community.

On February 14, 2019, M. N. Karassery addressed V. T. Bhattathiripad College at a V. T. Anusmarana Samithi event. During this event, all members of the V. T. Anusmarana Samithi decided to significantly expand the Paṭhanakendram. M. N. Karassery introduced the V. T. Paṭhanakendram, bringing the V. T. Anusmarana Samithi under its umbrella and suggesting additional activities for the Paṭhanakendram to further promote the ideologies of V. T. Bhattathiripad. Consequently, the Samithi broadened into the V. T. Paṭhanakendram, initiating various intellectual and cultural activities.

Vellithuruthi Thazhathu Karutha Patteri Raman Bhattathiripad (1896–1982), also known as V. T. Bhattathiripad, was an Indian social reformer, dramatist, and independence activist. He was best known for his contributions to reforming the casteism and conservatism prevalent in the Namboothiri community. Among his numerous writings are the play "Adukkalayail Ninnu Arangathekku" and his autobiography "Kanneerum Kinavum" ("Tears and Dreams" in English), both of which are considered notable works in Malayalam literature. In recognition of his

contributions, the Kerala Sahitya Akademi honored him with a distinguished fellowship in 1976.

Vision and Mission

The motto of V. T. Paṭhanakendram is - 'Atmadipah Bhava' - Be your own light

The mission of V. T. Pathanakendram is -

Preservation of Legacy, Educational Support, Cultural Promotion, Community Engagement, Intellectual and Cultural Development

Aim and Objectives

The aim of the V.T. Patana Kendram, is to preserve and promote Bhattathiripad's ideals, particularly his commitment to social reform and education. The Kendram seeks to:

- 1. Support and encourage Girl students through scholarships and awards.
- 2. Organize events and programs that reflect Bhattathiripad's values and contributions.
- 3. Foster the study and appreciation of Malayalam literature and social reform.

Outcome

The outcomes of the V. T. Pathanakendram are -

The kendram will drive the social transformations by focusing V.T. Bhattathiripad's contributions to social reform and education.

The kendram will empower the girl students by providing scholarships and awards for their academic pursuits.

The Kendram will extend its activities by establishing linkages with other cultural and social institutions.

V. T. award

The Kendram presents an annual award to individuals who excel in the cultural and social fields. This decision was made by the V.T. Committee.

The following individuals have received the V.T. Award.

Sl.	Year	Name Designation		
No.				
1	2010-11	Akkitham Achuthan	Malayalam Poet	
		Namboothiri		
2	2011-12	Dr. M. Lilavathi	Malayalam Writer	
3	2012-13	Vydyamadham Cheriya	Ayurveda	
		Narayanan Namboothiri	Physician	
4	2013-14	K. P. A. C. Lalitha	Film/Drama	
			actress	
5	2014-15	Madambu Kunjukuttan	Malayalam Writer	
6	2017-18	M. Subramanian	Malayalam Drama	
		Namboodiri	Artist	
7	2018-19	M. N. Karassery	Malayalam Critic	
8	2019-20	K. B. Sreedevi Malayalam v		
9	2022-23	Mundur Sethumadhavan	Malayalam witer	
10	2023-24	Kalamandalam Gopi	Kathakali Artist	



V. T. Award to Kalamandalam Gopi in the year 2024



V. T. Award to Mundur Sethumadhavan in the year 2023



V. T. Award to K. B. Sreedevi in the year 2020

V. T. Commemoration Speech

The committee invites a renowned expert on V.T. Bhattathiripad to deliver a talk on V.T. Day each year, enriching the event with insights into Bhattathiripad's contributions and ideals. The following individuals presented the expert lecture on V.T. Day.

Sl. No.	Year	Name	Designation
1	2010-11	Mullanezhi	Malayalam Writer
		Neelakandan	
		Namboothiri	

2	2011-12	Madambu Kunjukuttan	Malayalam Writer	
3	2012-13	Mundur	Malayalam Writer	
		Sethumadhavan		
4	2013-14	Sunil P. Ilayidam Malayalam		
		-	Literary Professor	
5	2014-15	Madambu Kunjukuttan	Malayalam Writer	
6	2017-18	Rajanandan	Malayalam	
			writer/orator	
7	2018-19	M. N. Karassery	Malayalam Writer	
8	2019-20	Chitrabhanu	Malayalam	
			writer/orator	
9	2020-21	K.C. Narayanan	Malayalam	
			writer/orator	
10	2022-23	Mundur	Malayalam writer	
		Sethumadhavan		
11	2023-24	Madhavan Purachery	Malayalam	
			writer/orator	



V. T. Talk by Sri. Madhavan Purachery in the year 2024



V. T. Commemoration in the year 2024



V. T. Commemoration inauguration in the year 2022



V. T. Speech by Sri. Chithrabhanu in the year 2020



V. T. Commemoration function in the year 2019

V. T. Scholarships

The V.T. Anusmarana Samithi awards the scholarships to the best girl students in each department, recognizing their academic excellence and encouraging their continued success. In addition to academic scholarships, the committee is dedicated to promoting women's education.



