

ACTIVITES FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2016

KALAKSHETRA FOUNDATION, CHENNAI

The month of December in Chennai was governed by the cyclones and the demise of the then Chief Minister. This had a great impact on not only all of Chennai but surely Kalakshetra as well.

1 & 2 December - Tamil Nadu Government declared Holiday on account of "Nada Cyclone"

6 & 8 December: Tamil Nadu Government declared holiday for demise of Chief Minister Selvi. J. Jayalalithaa. Schools were closed for three days.

12, 13 & 14 December: Tamil Nadu Government declared Holiday on account of "Vardha Cyclone"

The 49th meeting of the Governing Board was held on 8th December 2016.

Transaction audit of the foundation for the year 2015 – 2016 was held between 5th December – 23rd December, inspection report is awaited.

Shri Karunaker K. Menon then Deputy Director, Kalakshetra Foundation has filed a Writ petition in the High Court of Madras challenging the issue of memorandum dt.12.09.2016, inter-alia issued to him for the lapses in the execution of Part- A of Bharatha Kalakshetra Auditorium. The High Court in their interim orders directed maintenance of status-quo in the matter.

A. Rukmini Devi College of fine arts

1. Lectures and Workshops



Sl. No.	Particulars Lectures/topic	Held on	Conducted by	Remarks
1.	Lecture on Western Art History	on Thursday the 29th September, 2016 from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m at Visual Arts Department	Ms.Gita	For visual arts students
2.	Lecture for music students	Friday the 30th December, 2016	Dr Nirmala Sundararajan	

Poetry Festival:

December 2 & 9

Kalakshetra Foundation collaborates with the 10th Edition of Poetry with Prakriti Festival to host a few readings:

2 December - Akshay Manwani

9 December - Charles Stein & George Quasha and Ajinkya Shenava

Mentoring Session

Around 50 hours of mentoring sessions were delivered for dance and music students of RDCFA. The mentors for Dance and Music department are as follows:

Dance Mentors

Smt. Ambika Buch,
Sri. Sheejith Krishna,
Smt. Kala Ramesh Rao,
Smt. Savithri Jaganatha Rao,
Smt. Manjari Chandrashekar
Dr. Sudha Sheshayan
Smt. Charu Madhavan

Music Mentors

Sri. Sundaresan
Smt. Sugantha Kalamegham
Smt. Charumathi Ramachandran
Smt. S.Rajeswari
Sri Balasai
Sri Trichur Narendran
Sri Embar Kannan
Sri. B. Kannan
Smt. Vasudha Keshav
Dr. R.S.Jayalakshmi
Smt. Bushany Kalyanaraman

B) Crafts Education and Research Centre

Showroom Sales

The Regular Showroom Sales for the month were as follows

Kalamkari Rs. 1,50,424

Weaving Rs. 2,38,190

TOTAL: 3,88,614

Other revenue: Visitors fees is Rs. 1700

CERC grounds hiring:

2 - 12 December: The CERC grounds were rented out to stage an Orissa arts and crafts exhibition.

Training:

Two of our craft-persons of CERC have undergone an Indigo Dye workshop-cum-Training conducted by the National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj at Hyderabad from 1st December to 17th December 2016

C) Museum

The month of December continued with the segregation of 3 boxes of artefacts from Smt. Shanta Rao Collection. Further editing of filled in ID forms of Shanta Rao collection from Lot 01 – Fiction and Non Fiction books was completed. Unwanted pieces were segregated and moved to a different box. This is work in progress. Further 50 accessions (50 objects) of Smt. Shanta Rao Collection was measured and described.

D) Rukmini Arangam Theatre

1 December - Alumni Day



The Second Alumni Day was celebrated on Dr. George Arundale's birthday which was on 1 December 2017. Following the prayer, senior Alumini from India and abroad reflected on the influence of Kalakshetra in their present daily life and artistic activities. The highlight of the event was a passionate sharing by senior

teacher Sharada Hoffman. The morning at Rukmini Arangam ended with lunch at the hostel



E) **Repertory Company**

Kalakshetra Foundation performed during the Madras music and dance festival in two venues.

11th December - **Vanamali** at Bharat Kalachar

18th December - **Choodamani Pradanam** at Naradha Gana Sabha

The third performance on 14th December at Krishna Gana Sabha was cancelled due to Vardha cyclone

23rd December: Kalakshetra performed at the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav organised by Benaras Hindu University at Varanasi.

F) **Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School**

BASS staff joined the Dr. Arundale Birthday celebrations at Rukmini Arangam on 1st December to reflect on the responsibility of teachers in shaping students as harmonious citizens.



Students had participated in the Ilanthalir, a World Heritage Celebration in connection with Children's Day. Manasi G Kannan of class XI won the award for Carnatic Music Solo competition. In the classical group dance also our students J. Ramya, J. Riya, Shweta and Krishna P. Unni won the title. All the students who took part in various competitions received participation certificates.

10 December: Science teachers attended a workshop organised by CBSE and Amirthanandamayi University. On the same day the BASS – PTA, Annual General Body Meeting was held.

24 December: Christmas was celebrated.

27 December: 11 students attended a 9 day Guides Camp – National Jamboree at Mysore School closed for Christmas Holidays on 23rd December and will reopen on 2nd January.

NIE – Times of India had conducted a Quiz competition at school level. Two students K.B. Shruti of IX and R. Gokil of class VI emerged as school toppers and were given a Tablet each.

G) Besant Theosophical Higher Secondary School

5th December: Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (S.S.A) conducted training for Headmistresses held at Chennai School regarding Siddhi Sala school report.

15th - 23rd December: Half Yearly Examinations were conducted for all the classes from I to XII.

15 - 17 December: Three Primary Teachers attended Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Training for Tamil Reading to give practice to the children, at C.I.T. Nagar, Chennai.

23rd December: Third Term Text Books for Classes I to IX were collected from Kumararaj Muthiah Higher Secondary School, Adyar.

26th - 29th December: Special Classes were conducted for Class X and Class XII.