



REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2022

1.CENTRAL OFFICE

- The 58th Governing Board meeting of Kalakshetra Foundation was held on 01.07.2022 at Old Central Office, Kalakshetra.
- **Azadi ka Amrit Mahostav** : As a part of AKAM, with the in-principle approval of Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Kalakshetra Foundation in collaboration with M/s Banyan Tree conceived, curated **AMRITAM GAMAYA** -The International Festival of Music and Dance – held at Ahmedabad, Bengaluru and Dehradun.

It is planned as a celebration that brings Indian culture alive in a truly spectacular manner. It is a festival that proclaims association with the past, connecting through art and delving deep into the roots of the rich heritage of India so that succeeding generations can explore, expand and contribute to the cultural and creative economy of our Nation. It has been conceived with the idea that best of the carriers of varied living traditions of music and dance from across India i.e., tribal, folk, semi classical, classical, and innovative art amalgamations with International art forms will be presented and curated on one single platform.

The first event under Amritam gamaya was held at Pandit Dindayal Upadhyay Auditorium, Ahmedabad on the evening of 29th July 2022.

The event showcased

- 1 Drums of Kerala (by Artists from Kerala)
2. Gujarati Bhajan by Sri Hemant Chauhan
3. Vishnamo – musical treat in which Ustad Shujaat Husain Khan (Vocal and Sitar), Sri Kumaresh(Violin) and other percussion artists performed.
4. Kalakshetra troupe performed “ Valmiki Ramayan”
- 5 Flamenco Dancers from Spain and Kathak Dancers from Kadamb centre Ahmedabad gave performance of Flamenco and Kathak dance as separate troupes and finally gave a joint performance.
- 6.Tannoura Dance was performed by Egyptian dancers.

The event was attended by more than 1000 audience and was a spectacular success. Shri Harsh Ramesh Sanghvi - Home Minister (State), Govt. of Gujarat, Shri Ashwini Kumar, Principal secretary, Dept. of Youth and Cultural activities, Shri P.R. Joshi, Commissioner, Dept. of also attended the event.



Performance of Drums of Kerala



Vishnamo Session



Ramayana – Kalakshetra Foundation



Flamenco performance



Tannoura performance



Kathak by The Kadamb Centre for Dance

➤ **Administration :**

The following regular appointments were made by direct recruitment during the period May 2022 to July 2022, the details of which are as follows:

1. Shri M.,Raman was appointed as Assistant Cook in BCC Hostel on 20/5/2022;
2. Shri M.Balaji was appointed as Foreman in Craft Education and Research Centre on 1/6/2022;
3. Shri S.Rama Raja Valli Nayagam was appointed as Manager in Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School on 23/6/2022;
4. Shri Cheedipudi S.V.Gopi Reddy was appointed as Manager in Craft Education and Research Centre on 23/6/2022;
5. Ms. S.Haripriya, was appointed as Accountant in Central Office on 11/7/2022

- The hybrid meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee was held on 22.7.2022 at 2 pm and considered promotion for two Semi-Skilled Workers to the post of Skilled Workers in CERC unit of KF. Smt.T.Deepa and Smt. K.Selvi, semi skilled workers were promoted as Skilled workers with effect from 26.7.2022.

Smt. C. Bhuvaneshwari, Librarian, Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts retired on superannuation on 30/6/2022 A.N.

2. RUKMINI DEVI COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS (RDCFA)

Vidhyarambam function was held on 06th July 2022 at Bharatha Kalakshetra Auditorium for the students selected for the diploma courses. Dr. Sowmya, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Dr J.Jayalalitha Music and Fine Arts University was the Chief Guest for this function.

3. THEATRE

➤ Workshops and Performances by Kalakshetra troupe

A workshop for the selected students of Higher Secondary wing by the Kerala Government was conducted by Kalakshetra Foundation from 12th to 16th July. 42 students had participated in the workshop. Shri Jeevan Babu IAS, Director of General Education, Higher Secondary Wing, Govt. of Kerala was present during the inauguration of the workshop. Workshop included dance classes, lectures on Art History, Vedanta, screening of Kalakshetra Dance dramas, interactive sessions with senior alumni of Kalakshetra and guided tours to BIFAC and Mahabalipuram. Kalakshetra has performed variety dance performance for Kerala state University at Rukmini Arangam.



- Kalakshetra has performed Choodamani pradhanam dance drama for Sri Satya Sai Trust, Mudenahalli, Karnataka
- Artists from different states of India who came to participate in inaugural ceremony of the 44th Chess Olympiad , Chennai visited Kalakshetra Foundation and were taken on tour inside the campus. They were apprised about the various units and activities of Kalakshetra Foundation.

