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Poet Dr. Alandur Ko. Mohanarangan Centre for Tamil Studies, Chennai - 88

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Jointly Organize

TAMIL ARTS & LITERARY FESTIVAL

1st International India- Tamil-Korean Research Conference

KOREA TAMIL SANGAM AWARDS - 2026



DATE: 31 OCTOBER 2026



VENUE: OSONG-EUP, CHEONGJU-SI, SOUTH KOREA

Programs

- Research Seminar
- Poetry Forum
- Cultural Festival
- Arts Forum
- Awards Ceremony
- Heritage Walk to the Memorial of Queen Heo Hwang-ok (Sembavalam)

Celebrating the long-awaited Thiruvalluvar Statue Unveiling in South Korea

**In the Presence of,
Dr. V. G. Santhosam**
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EVERYONE IS WELCOME! !

Every Place is Our Town; Everyone is Our Kin



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Dear Friends,

Korea is a peninsula in East Asia. Once a single nation, Korea is now divided into North Korea and South Korea due to political circumstances.

South Korea is globally renowned for its achievements in industry, education, technology, cinema, music, and culture. Linguists have recorded that the Korean language contains many Tamil words.

Scholars state that Korea, with a history spanning several millennia, has long-standing links with Tamil history and culture. Tamil history also records that Queen Sembavalam, who became a queen of Korea, came from Tamil Nadu.

To examine this historical evidence more deeply and bring the ancient connections between Korea and the Tamil people to global attention, the Poet Dr. Alandur Ko. Mohanarangan Centre for Tamil Studies, in association with Korea Tamil Sangam, plans to hold the Tamil Arts & Literary Festival and Korea Tamil Sangam Awards ceremony in Cheongju-si, South Korea, on 31 October 2026.

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Information for Participants

Tamil Cultural Identities Across the World

Subtopics

- Historical traces of cultural similarities between Koreans and Tamils
 - Korea-Tamil Relations: Exploring Language, Culture, Traditions, and Ancient Tamil Civilization
 - The Role of Korean-Tamil Relations in the Development of Buddhism
 - Tamil's contribution to world civilization
 - Contributions of distinguished Tamil scholars to the development of Tamil
 - Tamil cinema and performing arts in a global perspective
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- Scholars, professors, research students, and Tamil enthusiasts may submit research papers on these topics.
 - Papers must be computer-typed on A4 pages, double-spaced, and no longer than five pages (700 words). Papers exceeding the limit may be shortened, and the Seminar Advisory Committee reserves full rights to edit or abridge submissions.
 - Papers may be in Tamil or English. When sending a Tamil paper, please include the Tamil font used. Unicode fonts are strongly preferred.
 - Below the paper title, include your full address. The registration form must be completed and submitted. Write your name on the reverse of the demand draft. Papers must be well-written, error-free, and include proper citations; papers failing these standards will not be accepted.
 - All accepted research papers will be published in a book with an ISBN. On the festival day, presenting authors will receive a copy of the book containing their paper and a certificate.
 - Email papers to ktsawards@gmail.com by 10 October 2026.
 - Those wishing to attend must register by 5th October 2026. Registration fees are non-refundable if a registered participant is unable to attend for any reason.
 - The participation registration form must be completed and a copy attached.
 - Authors must attend the festival at their own expense.

Korea Tamil Sangam Awards – 2026

Award Categories

KTS AWARDS – 2026 (Inside Korea)

- Exemplary Social Worker
- Excellence in Art and Culture
- Scientific Excellence
- Excellence in Sports
- Best Engineer
- Innovative Creators Award
- Skilled Workers
- Young Scientist–South Korea
- Best Enternepeaur
- Best Translator Award – Korea
- Best content creator

KTS AWARDS – 2026 (General)

- Best Public Welfare Organization Award
- Tamizh–Korean Cultural Relationship award
- Indo–Korea Friendship award
- Excellence in Art and Culture–General
- Service to Tamil Language Award
- Best Journalist Award
- KTS Life Time Achievement Award
- Exemplary Social Worker
- Best Korea Tourism and Visa Guidance Organization Award
- Writer of the Year Award
- Young Scientist – General
- Best Educational Service Institution Award
- Educational Service Luminary Award

Note: A “Young Achiever Award” category for entrants under age 14 is available in all the above categories. For enquiries, contact the festival coordinators or email ktsawards@gmail.com.

Tour Itinerary (5 Nights / 6 Days – Seoul & Busan)

Day	Date	Major Events
Day 1	29 October 2026 (Thursday)	Arrival in Seoul – Hotel Check-in at Gimpo – Han River Cruise – Dinner near Han River
Day 2	30 October 2026 (Friday)	King Sejong Statue – Hanbok experience at Gyeongbokgung Palace – Lunch at Saravana Bhavan, Itaewon – National Museum of Korea – COEX Mall – Travel to Osong
Day 3	31 October 2026 (Saturday)	KTS Award Function (9:30 AM – 6:30 PM) – Evening visit to Osong Lake – Dinner at Mulberry Restaurant
Day 4	1 November 2026 (Sunday)	Hotel Check-out – Sightseeing in Daejeon (TBD) – KTX Train to Busan (12:00 PM – 1:45 PM) – Lunch at Chakraa – Hotel Check-in in the Haeundae / Gwangalli are
Day 5	2 November 2026 (Monday)	Visit a Tamil Korean government official's memorial site – National Museum – National Museum of Korea / cultural visit – Songdo Beach Crystal Cable Car – Gamcheon Culture Village – Shopping area visit – Haeundae Beach – Evening relaxation at Haeundae & Gwangalli – Travel back to Gimpo
Day 6	3 November 2026 (Tuesday)	Hotel Check-out at Gimpo – Transfer to Incheon International Airport – Departure to India

We are organizing a 6-day, 5-night tour to attend the awards ceremony and learn about Tamil–Korean connections. We warmly welcome students, scholars, Tamil enthusiasts, business leaders, political leaders, and Tamil people from around the world.

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Visa Registration : <https://forms.gle/QxZHeSq37diPsrm7>

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