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## திருக்குறள் பயில்வோம்
## तिरुक्कुरल अभ्यास करें
## THIRUKKURAL PAYILVOM

*To study **Thirukkural**, the classical Tamil text of enduring ethical, social and philosophical significance in your language.*

**1000** Internships for students of Higher Education

Through **1000** Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs)

Each Internship is of **₹10,000/-**

Each selected HEI will select one student for Internship as per schedule

Thirukkural is available in **22 Indian Languages** of 8th Schedule and in English

For more details and registration by HEIs, visit:

**kts.cict.in**

# Schedule

Revised timeline for KTS 5.0, as notified by CICT. See the official portal for updates.

## KTS 5.0 Revised Timeline

| S. No. | Activity / Milestone | Revised Timeline |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Registration of institutions on kts.cict.in and outreach | 18 Nov 2026 |
| 2 | Scrutiny and selection of Participating Institutions | 19 Nov 2026 |
| 3 | Assessment of interested students | 23 Nov 2026 |
| 4 | Nomination of one student per institution on the CICT portal | 24 Nov 2026 |
| 5 | Inaugural Function of KTS 5.0 (virtual joining) | 28 Nov 2026 |
| 6 | Valedictory Function of KTS 5.0 (virtual joining) | 12 Dec 2026 |
| 7 | Academic orientation and access to study material | 14 Dec 2026 |
| 8 | Commencement of one-month research and academic engagement | 15 Dec 2026 |
| 9 | Preparation of article/research note and one-hour presentation | 15 Dec 2026 – 14 Jan 2027 |
| 10 | Submission of article/research note, activity report and supporting records; stipend (Rs. 10,000) through DBT after verification | 14 Jan 2027 |
| 11 | Academic review, compilation and recognition | As notified by CICT |

Institutions join the inaugural and valedictory functions virtually. Official schedule: **kts.cict.in**

## About Kashi Tamil Sangamam 5.0

Kashi Tamil Sangamam 5.0 will be held from 28 November to 12 December 2026 under the theme "Thirukkural Payilvom – Thirukkural Abhyas Karen". It is an initiative of the Ministry of Education, Government of India, implemented by the Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai, with IIT Madras, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) and the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti as partners.

The edition celebrates the cultural and civilisational ties between Kashi and Tamil Nadu and promotes the ethical and moral values of the Thirukkural. The inaugural function (28 November) and valedictory function (12 December) are held with virtual joining.

## Phase I: Learning the Thirukkural

1,000 students from 1,000 colleges and universities across India learn the Thirukkural in their own language and take it back to their campuses.

- **Assessment:** Assessment of interested students on 23 November 2026: 50 objective multiple-choice questions, 2 marks each, no negative marking, 30 minutes, online in the student's chosen language.
- **Nomination:** Each institution nominates one student on the CICT portal by 24 November 2026. Eligibility: students currently enrolled in any college or university in India.
- **Academic orientation:** Held on 14 December 2026, with access to study material.
- **Research and academic engagement:** A one-month engagement starting 15 December 2026, ending with an article/research note submitted by 14 January 2027. The ₹10,000 stipend is paid through DBT after verification.
- **Campus presentation:** A one-hour presentation at the student's own college, prepared between 15 December 2026 and 14 January 2027.

## Phase II: Apps, Videos, Films, Conferences and Displays

- Thirukkural Multilingual App with all 1,330 couplets, translations in 22 languages and commentaries.
- Video lectures, audiobooks, a recitation app, short films, and daily reels and shorts.
- An Annual National Conference on the Thirukkural, co-organised with the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti and Banaras Hindu University.
- Couplets displayed at railway stations, airports and toll plazas, with Indian Railways, AAI and NHAI.

## Phase III: Reaching Non-Tamil-Speaking Students

- **Daily Kural:** A couplet calendar for 200 school days, with translations in each school's language.
- **Storytelling:** Scripts and guides for stories, speeches, skits, plays and dance-dramas.
- **Gaming app:** Crosswords, puzzles, memory games and typing challenges.

## Kashi and BHU

BHU is the coordinating institute on the Kashi side, supporting the academic sessions and the Kashi programme, and co-hosts the National Conference on the Thirukkural. See **BHU's Role** for details. Programme information, notices and registration are maintained at **kts.cict.in**.