

REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2025

Events held in Kalakshetra Foundation during September 2025

- As part of commemoration of 60 years of diplomatic relations between India and Singapore, a programme entitled "Harihara" was held at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium on **September 13 & 14, 2025**. Shri Suresh Kumar Chikkala, Director, Kalakshetra Foundation was the Guest of Honour on 13th September 2025 and Shri Edgar Pang Tze Chiang, Honorable Consul General of Singapore was the Chief Guest for the 14th September 2025 event.





- From September 18 to 20, 2025, as part of Kala Mela series, the 16th Kathakali Festival was held at the BKA. It was inaugurated by Director (KF) in the august presence of Members of Governing Board, Shri R Nataraj, Shri L Venkatesh and Shri PT Narendran. The festival featured programmes by the PD and 4th Year Diploma students of Kalakshetra, and also by eminent artists from Kerala.



Inauguration of Kathakali Festival Shri Suresh Kumar Chikkala, Shri R.Nataraj, Shri L. Venkatesh and Shri PT Narendran.



Day one "Nalacharitham Day 2"



Day 2 – Baanayudham



Day 3 – Bakavadham

On invitation to perform as part of Bharat Parv 22nd International Festival in Busan, South Korea, Kalakshetra Foundation presented a performance from September 22 to 24, 2025.



Kalakshetra Foundation was invited to present a performance on 22nd to 24th September for Bharat Parv – 22nd International Festival at Busan, South Korea.

- At the valedictory function of Hindi Fortnight held at Armoured Vehicles Nigam Ltd, Avadi (AVNL), Kalakshetra Foundation performed in the august presence of CMD, AVNL.



- Various programmes were conducted in all the Units of Kalakshetra Foundation as part of **Swachchata Hi Seva 2025**. Some of them are:

- ❖ Swachchata Pledge was taken by all the staff of Kalakshetra on 24 September 2025.





- ❖ A **poster-making and painting contest** on the theme “*Avoid Plastics*” was organized.
- ❖ A **campaign on Solid Waste Management** was implemented, focusing on segregating **biodegradable** and **non-biodegradable** waste.
- ❖ A **briefing programme** organized by the Corporation of Greater Chennai on Solid Waste Management was attended by all MTS of KF.
- ❖ A **campus cleaning session** was conducted in honour of the initiative.
- ❖ A beach-cleaning drive at the nearby Eliot’s Beach was organised by Kalakshetra Foundation on 25 September 2025 in which the campaign in the public space was well supported by the counsellor and local public to make it a grand success.

Administrative Matters

- Sri P.Elumalai, MTS (Peon), retired from the service on superannuation on 30-9-2025.
- Written examination and skill test were held for filling the posts of Superintendent, BCC Hostel and Tutor (Music). Based on the final merit list of written test held on 19-9-2025 and skill test on 20-9-2025 and the recommendations of the Selection Committee, a candidate, viz. Sri Abhirama Gangadhar Bode has been selected for the post of Tutor (Music) in Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts, Kalakshetra Foundation and offer of appointment has been sent to the candidate. Recruitment process for the post of Superintendent, BCC Hostel has, however, been declared as cancelled as no candidate secured minimum qualifying mark in the written test held on 19-09-2025.
- Recruitment Notices have been issued for filling the posts of (i) Professor (Music), (ii) Administrative Officer and (iii) Chief Accounts Officer on deputation and (iv) Tutor (Bharatanatyam) and (v) Secondary Graduate Teacher (SGT), on direct recruitment basis. The notice has been published in the Employment News dated 27-9-2025 and in local newspapers and on the website of KF. Last date for receipt of applications is 27-10-2025.

Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts (RDCFA)

- A training programme was conducted by the Student Counsellor, Dr VS Kavitha on the topic of Psychological First Aid and Response to Self-Harm Referral Mechanism, on 01.09.2025. All Teaching staff and Non-teaching staff participated.
- The Onam festival was celebrated on 03.09.2025 in a traditional way with a colourful cultural programme being organised by the students of RDCFA.

Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School

- Many students of Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School were acknowledged as notable winners by the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu in the tournaments held on 31-8-2025.
- The School celebrated the Teachers’ Day with great enthusiasm.
- One of the teachers of the school received Best Teacher Award (Acharya Mani) from the Chennai Sahodaya Schools Complex, Velachery, on 13-9-2025 in recognition of her outstanding commitment and invaluable contributions to the field of education.
- A review meeting was held by Director of Kalakshetra Foundation on 15-9-2025, to discuss the preparation, portion completion, progress and the well-being of the students.

- In compliance with the directives of Govt of Tamil Nadu, Japanese Encephalitis (JE) vaccine was administered to the students on 19-9-2025 and 20-9-2025.



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Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School

- The School celebrated the Teachers' Day with great enthusiasm.





Teachers' Day Celebration

- Two alumni of 1972 batch, Shri Girish and Shri Ananthakrishnan had visited the school campus and during their visit on 17-9-2025, they had promised scholarship for meritorious students.
- Smt. Girija, another donor had visited the school campus for donating 20 Tabs on 20.9.2025.

Craft Education and Research Centre

- A team from Kalakshetra Foundation visited Kanchipuram on 9-9-2025 to check availability of weavers to work at Kalakshetra Foundation for 6 new silk looms being set up at CERC, KF and to check the possibility of the job work of weaving sarees at Kanchipuram with materials provided by KF for expanding the production line of Weaving Unit of KF. It has been gathered that Silk Park, Kanchipuram, is ready to take the responsibility for arranging looms and weavers for the weaving of Kalakshetra Sarees subject to signing of an MoU between the Silk Park, Kanchipuram and KF, with the approval of Ministries concerned.
- The Kalakshetra logo is being woven into Kalakshetra products as a hologram/product authentication. Furthermore, Kalakshetra has also acquired Silk Mark certification from the Silk Mark Organisation of India, Bengaluru, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

Weaving:

☆ Silk Saree	7 Nos.
☆ Silk cotton saree	1 No.
☆ Cotton design	7 Nos.
Sarees	
☆ Cotton Korvai saree	6 Nos.
☆ Dance Sarees	7 Nos.

Painting:

☆	Wall panels	15 Nos.
☆	Greeting cards	38 Nos.

Made-up Articles:

☆	Painting bag with slogans	10 Nos.
☆	Jewel bags	9 Nos.
☆	Pencil purse	53 Nos.

Printing:

☆	Chanderi Dupatta	10 Nos.
☆	Maheswari Dupatta	10 Nos.
☆	Maheswari Sarees	4 Nos.
☆	Lungi	1 No.
☆	Dress material	31.85 Meters
☆	Voile Stole	29 Nos.
☆	Single Bedsheets with pillow	10 Nos.

Workshops & Visitors:

A total of 67 persons (62 Indian and 2 from Japan and 3 from Italy) visited the Craft Centre during the month in addition to the campus visitors. During the month, 32 persons (14 Indians, 2 from France and 16 from Japan) attended the workshop.

Purchases through GeM portal

- 2 ton split Ac unit for the BASS School - Lab building - procurement through GeM - estimate cost Rs. 53,000/-.