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Report for the Month of August 2017

1. Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts

- (i) On 7th August 2017, Dr. B. Govindarajan, Head of Music Department (in charge), Annamalai University, Chidambaram conducted a lecture demonstration on "Fundamental beauties of basic lessons of Carnatic Music".
- (ii) 3rd year dance, music and visual arts students visited Chidambaram as educational tour on 10th August 2017.
- (iii) Independence Day was celebrated at BASS School, students from RDCFA also participated.
- (iv) A workshop on "Contributions and Creations of Oottukkadu Venkata Kavi" was conducted by Sangeet Samrat Chitravina N. Ravikiran, a well-known musician from 18th -19th August 2017.
- (v) Lecture demonstration by Keremane Shri.Shivananda Hegde, Director of the Yakshagana Troupe on 19th August 2017.
- (vi) 4th year dance, music and visual arts students visited Thanjavur, Thiruvarur & Mannargudi as educational tour on 22nd and 23rd August 2017.

- (vii) Music Students of Kalakshetra sang bhajans in Marundeeswarar temple in connection with Adipatha Nayanar festival on 21st August 2017.

2. Craft Education and Research Centre

I. Production

Sl. No.	Printing Section Kalamkari Section	No. of items
1	Towel	81 Nos.
2	Lunghi	12 Nos.
3	Single bed spreads	21 Nos.
4	Table cloth and napkins	3 Nos.
5	Dress material	27.40 mts
6	Table mat with Napkin	12 sets

	Painting Section	
1	Wall panel	12 Nos
2	Handloom Sari	2 Nos

	Made up articles	
1	Toilet Case	50 Nos
2	Travel Bag	44 Nos

	Weaving Department	
1	Silk Sari	10 Nos
2	Silk Stole	1 No
3	Cotton sari	18 Nos
4	Dance Dawani	15 Nos
5	Dress materials	796 mts

II. Sales

Weaving Department	Rs. 2,97,092
Kalamkari Unit	Rs. 1,41,598

3. Museum

- (i) 330 artefacts were segregated and catalogued
- (ii) 2329 photographs were scanned that were transferred from the archive department.

4. Library

- (i) Annual Stock verification Statement for the R & D Library was prepared as per the request of the auditing team along with the statement.
- (ii) 100 books have been catalogued, classified and their details have been entered into the system.

5. Theatre

Rukmini Arangam Theater is under renovation. Hence, no performance can be conducted until the theater is ready.

6. Repertory

Kalakshetra Foundation performed "Variety Programme" as part of the International Conference organized by the Fluid Control Research Institute (FCRI) at Palakkad on 29th August 2017. A team of 32 members from Kalakshetra participated. Kalakshetra Foundation received a fee of Rs 1,35,000/-



7. Central Office

- (i) The contract for engagement of personnel on outsourced basis was awarded to M/s.Gaviko Artistic Creators and Event Management Amenities (P) Ltd.,Polichalur, Chennai for a period of one year from 01.09.2017 to 31.08.2018.
- (ii) On 24th August, 2017 evening there was a lightening strike near the central office and due to this network, internet cables, Telephone lines, ten computers, UPS and other electrical gadgets were severely affected in the campus. The restoration work is still in progress. As we have lightening conductor in our Rukmini Arangam the damage is less.
- (iii)The construction of Rukmini Arangam which was awarded to CPWD last month was progressing well. We have requested MoC for diversion of funds from other capital works to meet the rest on account of electrical work, wooden stage flooring, sound equipment and stage-lighting to enable completion of work at the earliest.
- (iv)Work has been awarded to CPWD for construction of wash room complex at C.E.R.C. Exhibition grounds at an estimated cost of Rs.35,46,000/-.
- (v) Advertisement was issued in the leading newspapers on 12th August, 2017 to fill the two posts of Semi Skilled worker in our C.E.R.C. and the last date to receive the application is on 11th September, 2017.

8. Outreach

- (i) Dr.David Shulman's Whabiz Merchant memorial lecture (IV Edition) was conducted on 9th August 2017 at 7 PM under the Banyan Tree in association with Prakriti Foundation
- (ii) Heritage walk/ visits coordinated
 - (a) 10th August 2017: 10 Thai dancers from Buditpatanasilpa Institute, Thailand visited Kalakshetra
 - (b) 11th August 2017: Learning Tree Montessori School, Adyar came with 35 kids and 5 teachers for a visit
 - (c) 17th August 2017: A group of pre-final architecture student from Thiagarajar College of Engineering, Madurai came for a one-day study visit
 - (d) 18th August 2017: Learning Tree Montessori School, Adyar visited Kalakshetra with 70 kids and 5 teachers
 - (e) 18th August 2017: 37 Kids from KC Prep visited CERC Unit to understand and observe the process of weaving and Kalamkari techniques
 - (f) 24th August 2017: Dr V R Devika conducted Heritage walk for 6 Germans from Auroville
 - (g) 31th August 2017: Indus Early Learning Centre visited Kalakshetra with 13 kids

- (iii) South Zone Cultural Centre's cultural program "Sankalp Se Siddhi" was held on 16th August 2017 under the Banyan Tree
- (iv) Tagore Hall Monthly program was held on 17th August 2017. Ms Subhashree gave a solo Violin performance followed by a Bharatnatyam concert by Madhurya
- (v) Aanmajothi, the cultural wing of Saraswathi Vidyalaya in association with Kalakshetra Foundation conducted dance workshop for 6 Corporation schools

9. **Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School**

- (i) Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated on 24th August 2017.
- (ii) Students participated in Inter school science exhibition, held on 31st August 2017 at Ramakrishna Mission Higher Secondary School, Mylapore.

10. **Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School**

- (i) Senior students participated in an interschool cultural competition conducted by GT Aloha school and KRMM College on 2nd August, 2017.
- (ii) Annual sports day was celebrated on 17th August 2017. Students from Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts and Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School also participated.
- (iii) On 3rd August 2017, students of Class VI- XII participated in mass Gita chanting for global peace. On the same day Times NIE 'Colour Splash' competition was organized and a number of prizes were won.
- (iv) Indian Post conducted, a letter writing competition on 3rd and 4th of August 2017 for the students of Class VI- XII. The topic of the letter writing was 'Dear Bapu, you inspired me'.
