



## High Court Nod: Yakshagana Mela Reinstates All-Night Shows

The over-a-century old **Yakshagana mela**, the **Kateel Durgaparameshwari Prasadita Yakshagana Mandali**, in **Dakshina Kannada** will revert to all-night shows from 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 after the High Court of Karnataka gave the go-ahead, subject to adherence to **Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000**.

- Yakshagana is a dance-drama **performance unique to Karnataka**. It traditionally featured men portraying all roles. But, **women are now part of these troupes**.
- Key elements include episodic stories from Hindu epics like **Ramayana or Mahabharata**.
  - Musical instruments like **Chande, Harmonium, Maddale, Taala**, and flute accompany these performances.
- Various renowned troupes such as **Saligrama Mela, Dharmasthala Mela, and Mandarthi Mela** showcase Yakshagana throughout the year.



