

## REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2024

### EVENTS:

- Dec – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2025 :- – 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Arts Festival

Kalakshetra Foundation celebrated its 71st Annual Art Festival from December 23rd, 2024 to January 2nd, 2025. The festival was inaugurated by the Honorable Minister of Culture, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. The festival showcased a series of cultural programs, including dance dramas, music concerts, and performances from renowned artists.





**Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Honourable Minister of Culture and Tourism. Shri S.Ramadorai, Chairman, Kalakshetra Foundation, Shri Aneish P. Rajan, Director (Akademis), MoC and Shri Suresh Kumar Chikkala, Director, Kalakshetra Foundation were present during the occasion.**

The schedule of the festival was as follows:

**23.12.2024 – Monday** : Inauguration Programme

6:00 PM: Bhava Abhinaya by Dr Vyjayanthi Mala Bali

7:00–8:30 PM: Kalakshetra Dance Drama – *Sita Swayamvaram*



**Padma Vibhushan awardee Dr.Vyjayanthimala Bali presented ‘Bhavaabhinaya’.**





On the first day of the festival Kalakshetra Foundation presented 'Sita Swayamvaram', dance drama, which is the first part of the Ramayana series of Kalakshetra Foundation.



Honourable Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the visual art exhibition of Kalakshetra Foundation. The exhibition showcased the art works of the staff and students of the Visual Art Department of Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts, Kalakshetra Foundation.



24.12.2024 - Tuesday

6:00–8:30 PM: Kalakshetra Dance Drama – *Kannappan Kuravanji*



25.12.2024 – Wednesday

6:00–8:30 PM: Carnatic Vocal Concert Malladi Brothers



26.12.2024 - Thursday

6:00–7:00 PM: Carnatic Choir – Kalakshetra Foundation



7:00–8:30 PM: Bharatanatyam by Shri Pavitra Krishna Bhat





27.12.2024 - Friday

6:00–7:00 PM: Keremane Shambu Hegde – Yakshagana



7:00–9:00 PM: Violin Concert by Akkarai Subbalakshmi Sisters



28.12.2024 - Saturday

6:00–7:00 PM: Ratikant Mahopatra – Odissi



7:00–9:00 PM: Kuchipudi by Ms.T.Reddy Laxmi





**29.12.2024 - Sunday**

6:00–8:30 PM: Kalakshetra Dance Drama – *Kurmavataaram*



**30.12.2024 - Monday**

6:00–8:30 PM: Singapore Apsaras Dance Company – *Nirmanika*





31.12.2024 - Tuesday

5:30–7:00 PM: Carnatic Veena Concert followed by Hindustani – Raman Balachander



7:00–9:00 PM: Flute Concert by Pt. Ronu Majumdar





**01.01.2025 - Wednesday**

6:00–8:30 PM: Kalakshetra Dance Drama – *Usha Parinayam*



**02.01.2025 - Thursday**

6:00–7:00 PM: Closing Ceremony

7:00–9:00 PM: Kalakshetra Dance Drama – *Karna Sabadham*



The festival was a wonderful celebration of the performing arts, with performances that captured the rich cultural heritage of India.



➤ On 11.12.2024- ISO Audit took place in our organization for the purpose of issuing ISO certificate. ISO 9001 : 2015 certificate was issued on 18.12.2024; Now Kalakshetra Foundation is an ISO certified institution.

➤ Preamble to Constitution of India was read out by the staff and Officers of Kalakshetra Foundation 18/12/2024 in the court yard of Central Office and the Director presided over the program.



### **Dr Arundale Birthday on 01.12.2024**

Kalakshetra Foundation celebrated the birthday of Dr. Arundale on December 1st, 2024, at the Rukmini Arangam. In honor of his profound contributions to education and the arts, all the teachers from BASS, BTHS, and RDCFA gathered together to take a solemn pledge. The pledge emphasized their commitment to being the right teachers, providing the right education, and

offering continuous support to their students, in alignment with Dr. Arundale's vision.’



### **ADMINISTRATION:**

- Based on the merit list of the written test held on 14/11/2024, Sri R.Akshay and Ms. M.Abirami joined as Semi-Skilled Workers in Craft Education and Research Centre Unit of Kalakshetra Foundation wef 04.12.2024 F.N. Smt. Sandhiya.P. joined as Semi-Skilled Worker in CERC unit of KF wef 23/12/2024 F.N.
- Sri T.Sashidhar, Professor-Music (Flute), Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts, Kalakshetra Foundation retired on superannuation wef 31.12.2024 A.N.