4. BESANT ARUNDALE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (BASS School)

- BASS school has secured 100% pass percentage in Classes X and XII results declared by CBSE on 22.7.2022.
- Students participated in the Athletics Meet conducted by Reserve Bank Staff Quarters School, Besant Nagar at D.B Jain College, Thoraipakkam on 16th July 2022 and won 4 Gold Medals , 3 Silver Medals and 3 Bronze Medals.
- Students participated in Inter – School Cultural Competition conducted by Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School on 29th and 30th July 2022 and won prizes in solo dance, box cricket, group dance, fashion designing and solo music categories.
- To celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and to promote patriotic feelings, BASS school conducted the following activities on 19th July 2022 under the title of “Har Ghar Tiranga Program” to honour our National Flag and students from Classes IV to IX and XI participated. Competitions were conducted under three categories as follows :

CLASS	COMPETITION
IV – VI	Poster Making
VII – IX	Quiz
XI	Essay writing

- As per the Government order children in the age group of 12 to 14 years were vaccinated on 16th July 2022 in our school campus
- The school students from class 3 to 10 participated in “School Super League Session - 5” conducted by Times NIE in association with BYJU'S on 14th July 2022.
- Co – Curricular Activities conducted on 22nd July 2022 from classes III to XII. Competitions conducted under three categories as follows :

CLASS	NAME	TOPIC
III – V	Art Competition	I Love Trees, Animals and Birds
VI – VIII	Essay Writing (English / Tamil / Hindi)	Rukmini Devi's compassion towards Animals. (250 words)
IX – XII	Essay Writing (English/ Tamil / Hindi	Rukmini Devi's Contribution as an animal rights activist. (400 words)

- BASS School students participated in Inter – School Cultural Competition conducted by Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School on 29th and 30th July 2022 and won prizes under five Categories.

- # Solo Dance -- Third Prize
- # Box Cricket -- Second Prize
- # Group Dance -- Second Prize
- # Fashion Designing -- Second Prize
- # Solo Music -- Third Prize

5. CRAFT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (CERC)

The following routine activities are being carried out by CERC:

Weaving

- Production of silk sarees, cotton sarees for job order and regular production
- Production of Hand spun sarees for craft shop

Painting

- Production of panel - mythology paintings – pattabishekam and tree of life and Annam bird 8 pieces.
- Regular production of painting sarees for Craft shop

Printing :

- Printing on Maheswari saree, Chanderi sarees, Maheswari dupattas, chanderi dupattas, export gada lungis and fabric
- Printing on handspun material for panel for ceiling.

Workshops :

- Painting, printing and natural dye workshops are taken for participants and art enthusiast. and for students of RDCFA, NIFT , Students from Kerala and others.
- One Intern Ms. Malini from NIFT, Chennai is undergoing training and will complete by August 1st week.

Printing workshop was conducted for overseas visitors from France and students from UK .

Production and Sales for the month of July 2022 are as follows:

S. No I.	Kalamkari (Printing) Production of Sales room. (Finished Goods)	No of items
1	Chenderi Sari Printing	7
2	Mageshwari sari Printing	5
3	Chenderi Dupattah Printing	35
4	Voile Dupatta	20
5	Voile Stole`	20
6	Dress material	74.45
7	String bag with Velcro	300
S. No II	Work in Progress	No of items
1	Chenderi Sari	3
2	Maheshwari saris	2
3	Chenderi Dupattah	46
4	Dress Material	92.00
5	Lungi	22
6	Voile Dupatta	64
7	Voile Stole	178
8	Voile cloth Dress material	8.00 Mts
S. NoIII,	Painting Section(Finished Goods)	No of items
1.	Mageshwari Sari hand painting	2
2.	Chenderi Sari hand painting	2
3	Wall Panel	15
S. NoIV.	Weaving Department(Finished Goods)	No of items
1	Silk Saree	3
2	Silk Shawl	2
2	Cotton Saree	25
S. No II.	Sales & Revenue	Amount
1.	Kalamkari Sales	78880.00
2.	Weaving Sales	1145071.00
3.	Visitor Fee	3400.00
4.	Workshop Fees	19600.00
5	Inter a/c central office Kalamkari(Delivery Note)	106300.00
6	Inter a/c central office Weaving (Delivery Note)	3030.00
	Total	1356281.00

6. BESANT THEOSOPHICAL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

After the declaration of X and XIIth Board results, Director alongwith Mrs.Mala Ramadorai and other Officers visited the school to felicitate the students those scored high marks in the X and XIIth Board exams. Special class started for the slow learners from VI to VIII STD.



Birthday of great leader Kamarajar was celebrated on 15.7.2022 in a grand manner in the school and various competitions (Speech, essay, poetry and drawing) were conducted. Around 150 students participated.



▲ The management of Besant Theosophical High School celebrated the birth anniversary of Kamarajar on July 17 at its school premises. Over 150 students took part in the speech, essay writing and drawing contests held as a part of the celebration.