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### FRANCIS KODANKANDATH, IRS

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A student of St. Thomas College for his Pre degree, Degree and Post Graduate Courses, world famous artist Francis Kodankandath earned his IRS in 2017. He is the Commissioner of Customs Intelligence Wing.

As an artist, Shri Francis Kodankandath has exhibited his paintings in Florence(Italy), London, USA , UAE, France and Japan, earning praise for his insightful paintings. He was awarded the Binale Award in 2015 for his paintings exhibited in the Florence Binale (Italy). He was the only artist selected by the Government of India to represent the country in the London Binale, 2017. 18 paintings of Shri Kodankandath were exhibited in the venue of an international conference held under the auspices of UNO, in 2018.

His paintings are permanent exhibits in the Salt Satyagraha Museum. He has been awarded the Kendra Lalitha Kala Academy Award (2004) and Kerala Lalitha Kala Academy Awards (1986,1989 &1993). He was cited Meritoriously by the Govt. of India on 10 occasions for having taken risky operations on behalf of Customs Department and awarded Recognitions by the Department nearly 200 times.



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