### **RUKMINI DEVI COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS**

- **Dec – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 :- Karthikai Somavaram –**

RDCFA music students and faculty had performed in Marundeeshwara Temple Thiruvanamiyur for the occasion of Karthikai Somavaram.

- **Dec – 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 :- One day Workshop on Sumi – e Painting**

A one day Workshop on Sumi-e Painting was conducted by Ms. Misako Shin-e, a Japanese Traditional Painter for our students of RDCFA, Kalakshetra Foundation was inaugurated by Director, Kalakshetra Foundation

- **Dec – 6<sup>th</sup> 2024 :- Centenary Celebration of Shri. Sreenivasulu –**

RDCFA, Visual Arts department has organized an exhibition of Drawings and Paintings of Shri. Sreenivasulu, Eminent Artist, Former Art Director for celebration of Centenary Celebration of Shri. Sreenivasulu from 06<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 inaugurated by Director, Kalakshetra Foundation.

### **BESANT ARUNDALE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL**

- On account of POSHAN ABHIYAN, oath had been taken by our students to reflect the spirit of Bacha and Shiksha on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.





- National Constitution Day was observed with ceremonies and oath taking convention avowing spirit of citizenship on December 2, 2024.
- SOF Science Olympiad exam was conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup> November for classes III to X students.
- The CCA organized Just a Minute competition for classes VI to IX on 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2024



- The CCA organized the Thiruppavai competition for classes III to V on December 6, 2024



- Essay Competition on “The Joy of Writing: Importance of Letters in a Digital Age” sponsored by India Post conducted for classes VI to IX on 6<sup>th</sup> of December, 2024



- S. Shamathi of class V B had won laurels to the school winning third prize in the Poetry Recitation competition on Mahakavi Subramaniya Bharathiyar organized by The Hindu Senior Secondary School, Triplicane in commemoration of birth anniversary celebrated on 11<sup>th</sup> December.



- SOF Math Olympiad exam was conducted on December 13 for classes III to X students.
- Poster Designing contest bearing the theme “Artistic and cultural contributions to Original manuscripts of Indian Constitution” was hosted for students of classes VI to VIII on 13<sup>th</sup> December



- Between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December as well as 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> December Revision Test 1&2 were conducted for classes X and XII respectively.
- Periodic test 2 for students of classes I to IX and XI commenced on 18 of December and continued till December 24.



## BESANT THEOSOPHICAL HR.SEC. SCHOOL

- In view of Founder Dr.Arundale's Birthday, on 02.12.2024 all teachers and staff had taken pledge.



- On 04.12.2024 Education Dept. arranged Training on Child abuse Awareness and POCSO Act for all HM's at Collector's Office ,Chennai-600001.
- Dental camp was conducted on 04.12.2024 in the school by Triumph Dental Clinic, Thiruvanniyur from I std to XII std nearly 600 students were under gone dental camp.



- Education Department displayed a children's cinema through the S.S.A for 6<sup>th</sup> std to 8<sup>th</sup> std
- From 09.12.2024 to 23.12.2024 Half yearly exams were held for the classes I to XII std
- The school closed for Christmas holidays on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 and reopened on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. 25.

## CRAFT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (CERC)

The monthly production for the unit during the month of December 2024 is as follows:

### **Weaving:**

- Silk Saree – 7 no.s; Dance Sarees – 14 no.;
- Cotton Saree Design – 7 no.s; Cotton Korvai saree – 3 no.s.;

**One saree named Kalakshetra Violet and Green Checks Saree designed by Smt. Rukmini Devi Arudale has been submitted for Patent during the month.**

### **Painting:**

- Wall panels of 12 no.s; Hanging panels for Gifting and sale – 5 no.s.
- Greeting card – 42 no.s.

- Hand painting on silk cotton saree – 1 no.s.

**Printing:**

- Printing and Stitching of Kalakshetra logos – 180 no.s.
- Printing and cutting of 4 Block prints for decoration lights – 100 no.s.
- Printing and stitching of Stage cloth for Music Troops – 25 metres
- Dress Material – 107.7 mtrs; Maheswari Dupatta – 26 no.s.
- Napkin Set – 6 no.s; Table Runner – 12 set;
- Voile Stole – 103 no.s.; Venkatagiri Sarees – 2 no.s.
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**Workshops & Visitors:**

- 28 Indians and 13 foreigners visited the Craft center during the month in addition to the campus visitors.
- 18 Indians and 6 Foreigners have attended Hands on experience and workshop during the month.
- The schools of Adayar Theosophical Society, APL Global School and National Public School have visited the Craft Centre during the month.