

ZAINAB MEMORIAL B.ED CENTRE, CHERKALA

DATE: 20 AUGUST 2026

ONAM CELEBRATION 2026 “THITHITHAARA”

Zainab Memorial B.Ed Centre, Cherkala, celebrated “THITHITHAARA 2026”, the Onam celebration of the centre, on 20 August 2026 with great enthusiasm, joy, and festive spirit. The programme was organized to celebrate the rich cultural heritage and traditions of Kerala and to provide student teachers and faculty members with an opportunity to come together and participate in a variety of traditional, cultural, recreational, and entertaining activities.

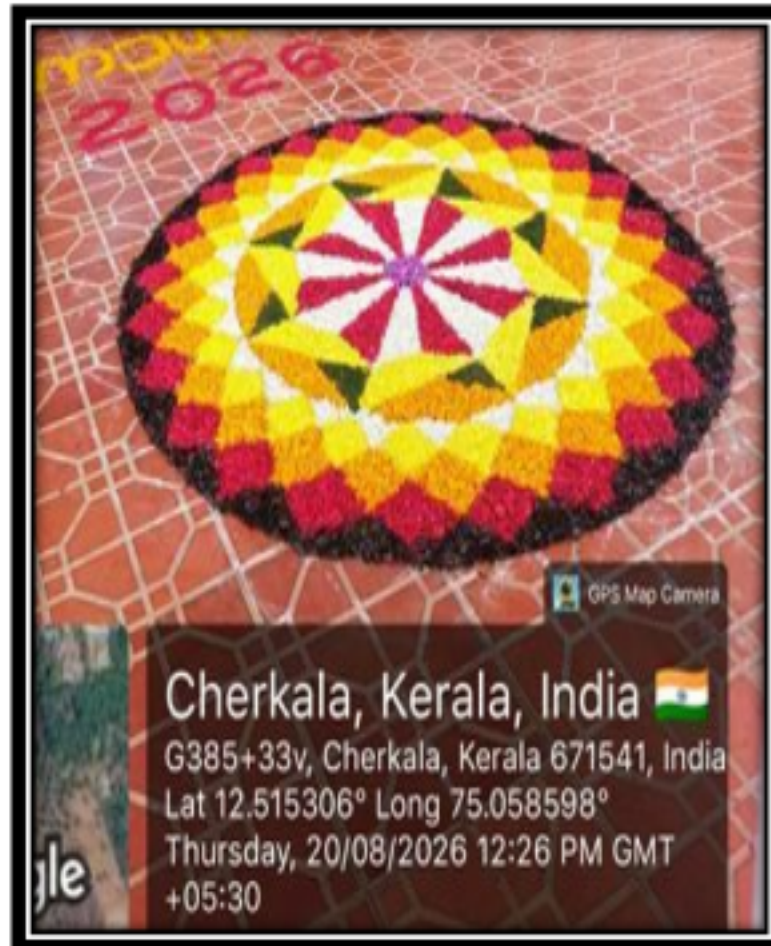
Onam, the most celebrated festival of Kerala, symbolizes prosperity, equality, harmony, togetherness, and the spirit of sharing. The celebration at the centre beautifully reflected these values by bringing the entire academic community together in an atmosphere of happiness, friendship, and mutual respect.



INAUGURATION AND BEGINNING OF THE CELEBRATION

The Onam celebration commenced at 10:00 a.m. with a melodious Onam song rendered by Dr. Neena M.K. The soulful performance created a cheerful and festive atmosphere and marked the beginning of a colourful day of celebrations. The programme was followed by a series of cultural

performances, traditional games, competitions, and recreational activities. The active participation of both students and teachers made the celebration lively and memorable.



CULTURAL PROGRAMMES AND COMPETITIONS

THIRUVATHIRA – 10:20 A.M.

The cultural programme began with a graceful Thiruvathira performance. The synchronized movements, rhythmic clapping, and traditional presentation added elegance and cultural richness to the celebration. The performance beautifully showcased one of Kerala's cherished traditional art forms and created a truly festive atmosphere.



LEMON AND SPOON RACE – 10:30 A.M.

The Lemon and Spoon Race brought excitement and laughter among the participants and spectators. Students participated enthusiastically, displaying concentration, balance, and a healthy competitive spirit.

