

REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023

EVENTS

- ❖ Samskrita Bharati ,Tamilnadu has organised “Vaikuntham” – The Valediction of Gitamrutham -2022 at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium and Bhagavad Gita Prayanam at Rukmini Arangam on 2nd January 2023. It was presided by the Former President of India – Sri Ramnath Kovind.
- ❖ Smt. B.S.Ajeetha, Advocate, High Court is an expert member of the Internal Complaints Committee, Kalakshetra Foundation. She has been invited to give a talk on prevention of Sexual Harassment at workplace and that was held on 03.01.2023 with the power point presentation. She made an interactive session and all the staff members of Kalakshetra Foundation and students of RDCFA attended the programme.
- ❖ Kalakshetra Foundation has performed “Kannappar Kuravanji” dance drama on 3rd January 2023 at The Madras Music Academy, Chennai for their Annual Dance Festival.
- ❖ Under “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and as approved by MoC, Kalakshetra Foundation conducted Margazhi Mahotsavam on 7th and 8th January 2023 at Kerala Kalamandalam, Thrissur.

On 7th Jan. 2023 the Day 1 of the Margzhi Mahotsavam featured Nadaswaram, Kerala Vadhyam, Performances – Flute recital by Shri Shasank Subramaniam (GB member, Kalakshetra Foundation), “Pralalatha (Nirsimma Aavatharam)” by Melattur Bhagavatamela Natya Natak Trust, Veena recital by Kum.Charulatha Chandrasekhar, Odissi by Smt.Sujatha Mahopatra, Jugalbandhi by Shri GJR Krishnan and Shri Debashish Bhattacharjee, Kathakali performance by Kerala Kalamandalam.



On 8th Jan. 2023, Day 2 of Margazhi Mahotsavam the festival started with lighting the lamp by Shri.MV Narayanan, Vice Chancellor, Kerala Kalamandalam, Dr.KG Paulose, Ex-Vice-

Chancellor, Kerala Kalamandalam, Shri TK Vasu, Executive Board Member, Kerala Kalamandalam, Smt.Renjini Suresh(GB member, Kalakshetra Foundation), Shri PT Narendran (GB member, Kalakshetra Foundation) , Smt.Revathi Ramachandran, Director, Kalakshetra Foundation, Dr.Rajesh, Registrar, Kerala Kalamandalam. Smt.Kalamandalam Kshemavathy, Shri MPS Namboothiri were the special invitees for the sessions.

The programmes on the day included Bhajan by GV Prakash & Party, Guruvayur Bhajanamandali, Sitar by Pt.Kushal Das, Folk Music from the Saint Literature of Maharashtra by Shri Avdhoot Gandhi & group,Kathak by Smt. Vidha lal, Mohiniyattam by Dr.Sunanda Nair, Carnatic vocal Shri Aswath Narayan and Dance Drama - Choodamani Pradhanam by Kalakshetra Foundation.

Glimpses of performances during the Margazhi Mahotsavam







Valedictory of Margazhi Mahotsavam

- ❖ Kalakshetra Foundation has performed “Variety dance performance” on 11th January at The Residency Towers for Ministry of Tourism, Southern Region.
- ❖ Smt.Induvadhan has hired Rukmini Arangam on 14th and 15th January for Bharathanatyam performance.
- ❖ Kalakshetra Foundation has performed “Variety dance performance” on 18th January at MGM Resorts for DRDO, Ministry of Defence for Young Scientists Meet.
- ❖ Smt.Gowri Ramanarayanan has hired Rukmini Arangam on 21st January for Bharathanatyam performance.
- ❖ The 74th Republic Day was celebrated at BTHS school. All units of KF attended the function. Chief Guest was Mr. Siddarth Kak, Founder Trustee Surabi Foundation. Mrs. Gauari Basu, Consultant, Ministry of Culture and Director, KF graced the occasion with their presence. Chief Guest hoisted the National flag and delivered the Republic day message. As a part of a celebration events like Tamil Speech (BTHSS), English Speech (BASS), Patriotic songs(RDCFA)were presented by the students.



- ❖ Kalakshetra Foundation has performed “Bharathi Kanda Bharatham” on 26th January 2023 at Raj Bhavan for Republic day celebrations.
- ❖ Kalakshetra Foundation has performed Bharathanatyam on 27th Jan. for inaugural function and 30th January 2023 Valedictory function in Vitasta 2023 Festival.
- ❖ As a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and as per instructions of Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, Kalakshetra Foundation organised “Vitasta festival” – ever-flowing legacy of Kashmir.

