

## REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2022

### 1. EVENTS:

❖ On 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 on the occasion of Vijayadasami, a statue of Goddess Annapurna gifted by Smt. Anupama Hoskere, Governing Board Member was installed in stone mandap near BCC Hostel and consecrated in the presence of GB member, Alumini, Staff and students of Kalakshetra Foundation.



❖ The Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, London had invited the Director, Kalakshetra Foundation to have a preliminary discussion on an MoU to be signed between Kalakshetra Foundation and Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, London and also to conduct a five-day workshop in Indian dance with special reference to Bharatanatyam that showcases India's core identity and Kalakshetra's unique style by Dr. Jyolsana Menon, HoD, Dance department, KF. Smt. Revathi Ramachandran, Director addressed the core committee of BVB as well as group of dance teachers in UK on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Jyolsana Menon, HoD, Dance department, Kalakshetra Foundation from 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

❖ Japanese Music demonstration by two Japanese artists – Ms. Nami Kozumi, Violinist and Taga Sakura, Harpist was held at Tagore Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 under the auspices of Japanese Consulate, Chennai.





❖ M/s Suryakala Foundation has hired Rukmini Arangam on 14th, 15th and 16th October 2022 for Ekam Dance Festival.

❖ The artists of Kalakshetra Foundation performed “Choodamani Pradhnam” dance drama on 30th October 2022 at the Nakshatra Festival organised by National Centre for Performing Arts (NCPA) at Jamshed Bhabha Theatre, Mumbai.


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 DANCE FESTIVAL

OCTOBER  
 2022



**30TH OCTOBER**  
**CHOODAMANI PRADAANAM**  
 by Kalakshetra Foundation  
 An iconic production choreographed by  
 Rukmini Devi Arundale  
 Jamshed Bhabha Theatre, NCPA | 5:00 pm  


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❖ As per part of Special Campaign 2.0 for disposal of pending matters, cleanliness campaign was undertaken during the month in which the staff and students participated. A tree planting campaign was also held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



❖ Assoc. Prof. Aldrin Herwany, Education and Culture Attaché for the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in New Delhi, India, had a virtual meeting with the Director Kalakshetra Foundation on 26.10.2022 with the purpose to build numerous collaborations between the Universities of India and Indonesia in the fields of education, research, and community service.



❖ Ms.Hye Jeong and Ms.DaYoung from the Cultural Exchange and Planning Team of KOFICE an institution in charge of international cultural exchange designated by the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism, Government of Korea visited Kalakshetra Foundation on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and had a meeting with Director in connection with creating a cultural and artistic exchange opportunity between Korea and India.

## 2. CENTRAL OFFICE

### Administration:

❖ Shri S.Muralikrishnan, Chief Accounts Officer on deputation from O/o Director General of Audit, Finance and Communications, Delhi was repatriated and relieved of his duties from the Kalakshetra Foundation w.e.f. the afternoon of 30.9.2022.

- ❖ Shri Namballa Devendra Reddy was appointed as Accountant and he joined KF on 7.10.2022.
- ❖ Shri M.Raman who was appointed as Assistant Cook in BCC Hostel of KF wef 1.6.2022 was relieved of his duties and discharged from the services of KF with immediate effect from 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
- ❖ Selection Committee meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to consider the retention of six Artists recruited for the Repertory of Kalakshetra Foundation on contract basis for extension of contract period up to June 2024.
- ❖ **Legal Cases**
- ❖ AS 34 of 2020 against OS 5950 of 2013 filed by M. Lakshmi claiming the ownership of KF's property in S. No. 173/5 admeasuring 29484 sq ft of our parking area was dismissed by XVII Additional City Civil Court, Chennai on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 22.
- ❖ WP No. 33707 and 30349 of 2018 filed by Late. R. Uma Sekar PGT (Commerce), BASS School was closed by Hon'ble High Court of Madras on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022.

#### **CIVIL WORKS:**

1. Construction of collapsed compound wall near Old Central Office of KF –Costing to Rs.3,67,856 was completed.
2. Providing of air conditioning unit for operator console and ancillary works inside Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium at a cost of Rs.1.5 lakhs was carried out.

#### **3. RUKMINI DEVI COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS (RDCFA)**

- ❖ After pooja holidays, the college re-opened on 05.10.2022; Vijayadashami celebrations were held at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium and Padma Bhushan Smt. Alarmel Valli was the chief guest for the function.