Winners:

- 1st Place: Kanjana
- 2nd Place: Amitha C. Ranjana



MAVELI ENTRY AND RAMP WALK – 11:00 A.M.

The grand Maveli Entry and Ramp Walk added a special traditional charm to the celebration. The presence of Maveli, the legendary and beloved symbol of Onam, created excitement among the participants and reflected the cultural and historical significance of the festival. The ramp walk further added colour and entertainment to the programme.



SUNDHARIKKUM SUNDHARANUM POTT THODAL & TREASURE HUNT – 11:30 A.M.

The next session featured Sundharikkum Sundharanum Pott Thodal and a Treasure Hunt. These activities encouraged creativity, teamwork, quick thinking, coordination, and active participation.

Pott Thodal Winners:

- Sundhari: Shaifudheen
- Sundharan: Remya

The Treasure Hunt was conducted with enthusiastic participation from different teams. The activity promoted cooperation, communication, problem-solving skills, and team spirit.

Treasure Hunt Joint Winners:

Physical Science Team:

Shaimana, Sanjana, Nafeesath Husaina, and Anupriya

Natural Science Team:

Manju, Nimmi, Athira, and Neethu



MUSICAL CHAIR (KASERA KALI) – 12:20 P.M.

The Musical Chair (Kasera Kali) competition was one of the most lively events of the celebration. The

participants competed enthusiastically as the music and excitement filled the venue. The event created plenty of fun and laughter and encouraged a spirit of healthy competition.

Girls Category:

- 1st Place: Shreeshma, - 2nd Place: Aleema

Boys Category:

- 1st Place: Vijith
- 2nd Place: Mashood



TRADITIONAL GAMES

The celebration also included traditional games that added an authentic Onam flavour to the programme.

URIYADI

The traditional Uriyadi competition was conducted with great enthusiasm and excitement.

Winner: Afra

KAMBAVALI (TUG OF WAR)

The Kambavali (Tug of War) was another major attraction of the celebration. The event highlighted teamwork, strength, coordination, determination, and team spirit. The participants competed with great enthusiasm and the event was enjoyed by everyone present. **Winning Team: 1st year students** (Arthana, Shalabha, Nakshathra, Danya, Chaitra, Shaimana, Wajid, Mashood, Ranjith, and Shrigiri).



ONAM FEAST – 1:00 P.M.

At 1:00 p.m., the participants gathered together for the traditional Onam feast. The shared meal created a warm sense of togetherness and reflected the true spirit of Onam—sharing, equality, community, and happiness. Students and teachers enjoyed the feast together, making the occasion even more memorable.

The Onam feast provided an opportunity for everyone to relax, interact, and celebrate the festival as one united community. The joyful atmosphere around the feast beautifully represented the idea that Onam is a celebration for everyone, irrespective of differences



PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AND CONCLUSION

The celebration concluded on a high note with a prize distribution ceremony, during which the winners of the various cultural programmes, traditional games, and recreational competitions were recognized and appreciated. The prizes served as a token of encouragement for the enthusiastic participation and sporting spirit demonstrated by the students.

A formal vote of thanks was extended to the management, faculty members, student coordinators, and all those who contributed their time and effort towards organizing the programme successfully. The dedicated cooperation of everyone involved ensured the smooth and colourful conduct of the celebrations.



OVERALL REFLECTION

The THITHITHAARA 2026 Onam celebration at Zainab Memorial B.Ed Centre, Cherkala, was a vibrant and memorable occasion that beautifully combined tradition, culture, entertainment, teamwork, and togetherness. The various cultural programmes and traditional games provided the student teachers with opportunities to showcase their talents, develop team spirit, interact with one another, and appreciate the cultural heritage of Kerala.

More importantly, the celebration conveyed the timeless values associated with Onam—equality, harmony, sharing, friendship, happiness, and mutual respect. The enthusiastic participation of the student teachers and staff transformed the centre into a joyful festive space.



“THITHITHAARA 2026” was not merely an Onam celebration but a meaningful celebration of Kerala's vibrant cultural identity and the spirit of unity. The programme successfully created beautiful memories for everyone and strengthened the sense of belonging among the student teachers, faculty members, and staff of Zainab Memorial B.Ed Centre, Cherkala.

The celebration ended with happiness in every heart and the true spirit of Onam in every gathering.