

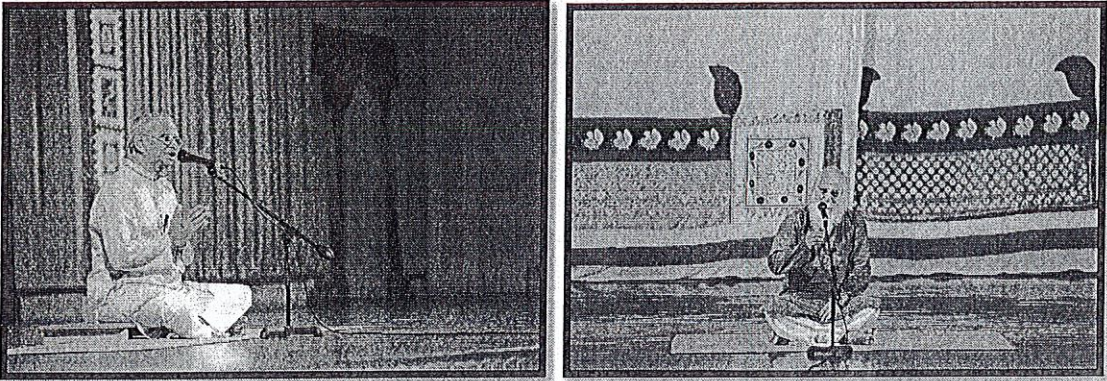
**ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2016
AT KALAKSHETRA FOUNDATION, CHENNAI**

I. Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts

1. Vidyarambam

The College of Fine Arts re-opened on the 16th of June after the summer vacations. The academic year began with 39 new students in Bharatanatyam, 17 students in Carnatic Music and 2 students in Visual Arts. 13 students were inducted into the one-year Visual Arts Course.

The Vidyarambam Function was held on the morning of 27th June 2016. Eminent artist Ms. Pratibha Prahlad was the special guest of the day. She blessed all the new students for a successful academic year.



Vidyarambam in Sanskrit and Tamil being conducted by Kalakshetra Lecturers Sri. K. Balasubramaniam and Prof. S. Raghuraman.

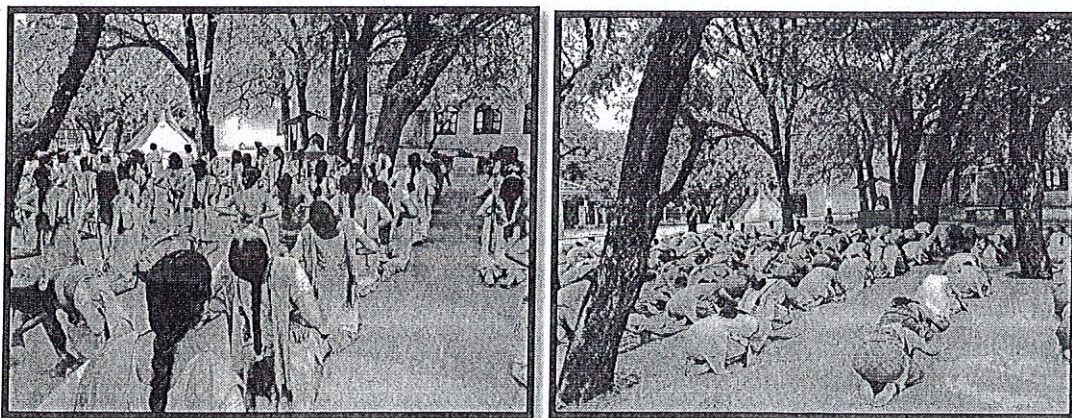


Chief Guest Ms. Pratibha Prahlad addressing the students.

II. Yoga Day Celebrations

Yoga Day was celebrated across the board in Kalakshetra with several events to mark the occasion.

- On 21st June members of the Krishnamachari Yoga Mandiram conducted Yoga sessions at the Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts.
- Yoga sessions were conducted by the Isha Yoga Foundation for students of class 3 to 12 of the BASS School on 17th June and for Students of Class 1 to 12 of the BTHSS School on 21st June. Basic Asanas and Pranayama that lead to a healthy lifestyle were taught.
- On 21st June, members from Krishnamachari Yoga Mandiram held yoga sessions for the children of Class IX to XII of BASS School. The benefits of Yoga for physical and mental health were highlighted. Exercises to bring relief from problems due to postures, carrying school bags were specifically taught.



