



# Bicentenary Celebrations of Maharaja Swathi Thirunal

Conducted By  
**Travancore Malayalee Council Gulf Chapter**

Travancore Malayalee Council is an academic forum, promoting the Travancore history and heritage. The aims of our association are to coordinate Travancore Historical documents and to establish a Travancore Heritage Study Center & Library in Kerala. Our first project "Travancore History Conference" was inaugurated by **Her Highness Aswathi Tirunal Gouri Lakshmi Bhai** on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2010. All activities in this connection are being published in TMC website ([www.tmcgulf.com](http://www.tmcgulf.com)).

In connection with the *Bicentenary Celebrations of Maharaja Swathi Thirunal* the Gulf chapter of Travancore Malayalee Council plans to conduct the following functions in association with other reputed organizations at **Gulf & Kerala**.

## Phase 1 : Bicentenary Celebrations Plenary Meeting : Dubai, 2012 May

Travancore Malayalee Council Gulf Chapter plans to conduct the inaugural session of the Bicentenary Celebrations of Maharaja Swathi Thirunal at Dubai in **May 2012**. Our chief will be **His Highness Uthradom Thirunal Marthanda Varma**, the present head of the Travancore royal family.

## Phase 2 : Bicentenary Celebrations Inauguration : Trivandrum, 2012 August

As part of the Bicentenary celebrations we are plans to conduct 'Swathi Thirunal Smirthy Sangamam' a history Conference is an academic program being arranged to share the sacred memory of Swathi Thirunal. Participants will be selected from various Universities of India & from other reputed organizations. The program will be held at Vikundam Auditorium, Trivandrum in **August 2012**.

**NB: We are expecting the presence of His Excellency Dr.A.P.J Abdul Kalam (Former President of India) at this program.**

## Phase 3: Historical Drama "Maharaja Swathi Thirunal"

Travancore Malayalee Council will present a historical drama "Maharaja Swathi Thirunal" written and directed by **Dr.Raja Warriar** (Head of the Department, Center for Performing Arts, Kerala University).The drama is based on the life of Swathi Thirunal Rama Varma, the Maharaja of Travancore. Compositions of the legendary composers Swathi Thirunal, Tyagaraja and Irayiamman Tampi will be highlight.

### Phase 4: Historical Painting Exhibition: Maharaja Swathi Thirunal

Travancore Malayalee Council plans to conduct a Historical Painting Exhibition on Maharaja Swathi Thirunal in association with the College of Fine Arts & Artist Forum. The land mark achievements, events from his life and times would be essayed by the artists. As part of this project we would like to exhibit 1000 special photographs regarding the history of Travancore.

### Phase 5 : Travancore Encyclopaedia Vol. 1 : Swathi Thirunal

Travancore Malayalee Council plans to publish the First Volume of Travancore Encyclopaedia in connection with the Bicentenary Celebrations of Maharaja Swathi Thirunal. This volume will include the life sketch of Swathi Thirunal & his literary works. Dr.R.P.Raja & Uma Maheswari are the coordinators of this project.

### Phase 6 : Swathi Thirunal Kalolsavam

As Maharaja Swathi Thirunal was a patron of cultural activities in Travancore, the Travancore Malayalee Council plans to conduct a mega event “Swathi Thirunal Kalolsavam” together with the valedictory session of the bicentenary celebration in April 2013.

### Phase 7: Bicentenary Celebrations Valedictory Session: Kerala, 2013 April

The Valedictory session of these programs will be conducted at Trivandrum in April 2013. Prominent artists & reputed personalities of India would grace the occasion.

We invite your cooperation & advice regarding the Bicentenary celebration.

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