REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2022

1.CENTRAL OFFICE

➤ As part of Swachhta Pakhwada campaign, Kalakshetra Foundation has taken up the cleaning activities around the campus with all its Officers, Staff and Students on 21.04.2022. The team covered the area near the Rukmini Devi college, BCC hostel, Auditorium and BASS school with an aim to create awareness of avoiding usage of plastics and general cleanliness in the campus.

➤ Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) meetings held on 22.04.2022 and 23.04.2022 and promotions were effected as follows:-

Bharatanatyam faculty of Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts

❖ Two Assistant Professors (Bharatanatyam) were promoted as Professors (Bharatanatyam)
❖ Two Lecturers (Bharatanatyam) were promoted as Assistant Professors (Bharatanatyam)
❖ One Tutor (Bharatanatyam) was promoted as Lecturer (Bharatanatyam) ; all promotions were effected from 25.04.2022 F/N.

Carnatic Music faculty of Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts

❖ One Assistant Professor (Music) was promoted as Professor (Music)
❖ One Lecturer (Music) was promoted as Assistant Professor (Music)
❖ One Tutor (Music) was promoted as one Lecturer (Music);all promotions effected from 25.04.2022 A/N.

Civil Works:-

➤ The work of providing fire-fighting installation including construction of pump room at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium of Kalakshetra Foundation costing Rs.58,28,416/- awarded to CPWD.

➤ The work of upgrading of electrical fittings at RDCFA cottages of Kalakshetra Foundation Costing to Rs.16,79,406/- awarded to CPWD.

➤ The work of Internal and external painting works at RDCFA cottages of Kalakshetra Foundation Costing to Rs.22,04,600/- awarded to CPWD.

➢ The work of construction of pathway from Costume block to Art section of Kalakshetra Foundation costing to Rs.7,83,093/- is being executed by KF by calling for tenders.

The following work was undertaken during April 2022:-

➢ Fabrication, providing wooden cabin for console and sound equipment inside the Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium in mezzanine floor in KF costing Rs.3,75,000**/-**

2. RUKMINI DEVI COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS (RDCFA)

➢ Semester Examinations March / April 2022 were conducted.

➢ The college is in the process of receiving applications for full time diploma courses through google form.

➢ The college is closed for summer vacation from 26.04.2022 for students and for staff from 27.04.2022.

3. THEATRE

➢ Kalakshetra Foundation has performed "Ramayana" for ICCR on the occasion of 75th Year of Diplomatic relationship between India and the Netherlands on April 6th, 2022 at Amsterdam, Netherlands. Kalakshetra Foundation was privileged to perform in the august presence of The Honorable President of India His Excellency Sri. Ram Nath Kovind and His Majesty The King of Netherlands Willem-Alexander and Her Majesty The Queen Maxima.

➢ Rukmini Devi Natayashetra has hired Rukmini Arangam on 6th April 2022 for their annual day celebrations.

➢ Kalakshetra Foundation has performed "Maha Pattabhishekam" on 17th April 2022 for Indira Gandhi National Centre For The Arts "Raja Ravi Varma, Utsav of Varna, Rekha,Sangeeta" at Vadodara.Gujarat.

➢ Kalakshetra Foundation has performed "Variety dance performance" on 18th April 2022 for World Heritage Day organised by Archaeological survey of India, Chennai circle at Shore Temple,Mahabalipuram. The function was a grand success.

➢ Kalakshetra Foundation had celebrated Sadhabhishekam for Natayacharya Prof. A. Janardhanan on 23rd April 2022 at Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium. . The chief guest for the programme was Sri.S. Babaji Rajah Bhonsle – Hereditary Trustee,Thanjavur Devasthanam, Thanjavur. On this occasion "Karna Sapatham" dance drama – choreographed by Natyacharya Prof.A.Janardhanan was performed.

> ➤ Sri. Nagaraj has hired Rukmini Arangam on 24th April 2022 for their daughter Hasitha – Arangetram.

> ➤ Kalakshetra Foundation has performed "Veera Sudhandiram" dance drama on 29th April 2022 for V.O Chidambaranar Port Trust at Tuticorin.

4. BESANT ARUNDALE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (BASS School)
> ➤ School reopened for the Academic Year 2022 – 2023 on 6th April for all the classes except class XI.

➤ A webinar on "The modalities for the conduct of Term - II Exams" organized by CBSE and our school teachers attended.

5. CRAFT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (CERC)

Weaving
- Production of silk and silk cotton sarees - job order
- Production of silk vesti, kurtha, and angavastram for order from Sadhguru – Sri Sathya Sai university .
- Production in progress of silk cotton sarees and angavastram – for Sri Satya Sai university

Painting
- Regular production of panel - mythology paintings and tree of life
- Production of panels and for chief guest for Sri Janardhanan 80th birthday celebration
- Workshop for NIFT students

Printing :
- Printing on stoles for Sr. Janadhanan 80th Birthday celebration
- Regular production on Maheswari saree, chanderi, dupattas,
- Printing for salwar suits and dupattas.
- Job work – Kodali karuppu print on saree

Indigo / Natural Dye
- Indigo dyeing done –dyeing on hand spun cloth, bathik print, pen batik hand painting on hand spun cloth.

Workshops :
- Painting printing and natural dye workshops taken for NIFT students and for Ms. Sunitha, an entrepreneur working for empowering women in rural areas.

Education & Research

We have a Fulbright Nehru Scholar – Mr. Michael Richardson from Gulfport, Mississippi, USA. He is doing his research on ' Kalamkari in the 21st Century – Part two" . He is doing his research in Kalamkari painting at CERC. He had given a presentation for Visual arts students – Rukmini Devi college of Fine arts on print making and Kalamkari

- The sales for the month are as under—
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- Weaving items   Rs. 2.00 lacs
- Kalamkari items   Rs. 0.73 lacs
- Total   Rs. 2.73 lacs

Displayed a major part of the paintings and prints that were taken at the Red Fort for the Atmanibhar Bharat Centre for Design (ABCD) project.