Yoga Sessions for students

III. Lecture Demonstrations

The following lecture demonstrations were held for the RDCFA in the month of June.

Department	Date	Speaker	Topic
Dance	28 th June 2016	Pratibha Prahlad	Bharatanatyam
Music	29 th June 2016	Radha Bhaskar	Musical excellence in Sri Thyagaraja's compositions
Visual Arts	30 th June 2016	Trotsky Marudu	Introduction to Art

IV. Monthly Programs

The Monthly Programs at Rukmini Arangam commenced with a vocal concert presented on 29th June 2016 by Smt. Vasudha Ravi.

V. Kalakshetra Repertory

The Kalakshetra Repertory performed at the National conference at ISRO Sriharikota at the Satish Dhawan Space centre on 24th June.

VI. Crafts Education and Research Centre

The Regular Showroom Sales for the month were as follows

Kalamkari	Rs. 1,04,043.00
Weaving	Rs. 2,49,075.00
TOTAL	Rs. 3,53,118.00
Visitor fees	Rs. 2,200.00
HP Course Fees	Rs 7,000.00
Job Order	Rs 950.00

VII. Schools

a) Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School

The school reopened on 9th June, 2016 after the summer vacation.

Teachers' Training

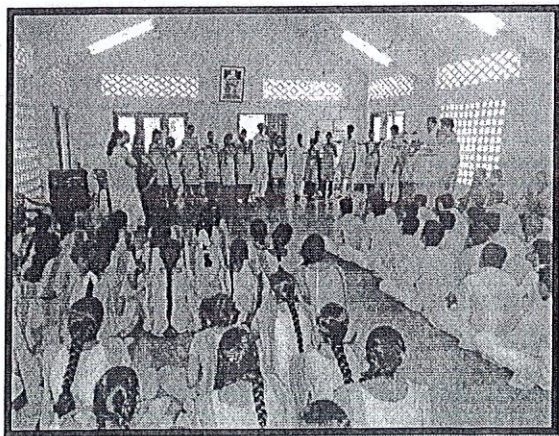
On 7th, Mr. Murali - an alumni addressed the teachers on Environmental issues and offered to help the teachers through Alumni Association in their activities to improve environment of the school campus.

Smt. S. Mini, attended a lecture delivered by Tushar Gandhi, a great grand-son of Mahatma Gandhi on 29th June, 2016 on Gandhi and Education. Smt. Mini later briefed the teachers on salient points of the lecture during the staff meeting.

Extra and Co-curricular Activities

On 17th, Mr. Sundarajan, an environmentalist addressed the students giving valuable information on the threat to environment by human actions, on threat to species of birds and animals. He encouraged the children to develop sensitivity and responsibility towards environment.

Students from Senior classes were nominated to the Students Council and Elections for the post of Student Secretary and Joint Student Secretary were held in a democratic manner. All students took part in the voting process on 18th June. On 29th installation of Office Bearers and inauguration of Co-curricular activities was held. Smt. Renuka Devi, retired teacher of our school was the Chief Guest.



On 23rd the Principal addressed the parents of students of IX & X giving them details about the Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation. The marks distribution for FAs, SAs, ASL were informed. Rules regarding promotion were also informed to the parents.

Students of Senior classes participated in Inter School Cultural Competition conducted by Bhavan's Rajaji Vidyashram on 23, 24th July, 2016 and won second prize for dance. They also participated in Bala Vidya Mandir, Kalanjali Ventures, an inter-school cultural competition, for which results are awaited.

b) Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School

The school reopened on 1st June 2016 after the summer vacation.

Free textbooks and notebooks were received from the Tamil Nadu Government and distributed to the students.

Awareness Programs

On 29-06-2016 an Awareness programme was conducted by Dr. Jayalakshmi (WLCC Organisation) to bring awareness on hygienic and safe usage of sanitary napkins and prevention of cervical cancer.

Student Activities

On 21st June 2016, World Music Day was celebrated on the school campus by the Music Teacher and students.

On 21st June, students K Mohammed Ashiq and N Ganesh of Class 19th participated in the 'A.R. RAHMAN CHOIR - CHILDREN' world music competition conducted by Radio Mirchi at Nalanda Way Organisation, Chennai

On 28th June, the school team participated in the school level volley ball match at Sri Shankara Matriculation Higher Secondary School and qualified for the Quarter Finals.