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Report for the Month of December 2017

1. Rukmini Devi College of Fine Arts

- (i) Lecture demonstration was conducted for the Post Diploma Dance students on 15th & 16th December 2017 by Dr. M. Jayaraman – An expert in Yoga and Sanskrit.
- (ii) A leading Bharatanatyam exponent Smt. Sreelatha Vinod conducted a workshop on 'Natyasastra' for Post Diploma 1st and 2nd Dance students on 14, 21 & 22 December 2017.
- (iii) Shri Ezhilarasan an eminent artist from Puducherry - conducted a workshop on Creative Design from 28th- 30th December 2017.
- (iv) A senior alumna of Kalakshetra, Vidushi Smt. Radha Thandaveswar- disciple of legendary Carnatic Musicians Shri M. D. Ramanathan, Shri Budalur Krushnamurthy and Shri Papanasam Sivan conducted workshop on 'M. D. Ramanathan Music compositions' on 26 & 27 December 2017.
- (v) Condolence meeting was organised in memory of late Shri B. Seetharama Sharma, a close associate of Smt. Rukmini Devi on 29 December 2017.
- (vi) As a part of Karthigai Somavaram, music concert was held at Sri Marundeeswarar Temple on 4th and 11th December 2018.

2. Craft Education and Research Centre

I. Production

Sl. No.	Printing Section Kalamkari Section	No. of items
1	Sari	40 Nos.
2	Blouses	41 Nos.
3	Dress materials	129.70 mts
4	Towels	40 Nos.
5	Lungi	1 No
6	Salwar sets	3 Nos

Painting Section		
1	Wall panel (Big)	1 No
2	Sari	6 Nos

Made up articles		
1	Cushion cover	11 Nos
2	Table and napkins	4 sets

Weaving Department		
1	Silk Sari	11 Nos
2	Cotton sari	19 Nos
3	Dance Dawani	16 Nos

II. Sales

Weaving Department	Rs. 3,50,636
Kalamkari Unit	Rs. 2,21,769

3. Library

120 books have been catalogued, classified and their details entered into the system.

4. Museum

- (i) 100 photographs from the Archives department were scanned.
- (ii) 71 artefacts of Rukmini Devi collections were catalogued. This included metal, porcelain, wood and silver items.

5. Archives

- (i) Archival data in Stellar Backup2 hard disk has been separated year wise and categorized as Audio, Video and Photographs.
- (ii) A project to create Kalakshetra's promo videos for 10 dance dramas (6 Ramayanas along with Kannappar Kuravanji, Andal Charitham, Meenakshy Vijayam & Koormavataram) has been initiated.

6. Theatre

Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium (Koothambalam): Part-B of renovation work relating to Civil and Electrical has been awarded to CPWD in the month of May 2017. CPWD are in the process of preparation of tender documents and the actual work is likely to be taken up in February 2018.

Rukmini Arangam Renovation work is in progress. Re-roofing will be completed in January and the Arangam will be put to use for performance activities.

7. Repertory

(i) A 14 member troupe presented a one hour Bharatanatayam performance at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's TAG Auditorium, on 19th December 2017 and a honorarium of Rs.15,000/- was received.

(ii) Monthly programs were conducted on 20 December 2017 at Tagore Hall. Two Carnatic concerts were conducted which included:

- Carnatic Vocal Recital by Shri. P.V.Ajay Namboodiri
- Nagaswaram Recital by Shri. Mambalam S. Sivakumar & Party

8. Central Office

(i) Kalakshetra Foundation was availing security services through Tamil Nadu Ex-servicemen's Corporation Limited for the past several years. The Corporation had revised the wages of ex-servicemen engaged as security personnel substantively in comparison to minimum wages which has resulted in huge recurring expenditure to the Foundation. In view of this, with a view to reduce expenditure, the Foundation had floated tenders for engagement of new agency. Competition among companies was limited to only service charge with the wages to be paid as prescribed by Ministry of Labour. On the basis of tender inquiry First Men security services, Chennai who quoted 2% as service charge was awarded the work from November, 2017. Engagement of a new agency will result in reduction in expenditure to the tune of Rs.76 Lakh per annum to the Foundation.

(ii) Meeting of the Works Committee of Kalakshetra Foundation was held on 07 December 2017.

(iii) On the basis of approval given by Works Committee, following capital works were awarded to CPWD:

	Name of work	Preliminary Estimates
(a)	Repairing and replacement of damaged Chain Link Fencing in the entire main campus	Rs.16,49,000/-
(b)	Washroom for Central Office	Rs.14,61,000/-
(c)	Replacement of existing damaged street lights with LED street lights (160 street lights)	Rs.65,70,900/-
(d)	Procurement of 125 KVA DG Set for Hostel	Rs.19,69,800/-

9. Outreach

- (i) Monthly concert for budding artists was held on 14th December 2017. Western Classical Music Recital by Quintet Classique followed by Odissi Performance by Kum. Vivekini Das were performed.
- (ii) Content for Gita Govindam, Kalakshetra's upcoming publication was finalised.
- (iii) The content for Kalakshetra brochure has been finalized and is in editing/ design stage.
- (iv) Murugappa scholarship proposal for Rs.10 Lakhs for the year 2018-2019 has been prepared.
- (v) Aanmajothi, the cultural wing of Saraswathi Vidyalaya in association with Kalakshetra Foundation has conducted dance workshop in 6 Corporation run Schools.
- (vi) As a part of Mentorship program 2017-2018 dance and music students have been receiving mentoring session.
- (vii) Kalakshetra's Facebook page was regularly updated with details of events held and upcoming events.
