

Bharatanatyam exponent's film on Thanjavur temple launched in France

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LONDON: One of India's leading Bharatanatyam exponents and research scholars, Bala Devi Chandrashekar, made history at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) headquarters in Paris recently when her film on the Thanjavur Big Temple, or Brihadeeswara Temple, was launched in France.

'Brihadeeswara – Form to Formless' captures the essence and significance of the 1,000-year-old UNESCO heritage site in Tamil Nadu through the eyes of a temple dancer or Devaradiyal, the high priestess of the temple. The Permanent Delegate of India to UNESCO, Ambassador Vishal V Sharma, launched the film earlier this month in Paris.



"The temple is a testament to India's craftsmanship and cultural philosophy, serving as an architectural marvel for a millennium and drawing admiration from people across the globe," said Chandrashekar.