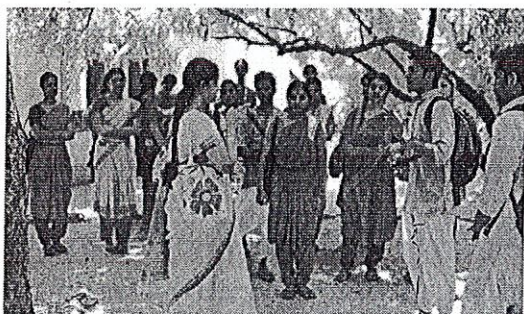


**Activities Report for August 2016**  
**Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai**



**Performance/ Festival Audience: 4800**

400 - Monthly Concert and Disha series  
2000 - Svanubhava  
1000 - Charsur  
1000 - Prakriti Foundation  
400 - Madras week events

**Outreach: 2660**

50 - Heritage walk & visitors  
110 - Corporation School outreach  
2500 Independence Day performance audience in 5 schools

**A) Rukmini Devi College of fine arts**

**1. Lectures and Demonstrations**

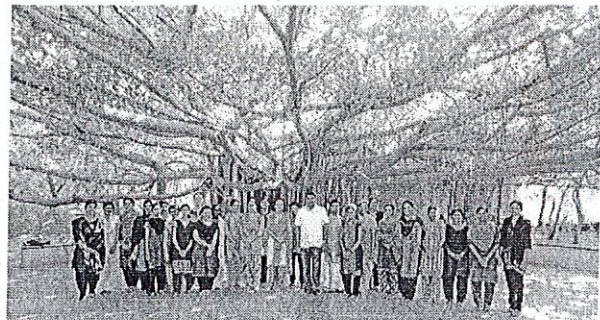
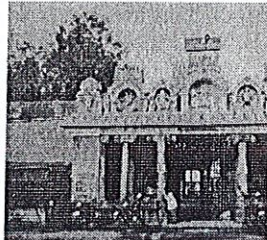
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1	Katha Kalakshepam: "Nava Vidha Bakthi"	6 August	Arjun Rakesh & Aswin Siddharth, 4 yr dance students	All dance students
2	Lecture: 'Varnam: Less Studied Aspects'	6 August	Dr. N.Ramanathan	Music students and Music faculty
3	Workshop: "Natyasastra "	9-11 & 16 August	Dr. Gayathri Kannan	PG 1&2yr students & teachers
4	Workshop: "Thiagaraja Kirtis"	17&18 August	Sangeetha Vidwan O.S.Thyagarajan	Music students and music staff
5	Lecture: Gita Govindam	20 August	Sudha Seshaiyan	4 <sup>th</sup> year, P.G. 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> yr dance
6	Lec-dem	25 August	Gandhirajan.K.T.	Visual Arts Students
7	Lecture: River Saraswati	30 August	Kalyana Raman	Dance students





## 2. Madras Week Celebrations

With traditional games, inspirational stories of women, appreciation of local environment and art history Kalakshetra Foundation marked the 377 birthday of Madras.



Date	Time	Speaker	Topic
19 Friday	2-4pm	<i>Vinita Siddharth</i>	Kreeda Games
20 Saturday	11-1am	Dr. Chitra Madhavan	Stone Gallery walk, Museum
21 Sunday	8-9am	Nizhal	Guided tree walk
25 Thursday	2-4pm	<i>Vinita Siddharth</i>	Kreeda Games
26 Friday	2- 3.30pm	Dr.V.R.Devika	Rukmini Devi and Muthulakshmi Reddy - two women from Madras
29 Monday	2-4pm	Dr. Chitra Madhavan	Temples around Chennai
30 Tuesday	3-4pm	Sriram V	December Music season

### B) Crafts Education and Research Centre

#### Workshops: Project – Documentation of Kalakshetra sari

Upasana Silk Yarn dyeing training workshop was conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup>& 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016. In this workshop, 5 weavers and 1 dyer of Kalakshetra Foundation and 6 weavers of Andhra Pradesh were participated





• **Showroom Sales**

Kalamkari	Rs. 2,36,768
Weaving	Rs. 2,09,906
TOTAL	Rs.4,46,674



- Visitor's fees Rs.3200
- HP course fees Rs. 5,500
- CERC grounds was hired by Manya Arts and Krafts to showcase local handicrafts and handloom.