- ❖ Scholarship committee meeting was held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and around 65 students have been granted scholarships towards tuition fees and hostel fees for the year 2022-23 from the

scholarship grants sponsored by M/s Murugappa group of Companies, Balasaraswathi scholarship, Mrs.Nithyakalyani, M/s Shanthi Social Service and Mrs. Rukmani Devi Arundale Scholarship.

- ❖ Semester examinations were conducted from 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

#### 4. BESANT ARUNDALE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (BASS School)

- ❖ After puja holidays, the school reopened for all the Classes on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
- ❖ Co – Curricular Activities (CCA) were conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 for Classes III to VIII. Competitions were conducted under two categories as follows:

CLASS	NAME	TOPIC
III – V	Fancy Dress Competition	Rukmini Devi, Annie Besant, Maria Montessori, Anna Pavlova, George Arundale, Sankara Menon
VI – VIII	Elocution Competition	What qualities of Smt. Rukmini Devi impressed me more.

- ❖ On the occasion of Vigilance Awareness week – 2022, CBSE organised an Essay writing Competition for classes X, XI and XII on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 under the topic Corruption Free India for a Developed Nation in which the school students participated.
- ❖ Co-curricular activities (CCA) - Action Song Competition was conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 for classes III to V.
- ❖ CCA - Painting Competition was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 for classes VI to VIII on the topics :Athai's love for Birds and Animals, Colours of Kalakshetra Dance in Art.
- ❖ In order to disseminate the details of Acts of bravery and the life stories of brave hearts among the students, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Education decided to launch Project Veergatha Edition – 2. Interdisciplinary and art – integrated activities like poem / essay / story / paragraph / painting / drawing / videos were given as project activities to our school students from classes III to XII.
- ❖ The school students participated in both Carnatic and Light Music Categories in Jhankriti 2022, National Level Virtual Competition organised by Ministry of Culture and the school students reached finals of the competition. The picture of the students participating in Jhankriti 2022 is given below:





- ❖ Unity Run – On the occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), our school organized “Unity Run” on October 31, 2022. A speech on Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel was delivered on Unity Day. All senior teachers and Principal were present during the speech. The students also took oath.



## 5. BESANT THEOSOPHICAL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

- ❖ Teachers handling primary classes 1 to 5 attended three days Ennum Ezhthum training held at Govt. Model Higher Secondary School, Saidapet from 10.10.22 to 12.10.22 .
- ❖ School Re-opened after quarterly exams - for the classes 6 to 12 on 10<sup>th</sup> October 22 and for primary classes on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Free books and note books distributed to the students.
- ❖ Tamil language teachers attended a training course on “how to set the question paper and giving reading practice at JGGGHSS, Saidapet.
- ❖ On 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 45 students with staff visited Tamilnadu Assembly Secretariat to witness the Assembly in live session.
- ❖ The Annual Day celebrations were held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022. For the session for primary classes, Smt. Uma Maheshwari, Principal, BASS school was the chief guest and Hon’ble Thiru Justice.N.Kannadasan was the Chief Guest for the session for Higher Classes.







Smt.Revathi Ramachandran, Director Kalakshetra Foundation – addressing the gathering.







❖ A librarian for BTHS library was appointed on Contract basis on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

## 6. CRAFT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (CERC)

The following activities were carried out at CERC during October 2022.

### Weaving:

- Production of 6 silk sarees
- Production of 17 Cotton sarees for craft shop
- cotton Dupatta - 7 nos.
- Cotton Angavastram 10 nos for order

### Painting:

- Production of panel – 10 Nos - mythology paintings, tree of life, floral and birds.

### Printing:

- Printing on Salwar set with dupatta Maheswari – 27 set; Maheswari dupatta 12 no.s; Chanderi dupatta – 2 no.s; Dress material – 47.10 mts., Voile Stole – 75 no.s; Voile Dupatta – 19 no.s and Lungi 3 no.s.
- Made of articles: File folders – 104 no.s.
- Job orders: Stole 24 no.s and Scarf 20 no.s.

### Workshops & Visitors:

- 2 members have attended for workshops in Printing and painting division.
- 8 Indians and 2 foreigners visited.



Adai Documentation as part of CSR:

The project funding is utilised for documenting adai designs of Smt. Rukmini Devi Arundale and to weave the designs on textiles and creating a directory for Rukmini Devi Design Directory. The project is for 3 years and proposes to document about 75 designs. So far documentation of 12 adai design have been completed.

### **Procurement through GeM**

1. Purchase of laptop for CERC office through Gem portal costing Rs.68,999 was made.