

India Foundation for the Arts (IFA)

invites

Proposals from Artists for projects in Government Schools in Karnataka under its Arts Education programme

Deadline Extended: August 15, 2026

India Foundation for the Arts (IFA) seeks to implement arts projects facilitated by artists in government schools across Karnataka. These projects will have the approval of the Department of State Education, Research and Training (DSERT).

The Arts Education programme *Kali Kalisu* is an initiative that seeks to integrate artistic practices into classroom teaching, enabling artists to use various art forms as pedagogical tools while making learning a continuous and dynamic process for students. Through storytelling, music, theatre, visual practices, and local art forms, the programme aims to extend learning beyond the classroom and build meaningful connections with the outside world. It aspires to foster a student-centered learning environment through creative and curriculum-integrated approaches.

Based on these objectives, IFA invites project proposals that complement the school curriculum while strengthening the foundations of arts-integrated pedagogy. Applicants are encouraged to clearly articulate how their proposed projects will promote creativity and a spirit of inquiry among students.

Click [here](#) to learn more about some of our projects from earlier years.

Scope for the Project

The implemented projects could do any of the following:

- Bring multiple stakeholders such as parents, students, teachers, school administration, and art practitioners together for an artistic project.
- Explore learning environments enriched by regional/local art forms and practices in the classroom.
- Conceptualise and put in place student-centered programmes such as an arts wing within the student community which will meet regularly to experience and explore various art forms (theatre, visual arts, film, literature, photography, music, etc).

- Examine possibilities with the arts to sensitise and engage the school community to think about local realities such as social justice and environmental issues.

Other long-term or short-term projects that engage with arts education in innovative and creative ways will also be considered.

Duration of the Project

Your project must have the duration of fifteen months.

Budget

- Up to a maximum of Rs 2,00,000/-
- Applicants can consider up to Rs 70,000/- as a fee for self.

Who can Apply?

- Proposals are welcome from artists with prior experience or relevant training in arts education.
- Applicants should be able to communicate in the relevant local language.
- Only Indian nationals can apply for projects.

Eligibility

- Only Indian nationals can apply. This does not include PIO (Persons of Indian Origin) and OCI (Overseas Citizen of India) Card Holders.
- Applicants must have a PAN card and one of the following for proof of identity and citizenship – Indian Passport or Aadhar Card or Voter's ID in India.
- Only individuals can apply. Organisations of any kind cannot apply.
- If there are collaborators in the projects, they must also be Indian nationals.
- Persons who have a past history of financial delinquency with IFA are not eligible.
- Persons who have failed to deposit at IFA agreed deliverables from an earlier IFA grant are not eligible.
- Persons who have previously received a letter from IFA disallowing them from applying in the future for any reason are not eligible.
- Persons currently working on a project implemented by IFA are not eligible to apply.
- More than one individual can apply if they have a joint account. If they do not, then only one among them should apply with the others as collaborators.

Submission Guidelines

You may choose to write your proposal in Kannada, Urdu, Hindi, Marathi, Telugu, and English.

Your final proposal must contain:

- Request letter for undertaking this project.

- Resume along with details of past experience of working with students.
- Name, address, background, and staff strength of the government school identified for the project along with the socio-cultural background of the students.
- Current Arts Education activities in the government school identified for the project, if any.
- Permission letter from the head of the school along with the name and contact details of the point of contact (POC) from the school for IFA.
- Objectives of the proposed project.
- Methodology and detailed work plan.
- Details of the resource persons who would be participating during the project period.
- Expected outcomes of the project.
- Detailed break-up of budget.

Your final proposals must be sent online in a single email not more than 25 MB to **Radhika Bharadwaj**, Programme Officer, Arts Education, at radhika@indiaifa.org with the subject line: Project Proposal for Arts Education (Artists). Phone number: 7829327739 (You can call between 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM from Monday to Friday)

Incomplete proposals and those where applicants do not fall within the eligibility criteria will be disregarded.

Selection Process

The shortlisted proposals will be evaluated by an external panel and applicants will be required to present their project ideas to the panel.

All selected projects will be implemented by IFA.

Key Dates

- Deadline to submit final proposals: **August 15, 2026.**
- Projects selected for implementation will be announced in **September 2026.**

Please note that IFA is committed to creating a safe environment that supports, respects, and protects children and young people. The applicant must be aligned with this and must uphold it at all times.

For more information on Kali Kalisu, click [here](#)