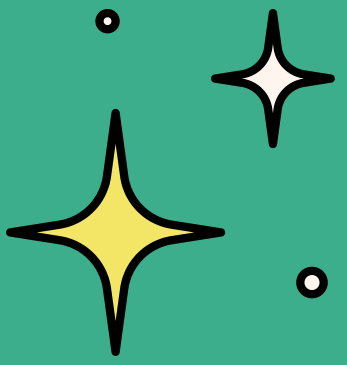
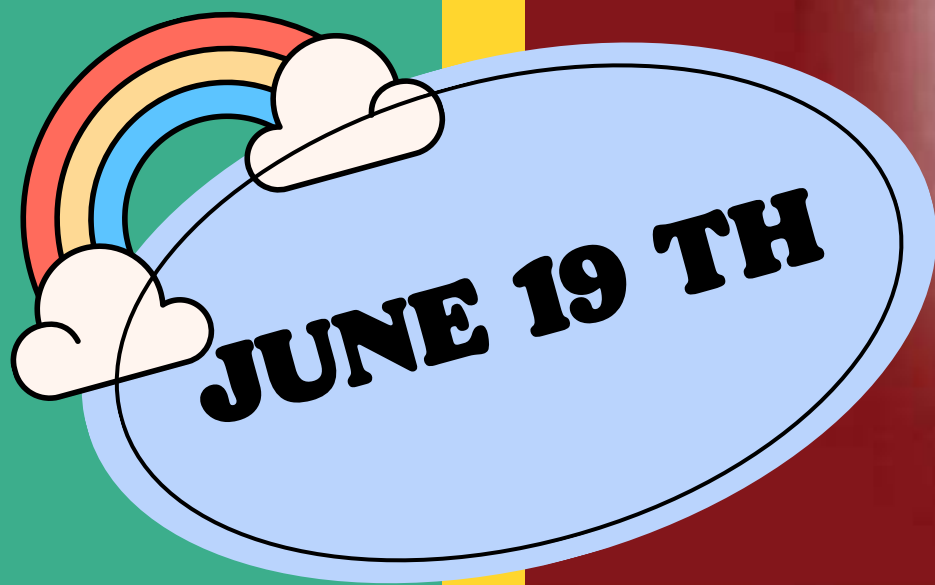


PN PANIKER

P. N. Panicker was a visionary Indian educator and literacy pioneer, best known as the father of the library movement in Kerala.




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• National Reading Day






**Hey, have you
ever heard of
P. N.
Panicker?**

**Hmm... The name
sounds familiar.
Wasn't he
connected to
libraries in
Kerala?**

**Exactly! P. N.
Panicker is actually
called the Father of
the Library and
Literacy Movement in
Kerala**

**Oh wow! So what
did he actually
do?**





Well, back in 1945, he started something amazing. He formed the Thiruvithaamkoor Granthasala Sangham with just 47 small rural libraries. His aim was simple but powerful to spread reading and knowledge to every corner of Kerala.


That's incredible. Did it work?

**Oh, it did more than
work! By 1977, the
number of libraries
had grown to over
6,000! His motto was:
“Read and Grow” –
Vayichu Valaruka.**




**So, he was not just
about reading but
about growing
through reading?**





Exactly. He believed libraries were not just for books, but centres for education, progress, and even social change.


**That's inspiring!
Did he also play a role in Kerala becoming the most literate state?**

A colorful illustration of a library scene. In the background, a woman with dark hair and a pink bag stands behind a wooden bookshelf filled with books. In the foreground, two children are seated at a wooden table. A girl on the left is reading a large blue book, and a boy on the right is writing in a notebook with a pen. On the table, there is a stack of three books (green, red, and blue) and an open notebook with a green cover. The background bookshelves are filled with books of various colors, and the overall atmosphere is one of quiet study and learning.

Yes, he did! After the state government took over the library movement, he focused on adult education and founded KANFED – Kerala Association for Non-formal Education and Development. That's what eventually led to the Kerala Literacy Mission.

No wonder Kerala became India's first fully literate state in 1991!

Right! And to honour his memory, every year on June 19, we celebrate Reading Day, which marks his death anniversary

A colorful illustration of a woman with dark hair and a pink bag, standing in a library with bookshelves in the background. She is smiling and looking towards the right. In the foreground, a young girl is reading a blue book, and a young boy is writing in a notebook. There are stacks of books on the table.

Yep! From June 19 to 25 is Reading Week, and June 19 to July 18 is Reading Month. In fact, in 2017, the Government of India declared June 19 as National Reading Day in his honour.

I think it was this: “Reading is the key to enlightenment.” He truly believed that equal access to books means equal chances in life.

That’s such a great legacy! What do you think was his main message?

Totally! So let's celebrate Reading Day not just by reading books—but by sharing them, talking about them, and growing together

Wow, from just one person's vision, a whole state – and even a country – was inspired to read more. That's powerful!



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Library PM SHRI KV2 Kasaragod

Activities

Mathrubhumi Book fair June 19th

Meet the Author
Biography Making
Character parade with DJ

QUIZ TIME

**Library Week
Celebration
June 19
onwards**

