



REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2025

EVENTS

Events held in Kalakshetra Foundation during August 2025

- As part of commemoration of 60 years of diplomatic relations between India and Singapore, the **'Ramayana' program** (previously titled 'Anjaneyam'), was held at BKA on 8th and 9th August 2025. Mr Edgar Pang, Consul General in the Singapore Consulate, Chennai was the Chief Guest of the event and Shri Palanivel Thiagarajan, Minister of IT & Digital Services, Government of Tamil Nadu was the Guest of Honour.





- A 3-day Smriti Festival was held from 15th to 17th August at Rukmini Arangam, organised by Kathak Darpan, Chennai, in remembrance of Pandit Birju Maharaj. The programme was graced by the presence of eminent Bharatanatyam exponents, Padma Bhushan Shri VP Dhananjayan and Smt Shanta Dhananjayan.





- As part of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, Kalakshetra Foundation organised 15 various activities, including plogging, rallies, etc between 2nd August 2025 and 15th August 2025.





The 79th Independence Day was celebrated in Kalakshetra Foundation on **15th August 2025**, under the guidance of Director (KF) in all the Units of KF.



- The Kala Mela monthly concerts during the month featured Bharatanatyam Margam presentation by Kalakshetra artistes on 23rd August 2025 and a Kuchipudi performance by a GB Member, Dr Veena Murthy Vijay and her Troupe, on 24th August 2025.





**Kalakshetra Foundation 'Guru Samarpanam - A strand of radiant gems by timeless masters',
Bharatanatyam presentation**



**Dr.Veena Murthy Vijay and her disciples from Shri Rajarajeswari Kalaniketan presented
Kuchipudi and Bhama Kalapam followed by Simha Mardhanam**

- A two-day Music festival captioned “Sunaadam” was held on 28th August 2025 with Carnatic vocal concert by Smt Anahita and Smt Apoorva, Carnatic flute recital by Smt Shantala Subramanyam and on 29th August 2025 with Carnatic vocal concert by Shri Kalyanapuram S Aravind and Mandolin recital by Smt U Nagamani.



Carnatic Vocal Concert by Smt Anahita & Smt Apoorva



Flute Concert by Smt Shantala Subrahmanyam



Carnatic Vocal Concert by Shri Kalyanapuram S. Aravind



Mandolin Concert by Smt U. Nagamani

- On 29th August 2025, Kalakshetra Foundation organised a **Combined Sports Meet** with the wholesome participation of BTHS, BASS School and RDCFA. Director KF declared open the events and Shri KH Shan, a renowned Hockey player and Asstt Manager, Indian Overseas Bank was the Chief Guest for the event.



Administrative Matters

- On attaining the age of superannuation, Shri P Elumalai, MTS (peon) retired from the services of KF on 31-8-2025.

Civil works undertaken during the month for BASS School

- Procurement of armed plastic chairs and steel frame with plywood-cum-laminated sheet finishing table, was done at a cost of Rs 2,02,500
- Procurement of a split AC unit for the Lab building was made at a cost of Rs 65,000.

Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts (RDCFA)

- First Year students of RDCFA were taken on study tour to Theosophical Society, Egmore Museum, Kapaleeswarar Temple in Mylapore on 2nd August 2025.
- Second Year students of RDCFA were taken on study tour to Kancheepuram visiting important temples in the town, on 2nd August 2025.
- Third Year students of RDCFA were taken on study tour to Chidambaram visiting important temples in the town, on 30th and 31st August 2025.
- A Faculty Development Programme workshop on Nattuvangam was conducted by Dr GV Guru Bharathwaj for enhancing the skills of nattuvangam for faculty handling 3rd and 4th year Diploma in Bharatanatyam and Post Diploma in Bharatanatyam.
- On 21 August 2025 and 22 August 2025, an awareness programme, “**Manadhil Urudhi Vendum**” on prevention, prohibition and redressal of sexual harassment at workplaces was conducted. The initiative outlined the importance of awareness, safety and a respectful environment in educational institutions. The awareness programme was organised by KF in association with the PENN Trust for the faculty and staff of KF.

Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School

- Two teachers (Smt Saraswathi and Smt Yoga) of the school actively participated in a Science Workshop conducted on 1st and 2nd August 2025, at Vani Vidyalaya School, KK Nagar, Chennai.
- Students participated in a Drawing competition conducted by Jeeyar Educational Trust at the GRT Mahalakshmi Vidyalaya, Chennai. One student was awarded second prize and another student got the Encouragement prize.
- A student of Grade 7B won 3rd prize in a Warli Art competition held at GTA Vidya Mandir, Chennai on 5th August 2025.
- Girl students bagged Second and Third prizes and also a cash award of Rs 1500 and Rs 1000 in the basketball free throw competition held at KSN Sr Secondary School, Chennai. One boy student also won Second prize of Rs 1500, in the competition.
- On 11th August 2025, the Albendazole tablets IP 400 mg, received from the Govt of Tamil Nadu as part of National Deworming Programme, were distributed to teachers and students.
- Firefighting Awareness Programmes were organised on 20th and 21st August 2025 for the students with emphasis on rescue measures in various situations.



- On 21st August, a yoga programme was held emphasising holistic well being, discipline and mindfulness in which students of Grades 6 to 12 attended.

Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School

- School bagged runners up under 19 years category in zonal Kabaddi competition, on 2nd August 2025.
- On 26th August 2025, Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme was inaugurated in the school for Elementary section.

Craft Education and Research Centre

The following are the details of production of the Unit during the month:

Weaving:

- ☆ Silk saree 8 Nos.
- ☆ Cotton sarees 7 Nos.
- ☆ Cotton Korvai saree 6 Nos.

Painting:

- ☆ Wall Panels 13 Nos.
- ☆ Greeting cards 81 Nos.

Made Up articles

- ☆ Shoulder pattern bag 76 Nos.
- ☆ Square purse 44 Nos.

Printing:

- ☆ Chanderi Duppatta 15 Nos.
- ☆ Treasure Satin Saree 4 Nos.
- ☆ Maheshwari sarees 5 Nos.
- ☆ Lungi 1 No.
- ☆ Dress material 22.80 metre
- ☆ Voile stole 56 Nos.
- ☆ Single bedsheets with pillow 2 Nos.

Workshops and Visitors:

- 37 Indian adults and 20 persons from other countries (UK 4, US 3, Japan 12 and Italy 1) visited the CERC.
- One Indian, two from Japan, one from France and one from Germany attended workshop during the month.
- On 7th August 2025, National Handloom Day was observed in the Unit and in celebration of the Day, the students from BASS School were taken on a heritage visit to Kalakshetra Weaving Unit for giving them a first hand knowledge of the working of looms.

Purchases through GeM portal

- Twenty 26Ah batteries were purchased for BTHS School at a cost of Rs 48,720 to replace the old batteries.