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invites

Proposals from Teachers of Government Schools in Karnataka under its Arts Education programme

Deadline: August 31, 2026

India Foundation for the Arts (IFA) seeks to implement arts projects facilitated by teachers from government schools in Karnataka, for their schools.

The Arts Education programme Kali Kalisu is an effort to make ‘learning’ a continuous and joyous process in schools, with the application of different art forms in curriculum-based teaching pedagogies. It is an aspiration to nurture a student-centered learning process with the integration of curriculum-based learning with creative approaches that could build a strong relationship with the world outside a classroom and the students’ lived experiences, through local stories, music, theatre, painting, folk, and other local art forms.

IFA is requesting project proposals that hope to form a solid foundation for art-integrated teaching pedagogies and encourage curiosity and creativity in students.

Click [here](#) to learn more about some of the projects implemented earlier.

Scope of 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 1,00,000/-
- Applicants can consider up to Rs 35,000/- as a fee for self.

Who Can Apply?

- Government school teachers, Headmasters, and Cluster Resource Persons 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, Tamil, or English.

- Request letter for undertaking this project
- Your resume
- Name, address, background, staff strength of your school along with the socio-cultural background of the students

- Current Arts Education activities of your school if any
- Objectives of the proposed project
- Methodology and detailed work-plan
- Role of peer teachers in the project
- 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 in a single email not more than 25 MB to Deepak D H, Programme Officer, Arts Education, at deepak@indiaifa.org with the subject for the email: Project Proposal for Arts Education (Teachers). Phone number: 9739175525 (You can call between 10:00 AM to 5:00 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 draft proposals: **July 31, 2026.**
- Deadline to submit final proposal: **August 31, 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](#)