

**KALADY CHARTER**  
**On**  
**Community Engagement in Safeguarding Intangible Heritage**

We, the participants in the Intangible Heritage Festival 2015, organised by the National Museum of Natural History, in partnership with the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Center for Environment and Development, Moozhikkulam Sala and Kochi International Book Festival 2015, during 3-5 December 2015, in Kalady, Kerala State, India

- a) *Underlining* the primary role of communities in safeguarding Intangible Heritage
- b) *Affirming* our commitment to the safeguarding of Intangible Heritage as per the obligations of India as the State Party to the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage
- c) *Having* experienced *Mudiyettu* through the carriers and transmitters of the Intangible Heritage element which is inscribed on the Representation List of the ICH
- d) *Appreciating* the non-duality of nature and culture aspects of safeguarding Intangible Heritage in India
- e) *Noting* the critical role of Panchayathiraj administration set up in Kerala responsible for enabling the safeguarding plans for *Mudiyettu*

Recommend the following urgent safeguarding measures in the spirit of the Convention:

- a) Facilitate a community based workshop with diverse carriers and stakeholders on the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and its key concepts, emphasizing the role of the communities;
- b) Prepare a living document of the *Mudiyettu* and its diverse practices among the primary stakeholder community groups as collaborative partnership with local organisations (including the library) based on the methodology of the successful people's biodiversity registers within the Panchayathiraj;
- c) Promote partnerships with the local universities for deep research and educational programming for the continuity of the Element;
- d) Conduct a benefit analysis to develop and implement a strategy to ensure the viability of the Element; and
- e) State upfront the methodology of the above recommended steps in a *Mudiyettu* Safeguarding Plan and share it across India and beyond.

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