

REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023

EVENTS:

- ❖ The Indian Institute of Architects has hired Rukmini Arangam on 5th February 2023 for a remembrance meeting honouring Late Architect Balakrishna Doshi.
- ❖ Kalakshetra Foundation has conducted “Trinity Festival” on 10th February 2023 at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium. The following performances were held during the event.

5.30 pm: Carnatic Vocal by Sri.Vivek Sadasivam

7.15pm : Carnatic Flute by Sri. Heramb and Sri.Hemanth



- ❖ Kalakshetra Foundation in collaboration with Prakrithi Foundation has conducted Abhijnana Sakunthalam – A Kudiyyattam performance by Nepathya on 13th February 2023 at Rukmini Arangam.
- ❖ On 16th February 2023, Director, K.F. met the Regional Director (South), India Tourism, Government of India for thanking for their participation in Vitasta Festival and discussed about continuing such collaborations in future cultural events.



- ❖ Kalakshetra Foundation performed “Bharathi Kanda Bharatham” and “Sharadha Stotram” on 18th February 2023 and A Medley of Classical and Folk Dances of India on 19th February 2023 for Kalanjali – A unique cultural spectacle at India Gate, New Delhi for Central Vista programme.
- ❖ Kalakshetra Foundation conducted “Remembering Rukmini Devi Festival” from 24th to 28th February 2023. The festival was inaugurated by Prof.Dr.M.V Narayanan – Vice Chancellor, Kerala Kalamandalam on February 24th at 5.30 pm. The programme scheduled was as follows:

Date	Programme
24 February 23	‘Koorma Avatharam ’ Dance Drama by Kalakshetra Foundation
25 February 23	Carnatic Vocal by Smt.M.S Sheela
26 February 23	Nrtya-Veerangana by Presented by Padma Vibhushan Dr.Sonal Mansingh
27 February 23	Sitar by Ustad Shahid Parvez Khan Tabla – Sri.Yogesh Samsi
28 February 23	‘Sabari Moksham’ Dance Drama by Kalakshetra Foundation



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‘Sabari Moksham’ Dance Drama by Kalakshetra Foundation

Administration:

As a part of their study, a team of two members from Quality Council of India visited Kalakshetra Foundation on 1st February 2023 and met the Director, Heads of Departments/ units and staff to assess the staff position and requirements etc.

CIVIL WORKS:

- ❖ Tender floated for providing and laying phenolic woven bamboo flooring in the stage area inside the Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium(BKA), Kalakshetra Foundation - Estimated cost Rs. 18,33,465/-
- ❖ The work of supplying of barn door assembly for the stage lighting for BKA in KF Estimated cost Rs. 0.60.Lakh was taken up.
- ❖ The work of Live streaming, videography of Remembering Rukmini Devi Festival 2023 at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium (5 days) (24th February 2023 to 28th February 2023) - Estimated cost Rs.2,39,500 + 18% GST awarded and work completed.
- ❖ The work of construction of two class rooms in quadrangle area in BASS School including demolition of existing old class rooms(class room5) at Kalakshetra Foundation chennai during 2022-23 was awarded to CPWD and deposit made- PE cost by CPWD Rs.54,38,700/-
- ❖ Tender floated for providing two wheeler parking shed at BTHS school of KF- Costing to Rs.3,66,608/-
- ❖ The work of procuring of movable barricades to KF- Costing to Rs.98,021 executed.
- ❖ Repairs to windows at CERC unit of KF- Costing to Rs.2,90,493/- was carried out.

RUKMINI DEVI COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

- ❖ Fourth year dance, music and visual arts students visited the following temples in Tamil Nadu as a part of their project for the subject Heritage – VIII.

Dance students - Vataranyeshwarar temple, Thiruvallangadu, Vishnu temples, Jagannathaperumal, Ottandrishwarar temples - Thirumazhisai, Kari Krishna Perumal and Agastheeshwarar temple - Ponneri, Sthalasayana Perumal Temple, Mamallapuram, Vriddhagirishwarar temple, Vriddhachalam

Music Students - Subramanyaswami temple, Tiruthani

Visual Arts students - Kodandarama temple, Madhurantakam

- ❖ Thyagaraja Aradhana was celebrated at Rukmini Arangam, Kalakshetra Foundation with the bhajans. The procession was held within the campus. The staff and students of Kalakshetra rendered Pancharatna Krithis at Rukmini Arangam on 10th February 2023 (Friday).



- ❖ Lecture demonstration by Ms. Alexa Burnston was conducted on “Voice Health for Singers” for the music students of Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts on 21st February 2023 at 02.00 p.m. – 03.30 p.m. at Tagore Hall.



