



REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024

EVENTS:

1) Kaveri Meets Ganga – Amrit Parampara phase I

"Kaveri Meets Ganga" festival, a unique four-day celebration of music and dance. was organized jointly by Kalakshetra Foundation, Sangeet Natak Academy, and CCRT, as the first initiative under the "Amrith Parampara Phase I" by the Ministry of Culture. Kalakshetra team of musicians and students presented "Gitakala Samanvayam" – a Carnatic choir presentation during the festival at both Kartavya Path and CCRT, Dwaraka campus, New Delhi on 2nd and 3rd November 2024.





2) Program at Indian Coast Guard on 15.11.2024

Kalakshetra Foundation presented a variety dance recital at Hotel ITC Chola on 15th November 2024, in a function organized by the Indian Coast Guard for the the Defence Committee. The event was graced by the presence of several Members of Parliament and the program featured a unique blend of Indian classical dance and folk dances from various states across India, showcasing the rich diversity of India's cultural heritage.

Kalakshetra presenting alarippu





Memento received by Director, Kalakshetra Foundation

3) Program at IIT, Madras on 29.11.2024

Kalakshetra Foundation presented a variety dance recital including traditional folk dances of India, Kathakali, Bharatanatyam, and Mohiniyattam, at IIT Madras as part of the Ceramics International Conference organized by the Humanities and Science Department of IIT, Madras.

ADMINISTRATION

➤ On the basis of the results of the online test held on 17th September, 2024, Sri S.Kavin and Sri S.Jeevananthan joined Kalakshetra Foundation as Accountant and EDP Programmer in the Central Office of KF wef 04.11.2024 F.N and 13.11.2024 F.N. respectively.

RUKMINI DEVI COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

➤ **Nov – 17th :- 20th National Art Competition and Exhibition 2024-25 –**

Students of Visual Arts, RDCFA bagged Cash award prize towards participating in 20th National Art Competition and Exhibition 2024 organized by Sri Dharshini Kalaikoodam, Chennai on 17.11.2024.

➤ **Nov – 22nd, 25th & 26th :- Faculty Development Programme / Workshop**

Dr. S. Narasimhan, Department of Sanskrit, DDGD Vaishnav College, Chennai conducted a Workshop on Heritage for students of 1st and 2nd year Dance, Music and Visual Arts of RDCFA. Simultaneously, he conducted Faculty Development Programme for all Faculty member of RDCFA where he delivered lectures on Vedic Heritage which was informative to all.

➤ **Nov – 26th :- Gandhian Integrated Forum Trust –**

Gandhian Integrated Forum Trust had organized an Inter-Collegiate Competition in which 3rd year Dance students of RDCFA took part and secured first place in Group singing competition.

BESANT ARUNDALE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

➤ SOF English Olympiad exams were conducted for classes III to X students on the 8th of November 2024.



➤ Intramural competitions for classes III to XII for the academic year 2024-25, viz., Quiz for III to V, Group singing for VI to VIII and Collage Making organized by CCA club, were conducted on the 8th November 2024.

➤ Children's Day was celebrated with pomp and show on November 14th at the school premises. Many games and activities were presented for students by the teachers.



- CCA club organized Fireless Cooking Contest in which the students of Classes VI to XII participated on the 14th of November 2024.
- The first three positions were picked by the class IX B students, Nandhini, Aswath Perumal and Madhav in the 'World Science Day Celebration 2024-Science Competition' conducted by Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre and ROSATOM on 16th November 2024.
- Shark Tank,- an innovative start up promotional contest, chaired and co-chaired by the subject experts from Kalakshetra was hosted for Classes IX to XII on November 18, 2024 as a part of CCA club activity.
- 19th November 2024 was observed as The World Sociologist Day and was celebrated an assembly activity to instill civic awareness in the students who are the future policy makers.



➤ Students took part in the Hindi Diwas competition conducted by Rachna Sagar on 22nd November 2024



BESANT THEOSOPHICAL HR.SEC. SCHOOL

➤ On 09.11.2024 (Saturday) Old students association (Alumni of BTHSS) meeting was held to select office bearers and plan for contribution by alumni.

➤ Children's day (14.11.2024) was celebrated with in many events like fancy dress competition, singing and dance competition etc. Science exhibition was conducted by students.



CRAFT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (CERC)

The production in the unit during the month of November 2024 is as follows:

Weaving:

- Silk Saree – 9 no.s; Silk Saree for Ravana Character in 'Sita Swayamvaram' – 1 no.;
- Silk Saree for Chitra Lekha Character in 'Usha Parinayam' – 1 no.;
- Silk Dwavani for Sita character in Sita Swayamvaram – 2 no.s;
- Cotton Saree Design – 6 no.s; Cotton Korvai saree – 5 no.s.;
- Dance Dawani – 12 no.s. and Cotton Dupatta – 10 no.s.

One saree named Kalakshetra Ahimsa Silk Sarees designed by Smt. Rukmini Devi Arundale is submitted for Patent during the month.

Painting:

- Wall panels of 50 cms. – 6 no.s. and 100 cms – 2 no.s
- Hand painting on silk saree for order – 1 no.s.

Printing:

- Voile Dupattas – 68 no.s; Voile Stole – 77 no.s;
- Pencil purse – 92 no.s.

Workshops & Visitors:

- 67 Indians and 9 foreigners visited the Craft center during the month.
- 22 students have attended Hands on experience and 6 people for workshop during the month.
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Adai Documentation as part of CSR:

The project funding is utilised for documenting adai designs of Smt. Rukmini Devi Arundale and to weave the designs on textiles and creating a directory for Rukmini Devi Design Directory. The project is for 3 years and proposes to document about 75 designs. Two years and 8 months have completed and We have completed about 75 adai designs as on and a report is drafted for the same.

CIVIL WORKS

The following civil works commenced/AA&ES sanctioned during the month

Name of the work	Estimated cost of work Amount in Rs.
Construction of class rooms (G+1) (with provision of 2nd floor in future design) including electrical installation in BASS School including demolition of part of existing administrative block and class room at Kalakshetra Foundation, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai (By CPWD)	6,46,22,000/-
Construction of weavers quarters Subhead- Providing borewell submersible pump and service cabling to weavers qtrs in CERC unit /KF (Work by CPWD)	1,55,202/-
Painting exhibition display area in Visual arts section,KF	39,660/-

