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# Chennai: City-based musician develops app and revamps website to present rare compositions of Ottukkadu Venkata Kavi

Both the integrated website and app are the first of their kind dedicated to Ottukkadu Venkata Kavi and contain close to 600 completed works of the composer, lyrics to his songs, pronunciation guides, a history of the composer, his contribution to music, musical facts, historical significance of the songs, and more.

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Ottukkadu Venkata Kavi, a composer of time-transcending brilliance and encyclopedic erudition, is said to have lived approximately between 1700-1765. The volume of his multi-dimensional creations is only matched by the depth of his knowledge and exemplary attitude. He was a consummate master of melody, rhythm, meter, poetry, dance, drama, epics, mythology, cultural history and geography who was at equal ease in Sanskrit as well as Tamil.

In Sangita Ratnakara, Sharngadeva (1210-1247) lists about 30 yardsticks that certify the qualities of a complete vaggeyakkara. These include not only command over melody, rhythm, meter, rhyme but also a sense of drama, poetry, awareness of characters, situations and numerous other aspects. Venkata Kavi

The homepage of the Ottukkadu Venkata Kavi website which features Kalinga Narthana Krishna, the deity which is said to have inspired the ancient composer. (Image: venkatakavi.org)

For performers, the stage is their home and travelling from one city or country to another is a way a life. While The Covid 19 induced lockdowns have given a



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