

FUEL to Present Bharatanatyam Production 'Mauli – A Timeless Tradition' on July 12

Pune, July 9 (UNI) The lives and devotional compositions of Warkari saints such as Sant Dnyaneshwar, Sant Namdev, Sant Eknath, Sant Tukaram and Sant Janabai, would be presented through a Bharatanatyam performance by internationally acclaimed dancer, choreographer and researcher Kalaimamani Bala Devi Chandrashekar on July 12.

The event has been organised by the educational institution Friends union for Energising Lives (FUEL) at the MES Auditorium in Kothrud here to garner support for the education of ten girl students,

Announcing the programme titled 'Mauli – A Timeless Tradition', at a press conference on Thursday, Dr Ketan Deshpande, Founder and Chairman of FUEL said the production is a celebration of the timeless bond between devotion, tradition, art and the divine.

He said that Pune audiences will have the opportunity to experience the soul of the Pandharpur Wari through the Bharatanatyam performance of Kalaimamani Bala Devi Chandrashekar. He noted that Bala Devi Chandrashekar is the first Bharatanatyam artiste to weave together the abhangs of Maharashtra's saint-poets into a cohesive stage production portraying the spiritual journey of the Warkari tradition.

Dr Deshpande said the programme has been organised to support the education of 10 girl students of FUEL through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.

"Drawing inspiration from the devotional poetry and philosophical teachings of the Warkari saints, the production transforms each abhang into a living, continuous pilgrimage, reflecting the spiritual, emotional and collective experience of the Wari. The stage itself becomes a sacred pathway where poetry, philosophy and dance converge to evoke the enduring spirit of devotion associated with Pandharpur," he explained.

Bala Devi Chandrashekar has presented Indian classical dance at more than 300 international venues across over 40 countries.

Speaking on the occasion, Bala Devi Chandrashekar said, 'Mauli – A Timeless Tradition' is inspired by the sacred Pandharpur Wari. The Wari is not merely a pilgrimage but an inward spiritual journey culminating in personal transformation.

"Through Bharatanatyam, the production brings to life the lives and devotional compositions of Warkari saints such as Sant Dnyaneshwar, Sant Namdev, Sant Eknath, Sant Tukaram and Sant Janabai. It portrays how devotees return not merely after seeking the Lord's darshan, but carrying the divine within themselves. This is what keeps the spirit of the Pandharpur Wari alive," she observed.

The performance will feature celebrated abhangs and bharuds of Sant Tukaram, Sant Dnyaneshwar, Sant Namdev and Sant Eknath Maharaj, including Udand Pahile Udand Aikile, Sundar Te Dhyani, Roop Paahata Lochani, Khel Mandiyela Valavanti Ghai, and Kashi Jau Mi Vrindavan, Murali Vajavito Kanha.

Inviting citizens to attend, Dr Deshpande appealed to Pune residents to be part of this unique celebration of devotion, tradition, art and spirituality, while also supporting the educational aspirations of deserving girl students through the initiative. UNI SP CDS