



Vice-President Inaugurates Navaratri Sargotsavam 2026 in Kozhikode

“Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi: India’s progress and cultural heritage are complementary to each other”: Vice-President

“Diverse Traditions, One Dharma: India’s Shared Civilisational Heritage Is Its Enduring Strength”: Vice-President

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Vice-President Releases “Sangha Noottandile Akshara Mudrakal” at Navaratri Sargotsavam 2026

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The Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, today inaugurated Navaratri Sargotsavam 2026 in Kozhikode, Keralam, and emphasised the importance of preserving India’s rich cultural heritage while advancing on the path of development.

Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the Navaratri Sargotsavam 2026 in Kozhikode, Keralam today. Vice President expressed hope that Navaratri Sargotsavam would inspire the youth, encourage artists and strengthen efforts to preserve India’s cultural heritage while embracing innovation. He congratulated Kesari Weekly on organising the festival and commended its contribution to Malayalam journalism, democratic values and freedom of expression.

— Vice-President of India (@VPIndia) October 16, 2026

Addressing the gathering, the Vice-President said that Navaratri celebrates the divine feminine power of Adi Parashakti, the eternal source of creation, strength, wisdom and compassion. He observed that the festival’s enduring message is that courage must overcome fear, righteousness must prevail over injustice, and knowledge must dispel ignorance. These timeless values, he said, continue to guide society towards a better

future.

Highlighting India's diverse Navaratri traditions, the Vice-President said that despite the diversity of languages, traditions and forms of worship, the country remains united by its shared civilisational heritage. This, he noted, reflects the spirit of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat".

Emphasising the Prime Minister's vision of "Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi", Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan said that India's cultural heritage and developmental aspirations complement each other. Drawing an analogy with the banyan tree, he observed that just as a tree draws strength from its deep roots while spreading its branches, India's traditions and values provide stability, identity and continuity as the nation embraces modernity and progress.

The Vice-President congratulated Kesari Weekly on organising the festival and commended its contribution to Malayalam journalism, democratic values and freedom of expression.

On the occasion, the Vice-President released the book "Sangha Noottandile Akshara Mudrakal". He also presented the Sarga Kesari Award to Shri P. R. Rajendran in recognition of his contribution to the fine arts.

Shri Radhakrishnan expressed hope that Navaratri Sargotsavam would inspire the youth, encourage artists and strengthen efforts to preserve India's cultural heritage while embracing innovation. Praying for the blessings of the Goddesses, he expressed hope that society would find the strength to fight injustice, share prosperity with the underprivileged, and apply knowledge towards building a compassionate society that cares for all.

Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Hon'ble Governor of Keralam and Tamil Nadu; Shri C. Sadanandan Master, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; Smt. Vidhu-bala, President, Navaratri Sargotsavam Samiti; Shri A. K. Prasanth, Working President, Navaratri Sargotsavam Samiti; and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

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