

Report for the Month of November, 2019

1. Central Office

Kalakshetra Foundation observed Indian Constitution day on 26th November 2019; staff and students took pledge.

Capital works

The following works were awarded during November 2019

Name of work	Value
Fabricating and providing operator cabin / console area - (stage lighting / sound equipment) inside the Rukmini Arangam	Rs.2,92,536/-
Supplying of special equipment for the ceramic section / Visual arts unit in Kalakshetra foundation	Rs.7,50,000/-
Supplying of refractory materials and allied materials in visual arts unit in Kalakshetra Foundation (For erection of Kiln)	Rs.4,50,00/-

2. Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts

- Lecture demonstration was conducted by Smt. Yashoda Thakore on "Devadasi Murai – Contribution of Devadasi to culture" on 02.11.2019
- Workshop was conducted by Shri Chandrasekara Kittappa Pillai - direct descendent of Tanjore Quartet on "Bharatanatyam" for the dance staff and students from 4th November 2019 – 8th November 2019.
- Lecture demonstration was conducted by Dr. R. Vedavalli on “Tiruppavai and Divya Prabandham” on 21st November 2019
- Award of Scholarship for the students under three categories for the year 2019 - 2020 was finalized.
- Convocation of Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts, the flagship unit of Kalakshetra Foundation was held on 30th November 2019. In the convocation, Diploma was awarded to 23 Bharatanatyam students, 8 Music students, and 2 Visual arts students. Post Diploma was awarded to 7 Bharatanatyam students. These students passed out in the examination held during

April 2019. The old tradition of giving Diplomas/ Post Diplomas in palm leave was re-introduced this year.

3. **Craft Education and Research Centre**

I. **Production for the month of November 2019**

S.No.	Block Printing Section	No of items
1	Chenderi Saree	3
2	Maheswari Saree	1
3	Handloom sarees	19
4	Stole	44
5	Towel	34
6	Blouse	8
7	Lungi	27
8	Dress material	47.80 meters

S.No.	Handloom Products	No of items
1	Silk Saris	8
2	Silk Stole	10
3	Cotton Korvai Saris	8
4	Cotton Saree	28
5	Cotton saree with Silk	4

II. **Sales**

S.No	Kalamkari Unit	Amount (in Rs.)
1	Kalamkari Sales	161907
2	Visitor's fees	10700
3	Job Order	3900
	CERC Weaving	
4	Silk Sarees	89560
5	Cotton Sarees	67150
6	Uniform material	2555
7	Dance Dawanies	4210
	Total	339982

4. **Theatre**

- Kalakshetra Foundation has conducted its regular monthly concerts for the month of November at Rukmini Arangam to showcase and promote promising talent in Dance and Music. On 7th November 2019 'Kuchipudi' dance was presented by Ms. Abhinaya

Nagajothy and on 8th November 2019, Smt. Jayalakshmi Sekhar did Carnatic Veena Recital.



Carnatic Veena Recital by Smt. Jayalakshmi Sekhar



'Kuchipudi' dance by Ms. Abhinaya Nagajothy

- Kalakshetra Foundation has performed Carnatic choir and variety dance performance on 18th November 2019 at Pondicherry for Commissionerate of GST and Central Excise, Chennai outer for their World Customs Organization meeting.
- Kalakshetra Foundation has performed variety dance performance on 19th November 2019 at Mahabalipuram for World Heritage Week organized by Tamil Nadu State Government.
- Kalakshetra Foundation has performed 'Choodamani Pradanam' dance drama on 22nd November 2019 at Pune for Nrityayatri.
- Shankarananada Kalakshetra has performed "tales from the bull and tiger" as collaborative event on 29th November 2019 at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium.

5. Archives

- 1000 images processed and formatted for viewing and distribution
- 1000 GB (1TB) of data backed up on archival optical discs
- 20 visitors from public utilised the archives
- 100 hours of video programming available for viewing
- 1,693 files in system tagged for retrieval

6. **Museum**

There were 64 visitors to the Museum during the month.

7. **Outreach**

- Kalakshetra Foundation has been organizing 'Kala Samvridhi' programme in collaboration with a NGO – Aanmajothi to provide opportunities of performance to Foundation's students. During the month of November, the program was conducted at Tattvaloka on 28th November 2019 where in Gopika Harindranath rendered Carnatic recital and Namitha B did Bharatanatyam.
- December season details were updated on social media and it was sent to various print media - Culturama magazine, Sruti magazine, The Hindu, The Times of India, The New India Express, Adyar Times, Mylapore Times, Nungambakkam Times, Online Sruti and Kutchuri Buzz
- Regularly updated Cultural ministry's weekly social online reports
- Created more than 20 posts on various online platforms – Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

8. **Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School**

- On 14.11.2019 School Annual Day was Celebrated.
- On 26.11.2019 National Constitution Day was observed in which Pledge was taken by 6th to 12th Std. students and teachers also.

9. **Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School**

- On 01st Nov 2019 Oriental Bank Conducted Program for Vigilance awareness Week. They Conducted Essay Competition for 9th to 12th students and gave trophy for winners.
- On 4th Nov 2019 Teachers and Students took oath for vigilance week
- On 8th Nov 2019 Diptheria Vaccination was given for II to XII Students
- On 14th Nov 2019 Children's day was celebrated in a grand manner.
- On 16th Nov 2019 Annual day was Celebrated.
- On 26th Nov 2019 – National Constitution Day was observed in which Pledge was taken.
- On 29th Nov 2019 Our Founder Arundale's birthday was celebrated.

