

Activities Report for July 2016
Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai

A) Rukmini Devi College of fine arts

1. Lectures and Demonstrations

| Sl. No. | Topic | Held on | Conducted by | For whom |
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| 1. | "Dance Related Inscriptions in Tamil Nadu" | 16 July | Mr.Pradeep Chakravarthy | dance students |
| 2. | "Manodharmam" | 16 July | Ms.R.S.Jayalakshmi | music staff and students |
| 3. | "Natyasastra" | 15, 18, 22, 25 and 29 of July | Dr Padma Subhramanyam | dance faculty members |
| 4. | "River Saraswathi" | 18 July | Mr.Hari | All students |
| 5. | "Kasi to Rameswaram" | 27 & 28 July | Ms.Charumathi Ramachandran | music staff and students |
| 6. | "Portrait Painting" | 27 - 29 July | Sri. Jayakumar | visual arts students |
| 7. | "Atta Kalari" | 30 July | Sri Jayachandran Ms. Hema | dance staff & P.G. 1 st & 2 nd yr dance students |

2. Oral History and Documentation :

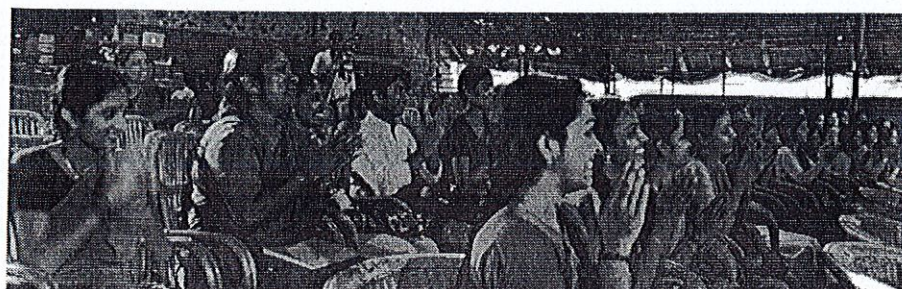
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| 1. | "Adavu" | 28 July | Smt.N.S.Jayalakshmi and Smt.Shanta Dhananjayan | dance faculty |
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3. Workshops & Training :

A five -day Arts Management Workshop was curated and presented by Kalakshetra Foundation for around 100 students comprising of the 3rd, 4th year Diploma and PG 1st and 2nd year dance and music

students of the Rukmini Devi College of Finer Arts, with the support of Centre for Cultural Resource and Training, Government of India (Delhi). The course schedule was as follows:

| DATE | TIME | TOPIC | SPEAKER | VENUE |
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| 22 July 2016 | 1- 2 pm | Managing a Performing Arts Career | Anjana Anand | Arangam |
| | 2-3 pm | Managing a Performing arts Career | Dr Radha Bhaskar | Arangam |
| 23 July 2016 | 1-4 pm | Empowering through Arts Education | Uma Vishwanathan, Nalanda Way | Tagore Hall |
| | 1-4pm | Arts as a Life Skill | Sangeeta Isvaran | Arangam |
| 24 July 2016 | 10-11am | Art Education | Sangeeta Sivakumar | Arangam |
| | 11-1 pm | Writing Skills for Artists | Akhila Krishnamurthy, Aalaap | Arangam |
| | 2-4pm | Compering for Artists | Natyarangam | Arangam |
| 25 July 2016 | 3-5pm | Performing Arts as a Career | Anil Srinivasan | Arangam |
| | 5-7pm | Sustainable Management Practices | Prashant Vasu, Senior Partner, McKinsey | Arangam |
| 26 July 2016 | 1-2.30pm | Building Links with Society, Audiences and Media | Sadanand Menon, Adjunct Faculty at the Asian College of Journalism & IIT, Madras | Arangam |
| | 2:30pm to 4:00pm | Sculptures of India with reference to dance and music | Dr. Chitra Madhavan, Eminent Scholar | Arangam |



The eclectic line up of speakers impressed the young students with their honest sharing, reiterating the values of good practise and focus on art, hard-work, perseverance and self awareness. It was very helpful for the students to reorient themselves and step into the real world. The course specifically worked on equipping these young students to design and achieve their dreams in a pragmatic manner.

B) Crafts Education and Research Centre

Showroom Sales

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| Kalamkari | Rs. 1,56,624 | |
| Weaving | Rs.1,70,078 | |
| TOTAL | <u>Rs. 3,26,702</u> | Job Order Rs. 760 |

C) Museum

The month of July continued with the segregation of books of Smt. Shanta Rao Collection, which is work in progress. Further 56 accessions (59 objects) of Smt. Shanta Rao Collection was measured and described from Lot 01 (Fiction and Non-fiction books) and Lot 02(Magazines/Journals). Training regarding cataloguing books, metals and porcelain artefacts, continued for the newly appointed museum staff.

