

# Third cultural evening enjoyed by the delegates and visitors of the Kashi Tamil Sangamam II

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Several cultural performances were organised today at the Kashi Tamil Sangamam II, by the North Central Region Cultural Centre, Prayagraj and South Region Cultural Centre, Thanjavur, Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

The first performance was on instrumental folk-based Pambai, by Kalaimamani Award winner Shri K.S. Kumaravel and his troupe of Tamil Nadu. Shri Nayandi Melam, another Kalaimamani Awardee, presented the second performance. Shri P. Murugan along with his team presented the third performance of the evening on instrumental folk music.

Prof. Pandit Ram Shankar of Banaras Gharana and his team performed classical singing. Shri Abirami Shankar and his team from Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu were next to present Bharatanatyam. Shri Gaurav and Sourav Sharma from Banaras Gharana enthralled the delegates with their Kathak performance. The next performance of Sakkakuchiyattam, Mankombattam and Thapattam came from Shri S Sathyan and his team from Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. Shri A.K. Balmurugan and his team from Thiruvananthapuram, Tamil Nadu presented Periyalam. The final performance of the evening came from V.K. Nithia Vijay Kumar from Perampalur, who presented Karagam, Kavadi, Oliyattam and Naiyandimelam.

After attending the cultural programmes, the delegates enjoyed a cruise ride to watch Ganga Aarti at the Dashashwamedh Ghat.

The second phase of the Kashi Tamil Sangamam will continue till 30th December 2023. Last year, the first phase of Kashi Tamil Sangamam was organized from 16th November to 16th December 2022. Nearly 1400 (7 Groups of 200 persons each) people are expected to be travelling from different parts of Tamil Nadu, representing varied walks of life. The first two groups comprising students and teachers have already arrived in Varanasi. During their stay in Kashi, as per their tour itinerary, they will also visit Prayagraj and Ayodhya.





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