The Vitasta Festival was held from 27th January 2023 to 30th January 2023 at Kalakshetra Foundation and on 28th January and 29th January 2023 at Dakshina Chitra, Muthukadu. The

festival that celebrated the spirit of Kashmir was inaugurated by Thiru R.N. Ravi, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu on 27th January 2023.



Thiru Manoj Sinha, Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir was the Chief Guest on the 2nd day (28th Jan.) and Thiru E S L Narasimhan, Former Governor of Andhra Pradesh was the Chief Guest for the 3rd Day (29th Jan).



This 4 day festival included - curated programmes at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium in the evenings, seminars and Talk series on Vitasta, folk performances, crafts bazaar, exhibition, food stalls, workshops and painting competitions. Institutes like Sahitya Akademi and Lalit Kala Akademi joined Kalakshetra as the festival is part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India.

Festival wound up with the valedictory address by Thiru Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of Culture on 30th January 2023, and by dedicating lamps on the banks of Padma Pushkarini by the Guests of Honour and Special invitees.





The Vitasta Festival comprised of the following programmes:

Seminar & Talk Series

28th January 2023 - 'Literary & Cultural Heritage of Kashmir'

Seminar by Sahitya Akademi at Bharata Kalakshetra Foundation

Inaugural Session : 9.15 am - 10.30 am

Welcome address by K.Sreenivasa Rao

Inaugural Address by Dr.C.K.Gariyali

Guest of Honour: Smt.Uma Nandhuri, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture

Chief Guest: Rattan Lal Hangloo, Eminent Kashmiri Writer and Scholar

Session I – 11 am – 1 pm

Religious and Philosophical Literature of Kashmir

Chair: Shri C.Rajendran

Speakers : Advaitvadani Kaul (Buddhism), Aejaz Mohammed Sheikh (Islam), M.A. Alwar (Abhinav Gupta), Satish Vimal (Kashmir Saivism)

Session II – 2 pm - 3 pm

Kashmiri Culture Through Ages

Chair: Satyabhama Razdan

Speakers: Gauri Shankar Raina, Gh Rasool Jan

Session III – 3.00 pm

Valedictory Address: Shri Agnishekhar

29th & 30th January

‘Vitasta – The ever-flowing legacy of Kashmir’

Talk Series by Kalakshetra Foundation at Bharata Kalakshetra Foundation

29th January

Inauguration: 9.15am – 10.15am

- Welcome Address: Smt.Revathi Ramachandran, Director, Kalakshetra Foundation
- Inaugural Address : Shri K.Sreenivasa Rao, Secretary, Sahitya Akademi
- Keynote Address: Dr.Bharat Gupt, Trustee & Executive Member, IGNCA

Session I

10.20 am – 11 am: ‘Temples of Kashmir and Hindu Past of Kashmir’ by Shri Giridhar Mamidi

11.05 am – 11.35 am: ‘Kashmir & Buddhism’ by Smt. C.K. Gariyali

11.40 am – 12.20 pm: ‘Aagamic assumptions of Abhinavagupta’s poetics & aesthetics’ by Prof.Rajneesh Misra

Session II

2 pm – 2.40 pm: ‘Lalleswari – the daughter of Vitasta’ by Shri Virendra Qazi

2.45 pm – 3.20 pm: ‘Kalhana's Rajatharangini’ by Shri P.R.Kannan

30th January

Session III

9.30 am – 10.10 am: ‘The Culture of Kashmir’ by Dr. Beena Budki

10.15 am – 10.55 am: ‘Adi Shankaracharya from Kalady to Kashmir’ by Prof. Jegganath

11 am – 11.40 am: Why we should safeguard the Kashmir valley? by Shri TKV Rajan

11.45 am – 12.25 pm: ‘Bhārata and her Kāsmīra’ by Shri Megh Kalyanasundaram

Session IV

1 pm – 1.30 pm: ‘Kashmir through the eyes of Dr.R.Nagaswami’ by Mohan Nagaswami

Summary of Sessions by Dr. Radha Bhaskar and Dr. Rajshree Vasudevan

Evening Curated Programs at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium

27th January 2023, at 5 pm

Chief Guests:

Thiru R.N.Ravi

Hon’ble Governor of Tamil Nadu

- Video presentation on Vitasta by Mr.Siddhart Kak
- Dance presentation by Kalakshetra Foundation – Sharadha Stotram and Vitasta Sthuthi
- **Inauguration** - Official Function
- Kashmir Folk Music Symphony

28th January 2023, at 5.00 pm

Chief Guest:

Thiru Manoj Sinha

Hon’ble Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir

- Sufi music and Kashmiri folk by Ms. Aabha Hanjura and Troupe
- **Official Function**
- Theatre Presentation on Kashmir and Vitasta by National School of Drama, Repertory
- Bhand Pather and Therukoothu presented by Dr.V.R.Devika

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verses from Opera on Vitasta by Kalakshetra Foundation Music Students • Folk Dance Medley 	
<p><u>29th January 2023, at 5.30 pm</u></p> <p>Chief Guest: Thiru. E S L Narasimhan Former Governor of Andhra Pradesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santoor by Shri Abhay Rustom Sopori and Troupe • Villupaattu: "Vitasta Nadi Oram, Kashmir Kalacharam" by Smt. Bharati Thirumagan • Bhand Pather 	<p><u>30th January 2023, at 5.30 pm</u></p> <p>Chief Guest: Shri G. Kishan Reddy Hon'ble Minister of Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Folk Music Symphony • Folk Dance Medley • 'Bharati kanda Bharatam' presentation by Kalakshetra Foundation • Valedictory - Official Function • Dedication of lamps on the banks of Padma Pushkarini by the Guests of Honour and Special Invitees

27th Evening Curated Programs at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium





28th January 2023 - 'Literary & Cultural Heritage of Kashmir'



VITASTA 2023 - Day 2 (Seminar and Talk series)



Session I - Religious and Philosophical Literature of Kashmir

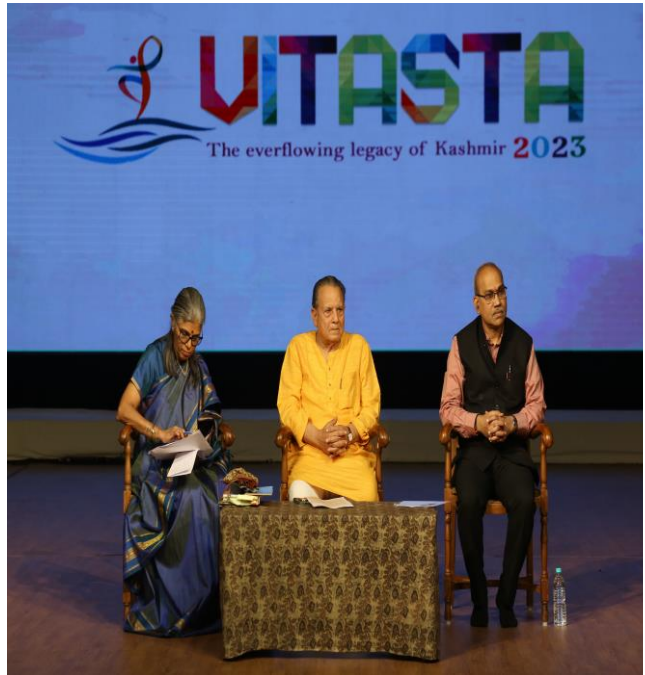
Chair - Shri. C. Rajendran

Speakers - Advaitvadani Kaul (Buddhism), Aejaz Mohammed Sheikh (Islam), M.A. Alwar (Abhinav Gupta), Satish Vimal (Kashmir Saivism)



Bhand Pather and Therukoothu presented by Dr. V.R. Devika.

VITASTA 2023 - Day 3 Seminar and Talk series - Inauguration



Inaugural address by Shri. K. Sreenivasa Rao and keynote address by Dr. Bharat Gupta

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Kashmiri Folk dance and music



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Bhand Pather



Villupaatu on 'Vitastavin Nadhiyoram Kashmir Kalaachaaram' by Smt. Bharati Thirumagan



Santoor by Shri Abhay Rustom Sopori & Troupe

VITASTA 2023 - Day 4 (Seminar & talk series)



The culture of Kashmir' by Prof. Beena Budki



Adi Shankaracharya from Kalady to Kashmir' by Dr. J. Jeganaathan



prize distribution ceremony.

