



REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2020

1. CENTRAL OFFICE

- Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai and Sri Sathya Sai University for Human Excellence, Bangalore are both recognizing the importance of collaboration between them in promoting culture, traditional arts and crafts for their students and the MoU got signed on 25.10.2020.
- Two meetings of Departmental Promotion Committee were convened on 27.10.2020 to consider promotion to the post of UDC in Central Office and Librarian, RDCFA against the vacancy arising on superannuation of Smt. Geitha Arun on 31.10.2020. Based on the assessment of records of both the incumbents, the DPC recommended promotion of Smt. C.Bhuvaneswari to the post of Librarian w.e.f. 1.11.2020 and not recommended promotion of Shri S.Ramesh to the post of UDC. Accordingly, orders were issued to the officers concerned
- The following Selection Committee Meetings were held during the month of October 2020

Date	Members participated	Recruitment to the post	Candidate recommended by the Committee
07.10.20	Director, KF Smt Urmila Sathyanarayanan, GB Member Smt Savitri J Rao, Specialist in the field	Tutor (Bharatanatyam) 1 post unreserved	Smt.Sreedevi B.R (Candidate joined duties)
21.10.20	Director, KF Shri Neyveli Santhanagopalan, GB Member Smt Jamuna K Specialist in the field	PGT (Tamil) 1 post unreserved	Shri Kumar N (Offer of appointment to be sent)
29.10.20	Director, KF Shri GJR Krishnan, GB Member Ms. Rosabel David, Expert Member	PGT (Economics) 1 post reserved for OBC	Smt. J Ezhilarasi (Offer of appointment to be sent)

- Kalakshetra Foundation celebrated Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) on 29.10.2020 at Rukmini Arangam which was virtually telecast on 31.10.2020 in memory of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabh bhai Patel falls on that day.



Awarded works for maintenance and purchase

Name of work	Allotment Value
Supply of DMX Dimmer pack for stage lighting for Rukmini Arangam	Rs.2,52,000/-
Procurement of Electrical Corded cutting machine, drilling machine, grinding machine and working tools for the CERC unit	Rs.11,000/-

2. RUKMINI DEVI COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS (RDCFA)

- Internal exams for the students was conducted between **12.10.2020 - 16.10.2020**
- After pooja holidays from 22.10.2020 - 25.10.2020 the college re-opened on 26.10.2019 with Vijayadashami celebration.

3. CRAFT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (CERC)

I. Production:

S.No.	Category	No of items
1	Printing Section	Nil
II.	Painting Section	Nil
III.	Handloom Products	
1	Silk Saris	3 No's
2	Cotton Saree	18 No's
3	Running Material Cotton	31.20 mts
4	Silk Running Material	37.00 mts

II. Sales:

S.No	Category	Amount (Rs.)
1	Kalamkari items	15749.00
2	Job Order for printing	11400.00
3	Weaving	31120.00
	Total	338269.00

Other Activities

- For the book on Smt. Rukmini Arundale's saris, the work with The Registry of Saris had commenced on 12/10/2020 and continuing.
- To set up the indigo vats the tailor-made terracotta pots were delivered on 28/10/2020, further action with regard to the setup is in progress.
- Dr. Malani has sent the content for the book on Painting and Printing.
- For recruiting two Spinners through outsourced basis the advertisement was given. However, we have not received any application from Ponduru, which is the only place where hand spinning is in practice. Proposal is submitted for approval for extending the last of receipt of applications.

4. ARCHIVES

- Review of DVD discs containing event photographs & video recordings
- Retrieval of media assets for various departments in Kalakshetra Foundation
- 4,000 files tagged for retrieval
- 150 GB of archival data backed up on archival optical discs