D) Rukmini Arangam Theatre and Repertory Company performances:

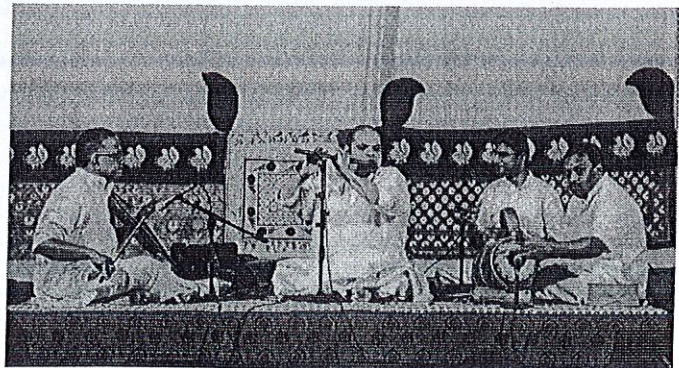
The monthly concert for August was a carnatic flute recital by Thiruvarur S. Swaminathan at Rukmini Arangam on 29 July.

2 July: Repertory performance for Indian Bank Conference at Leela Palace Chennai

9 July: Repertory performance at the marriage reception of Sri. Ravi Kumar at Rina venue, Chennai

16 July: "Hela", a Kathakali performance at Arangam in collaboration with Tapasya Kathakali Akademi

27 July: Students of Kalakshetra performed at a collaborative event organised by IWA.



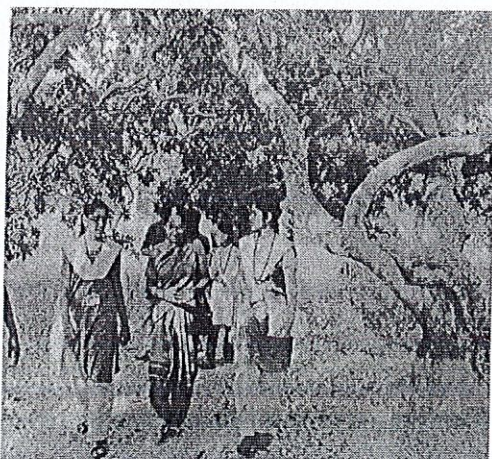
E) Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School

Different competitions were conducted to encourage co-curricular activities

| Date | Competition | Participating classes |
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| 1 July | Story Telling | III – V |
| 2 July | Story Writing | VI – VIII |
| 2 July | Elocution | IX – XII |
| 22 July | Singing competition | III – V |

Vivekebhary Academy for Excellence conducted full day workshops for teachers on 'XL ED' at our school on 16th, 23rd and 30th. It focussed on understanding the needs of the students and how to make teaching interesting and effective.

Celebrating Nature – 2016 was a collation of a yearlong series of activities focussing on raising environmental awareness which included Nature walks, Drought awareness, Water Conservation, Soil Conservation. Maintaining a Compost Pit, and cleaning of campus amongst others. An Art from Waste competition was conducted for students of classes VI to VIII. A detailed report on the schools participation in Celebrating Nature was sent to the CBSE along with the relevant photographs.



Smt. Kala Alfred, a non-teaching staff member with a long dedicated service to the institution retired from service on July, 31st. A fitting farewell was given to her on June 30th by the Staff and School Management.

Other activities for this month for as follows:

2 July: Smt. Susheela Ravindran, Vice-Principal of Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School gave a Guest Lecture on Economics to class XII Economics students.

8 July: Social Science teacher attended a workshop on 'How to bring Gandhiji to the classrooms'. This was conducted by Gandhi Peace Foundation at Thakarbapa Vidyalaya. Further, a fancy dress competition on 'Great Leaders' was conducted for primary classes by Heritage Club.

12 July: The Principal attended the National Award Selection Committee Meeting by K.V. Sangatan.

18 & 19 July: Students of classes XI and XII attended a Seminar on Physics, Mathematics and Computer Science conducted by the Central Mathematical Institute, SIPCOT.

28 July: Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School conducted Interschool Cultural Competitions titled 'Smaraneeyam'. Our students participated in Carnatic Solo Music competition and won the I and II prizes.

29 July: Role Play competition on Eminent Scientists was conducted by the Science Club. Students brought to stage the life and achievements of great scientists and also gave valuable and interesting information about scientists.

Students of senior classes participated in a dance competition as a part of inter-school cultural conducted by Kola Perumal Chetty Senior Secondary School.

Miss Varuni conducted interesting sessions for students of class VIII and Miss Apoorva engaged the students of classes VII and VIII in sessions on Astronomy using multimedia presentations.

F) Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School

On 8 July, 35 books (Tamil and English) were collected along with supplementary readers. An academic committee meeting was held on 14 July. Free uniform was collected from the government on 18 July. First mid- term examinations were conducted from 10 to 12 standard from 22 to 28 July. Indent for Question paper was sent to Government Higher Secondary School, MGR Nagar on 25 July.

Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, SSA, an offsite teacher training camp, was conducted from 23 to 30 July.

JRC camp was conducted for two days on 26 & 27 July at JRC Main Office. Mr.Saravanan, Secondary Grade teacher, and five students attended this camp.

Other events:

15 July: Birthday of Kamaraj was celebrated with songs. Speech, essay writing and Poetry competitions were also held.

20 July: Following a free eye camp conducted by Mrs. Sheela, president, Rotary Club; free spectacles were issued in Radhathri Hospital.

25 July: An awareness program on Dengue was conducted by Chennai Corporation, Zone -13. Ms.Leela Priya, Sanitary Inspector spoke about personal and environmental care and how to keep the surroundings clean .Nilavembu extract water was given to all the children.