**B) Museum**

The month of July continued with the segregation of books of Smt. ShantaRaoCollection, which is work in progress. Further 68 accessions (115 objects) of Smt. ShantaRao Collection was measured and described from Lot 01 (Fiction and Non-fiction books) and Lot 02(Magazines/Journals). Training regarding cataloguing books and sarees continued for Ms. Chandra, the newly appointed museum staff. Ten sarees of Smt. Rukmini Devi were given to CERC for a period of 30 days.

**C) Rukmini Arangam Theatre**

**18August:**Disha series monthly concert at Tagore Hall.

**19 August:**The monthly concert for August was a Bharatanatyam recital by Smt. Lavanya Ananth at Rukmini Arangam.

**22 – 24 August Svanubhava :** Collaborative event at Rukmini Arangam. This reached out specifically to new and young audience focusing on schools. Every event had approximately 500 in audience. Schedule attached.



**25 – 27 August :** Hall hire Rukmini Arangamby Charsur Arts foundation

**28 August :** Collaboration with Charsur Foundation – Concert of violin maestro Padma Bushan Sri. T.N.Krishnan

**30, 31 and 1September:** Collaborative event with Prakriti Foundation for PECDA.

**D) Repertory Company performances:**

**22 August:** The Kalakshetra Repertory dance company performed as part of Svanubhava festival..

E) Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School

**National Children's Award Nomination:**

Three students of our school have been nominated for National Child Award for exceptional achievement – Varuna of class XI for Visual Arts, S. R. Padmitha of class XI for Classical Dance (Bharatnatyam) and Sakthishree of class VIII for Silambam.



**Activities**

**3 August:**

- Morning Assembly included chanting of Gita verses for World peace.
- Girl students from senior classes attended an interactive Health Awareness camp Focussing on Cervical Cancer which was conducted by Women's Life Care Center.
- 12 standard Commerce students visited ECO Kitchen, Injambakkam to study ECO friendly cooking, recycling, reusage of kitchen waste and methods of saving of cooking fuel.

**6 August:** To mark the sad demise of Smt. Vasudhara Devi, a retired Telugu teacher who also taught primary classes, the students marked two minutes of silence during the morning assembly.

Fine Arts students of class twelfth were taken on an educational trip to Hampi and Bangalore for 4 days to study Architecture and History.

**15 August:** Marked by solemnity and nationalistic spirit, the 70th Independence Day was celebrated at BTHS School. Sri. Y Manikandan, Tamil Scholar was the Chief Guest.



**18 & 20 August:** Guest lecture by Smt. Susheela Ravindran for 12 standard Economics students

**23 August:** P.S. Dental Care Pvt. Ltd conducted a dental camp focussing on oral hygiene in the morning assembly followed by a dental check up for all students.

**26 August:**

- Mass singing of the National Anthem was performed by our students as a part of the Azaadi - 70 –Yaad Karo Kurbani, Independence Fortnight Celebrations.
- Children prepared Greeting Cards and sent them to the Officer's Training Academy.
- A fancy dress competition was conducted for students of classes IX – XII.
- Newspaper in Education, Times of India, conducted workshop for students of classes VI – VIII on the topic 'Fun with Maths'.



- Class XI students were taken to Periyar Science and Technology Centre to attend a workshop on stress management with Yoga and Naturopathy conducted by Dr. R. Latha, Medical Officer, Children's Hospital, Egmore.

Model Summative Assessment – I for classes IX and X are being conducted.

On 4th August, 2016, teachers of BASS school were given training on the technical aspects of using extra marks for classroom teaching and evaluation purpose

#### **F) Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School**

##### **BTHS Management Committee Meeting**

This was conducted on 29 August. Resolutions were passed to promote two teachers and fill in the then vacant positions for Social Science and Tamil. Norms of procedure to approach the District Education Officer (DEO) was laid down.

##### **Activities:**

##### **12 August-Financial Awareness:**

A session for students from Class 1 to 10 to increase awareness amongst students about savings and opening of accounts.

##### **15 August – Independence Day:**

The Chief Guest, Prof. Manikandan from Madras University hoisted the Flag and the Independence Day was celebrated with enthusiastic patriotism

##### **16&17 August: Competitions:**

Junior Red Cross conducted Speech, Essay and Drawing competition at District Level and Jennifer of IX B got 2nd prize in Tamil Essay Competition.

