



REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2021

1. CENTRAL OFFICE

- The 56th meeting of Governing Board of Kalakshetra Foundation was held on 25.08.2021 and members who are residing in and around Chennai attended the meeting personally while all other members attended the meeting through video-conferencing.
- Study visit of Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports held on 30.08.2021. Discussion on curriculum transformation and Campus tour was undertaken for them to understand the activities of KF and a variety dance performance was presented at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium.



- An MoU was signed between KF and IGNCa regarding the **Athmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design** project to be undertaken at Red Fort, New Delhi
- **Dr.Katharina Gorgen, Director of Goethe Institut, (German Cultural Center), Chennai** visited the Campus of KF on 26th August 2021.
- Kalakshetra Foundation presented **Yuva Nritya Utsav** from 10th August to 15th August 2021, a spectacular 6-day dance festival in celebration of 75 years of Indian Independence, as part of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav". The festival was inaugurated on 10th August, 2021 by **Shri M. Ganapathi IFS (Retd.), Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.**



Events Schedule

Date	Programme
10 th August	Bharathanatyam by Kalakshetra Repertory at 6.15pm
11 th August	Kathak by Gauri Diwakar at 6pm Bharathanatyam by Girish Madhu at 7.30 pm
12 th August	Odissi by Arushi Mudgal at 6pm Bharathanatyam by Sreedevi Jayakrishnan at 7.30 pm
13 th August	Mohiniattam by Sandra Pisharody at 6pm Bharathanatyam by Janet James at 7.30 pm

14 th August	Koodiyattam by Ammanur Rajaneesh Chakyar at 6.15pm
15 th August	Independence Day Celebrations – Flag Hoisting by Dr.R.Nataraj IPS (Retd.), GB member of KF. Veera Sudhandiram by Kalakshetra Foundation at 9.45 am



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**Flag Hoisting by the Dr.R.Nataraj IPS
(Retd.), Member of GB, KF**



**"Veera Sudhandiram" a dance drama
performed by Kalakshetra Repertory**

- **75th year Independence day** was celebrated by hoisting the National Flag by Dr.R.Nataraj IPS (Retd.), Member –Governing Board. This was followed by “Veera Sudhandiram” a dance drama performed by Kalakshetra Repertory and this marked the valedictory function of Yuva Nritya Utsav.
- Kalakshetra Foundation celebrated **7th National Handloom Day** by producing a video - ‘A Tribute to Artisans and Weavers’ . This was available for online viewing from 7th of August, 2021. The video delineated the work of C.E.R.C. of Kalakshetra Foundation.
- Departmental Promotion Committee Meetings were convened on 18.8.2021 and 25.8.2021 to consider promotion for the posts of Principal, Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts and Administrative Officer, Central Office.
- The following works were undertaken during August 2021
 - 1.Providing MS angle, barbed wire fencing on existing compound wall in Kalakshetra Foundation, and estimated cost - Rs.4,57,939
 2. Improvement works at CERC-Phase II - Fabrication of filing cabinet, furniture, storage units for office room 1 & office room 2. The estimated cost is Rs.9,99,114/-

2. RUKMINI DEVI COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS (RDCFA)

- Admission of Diploma in Bharathanatyam, Carnatic Music and Visual Arts for the academic year 2021-22 has been completed and Vidyarambham function was held on Thursday, the 26th August 2021 at 10.30 a.m. at Rukmini Arangam. The students admitted in the diploma courses attended the function online on that day.
- Arrear exams for the November 2020 semester exams were conducted and results were declared on 18th August 2021.
- Lecture Demonstration by Smt. Charumathi Ramachandran was conducted on “RAGAM TANAM PALLAVI” on Wednesday, the 18th August 2021 from 02.00 p.m. to 04.00 p.m. through online for the 4th year & PD students of Carnatic music.
- Online classes for the 1st year students started from 27.08.2021.

3. THEATRE

- Kalakshetra has performed for Doordarshan India, Delhi special coverage on Kalakshetra Foundation on 17th August, 2021.
- Smt.Gayathri Girish, Carnatic vocalist has hired Padmapushkarini for her vocal recording on 19th August, 2021.

