

Institution of National Importance
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Government of India

Report for the Month of August 2018

1. **Central Office**

- Seventh Pay Commission scales were implemented for the teaching staff of Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts and Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School.
- 72nd Independence Day Celebrations were held in which all units of Kalakshetra Foundation participated. Cultural programmes by College and school students were part of the celebrations. Justice K. Chandru (Retd.) Madras High Court was the Chief Guest.
- One minute silence was observed on 17th August, 2018 on the death of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Former Prime Minister of India.
- Yoga classes are conducted for the staff twice a week



- (i) Purchase of school furniture to BASS School – work awarded amounting to Rs.2,51,216/-
- (ii) Providing Ceramic tiles for wall and floor at CERC staff quarters No-3 - work awarded – amounting to Rs.53,701/-
- (iii) Providing New Entrance Gate and Boundary wall for BCCH unit - work awarded – amounting to Rs.1,77,881/-
- (iv) Drilling of Bore wells at various locations in Kalakshetra Foundation – work awarded to CPWD –amounting to Rs.4,50,400/-
- (v) Providing and installation of Lightning and thunder arrestor in all the units of Kalakshetra Foundation – work awarded to CPWD – amounting to Rs.4,19,406-00
- (vi) Phase-II-HVAC (AC) work in Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium – work awarded to Blue Star – amounting to Rs.43,82,832/-
- (vii) Providing New Gate and Ramp for RDCFA Office – amounting to Rs.2,25,544/-
- (viii) Providing cupboard shutters for Library in BASS School – amounting Rs.81,470/-

- (ix) Ramp was constructed at the main entrance to stop sewage flow into the campus. This work was undertaken on emergency basis.
- (x) Ductable Air conditioning of stage area of Rukmini Arangam amounting to Rs.8,35,872/- was awarded to CPWD.
- (xi) Special repairs to Visual Arts section amounting to Rs.5,95,000 was under taken as a departmental work.

2. **Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts**

(i) Educational field trip

- (a) 3rd year dance, music and visual arts students visited Chidambaram as educational tour on 21st & 22nd August 2018.
- (b) 4th year dance, music and visual arts students visited Thanjavur and Thiruvavur as educational tour on 19th, 20th & 21st August 2018.

- (ii) Lecture demonstration by Shri V. Sriram was conducted on "History of Chennai" on 18th August 2018

3. **Craft Education and Research Centre**

I. Production

Sl. No.	Block Printing Section	No. of items
1	Sari	22
2	Single bed spread	15
3	Towel	32
4	Table cloth	28
5	Dress materials	19.20 mts.
6	Tops	19
7	Stole	20

Hand Painting		
1	Wall panel	9
2	Sari	4

Handloom products		
1	Silk Sari	8
2	Cotton sari	50
3	Dance Dawani	40

II. Sales

1	Handloom products	Rs. 2,68,227
2	Block printing & Hand painting products	Rs. 2,03,190

4. Museum

32 artefacts (11 purses, 6 photographs and 15 prints) of Smt. Rukmini Devi Collections were catalogued.

5. Archives

1. Old photo slides and positives have been segregated into the nature of its event.
2. 45 Audio Cassettes have been marked and metadata has been created for them as part of the 8th installment of the IGNCA Digitization Project.
3. Data Backup - Data from Drobo 1 and Mac HD, containing 3 TB of data, has been backed up and loaded into Stellar Backup Hard disk. The data has been segregated according to the nature of its composition (Photographs/ Video/Documents etc.) and is now in separate folders named under its occurring year.
4. TAG Centre The digitized media installment no. 7 is complete and is being uploaded into the Tag systems. It takes around 20 hours for a single folder to be uploaded and since there are 27 folders, the data will gradually get loaded to the TAG systems for the benefit of the listeners.

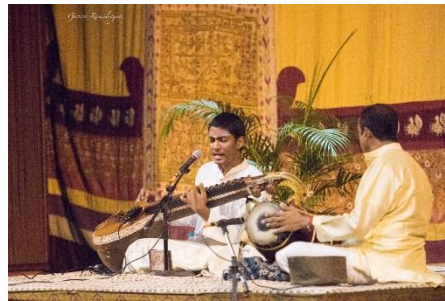
6. Theatre

(i) 'Sunaadam' Annual Music Festival on 29th & 30th August 2018

Considering the importance of promoting young and established talents in Carnatic music for the further growth of the art form and the global reach the artists could get by performing in the prestigious festival of Kalakshetra, it has been decided this year that that the said festival will be conducted as an Annual Festival of Kalakshetra as 'Sunaadam' Music Festival. This two-day festival showcased two carnatic music concerts on each day. The programs conducted were:

29th August 2018 : Carnatic vocal by Shri. Vignesh Ishwar
Carnatic vocal by Smt. K. Gayatri

30th August 2018 : Carnatic vocal by Smt. Nisha Rajagopalan
Veena recital by Shri. Ramana Balachandhran



A remuneration of Rs. 15,000/- was given to each set of Artists.

