



REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

Events held in Kalakshetra Foundation during October 2025

- For the Annual Arts Festival to be held from 19th to 28th December 2025, rehearsals have commenced as per schedule on **October 6, 2025** under the guidance of Shri PT Narendran, GB Member, whose services are being obtained as Senior Guru.
- The 75th birthday of Padmashri Smt Chitra Visweswaran was celebrated in a function held at Bharat Kalakshetra Auditorium on **October 12, 2025**. Director (KF) felicitated Smt Chitra Visweswaran on the occasion. The same day, a dance drama captioned '**Panchali**' was enacted by the Chidambaram Dance Academy, Chennai, as part of the birthday celebration programme.
- On **October 24 and 25, 2025**, the monthly programme Kala Mela featured concerts by Vid AS Murali (Vocal), and by Vid Shri T Sasidhar (Flute) on October 24 and by Shri Shreyas Narayan (vocal) and by Shri MV Sreenivaas and Shri Sheerthalai Shivakumar (violin duo) on October 25.



Vocal Concert by Vid. Shri A S Murali for Kala Mela on October 24th 2025



Flute concert by Vid. Shri T.Sashidhar for Kala Mela on Oct 24th 2025



Felicitation of Artists & accompanying artists by Director Shri Suresh Kumar Chikkala for KALA MELA on OCT 24TH 2025



Vocal concert by Shri Shreyas Narayan and team for Kala Mela on 25th OCT 2025



Violin duo concert by Vid.Shri M V Sreenivaas & Vid Shri Sherthalai Shivakumar for Kala mela on 25th oct 2025

- A concert in Hindustani music, by Vidushi Suranjana Bose was organised by an organisation named Vishwa Kala Sangama , which was held in the Tagore Hall, KF. on **October 26, 2025.**

Swachhta Action Plan:

- Kalakshetra Foundation had undertaken an all-round efforts to implement plan of action connected with record management, cleanliness of office premises in the campus and surroundings by organising activities throughout the month. Details of the Special Campaign undertaken in the units of Kalakshetra Foundation have already been reported to Ministry.

Administrative Matters

- As a result of recruitment process held for the post of Tutor (Music), Sri Abhirama Gangadhar Bode who has been selected for the post has joined the post of Tutor (Music) in Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts of Kalakshetra Foundation w.e.f 27-10-2025 (FN).
- In its order pronounced on 28.10.2025, in WP No.1569 of 2019 filed by Smt.H.Anandhi, the High Court of Madras has set aside the termination order of Smt H Anandhi, Costume Assistant, and directed the Respondents (KF and Ministry) to continue her services and issue termination of probation, within 2 weeks from the date of receipt of order.

Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts (RDCFA)

- On **October 13, 2025**, a motivational talk for the students was given on the topic of how to prepare mentally for the examinations, by Dr Sudha Seshayyan, Vice Chairperson of Classical Tamil Research Centre and former Vice Chancellor of Dr MGR Medical University, at Rukmini Arangam, Kalakshetra Foundation.



The motivational speech for the students by Dr.Sudha Sheshaiyyan

- On **October 31, 2025**, a lecture session on Valmiki Ramayana for creating awareness among the students for the Ramayana stories and its relevance in KF Dance Dramas, was conducted by Dr Sudha Sheshayyan.

Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School

- Under Cocurricular Activities, the students actively participated in a Vegetable Carving Competition held in the school premises on October 4, 2025. A Science Quiz for the students of Classes VI to VIII was held on October 10, 2025.
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- The World Mental Health Day was celebrated by the school on October 10, 2025.



- A student of Class XI, Ms Yathuvarshini, was declared the motivational prize winner in a city-level Bhagavad Gita Chanting Competition sponsored by the Chinmaya Mission held on **October 15, 2025** at Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan, Chennai.
- One Teacher of BASSS, Ms G Chamundeswari, received the 'Best Teacher Award' from the Chennai Sahodaya East Cluster in a function held on **October 15, 2025**.
- Two students received consolation prize cheques of Rs 1,000 each for their participation in Drawing and Oratorical competitions held at Gurunanak Matriculation School, Chennai, on **October 15, 2025**.



