with the natural hospitality and welcoming leaves. Guests were especially impressed by the village experience programs for Auroville and Oilattam. They gain insight into the traditional Indian art activities at the Mohanam Cultural Heritage Centre, including folk dancing, quilling (decorative paper work), and drumming circle. Every Saturday and Sunday, we host some outreach school art activities: drumming circle at the Mohanam Youth Sharing Circle. The youth travel to the government outreach school for art activities and gain a deeper understanding of the local culture and traditions.

On 13 January, the Pongal Celebration featured a traditional tournament to celebrate the harvest season. On the first Saturday of every month, we host the Amathikural Vattam – Voice of Peace, a session where Elders from the bio-tribe share their wisdom and knowledge about Tamil marks. It is a beautiful experience for all.

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In February, we hosted the Puducherry Director of Tourism, Dr. Kiran Bedi, Governor of Puducherry, to give them a chance to express appreciation for the work of Mohanam. She was impressed, and the Director of Tourism Department came to visit Mohanam Cultural Heritage Centre. They came to see the progress of our work and the progress we've made so far in the construction of the new campus for the Mohanam Village Heritage Centre. The campus, which has been partially funded by the Ministry of Tourism, is designed to protect the village and promote traditional Tamil cultural heritage.

On 26 March, we were honored to host the International USA Vice President of Program Development, Julie and the Light Omega Community in Amherst. They are passionate about protecting the planet and have supported Mohanam health, happiness, and peace. They responded swiftly to our call and created a beautifully designed paper. We also had the opportunity to invite Mrs. Danaraj's team from Rayapettai to help us create a beautiful display of handmade paper decorations for our annual 3 Day Kolam Workshop at Mohanam Village Heritage Centre.

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