V. T. Scholarship to Akhila U. (BA Sanskrit) in the year 2023



V. T. Scholarship to Sruthy K. S. (BSc Mathematics) in the year 2021-22



V. T. Scholarship to Salini M. U. (BASanskrit) in the year 2020-21

V.T. Nataka Kalari: Nurturing Creativity and Social Commentary

The land of Valluvanad is a renowned for its vibrant theatre traditions, including Kutiyattam, Kathakali, and drama. Kadambazhipuram, a nearby town of the college, has a rich dramatic heritage, Natyasasthra, a prestigious school of drama located there. G. Dileepan, the director of Natyasasthra Kadambazhipuram, plays a pivotal role in this tradition. G. Dileepan, also known as Prof. Dileep Kumar, is a retired professor from SVTB College. He fondly recalls directing and acting in many dramas, including VT dramas, at the college, often collaborating with other professors. Hence the college has a strong connection with Natyasasthra and regularly organizes workshops and demonstration lectures on various aspects of theatre, such as acting and direction, in collaboration with Natyasasthra Kadambazhipuram.



Workshop on Theater acting on 27/03/2024





Workshop on Calanam on 27/03/2023



V.T. Museum

The V.T. Museum is a treasure trove of rare artifacts related to the life and work of V.T. Bhattathiripad. It boasts an impressive collection that includes original voice recordings, which capture Bhattathiripad's unique vocal inflections and oratory style. The museum also features a wide array of photographs that document significant moments and milestones in his life, providing a visual journey through his personal and professional history. In addition to these, the museum holds handwritten manuscripts, offering a direct glimpse into Bhattathiripad's creative process and literary genius. It offers a tangible connection to Bhattathiripad's legacy, allowing visitors to immerse themselves in his world and gain deeper insights into his enduring influence on Kerala's cultural and literary heritage.

V.T. Library and V.T. Irippidam

V T Library offers a comprehensive collection of the literary works of V. T. Bhattathiripad, alongside the works of contemporary writers and other notable social reformers. The library features a dedicated V. T. Corner, a special space designed for reading and discussing the thoughts and contributions of V. T. Bhattathiripad.

The Library Forum aims to provide a clear and engaging environment that highlights the unique aspects of the V T Library. The forum is comprised of enthusiastic undergraduate and postgraduate students, coordinated by the librarian. Its purpose is to encourage students to read and write, fostering a culture of literary and social engagement. The forum gathers weekly at the V. T. Corner to discuss and plan activities for the V. T. Paṭhanakendram. These activities include discussions on V. T. Bhattathiripad's works, social issues, particularly those relating to women.

Students from V. T. Paṭhanakendraṃ assemble together at the V. T. Irippidam, a dedicated space designed for casual and pleasant interaction. Moreover, V.T. Irippidam hosts debates and open forums where participants can discuss and critique various social issues, drawing parallels to Bhattathiripad's views and writings. This dynamic environment encourages participants to develop their own perspectives and articulate their thoughts effectively. V. T. Irippidam is also used for presenting skits, dramas, and other creative and relevant student works. as well as for conducting debates on social issues related to V. T. Bhattathiripad's thoughts and legacy. These performances serve not only as a medium of entertainment but also as a powerful tool for education and awareness.

In essence, V.T. Irippidam is more than just a physical space; it is a hub of intellectual activity and creativity. It embodies the spirit of V. T. Bhattathiripad, promoting an ongoing dialogue about his legacy and its relevance to modern-day social challenges. Through its diverse activities, V.T. Irippidam continues to inspire and cultivate a new generation of thinkers and reformers.







V. T. Library







V. T. Irippidam

(V. T. Seat)

Collections of Articles

V. T. Paṭhanakendraṃ collected magazines that showcase various perspectives on Bhattathiripad's contributions, including discussions from the V. T. commemoration. Additionally, the Kendram organizes annual essay competitions for college students across Kerala about V.T. The winning essays are collected and compiled into these magazines. Prizes are awarded by the V.T. Anusmarana Samithi on V.T. Day.

