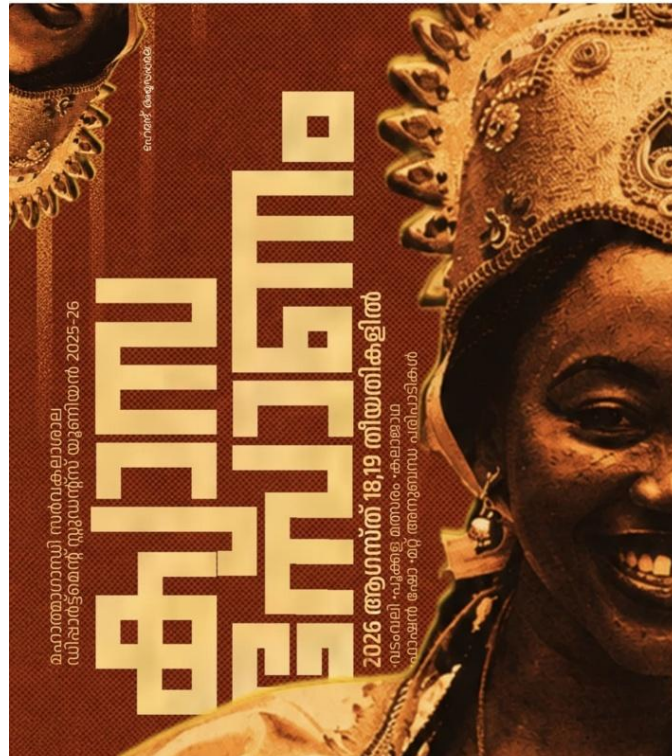


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REPORT ON THE ONAM CELEBRATIONS – 2026
 18–19 August 2026



Onam 2026 programme poster.



Programme schedule poster issued for the Onam celebrations.

INTRODUCTION

The School of Pedagogical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, celebrated Onam on 18 and 19 August 2026 with active participation from M.Ed. First Year and Second Year students and faculty members. The celebrations provided a joyful platform for the academic community to come together, participate in festive activities and experience the spirit of Onam through collective involvement.

DAY 1 – DEPARTMENT ONAM

The first day of the celebration was held on 18 August 2026 as the Department Onam programme. The main activity of the day was the preparation of the Pookalam. M.Ed. First Year and Second Year students joined together and participated actively in creating the floral arrangement.

The Pookalam preparation began in the morning and continued from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Students worked together to arrange flowers and develop the design. The collective effort of both batches reflected cooperation, creativity and a shared festive spirit. The activity also created an opportunity for students to interact and work towards a common goal.

Students of M.Ed. First Year and Second Year working together on the Pookalam.

After the completion of the Pookalam, two judges arrived after 1:00 p.m. to evaluate the floral arrangement. The judging marked the culmination of the day's principal activity. The students' collective work was presented for evaluation, bringing the Pookalam activity to a formal close.

The first day concluded in a cheerful atmosphere, with the completed Pookalam adding colour and traditional character to the Department Onam celebration.

DAY 1 – POOKALAM AND COLLECTIVE PARTICIPATION

The Pookalam was one of the major highlights of the Department Onam celebration. The participation of students from both First Year and Second Year together made the activity a shared departmental experience. Students contributed their time and effort to complete the floral design within the scheduled period.



Students and faculty members with the completed Pookalam.

The completed Pookalam represented the creativity and coordinated effort of the students. The activity strengthened interaction between the two batches and contributed to the festive ambience of the department. The presence of the judges and the evaluation process added a formal concluding element to the day's programme.

DAY 1 - HIGHLIGHT

The major highlight of Day 1 was the collaborative preparation of the Pookalam by M.Ed. First Year and Second Year students, followed by its evaluation by two judges after 1:00 p.m.

DAY 2 - ONAM CELEBRATIONS

The second day of the celebration was held on 19 August 2026. Various fun-filled competitions and recreational activities commenced at 10:30 a.m. Students participated enthusiastically in different events and enjoyed the lively atmosphere created by the celebrations.

The Lemon and Spoon Race was one of the competitions conducted as part of the day's activities. Along with this, several other games and competitions were organized. The activities encouraged friendly participation, interaction and enjoyment among the students.



Students participating in the Onam competitions and activities.



Festive participation during the second day.

ONAM SADYA

At 1:00 p.m. on the second day, all the students and faculty members came together for the traditional Onam Sadya. Sharing the Sadya collectively added warmth and togetherness to the celebrations and provided an opportunity for students and teachers to spend time together in a festive atmosphere.



Students and faculty members together during the second day of the Onam celebrations.

CONCLUSION

The two-day Onam celebration at the School of Pedagogical Sciences was a joyful and meaningful experience for the students and faculty members. The collective preparation of the Pookalam, participation in various competitions and sharing of the Onam Sadya created valuable opportunities for cooperation, friendship and community bonding. The celebrations successfully brought the academic community together in the spirit of Onam and created pleasant memories for all the participants.

Overall, the programme reflected the cultural spirit of Onam while providing students with opportunities for creativity, participation and togetherness within the academic community.