- Kalakshetra has recorded a Dance Lecture - Demonstration on 20th August 2021 on “Aesthetics & Classicism as envisioned by Smt. Rukmini Devi in presenting solo Bharatanatyam repertoire” a webinar series for Indian Performing Arts Convention – IPAC Singapore 2021 organised by Apsaras Arts.
- Kalakshetra Foundation has conducted a two-day music festival named “**Sunaadam**” on 26th & 27th August 2021 at Rukmini Arangam which showcased eminent artists in the field of music. The festival was inaugurated by Shri. L. Venkatesh, Member, Governing Board of KF.

Schedule of events

S.No.	Date	Performance Details	Time
1	26 th August	Kabir Sangeet by Shri. Bheru Singh Chouhan and group	5.30pm – 7.15pm
2	27 th August	Veena Recital by Ms. Anjani	5.45pm – 7.15 pm
		Carnatic Vocal by Shri. R. Suryaprakash	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm



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Veena Recital by Ms.Anjani



Carnatic Vocal by Shri. R. Suryaprakash

4. MUSEUM

- Coordinating with Museum of Art and Photography, a TATA Trust Art Conservation Initiative, Bangalore, for the conservation of Kalakshetra's photographs and other archival materials. One of their team members visited Kalakshetra and took inputs required.

5. ARCHIVES

- Coordinated with IGNCA for details of recorded assets.

6. OUTREACH

- Coordinated all the events held in the month.

7. BESANT ARUNDALE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (BASS School)

- Class X results were finalized and uploaded and results were declared by CBSE on 03-08-2021 and we secured 100% result.
- CBSE organized a webinar series for teachers to give more insights into the NEP (National Educational Policy) and all our teachers attended the webinar
- The online teaching platform has been shifted from WebEx to Google Classroom from 12th August 2021 for classes I to VIII. Classes were held separately for all the classes.
- As part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' our school organized **Kalavarna**, an Inter-School cultural fest which featured competitions based on life of freedom fighters. This was held in the 1st week of August, 2021. The Valedictory function and prize distribution was organized on 19th August, 2021 at Rukmini Arangam.
- The Tamilnadu Government proposed to reopen the schools for class IX to XII from 1st September 2021 onwards and received the SOP's.

8. BESANT THEOSOPHICAL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL (BTHS School)

- Results register has been submitted to the DEO for the classes from I to IX std for the academic year 2020-21
- KALVI TV schedule circulated to all the teachers to follow the guidelines for online teaching.
- A staff meeting has conducted by the Correspondent and Counsellor for adopting the SOPs /protocols for reopening of the school on 1st September 2021.

9. CRAFT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (CERC)

- **Weaving:** Smt. Rukmini Devi Arundale's silk sari weaving is on-going and her cotton collection revival results are good. The cotton Weavers are introduced to cotton korvai weaving. The yarn used is khadi, and chemical vat dyes are to be used.
- **Printing:** Until two months back cheap power-loom fabric was purchased for printing purpose. Initiatives were taken to weave in-house and same was proposed to be used for printing. The work is in progress. For the first time silk that was woven in-house was also printed and the results are satisfactory.

- **Painting:** The work for the book and regular work in the unit is in progress. Further, the panels similar to the ones in Director's office are being done. The idea is to carry Kalakshetra Foundation's identity to the ABCD project at the Red Fort.
- **Indigo dyeing:** The gestation period of six months is over, there were hurdles and learning and the current vats resulted good. Land is earmarked and prepared for cultivation of Indigo plant for in-house production of raw material.
- **Effluent Treatment Plant:** The Effluent Treatment Plant was approved in the month of November 2020, and to begin with, the effluent water that was discharged to the ground and the bore water were sent for lab test to find the chemical components in water. The project is in active progress.
- It is proposed to celebrate 'Back to Khadi' as part of Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav by organizing a Khadi exhibition.
- The Director, KF and HoU, CERC attended a meeting at the office of "The Registry of Sarees", Bengaluru on 21st August 2021 regarding the book under preparation.