- Two students bagged second and third prizes in a classical solo dance competition conducted by Sri Sivaswami Kalalaya, titled 'Pattum Bharathamum' held on October 16, 2025 at RK Swamy Auditorium, Chennai.



- Anti Substance Abuse campaign was held on October 30, 2025 to promote Drug-Free society.



- During conduct of *Viksit Bharat* campaign, a You Tube channel on the ideas of a Post Century Free India was created by the students of Class IX. They were exposed to a live telecast presentation on Veer Gatha by the Govt.

Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School

- A motivational speech was delivered on **October 7, 2025** by Shri Ravi Chokalingam, an Educationist who had visited the School.



- Two students have participated and won championships in a national level and district level silambam tournaments.
- On **October 15, 2025**, birth anniversary of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was celebrated. Tabs were distributed to the teaching staff, and the sponsor of Tabs, Smt Girija was profusely thanked for her benevolent gesture.

- The students took pledge against Drug abuse on **October 29, 2025**.



- A Team from Mohan Diabetic Centre, Chennai visited the school to provide awareness of health to the Students on **October 30, 2025**.



Craft Education and Research Centre

- An application has been given to the Dept of Handlooms for Handloom mark. Kalakshetra Foundation has already received the Certificate for Silk Mark from the Silk Mark Organisation of India, Bangalore for a period of five years from 24.09.2025 to 24.09.2030.

Weaving:

☆ Silk Saree	8 Nos.
☆ Silk cotton saree	1 No.
☆ Cotton design Sarees	5 Nos.
☆ Cotton Korvai saree	9 Nos.
☆ Dance Sarees	5 Nos.

Painting:

☆ Wall panels	08 Nos.
☆ Greeting cards	18 Nos.
☆ Painting order	5 meters

Made-up Articles:

- ☆ Shoulder bag painting 12 Nos.

Printing:

- ☆ Venkatagiri Sarees 2 Nos.
- ☆ Maheswari Dupatta 1 No.
- ☆ Maheswari Sarees 3 Nos.
- ☆ Chanderi Sarees 3 No.
- ☆ Dress material 49.90 Meters
- ☆ Voile Stole 149 Nos.
- ☆ Cushion cover set 16 Nos.

- Identified a potential weaver from the Kancheepuram Weaving Cluster. As a sample, a job order has been given to get the weaving done at Kancheepuram under the brand name of Kalakshetra.

Workshops & Visitors:

- A total of 31 persons (26 Indian and 2 from Japan, Singapore 1 and 2 from Australia) visited the Craft Center during the month in addition to the campus visitors.
- During the month, 17 Students from National Public School visited the Craft Centre during the month and done hands-on activity.

Civil works undertaken

- Painting work of class rooms for both the BASS School and BTH School have commenced and the likely cost of the project is Rs.30,53,735.

MATTERS CURRENTLY PENDING WITH THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE

S. No.	Subject	Pending since
1.	Amendment to Kalakshetra Foundation Act 1993 to empower KF to award degrees, Post Graduate degrees, Doctorate etc.	July 2016. It is in advanced stage and pending for approval of the Cabinet.
2.	Amendment of Recruitment Rules for all the posts in KF	Proposals made in batches starting from September 2016 were combined as desired by the Ministry and a consolidated proposal was made in August 2019. An online meeting was also held online between Ministry and KF officials.
3.	Issues relating to appointments made in the year 2010 – Writ of Mandamus No.8282 in HC Madras	September 2016
4.	Creation of posts for Visual Arts Department	November 2016
5.	Creation of one post of Estate Manager	January 2019
6.	Grant of Central Government scales to faculty of Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts; and implementation of promotion scheme as applicable to Tamil Nadu Govt. teachers for Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School - Kalakshetra Foundation	December 2019
7.	Adoption of DoPT OM for five years age relaxation by relaxing the provision of KF RRs' 2005 for the posts of Admin. Asst. and Librarian of BASS School	January 2025