Chief guest: Smt. Uma Nandhuri distributed prizes to the winners of the painting competition



'Kashmir through the eyes of Dr. R. Nagaswamy' by Shri. Mohan Nagaswamy

VITASTA 2023 - Day 4 (Seminar & Talk series)



Summing up of sessions by Dr. Radha Bhaskar and Dr. Rajshree Vasudevan - Afternoon

Hon'ble Minister of Tourism and Culture Thiru. G. Kishan Reddy graced his presence on the valedictory ceremony of the VITASTA 2023 festival at Kalakshetra campus.







Dance presentation by Kalakshetra Foundation - Sharadha Stotram and Vitasta Sthuthi.

At DakshinaChitra

28th January

- 5 - 6pm : Santoor presentation by Shri Abhay Rustom Sopori and Troups

29th January

- 11am – 5pm - Folk performances / Craft Workshop and Craft Stalls
- 5.00 pm – ‘Sufistication’ – Sufi music and Kashmiri folk music by Ms. Aabha Hanjura and Troupe

27th January from 2.30pm to 8 pm, 28th -30th January 2023 10 am- 8pm

Crafts Bazaar, Exhibition, Food Stalls, Folk performances at Padma Pushkarni and Pandanallur Meenakshi Sundaram Pillai Avenue, Papier Machie workshop at Pandanallur Meenakshi Sundaram Pillai Avenue, Wood carving workshop at Padma Pushkarini, Shawl weaving at Exhibition Hall at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium, EXHIBITION : ‘KASHMIR – THE CROWN OF INDIA BY SHRI TKV RAJAN at Costume Department Foyer.

27th January - 30th January, 9.30am – 7pm

Painting camp by Lalit Kala Akademi at Visual Art Dept., Kakshetra Foundation featuring Kashmiri and Tamil Nadu artists and Painting competition for children at Rukmini Arangam.

27th – 30th January 2023

Food Court by India Tourism Development Corporation

Administration:

1.Shri Sreehari P., joined as Librarian, Rukmini Devi College of fine Arts of Kalakshetra Foundation on 07.01.2023.

2. Ms. Amrutha Krishnan V.U. joined as Library Assistant of Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts , Kalakshetra Foundation on 16.01.2023;

CIVIL WORKS:

Sl.No.	Description of activity and work		
	Margazhi Mahotsavam at Kalamandalam – Cheruthuruthy –Thrissur Kerala January 7 th and 8 th 2023 – 2 days		
A	Tenders/work orders issued	Estimated cost	Mode of procurement
1	Photography, videography and live streaming of the event of Margazhi Mahotsavam at Kalamandalam — Cheruthuruthy -Thrissur Kerala	Rs.1,19,000	CPPP portal
2	Publicity hoarding for Margazhi Mahotsavam at Kalamandalam — Cheruthuruthy - Thrissur Kerala	Rs.3,12,160	
3	Newspaper advertisement for Margazhi Mahotsavam at Kalamandalam – Cheruthuruthy – Thrissur Kerala	Rs.3,81,587 + GST	
4	Stage cum pandal (steel structure) settings chairs arrangement for Margazhi	Rs.90,000	

	Mahotsavam at Kalamandalam — Cheruthuruthy - Thrissur Kerala		
B	“ VITASTA “ FESTIVAL the ever lasting legacy of Kashmir at Chennai from 27 th to 30 th 2023 – The event management services – 4 days	Rs.1,30,00,000/- + GST	CPPP portal
5	Photography, videography and live streaming of the event of VITASTA FESTIVAL the ever lasting legacy of Kashmir at Chennai from 27 th to 30 th 2023 - 4 days	Rs.6,09,000/-+ GST	CPPP portal
6	Advertisement promotions in News Channels of TV for the event of VITASTA FESTIVAL the ever lasting legacy of Kashmir at Chennai from 27 th to 30 th 2023 – 4 days	Rs.93,000 +GST	
7	Digital Advertisement for the event of VITASTA FESTIVAL the ever lasting legacy of Kashmir at Chennai from 27 th to 30 th 2023	Rs.70,800 + GST	

RUKMINI DEVI COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

- ❖ The annual convocation function of the previous academic year 2021-2022 was held on Friday the 6th January 2023, Shri S Ramadorai, Chairman, Kalakshetra Foundation presided over the function and distributed the diplomas and post diploma certificates to 54 students, the details of whom are given below:

Bharatanatyam : Diploma	: 31 students
Post Diploma	: 13 students
Carnatic Music: Diploma	: 1 student in Carnatic Music Veena 4 students in Carnatic Music Vocal
Post Diploma	: 1 student in Carnatic Music Vocal
Visual Arts : Diploma	: 4 students

- ❖ His Excellency Mr.SUZUKI Hiroshi, Japan's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to India along with Japanese Consul General visited Kalakshetra Foundation Campus on 18.01.2023 to witness the ongoing dance and music classes.

