



REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026

Events held in Kalakshetra Foundation during the month of January, 2026

- A violin & keyboard concert by Smt Jayanthi Kumaresh & team was held on 1 January 2026 at Rukmini Arangam, Kalakshetra Foundation.
- During a Civic Reception programme hosted by Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu for the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Kalakshetra presented a cultural programme at Lok Bhavan, Chennai on 2 January 2026, The programme was attended by the VIPs viz, Vice President, Governor, TN and Members of Parliament, including Shri Ilayaraja, noted Music Director & MLAs. Shri Suresh Kumar Chikkala, Director Kalakshetra and officials from Ministry of Defence also attended the function.



Kalakshetra Foundation presented cultural event for Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri C P Radhakrishnan & Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu during Civic Reception in Lok Bhavan Chennai on January 2nd 2026.

- The dance drama production of Kalakshetra Foundation, *Sabari Moksham*, was enacted on 4 January 2026 on behalf of Parthasarathi Sabha at the Narada Gana Sabha, Chennai.



'Sabari Moksham' Dance Drama Production by Kalakshetra Foundation

- The Thyagaraja Utsavam was celebrated by Kalakshetra Foundation on 7 January 2026 at Rukmini Arangam. The portrait of Saint Thyagaraja was taken in a procession to the nearby Marundeeswar Temple, led by Director (KF) with the Faculties, staff members, students, teachers, and artists, singing bhajans and *keerthanais*



Thyagaraja Aradhana in Rukmnini Arangam by Kalakshetra students & faculties on January 7th 2026.

- On 20 January 2026, the Team Kalakshetra presented a cultural event '**Jugalbandhi**' conducted by Jila Mahotsav Samithi as part of 'Shravan Dham Mahotsav 2026' in Ambedkar Nagar, Lucknow.



State Government Employees, DM & ADM Felicitating Kalakshetra Team as part of cultural presentation Shraavan Dham Mahotsav 2026 in Ambedkar Nagar, Lucknow on January 20th 2026.

- The 77th Republic Day on 26 January 2026 at 9:00 a.m. was earmarked with adoration to the Mother Bharat commemorating the 125th year of composition of *Vande Mataram*. It was observed on the *Atmanirbhar Bharat* with Shri Suresh Kumar Chikkala IOFS, Director KF, as the Chief Guest.



- Kalakshetra Foundation celebrated the Pongal Festival on 28 January 2026, in a grand manner with cultural events in Rukmini Arangam .
- Kalakshetra presented a cultural event at a programme, **Kala Samudra 2026**, for the Indian Coast Guard. The programme was attended by Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, and high ranking officers from Indian Coast Guard. The Director KF was felicitated by the Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu and the IG, Coast Guard Region East, Shri Datwinder Singh Saini, for the outstanding contribution by Kalakshetra Foundation in the field of Arts.

Administration

- Martyr's Day was observed on the 30th of January, 2026 at Kalakshetra Foundation.
- Smt. K.Mallika, Post-Graduate Teacher, Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31-01-2026.

Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts (RDCFA)

- The Annual Convocation programme of RDCFA, Kalakshetra Foundation was held on 6 January 2026, for the Diploma students of the **2021–2025 batch** in Bharatanatyam, Carnatic Music, and Visual Arts. Shri Lalgudi G. J. R. Krishnan, an eminent violin exponent was the Chief Guest. The Chief Guest and Director, Kalakshetra Foundation addressed the gathering and distributed certificates and cash awards to the graduating students. A cultural programme was held by the PD students of Bharatanatyam at the end of the programme.
- Results of the First Internal Even Semester Examination for all Diploma and Post Diploma students of all departments held in December 2025, were declared on 19-01-2026.
- The **Pongal Celebration 2026** was held at **Rukmini Arangam** by the **3rd Year students** with cultural programmes and games making the event lively and enjoyable.

Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School (BASS School)

- On December 2025, a Class IX student of Besant School was part of a group that set a world record for continuous reciting of Tirumurai for 90 minutes, at the Thyagaraja Swamy temple in Tiruvarur. **It has been recognised as a world record by an ISO 9001:2015 organization, Divine World Book of Records.**
- The Secondary School Certificate Examination Board External & Internal Practical examinations/assessments conducted by the CBSE for the academic year 2025-2026 were held from 3 January 2026 to 13 January 2026.
- Pongal celebration was organized collaboratively by the Tamil Literary and the Heritage Fora of Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School on 13

January 2026. Among the various traditional events recital of a poem, "Thai Tirunal on the Tamil Festival," was a highlight. Many folk lores, and games were conducted reiterating the significance of culture and noteworthiness of Tamil Nadu.



▪ Montessori Day was celebrated at Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School on 30 January 2026 with the children enjoying the dance performances and activities organized for the occasion.



Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School

- In token of appreciation of excellent programmes by the students of BTHS, in the AIR, Rs.4,500 has been received from the All India Radio.
- On 13 January 2026, the Pongal celebrations got into a dazzling vibration on our stage, performed by students and teachers through a variety of programs depicting the festivity of Pongal in tandem with our traditions. The programme was telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Chennai for the first time.



- The School received a Sanitary Certificate from the Zonal Health Officer Greater Chennai Corporation on 30 January 2026.

Craft Education and Research Centre

- During the month, an automatic thattu machine has been installed in the new weaving section, which allows one weaver to do Korvai technique of silk saree. During the month, 2 sarees have been produced from a Kanchipuram weaver, based on design and quality stipulated by Kalakshetra.

Weaving:

Item	Quantity (Numbers)
∂ Silk Saree	9
∂ Cotton Dupatta	8
∂ Cotton design Sarees	4
∂ Cotton Korvai saree	9
∂ Dance Sarees	10

Painting:

∂ Wall panels	7
∂ Painting Saree	1
Painting orders	2

Made-up Articles:

∂ Bags printing	90
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Printing:

∂ Venkatagiri Sarees	3
∂ Maheswari Dupatta	26
∂ Maheswari Sarees	9
∂ Chanderi Sarees	2
∂ Dress material (meters)	09.55
∂ Voile Stole	25
∂ Kercheif	52

Workshops & Visitors:

- Sixty-nine persons (35 Indians including 5 children and 34 from other countries) visited the Craft Centre, in addition to the campus visitors.
- During the month, 3 persons have attended workshop.