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Educational Programs

Workshops -

The Kendram consistently organized a variety of educational events including workshops, short-term courses, and lecture series annually, focusing on diverse topics related to V T. Many of these initiatives were conducted in partnership with Natyasasthra Kadambazhipuram. Furthermore, the Literary Club and Movie Club actively collaborated with the Kendram in organizing these enriching activities. The academic programs were enriched by the valuable contributions and guidance of poets, lecturers, and literary figures who visit for events related to V.T. Their insights and expertise played a crucial role in shaping the content and direction of the events, ensuring they were intellectually stimulating and beneficial to the participants.

Lecture Series -

V. T. Paṭhanakendraṃ hosts a lecture series dedicated to Bhattathiripad's life and works, delivered by eminent scholars. These lectures provide insightful perspectives on Bhattathiripad's work and its enduring significance, fostering a deeper understanding of his impact on social reform and justice. Through this annual event, the Kendram continues to honor Bhattathiripad's legacy, ensuring his ideas inspire and guide future generations in addressing the social challenges of today.

Documentaries -

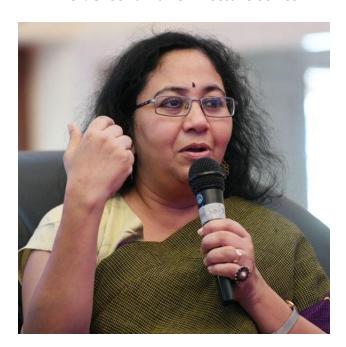
The Kendram initiates screenings of documentaries influenced by V.T. Bhattathiripad, such as the drama "Thozhilkendrathileku" (Workplace Ahoy). These screenings aim to highlight Bhattathiripad's impact on society and his reformist ideals, providing educational and inspirational content to the audience. Through these documentaries, the Kendram promotes cultural awareness and preserves the legacy of V.T. Bhattathiripad.

S1.	Year	Name	of	the	Collaboration	Date
No.		Programme				
1	2023-24	'Nārīśakt	i′ I	Lecture	Literary club, SVTB	October 2023-
		Series (Series (Lectures on		College	November
		Women	Women		· ·	2023
		empower	ment)		narisakti report link	
2	2023-24	Worksho	p on	theater	Natyasasthra	27/03/2024
		acting	-		-	

			Kadambazhipuram	
			Linkage report Link	
3	2022-23	'Dṛśyam' Lecture Series	Natyasasthra	September
		(Lectures on	Kadambazhipuram,	2022-
		Malayalam Drama		November
		Literature)		2022
4	2022-23	Workshop on	Natyasasthra	27/03/2023
		'Calanam' - movement	Kadambazhipuram	
		in theater acting		
5	2021-22	'Vrdhi' Lecture Series	Literary club, SVTB	October 2021-
		(Social Transformation	College	November
		in the History of		2021
		Kerala)	Vrdhi report Link	
6	2021-22	Online workshop on	Natyasasthra	28/03/2022
		theatre design and	Kadambazhipuram	
		techniques	_	
		_		
7	2020-21	Online workshop on	Natyasasthra	27/03/2021
		Direction and Drama	Kadambazhipuram	
		Making		
8	2019-20	Documentary show	Movie Club, SVTB	12/02/2020
		named 'To the world	College	
		of Employment'		
9	2019-20	Online Workshop on	Natyasasthra	27/03/2020
		Aesthetics of Acting	Kadambazhipuram	



Prof. Sreekumar on Lecture series



J Devika on Narisakti Lecture Series



Workshop on theater acting on 27/03/2024

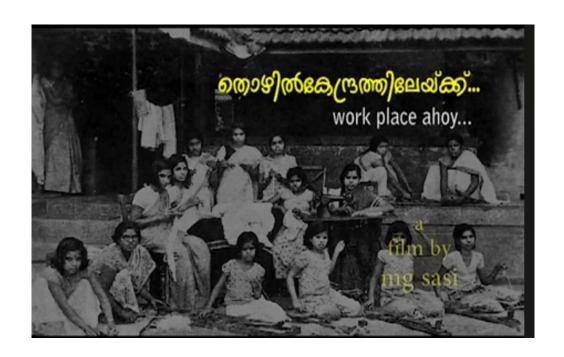




Sri. Sudhakaran M. on Lecture series



G. Dileepan on workshop





Documentary exhibition posters in the year 2019