



REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025

Events held in Kalakshetra Foundation during December 2025

- The 4th year Carnatic Music students of RDCFA performed in the nearby Marundeeshwarar Temple, Thiruvanniyur on 1 December 2025, 8 December 2025 and 15 December 2025, being Karthigai Somavaram.
- Kalakshetra put up a stall in the second phase of the *Atmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design*, at the Red Fort, New Delhi from 8th to 13th December 2025. This was as part of the 20th Session of UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee on Intangible Cultural Heritage.
- The 72nd Annual Art Festival, the flagship programme of KF, was conducted from 19th December 2025 to 28th December 2025. The Festival showcased Ramayana Series Dance Dramas of 6 episodes from the Ramayana, viz (1) Sita Swayamvaram, (2) Rama Vanagamanam, (3) Paduka Pattabhishekham, (4) Sabari Moksham, (5) Choodamani Pradhanam and (6) Maha Pattabhishekham. These productions of KF had received wide acclaim among the audience and the programmes were hugely successful. The AAF also hosted programmes by other eminent artists: a Hindustani vocal by Pandit Ulhas Kashalkar, Mohiniattam by Smt Pallavi Krishnan, ABHA, a dance ballet by Shri Parshwanath Upadhye & Team, Putran: The Rising Son by SIFAS Productions, and Carnatic violin concert by Ganesh – Kumaresh.



The 72nd Annual Art Festival was inaugurated by Shri Aneish P.Rajan, Director Akademies in the august presence of Shri Suresh Kumar Chikkala, Director, Kalakshetra Foundation, Shri R.Natraj, Shri L.Venkatesh, Governing Board members and Shri ESL Narasimhan, former Governor of Telangana & Andhra Pradesh



▪ **Sita Swayamvaram**



▪ **Rama Vanagamanam**



▪ **Paduka Pattabhishekam**



Sabari Moksham



▪ **Choodamani Pradhanam**



▪ **Maha Pattabhishekam**



▪ **Hindustani Vocal by Pt.Ulhas Kashalkar**



Mohiniattam by Dr.Pallavi Krishnan



▪ 'Putran', Dance production by SIFAS



▪ Violin Duet by Ganesh Kumaresh

Administration

- KF has received the renewed ISO certificate on 17th December 2025, after completion of ISO Surveillance Audit for all Kalakshetra Foundation units by the audit team on 15th December as part of the process.
- The 63rd Governing Board meeting of Kalakshetra Foundation was held on 19th December, 2025 at Old Central Office, KF under the chairpersonship of Smt. Amita Prasad Sarbhai, Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Culture, in a hybrid mode. Thirteen members attended the meeting with six members in person and seven through online.

Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts (RDCFA)

- The First Internal Assessment Tests for even semester commenced from 17.12.2025 for all Diploma and Post diploma courses.

Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School (BASS School)

- KF celebrated Dr. Arundale's birthday on 1st December in the school premises, during which a pledge was taken.
- A Letter Writing Campaign ("Dhai Akshar"), sponsored by India Post on the theme "Letter to My Role Model", at the national level was held on 6th December, for the Besant students of Grades VI to IX.



- A student of Grade IX received consolation cash prize of ₹1,000, for participating in the *Viksit Bharat* competition, held at the Lalit Kala Academy, Chennai on 9th December 2025.



- On 18th December, a Leprosy Screening Awareness programme was conducted for the students of Grades 1 to 9 and Grade 11 by Health & FW Department, Govt of TN.

Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School

- Dr. Arundale's birthday was celebrated on 1st December with students and faculty taking a pledge.



- On 19.12.2025, the students of BTHS participated in the Kutties programme in All India Radio, Chennai.



Craft Education and Research Centre

- KF has received the Handloom Mark from Textile Committee, South Zone, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India and, with this, all the woven products of CERC can now be tagged as Handloom products.
- One application for patent named “**Kalakshetra Violet Ganga Jamuna Veldari Silk Saree**” is being submitted during the month.
- Two stalls were put up by the CERC 72nd Annual Art Festival 2025, and grossed more in sales compared to the previous year by 50%.

Weaving:

<input type="checkbox"/> Silk Saree	12 Nos.
<input type="checkbox"/> Silk Dupatta	8 No.
<input type="checkbox"/> Cotton design Sarees	5 Nos.
<input type="checkbox"/> Cotton Korvai saree	5 Nos.
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance Sarees	13 Nos.

Painting:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wall panels | 08 Nos. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painting Saree | 1 Nos. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painting order | 2 meters |

Made-up Articles:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bags painting and printing | 33 Nos. |
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Printing:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Venkatagiri Sarees | 2 Nos. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maheswari Dupatta | 4 No. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maheswari Sarees | 12 Nos. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chanderi Sarees | 4 No. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dress material | 58.70 Meters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Voile Stole | 55 Nos. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Napkin | 63 Nos. |

Workshops & Visitors:

- A total of 29 persons (19 Indian and 10 foreigners) visited the Craft Center during the month in addition to the campus visitors.
- 11 Students from IIH, Delhi and 12 persons have attended workshop.