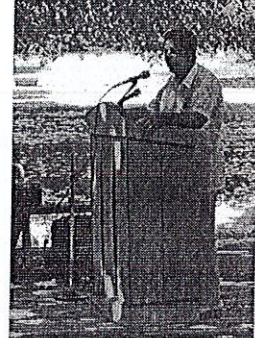
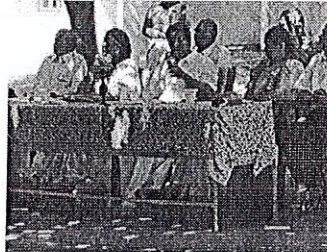
##### **17 August: Volley Ball match was conducted for "C Zone".**

**20 August:** Tennis match was conducted in our school for "C Zone". Five of our students participated. K Prasanth – VIII B was selected at the District Level.

**26 August:** Chess Tournament at District Level was conducted at Kumararaja Meena Muthiah HSS. Four of our school students participated in the Under 14 and under 17 categories.

**29 - 31 August:** SSA conducted training at CIT Nagar. Mrs. R. Mariammal, Mrs. M. Juliet, Mr. R. Ravindran and Mr. Nagendran attended the training.

**31 August:** Volley Ball Match for U14 and U17 boys was conducted at District level at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. Five boys from VII B and VIII participated in Boys Under 14, and four boys from X B participated in Under 17.



### **G) Outreach**

#### Heritage Walk

Kalakshetra conducts heritage walks around the campus to create awareness about its founder and art history of India from pre-independence to the present days. We had two such groups in August:

5 August - YAP Students who were children of members of the international 41ers club

18 August - Students from Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan.

#### Visitors:

19 August: We also had a special visit from a group of two year old children along with their parents from the Indus Early Learning Center who explored music and movement within the Kalakshetra campus.

20 August: Students from K.T.C.T. Girls' Hr. Sec. School, Sowcarpet, linguistic minority, Telugu medium school from downtrodden families enjoyed a field trip to our campus.

#### Community outreach

As part of Kalakshetra's collaboration with Aanmajothi, our alumni took Bharatanatyam classes in six Corporation Schools in Chennai and reached out to a total of almost 110 students. Five of these schools even performed an item for Independence day in their respective schools.

### **H) Capital Works**

Renovation work of Koothambalam has been awarded to CPWD.

Procurement of furniture items has been awarded to CPWD.



## **Svanubhava 2016 – Schedule** @ Rukmini Arangam, Kalakshetra

### **Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 9.00am – Inauguration by Suguna Varadachari with N. Murali (President, Music Academy) & Priyadarshini Govind (Director, Kalakshetra)
- 9.15am – Mohiniattam by Dr. Neena Prasad
- 10.15am – Carnatic Vocal by Suguna Varadachari (vocal), R. Hemalatha (violin) & B. Ganapathyraman (mrdangam)
- 12.15pm – Performance by the students of Kalakshetra
- 1.30pm – Paraiattam by Friends Kalai Kuzhu

### **Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Special Guest – N. Gopaldaswami (Chairman, Kalakshetra)
- 9.00am – Musical Play by Gowri Ramnarayan with Sujit, M. Vijay, K.H. Vineeth, V. Sai Subramaniam
- 10.30am – Bharatanatyam by Meenakshi Srinivasan
- 12.30pm – Namasankirtanam by Udayalur Kalyanaraman
- 1.30pm – Nagaswaram by Mambalam M.K.S. Siva

### **Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 9.00am – Hindustani Vocal by Arun Kashalkar
- 10.30am – Tamil Play by Chennai Kalaikuzhu – *Payanam*, directed by Pralayan
- 12.30pm – A brief insight into the documentary '*Yaadhum*' – a film about Tamil Muslim history & identity along with commentary by filmmaker **Kombai S. Anwar** followed by Tamil Sufi Music by **The Nagore Sufi Trio**
- 1.45pm – Tala Vadyam by N.C. Bharadwaj (mrdangam), S. Swaminathan (khanjira), S. Sunil Kumar (Tavil), S. Krishna (ghatam)
- 7.00pm – Concert by N. Ravikiran (chitraveena), Nagai R. Sriram (violin), Neyveli R. Narayanan (mrdangam), K.V. Gopalakrishnan (khanjira)

**Workshops@4pm** Music Workshop by N. Vijay Siva | Dance Workshop by Bragha Bessel | 'Does Art Unlock the doors to Learning?' – A hands-on workshop on art and creativity in education by Ms. Prema Rangachary and faculty from VidyaVanam, Anaikatti (A school for underprivileged and tribal children.