5. OUTREACH

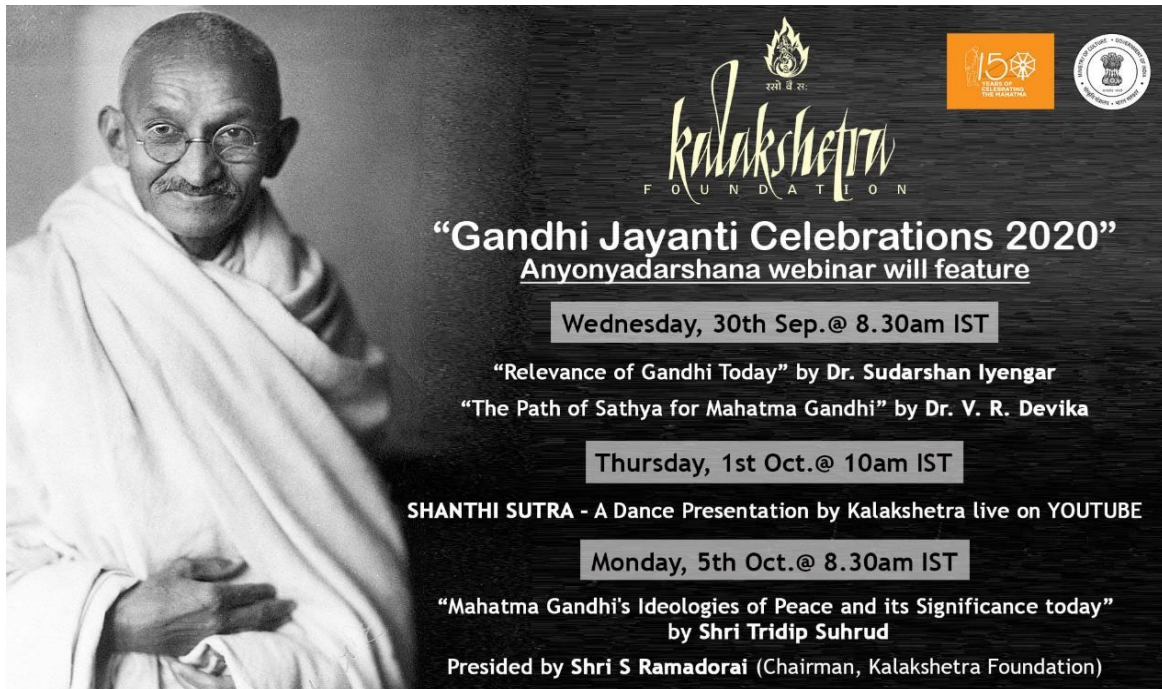
Gandhi Jayanti celebrations

Poster was designed and published on all social media channels. The program was conducted through Zoom Webinar.

- **Wednesday, 30th September**
 1. "Relevance of Gandhi Today" by Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar
 2. "The path of Sathya for Mahatma Gandhi" by Dr. V. R. Devika
- **Thursday, 1st October**

SHANTHI SUTRA- A Dance Presentation by Kalakshetra Foundation live on YouTube
- **Monday, 5th October**

"Mahatma Gandhi's Ideologies of Peace and its Significance today" by Shri Tridip Suhrud



- **Deivathin Kural** – Conducted online Talk Series by Isaikavi Ramanan on 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th October 2020.
- Deivathin Kural is a 7 volume series, which gives enormous information on Indian Traditions, Scriptures, Literature, History & so on. The talks are conducted every Wednesday @ 4 pm.

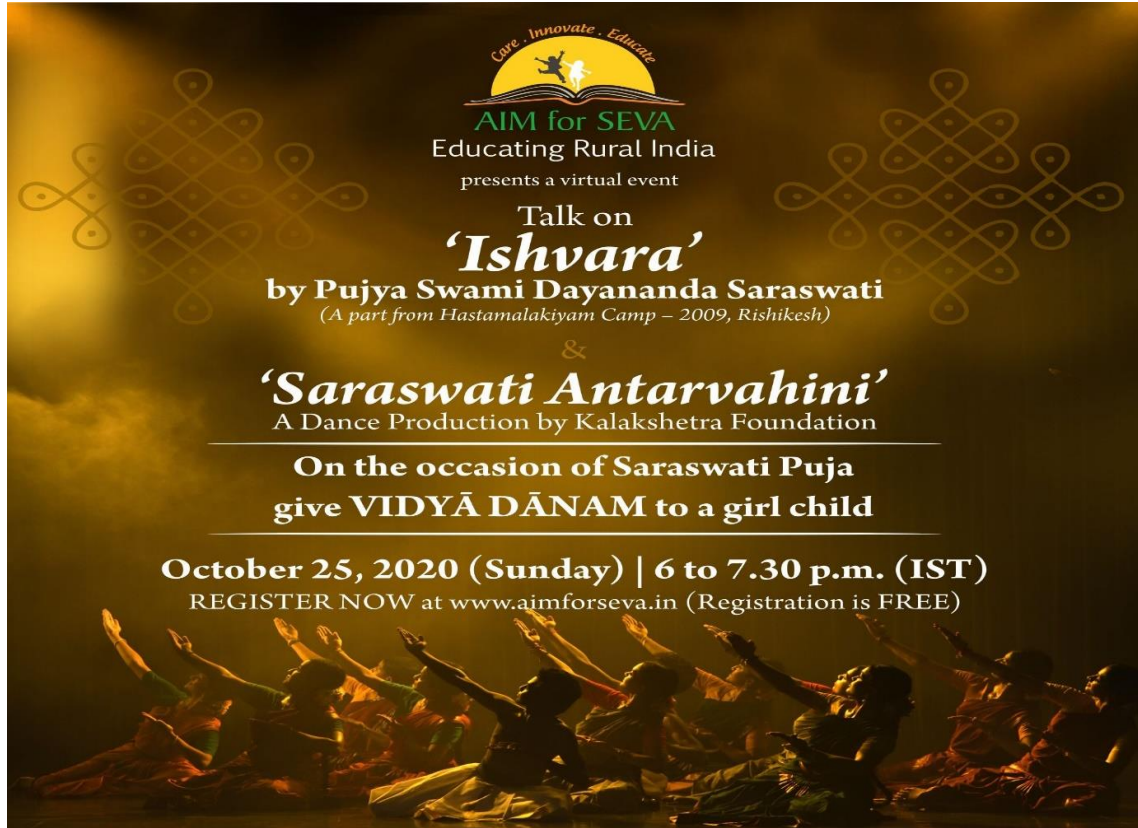
As instructed by the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India

