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## Kalasagar Awards 2026 Announced

Kalamandalam Krishnankutty Poduval was a legendary percussion maestro who transformed the fierce and powerful chenda into a divine instrument flowing with nectar-like rhythm. A towering genius who left his unique imprint on every sphere of Kathakali — the composite art form of dance, music, and acting — his memory continues to inspire generations of art lovers. In remembrance of this illustrious maestro, Kalasagar has announced the prestigious Kalasagar Awards for the year 2026.

The awardees are:

- K. B. Raj Anand – Art Criticism
- Kalluvazhi Vasu – Vesham
- Kottakkal P. D. Namboodiri – Music
- Kalamandalam Narayanankutty & Vijayamaniyamma – Chenda
- Kodassery Parameswaran Nair – Maddalam
- Kottakkal Ramachandran – Chutti

The awardees were selected by the Award Selection Committee comprising T. K. Achuthan, Kalamandalam Unnikrishnan, and Vellinezhi Anand.



**K. B. Raj Anand**



**Kalluvazhi Vasu.**



**Kottakkal P. D. Namboodiri**



**Kalamandalam Narayanankutty &  
Kalamandalam Vijayamaniamma**



**Kodassery Parameswaran Nair**



**Kottakkal Ramachandran**

**Kalasagar Secretary Rajan Poduval informed that the awards will be presented on May 28 at the memorial gathering titled “A Memory of a Birthday” to be held at Kaaralmanna Kunchu Nair Memorial Trust Hall.**

**Rajan Poduval  
Secretary  
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