



REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2021

1. CENTRAL OFFICE

- Murugappa Group of Companies (Tube Investments of India Ltd) donated a sum of Rs.5 lakhs towards scholarship fund (2021-2022) for the students of Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts.
- Dr.K. Natarajan, Asst Registrar (Siddha) under Central Council of Indian Medicine joined as Deputy Director on deputation basis in Kalakshetra Foundation on 19.10.2020 .

A letter was received by Dr.K.Natarajan from National Commission for Indian System of Medicine, Ministry of Ayush, Government of India No.Estt.1/2021 (NCISM) dt.23.09.2021 was received through the Secretary I/C President, Medical Assessment and Rating Board for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM), New Delhi instructed that Dr K. Natarajan, has to vacate from the respective post as Deputy Director, K.F.

Dr. K. Natarajan, requested the Director, K.F.vide his letter dt.27.09.2021 to relieve him immediately from his duties as Deputy Director as per the Order of NCISM. Accordingly, Dr. K. Natarajan, Deputy Director was relieved of his duties on 30.09.2021.

- The following works were undertaken during September 2021:-
- Providing new service cable from new building (LAB Block) to BASS School Administrative block, PE cost by CPWD – Rs.65,033/-
- Improvement works Phase III - providing and laying tile flooring at CE & RC unit in Kalakshetra Foundation. The estimated cost is Rs.1,73,945/-

2. RUKMINI DEVI COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS (RDCFA)

- Lecture demonstration by Dr. Sujatha Mohan was conducted on “Elements of Abhinaya in Sangeetha Mukthavali” 4th Yr Dance Students and 3rd Yr Dance Students on 21.09.2021 and 23.09.2021 respectively.

3. THEATRE

- Kalakshetra Foundation has recorded a vocal and Mrindagam track for "Borgeet" project organised by Srimanta Sankaradeva Kalakshetra Society, Guwahati on 3rd September 2021.
- Kalakshetra Foundation has performed Variety dance performance for Parliamentary standing committee members for Information & Technology organised by Postal Department at ITC Grand Chola at Chennai on 9th September 2021.
- Charsur Arts Foundation has hired Rukmini Arangam from 15th September to 7th October 2021 for recording their December Carnatic music festival.
- Kalakshetra Foundation has recorded dance performance for an awareness project undertaken by International centre for clean water, an initiative undertaken by IIT Madras on 17th September 2021.
- Kalakshetra Foundation was venue partner for annual monsoon music festival Barkha Ritu by Banyan Tree Events India Pvt Ltd organized at Rukmini Arangam on 18th September 2021.

4. MUSEUM

- For setting up the museum, architect, Thripurasundari and her assistant visited the location, took measurements and other details. She will be submitting the blueprint for Kalakshetra to proceed with.
- Attended Mediacell meeting scheduled by MoC. Posted posters of Kalakshetra events in MoC Whatsapp group.

5. OUTREACH

- Shri.Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Culture, Govt. of India visited Kalakshetra on 12th September 2021
- Secretary of Ministry of Heavy Industries, Govt. of India visited Kalakshetra on 20th September 2021
- Mr L. Lakshman, Chairman Emeritus of Rane Group visited Kalakshetra on 21st September 2021
- As instructed by the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India posts related to PM's Memento's E-auction were shared and liked on Facebook Page & Profile, Instagram and Twitter.
- Initiated the scholarship proposal for Murugappa Group of Companies (Morgan Thermal Ceramics Ltd.,)

6. BESANT ARUNDALE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (BASS School)

- Offline classes started functioning for class IX to XII from September 1st onwards by following the SOPs sent by the Tamilnadu Government. Class IX and X were separated batch wise and 1st batch attended in the morning and 2nd batch attended in the noon. Class XII commenced in the morning and XI in the noon.
- Volunteers from corporation of Chennai setup a camp in our campus on 4th September to Vaccinate the staff of Kalakshetra Foundation.
- MacMillan education conducted an enriching session on Art Integration in Mathematics on 11th September 2021 which was shared by Principal in Teachers group.
- As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav 'SHIKSHAK PARV 2021' was inaugurated by the honourable Prime Minister on 7th September 2021 and it was telecasted online through Youtube.
- A Google form has been circulated to teachers in group to collect the details for ID card and photos were taken in the campus which has to be attached.
- To motivate the reading habit from Class VI, the students were permitted to avail book from library from 29th September 2021. As mentioned in the class group batch wise a parent has to come and collect the book between 02.00pm and 03.00pm.
- A webinar on Vedic Maths was conducted online exclusively for our students on 1st September.

7. BESANT THEOSOPHICAL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL (BTHS School)

- Offline classes were started on 01.09.2021 for the classes from IX to XII std with adopting the SOP's as per the Tamil Nadu protocols. All the teachers and non-teaching staffs were vaccinated.
- Students have split into 2 batches forenoon and afternoon and not more than 20 students per class room.
X and XII - Forenoon Session – 8.45 a.m to 12.30 p.m
IX and XII – Afternoon Session -- 1.00 p.m. to 03.30 pm.
- The online classes were started for the classes from I to VIII in the new domain bthskf.edu.in.
- Free Text Books, Note-Books, School bags , Shoes and Sandals were collected from the DEO Office and the same were distributed to the students.
- Employment registration for the XII std students has been completed for the academic year 2020-21.

8. CRAFT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (CERC)

Weaving

- Planning and weaving for the khadi exhibition.
- Ongoing research on a weave based on backed-cloth weave
- Regular production of Kalakshetra Sari.

Printing & Painting

- Production swatches for the book
- One of the Staff has taken interest in documenting painting with natural dyes

Natural Dye

- Indigo dyeing is successfully going on
- Telia or oil processing of the yarn for natural dyeing is ongoing. Telia process is an old tradition which is kind of lost except in few pockets in Andhra Pradesh.

Education & Research

- A field trip was made to Avani, Uttarakhand to incorporate sustainable practices in craft sector.
- A field trip to Weavers Service Centre, Varanasi was carried out to order the frame-loom for the ABCD project at Red Fort. Further, a meeting on the Red Fort project was convened at IGNCA, New Delhi.