- Posts related to Gandhi Jayanti were shared and liked on Facebook Page & Profile and Twitter accounts.

- Online banners were updated for Kalakshetra's Facebook Page & Profile, Twitter & YouTube accounts for the following events:-
 - Birth Centenary celebrations of Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia Ji - (11th & 12th October)
 - Memories of 22nd National Symposium and Virtual Exhibition (22nd & 23rd October)
 - Gandhi Jayanti (1st October to 4th October)

6. THEATRE

- Kalakshetra Repertory has performed “**Shanti sutra**” dance drama on October 1st, 2020 at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium as part of 150th Year Birth Anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi. It was telecasted through Kalakshetra Youtube channel.
- Kalakshetra Repertory has performed Excerpts from “**Saraswathi Antharvahini**” dance drama for AIM FOR SEVA on 19th October and it was telecasted in their Youtube channel on 25th October as part of their Sarawathi Pooja celebrations. The performance fee is Rs. One lakh.



- Kalakshetra Repertory has performed “**Variety dance performance**” on October 21st, 2020 at Rukmini Arangam for Sampradaya patasala - Saran Navaratri utsav. It was telecasted through zoom.
- Kalakshetra Repertory has performed “**Variety dance performance**” on October 29th, 2020 at Rukmini Arangam as part of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2020 (National Unity Day). It was telecasted through zoom.

7. MUSEUM

- Kalakshetra along with The Registry of Sarees are preparing a detail catalogue of all the silk sarees of Smt.Rukmini Devi, that were woven at Kalakshetra (These are part of our museum collection)

8. RESEARCH LIBRARY

- Scanned the various famous Musicians and composer’s articles from old magazines, and souvenirs converted into digitalization.
- 500 number of books from Shanta rao’s collection Cleaning, classified, tagged and entered into the stock register. Books are kept on the shelf for easy access.
- Articles which are relevant to our institution and citations scanned and created into E- Content from 29 numbers of old Printed documents.

9. BESANT ARUNDALE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations were held at Kalakshetra Foundation on 1st October. A dance performance titled’ Shanthi Sutra’ was presented by Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts.
- A webinar on the topic “ Relevance of Gandhi Today” and “The Path of Sathya for Mahathma” was also open to students and teachers. Shri Tridip Suhrud spoke on Mahathma Gandhi’s ideologies of peace and its significance today as a part of the valedictory programme of the celebrations. Chairman, K.F , presided, Director also spoke.
- Intach Chennai chapter organised a webinar ‘A travel with Tamizh Poets’ by Dr. Sudha Seshaiyyan which was shared with teachers and students.
- An International Conference on Mental Health- looking Beyond COVID_19” was held on 8th October, organised by Central Board of Secondary Education and Department

of Empowerment of Persons With Disabilities, Govt. of India. Teachers participated online and benefitted from the views of senior doctors and specialists on mental health.

- Central Board of Secondary Education elicited 'Views on Conduct of Examinations' from all affiliated schools.
- Webinar on the topic 'Innovate to Educate' was organised and teachers participated selectively. Also online courses on 'Curriculum and Inclusive classroom', 'developing personal- social qualities', and 'Health and well- being in schools' were conducted and teachers from primary sections were deputed to take up the courses.
- Online classes were not held from October 22nd to 25th and on Vijayadasami 26th October, teachers had brief sessions with students.
- Term- I examinations have been scheduled for classes 4- 12 from 27th October to 3rd November.
- As a part of the Central Vigilance Awareness Week, students and teachers took an Integrity Pledge against corruption. Senior students took part in a painting competition related to anti-corruption.

10. BESANT THEOSOPHICAL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Online classes and assessments for Class I to Class XII have taken place as per the schedule given to the teachers.
- Mark sheets of class 10 students were distributed by strictly maintaining social distancing and other norms prescribed by the govt.
- Mrs. Pallavi Aravind, a resident of Kalakshetra colony has donated an amount of Rs.2,01,545/- to provide financial support to meet part of tuition fees for deserving class XI and XII students