

NIC-CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON MICROSERVICES - KOCHI

Won 1st Prize in 'Onappookkalam' competition

NIC-Centre of Excellence on Microservices[NIC-CEM] Kochi won First Prize in the 'Onappookkalam' ('Floral Design') competition held by WAKE [Welfare Association of Kendriya Bhawan Employees], Kochi as part of Onam 2021 Celebrations held on 26th August 2021. NSSO, Kochi won the 2nd prize and CIPMC, Kochi won the 3rd prize.

'Onam' , the official State Festival of Kerala celebrated every year during the month of 'Chingam' (August – September) brings together a multitude of colours and flavours from across God's Own Country. The celebrations reach their apex on the auspicious day of Thiruvonam. Homes are cleaned and impeccably maintained well before the 'Atham' day from which the households are adorned daily with exquisite floral 'rangolis' ('Pookkalam'). The 10th day is the 'Thiruvonam' day when elaborate sumptuous feasts (Onasadya) are served during lunch in every home, with the feast ending with delicious payasam (Kerala dessert). Malayalees irrespective of their caste and creed across the globe celebrate 'Onam'. Whole state used to be in festive mood all these days till the concluding day of 'Uthruattathy' on which the world famous 'Aranmula Uthruattathy Boat Race takes place. Various Competitions used to be held in the offices also as part of the state festival. The Covid pandemic has taken away the vim & vigour of the festival for the last two years. This year the Government had permitted 'Onappookkalam' under strict compliance with Covid protocol.

1st Prize Winning Pookkalam by NIC-CEM



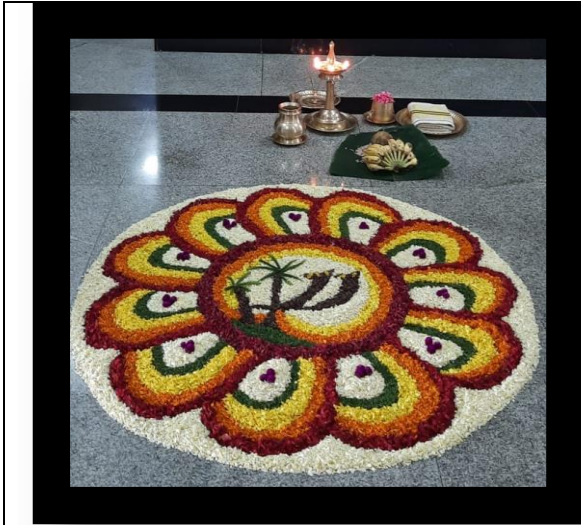
CEM Team



Glimpses of 'Pookkalam'



Other 'Pookkalam' in the competition



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