BESANT ARUNDALE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

- ❖ BASS school students performed ‘Villupattu’ on 5th January and ‘Group Dance’ on 6th January 2023 in the Mylapore Festival 2023 was organised at Sri Kapaleeswarar Temple, Mylapore.



- ❖ CSSC Common Examination for Classes X and XII was conducted between 19.1.2023 and 30.1.2023.
- ❖ The following Co – Curricular Activity was conducted on 7th January 2023 for classes VI to XII.

CLASS	NAME	TOPIC
VI – VIII	Group Music Competition	Any Bhajan



IX – XII	Group Music Competition	Songs 1. Devi Vasanthe 2. Smt. Rukmini Devi
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- ❖ Annual Day was celebrated for Montessori and class I on 12th January 2023 in BASS School campus for the Academic Year 2022 – 2023.
- ❖ In the painting Competition with the theme - 'Vitasta - the ever flowing legacy of Kashmir' organised by Lalit Kala Academy and KF on 28th January, 2023 two BASS school students of Class XII won the third prize and a cash award of Rs.2000 each and two students from class XI and XII won consolation prizes of Rs.1000 each.
- ❖ BASS school students of classes VI to VIII took part in the dedication of lamps on the banks of Padma Pushkarini and chanted Sharadha Stotram and an ode to Vitasta River at the Valedictory of the Vitasta Festival on 30th January 2023.
- ❖ National Voters' Day pledge was taken by the students of classes VI to IX and XI on 25th January at Tapovanam.



Chennai District Election Office conducted District Level Quiz Competition to celebrate National Voters' Day. Two students of Class XI won the First Prize.



THE BESANT THEOSOPHICAL HR.SEC.SCHOOL

- ❖ School Reopened on 02.01.23 after half yearly vacation. RR Academy exam was held on 08.01.23 in our School. Pugai illa Bogi (Awareness Programme) was conducted on 13.01.23 at BTHSS by Bharat Scouts & Guide Pasumai padai, Students from I Std to XII standards participated enthusiastically.
- ❖ PTA Meeting was conducted on 20.01.23 for X Std Students.
- ❖ Science Exhibition & Craft exhibition was held on 24.01.23. Students I to IX Std presented innovative and creative projects and teachers /students of Gandhi Gramam School visited the exhibition..



- ❖ In the painting competition conducted by Lalit Kala Academy as a part of VITASTA Festival a student Selvi.Hemavarshini of IX Std won Consolation prize cash award Rs: 1000.
- ❖ Quiz competition was conducted on 30.01.23 by Social and Heritage Club for the students
- ❖ Pledge was taken for Abolition of untouchability Day on 30.01.23

CRAFT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (CERC)

The production of the Centre for the month of January 2023 are as follows:

Weaving:

- Production of 5 silk sarees
- cotton Dupatta - 4 nos. and Dance Dawani 36 no.s
- Cotton Korvai saree 1 no.

Painting:

- Production of panel – 16 Nos for Vitasta Festival, Jan 2023.
- Craft items – Painting handbag – 8 no.s
- File folders – 15 no.s

Printing:

- Voile stole – 281 no.s; Voile Dupatta – 9 no.s
- Indigo stole – 16 no.s; Indigo voile dupatta – 2 no.s
- Double size bedsheet – 2 no.s; Dress material 32.50 mts
- Single size bedsheet – 14 no.s
- Lungi – 1 no.s

Workshops & Visitors:

- 17 Indians and 20 foreigners visited the Craft center in addition to the Campus visitors.

Adai Documentation as part of CSR:

The project funding is utilized 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, 18 adai designs have been completed.

Procurement through GeM

Purchase of LG Monitor - 1 No. through Gem Portal - Rs. 8,924 on 05.01.2023

