



REPORT OF IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2021

1. CENTRAL OFFICE

- The tenure of Smt. Revathi Ramachandran, Director, KF has been extended on contract basis for a further period of two years w.e.f. 20.04.2021 to 19.04.2023 vide Gazette Notification of MoC, Govt. of India dated 14th January 2021.

- **Revival of lapsed posts**

MoC sought revival of 35 lapsed posts of KF out of total 49 from the D/o. Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Ministry of finance, DoE vide their ID No.12(10) Culture/E.Coord.,1/2020 dated 12/12/2020 has informed that MoF has agreed to revive the following eight posts:

1. Central Office – Sr.Accountant – 1 post
2. RDCFA – Professor (Bharatanatyam) – 2 posts
3. BCC Hostel – Superintendent- 1 post, House Mother/Male Warden – 2 Posts
4. BASS School – SGT – 1 post
5. CERC Unit – Foreman – 1 post

2. RUKMINI DEVI COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS (RDCFA)

The annual convocation function of the previous academic year 2019-2020 was held on the 6th of January 2021.





Thiru K. Pandiarajan, Hon'ble Minister for Tamil Official Language, Tamil Culture and Archeology, Government of Tamil Nadu presided over the function and distributed the diplomas and post diploma certificates to the students, 35 students received diplomas and 9 students received post diplomas.

- SOPs and instructions for the students were sent to the students for resuming of classes in the college campus.
- The classes for the 1st yr Dance & Visual Arts, 4th Yr Dance, Music and Visual Arts, Post Diploma 1st & 2nd yr Dance students started from 18.01.2021 at college campus. Republic Day was celebrated at BTHS School on 26.01.2021. Staff and students from RDCFA also participated in Republic day celebrations. Students from RDCFA took part in the cultural programmes on that day.

3. OUTREACH

- National Tourism day post from the Ministry were shared on Kalakshetra's Social media platform.
- Kalakshetra Foundation celebrated the 72nd Republic Day celebrations at BTHS School. The event was live streamed on Zoom webinar.
- Kalakshetra Foundation's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram were updated. Emails about the events were sent to TOI, Hindustan Times, The Hindu, Adyar Times, The New Indian Express, Dinamalar and Dina Thanthi

4. THEATRE

- Charsur Digital Work Station has rented Bharata Kalakshetra Auditorium on 1st January 2021 for recording Bharatanatyam Performance.
- Kalakshetra Foundation has performed Bharatanatyam and folk dance performance on 27/1/2021 for International Customs day for Chennai Customs Zone. It was live streamed from Rukmini Arangam .
- Guru GV Ramani Natya Kala Foundation has rented Rukmini Arangam for recording Bharatanatyam performance on 23rd January 2021.

5. MUSEUM

- Started working for Saanganika Kaaryashaala, online workshop.

- Placed artefacts in the first room of the museum for display.

6. BESANT ARUNDALE SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL (BASS School)

- Various competitions were conducted on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations for which results were announced and shared with students.
- On the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary, as a part of CBSE activity, a video featuring stories on the Great Philosopher was shared with students and they were encouraged to know more about him.
- A Virtual National Science Fair was organised by CBSE on 24th and 25th January. The link was shared with students and all teachers registered themselves and participated in it.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu announced the reopening of schools for students of classes 10 and 12. Parents were contacted for willingness and the SOP for Health, Hygiene and Safety Precautions was shared with parents and teachers.
- All necessary steps were taken following the guidelines issued by the Government before reopening.
- A meeting was arranged with teachers to create awareness on the safety precautions.
- All teachers reported to school from 18th January to make the necessary preparations and know about their duties.
- Offline and Online Classes schedule were prepared and shared with Students and teachers.
- Students participated in competitions on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Netaji Subash Chandrabose organised by the Ministry of Education.
- On 30.1.2021 students took a pledge to treat people affected by Leprosy with compassion and dignity and to refer people for Medical Treatment if they identify them. The pledge included awareness on leprosy as a treatable disease.
- Martrys' Day was observed with two minutes silence as a mark of respect for those who laid down their lives for our country.
- Road Safety Month is being observed from January 17th and following CBSE Guidelines class 8 students have taken part in online awareness activities.

7. BESANT THEOSOPHICAL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL (BTHS School)



- BTHSS hosted Republic day celebrations for this year. Sri Issaikavi Ramanan was the chief guest. Speeches were presented in Tamil and English by BTHSS and BASS students.

RDCFA students presented patriotic songs. The Chief guest, stressed the importance of Patriotism and how we should adore and support Mother India in all her efforts. The quotes presented by him on poet Subramanya Bharathi were outstanding.

- After the feedback meeting held on 8th Jan 2021 with parents, classes for 10th and 12th were reopened from 18th January, following SOP issued by TN State Govt.
- Teachers of class 10th and 12th students are monitoring health status of students as per SOP. They are putting their best efforts in preparing them for their board exams.
- Free textbooks for distribution for the III term for primary classes were received from the Govt. of Tamil Nadu.
- A team of officials from health department of Chennai Corporation visited the school campus for checking whether SOP is followed. The team was satisfied with the arrangements made by the school in this regard.
- Free cycles given by TN Govt. were distributed to class 11 students by Director and Deputy Director, KF on 30th Jan 2021.
- TN Govt has announced the reopening of school for class 9 and 11 students with effect from 8th February 2021.

8. CRAFT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (CERC)

- Research and documentation of Smt. Rukmini Devi Arundale's saree book chapters and content in progress and publishing matters were being discussed.
- Documentation of Costumes was discussed and the photo shoot work commenced on 28th January, 2021.
- Weaving Reproduction of Rukmini Devi Arundale's sarees from the museum collection- in progress.
- In cotton section, Khadi is introduced, patterning with *adai* was reintroduced and natural dyed sarees in cotton and silk were woven. Two entries are applied for the National Award.
- Painting & Printing: Subject expert Dr. Malini, NIFT, Hyderabad was engaged to write the content of the book and the chapters for the book is being edited and the samples to be incorporated in the book is in process.
- Natural Dye: Samples were prepared and analyzed for fastness to washing and light.

9. ARCHIVES

- All the media files of the 67th Annual Art Festival have been stored in the Archives
- Documentation of data for vintage dance dramas performed by Kalakshetra Foundation is being carried out.
- Re-structuring of media assets in main storage devices