(ii) Monthly concerts on 31st August 2018

Kalakshetra Foundation conducted its monthly concerts on 31st August 2018 to showcase and promote promising talents in Classical Music and Dance as under—

- (a) Carnatic Vocal Concert by Smt. Aishwarya Srinivas
- (b) Bharatanatyam Recital by Smt. Stella Subbiah & Shri. Justin McCarthy

A total remuneration of Rs. 7,500/- was given to each set of Artists.



7. Repertory

Kalakshetra Foundation performed a Bharatanatyam Group Presentation on Lord Krishna on 3rd August 2018 at Aaranmula, Kerala, as part of the International Colloquium of 'Alliance Educational Foundation'. Remuneration to the Foundation: Rs. 1,00,000/-

8. **Outreach**

- (i) Aanmajothi Corporation School free dance classes for economically weaker section students are conducted in 7 schools regularly
- (ii) Kalakshetra Foundation in association with Aanmajothi started a new initiative, Kala Samvridhi for providing opportunity to talented students of Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts. As a part of the initiative two programs were conducted on 25th August 2018 at Narada Gana Sabha.
 - (a) Carnatic Vocal by Kum Gopika Harindranath
 - (b) Bharatanatyam by Kum. Anju N Chandran
- (iii) Guided tours were organized visits for a group of 15 French national and 8 international artists from Prakriti Foundation
- (iv) Various activities of Kalakshetra are regularly publicized in the various social networking sites like Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter. The events are published in Kalakshetra Website and sent to registered rasikas through email.

9. **Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School**

- (i) A Mass Gita Chanting for World Peace was conducted on 3rd August, 2018. Students chanted chapter 18 of the Gita.
- (ii) Assessment of Listening and Speaking Skills in English was conducted for class XI students on 6th August, 2018.
- (iii) On 7th August, 2018 a Tirukkural Competition was conducted for class XII Tamil students.
- (iv) Class VI students took part in a 3 hour programme on Eco Systems.
- (v) On 10th August, 2018 Folk Dance competition was conducted for classes XI to XII.
- (vi) On 11th August, 2018 various competitions were conducted by Kola Perumal Chetty School in Sanskrit language. Aavani Prasad of class XI won first prize in Oratorical Competition.
- (vii) A Career Guidance Session was organized on 16th August, 2018.
- (viii) Cambridge India organized a symposium on Mathematics at the Institute of Mathematical Sciences. Maths teacher attended the Symposium on 23rd August, 2018.
- (ix) A story telling competition was conducted for classes III to V on 24th August, 2018.

- (x) An essay writing competition on Mahaveer – Life and Teachings was conducted for classes VI – XII by Bhagwan Mahaveer Foundation on 29th August, 2018.
- (xi) Gandhi Study Centre conducted Examination on the ‘The Story of my Life’ for students of History on 31st August, 2018, 75 students participated.
- (xii) Dr. Maria Montessori’s Birthday was celebrated by the Montessori Sections on 31st August, 2018 by paying floral tribute. She was the founder of Montessori method of teaching and the first Montessori school was introduced in India in Kalakshetra campus by her.



10. **Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School**

- (i) Extra-Curricular Activities:
 - (a) Every Tuesday & Thursday - Yoga classes
 - (b) Every Monday & Wednesday – Classical Dance classes conducted by Aanmajothi
- (ii) 10.08.18- Awareness program was held for Deworming and Meditation to all the students by the Public health Department.
- (iii) 16.08.18- Maths exhibition was conducted, in which our school students presented many innovative and creative projects to understand the various concepts of Maths.
- (iv) 20.08.18- Religious Reconciliation day was observed in the school.
- (v) 20.08.18- One of the students was selected to receive a prosthetic hand for a congenital assembly in the hand through Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan - Inclusive Education for Disabled (SSA-IED) Scheme.
- (vi) 30.08.18- A drama was staged to commemorate the 149th birth anniversary of father of our nation Mahatma Gandhi.
