

Proceedings of Events on the occasion of New Year 2026 –

IYRP South Asia Region

We have organised the following events with the help of network members during first week of Jan 2026 :

1. Launching ceremony on 1st January 2026 by TFPPS and SEVA



*Bajan song & Agni hotra during sunrise
at Kanniyakumari.*



Oath taking slogans at Kanniyakumari seashore .

At the southern tip of India i.e. at Kanniyakumari of Tamil Nadu state at the time of Sunrise we have performed few ceremony events viz. prayer song/ bajan song, homa / yagna for sunrise (*Agni hotra*). There was participation of about 30 pastoralists, volunteers and raised slogans along with oath taking.



Release of New Year Calendar at Kallikukalam

By 10.00 a.m. we organised a meeting with 50 pastoralists at south Kallikukalam village, Kanniyakumari district. We interacted with cattle pastoralists and their tenancy system between caretakers during October- January 15 th when cattle are cared by tenant herders. We launched pastoralists association at Taluk level (Radhapuram taluka) and released daily

calendar for year 2026 along with IYRP themes printed in the front page. *Rangoli / kolam* (a traditional practice of making art / pattern on the floor in front of the house using lime powder which express spirituality and creativity) has been made with our women volunteers and performed singing folk songs.

These two events were organised by Tamil Nadu Federation for Pastoral Peoples Sangams and SEVA. Officials from Animal Husbandry department of Tirunelveli district represented.

2. Launching ceremony on 3rd January 2026 by SEVA



On 3rd January 2026, IYRP launching ceremony cultural events and forming Grama Sabha for claiming Grazing rights under Forest Rights Act, 2006 has been organised by SEVA at U. Vadipatti village, Madurai district, Tamil Nadu. We distributed prizes to best Rangoli / Kolam drawn by pastoralist women and girls for performing folk dance on IYRP objective. Officials from animal husbandry department attended.

3. Launching ceremony on 3rd January 2026 by Pastoral Youth Association



On 3rd January 2026 IYRP launching ceremony has been organised at Neelbad, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh by Pastoral Youth Association. About 200 pastoralists, officials from Animal husbandry

department and youth volunteers from different states participated. They performed bajan (spiritual songs) and submitted a memorandum to animal husbandry department for protection of rangelands, migratory routes, grazing rights in forests and for providing veterinary services to pastoralists herds. They organised a camel yatra for about one kilometre distance by singing songs to create awareness on IYRP.

Pictures of few Rangoli /Kolam performed by pastoral women on the eve of New Year



Rangoli by Mrs. Sangeetha & Mrs. Udhaya, South Kallikulam village



Rangoli by pastoral women at Vadipatti village



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Rangoli by Mr. Thangavelu, Pookkulam.



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