

NITK Spicmacay Virasat will showcase Indian classical art

Mangaluru: The National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkal, is set to host Spicmacay Virasat-26, a 5-day cultural festival celebrating India's classical music, dance, and traditional art forms. Scheduled from Feb 4 to 8 at the Silver Jubilee Auditorium (SJA), NITK Surathkal campus, the festival is open to all, and is expected to draw an audience of over 1,000 attendees across the five days.

The inaugural ceremony on Feb 4, at 5.30pm will be graced by Raghavendra S Bhat, managing director and CEO, Karnataka Bank Ltd, and Padma Shri awardee Pandit M Venkatesh Kumar, a renowned Hindustani vocalist. The programme will be presided over by Prof B Ravi, director, NITK, along with functionaries, staff, and students. Following the inauguration, pandit Venkatesh Kumar will present a Hindustani vocal concert to mark the beginning of the festival.

Over five evenings, audiences will witness performances by eminent artists representing Hindustani and Carnatic music, Bharatanatyam, and Kuchipudi. Workshops will engage school and college students, offering hands-on exposure to India's living traditions.

"The event is aimed to revive our rich cultural heritage and spread it to the masses, including school-going children, college youth, families, and the elderly," said Prof Govinda Raj M, dean of students' welfare, NITK. TNN