- ❖ Application forms for the semester exams March / April 2023 were issued to the students
- ❖ Rukmini Devi's birthday was celebrated under the Banyan tree on 28th February 2023 (Tuesday). Smt. Ambika Buch was the chief guest for the function.

BESANT ARUNDALE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

- ❖ CBSE Board Examination started for classes X and XII and the allotted Examination Centre for BASS school students is Kendriya Vidyalaya IIT Campus, Chennai.

- ❖ BASS school is also one of the exam centres for CBSE Board Examinations for classes X and XII and exams are going on smoothly following the CBSE guidelines.
- ❖ Term II Examination timetable was shared with classes I to IX and XI.
- ❖ Students of class II showcased their talents through songs and dances on 4th February 2023 at Tapovanam.
- ❖ BASS school basketball team, both boys and girls, secured runner up in the inter – school Basketball Tournament conducted by Kumara Rani Meena Muthiah. Vimal Kumar of class XI and Jaanvi of class IX received the Best player award and each player received Rs.500 /- cash award.



- ❖ Various sports activities were conducted for classes 1 to 5 students and the winners received their Certificates and Medals on 17th February 2023.



- ❖ On the occasion of Smt.Rukmini Devi's birthday which was celebrated on 28th February 2023 a special assembly was conducted at BASS school to enlighten our students about Athai's life and achievements. The importance of vegetarianism and protecting animals by using natural products were also highlighted.
- ❖ Valedictory Function of Library Week and Co – Curricular Activities (CCA) was organised on 20th February 2023. Our Chief Guest for the day was Dr.Nirmala Nagarajan, Assistant Professor of Dance Department, RDCFA, Kalakshetra Foundation. She appreciated and encouraged the students and distributed Certificates and Medals to the prize winners.



THE BESANT THEOSOPHICAL HR.SEC.SCHOOL

- ❖ On 01.02.2023 PTA meeting was conducted for IX standard
- ❖ On 06.02.2023 Drawing Competition on the topic Neer valam Kaappom, Pasumai Penuvom conducted and 3 winners were selected and the names were sent to

Mr.Ganapathy, NGO, ECO Club. Selvi Hemavarshini (IX-B) got consolation prize (Rs.1000/-) and Shield & Certificate was given for all the 24 students by Kalakshetra Foundation for attending the drawing Competition in Vitasta Festival.

- ❖ Model Practical Exam was conducted for XII Students. Training was conducted @ Chennai Primary School, Thideer Nagar, Besant Nagar by Mrs.Johnsy, BRTE for Primary Teachers.
- ❖ On 13.02.2023 Reading practice given for Slow Learner students.
- ❖ On 14.02.2023 Deworming (Albendazole) tablets given for all the students by the Health Inspector, Greater Chennai Corporation.
- ❖ On 16.02.2023 Chess Club competition conducted at our school by P.E.T. Master. Three winners were selected.
- ❖ On 17.02.2023 Sri J. Dhayanithi, school JRC Counsellor attended the Junior Red Cross Annual Day function held at Chennai Boys Hr. Sec. School, Nungambakkam, Chennai
- ❖ Drug Awareness Seminar was conducted by Mrs.Sheeba Williams Medical Team from TTK Hospital.
- ❖ On 20.02.2023 Smt.K.Charumathi, Headmistress attended 3 days Leadership Training for Aided School Headmaster from 20.02.2023 to 22.02.2023 conducted by the School Education Department held at Madurai.

CRAFT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (CERC)

The following items were manufactured during the month:

Weaving:

- Production of 5 silk sarees and Silk Dupatta 4 nos
- cotton Dupatta - 6 nos. and Dance Dawani 13 nos
- Cotton Silk saree 1 no.

Painting:

- Wall panel of Hand paint – 12 nos
- Maheswari saree painted – 1 no.
- Thoranam on order – 1 no.
- Craft items – Gift box – 10 nos, Pooja mat – 4 nos,
I pad bag – 40 nos, Kerchief – 25 nos and drawing bag – 101 nos

Printing:

- Maheswari Sarees printed – 15 nos
- Chanderi Sarees printed – 15 nos
- voile stole – 94 no.s
- Dress material 2.40 mts

The details of Workshops & Visitors to CERC during the month is as follows:

79 Indians and 3 foreigners visited the Craft center in addition to the Campus visitors. 4 persons has attended for workshop on Kalamkari process during the month.

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. We have completed about 19 adai designs and a report is drafted for the same.

Procurement through GeM

The following procurement was made through GeM portal :

Purchase of Desktop Computers 12 Nos for . - Rs.9,80,388/- & Laptop 2 Nos. for Rs.1,97,532/-

Purchase of sanitary and stationary materials to KF units through GeM portal - costing to Rs.1,25,600/-