

BRIEF REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2006-'07

The year 2006-07 is considered to be a milestone in the growth and development as it was the 17th anniversary of Folkland.

Performances

About 90 Folkland artistes have performed the art forms like *Theyyam*, *Poorakkali*, *Velakali*, *Kalaripayattu*, *Kaikottikkali*, *Mohiniyattam*, *Kathakali* and *Kalaripayattu* in various stages and other folk performing centers under our auspicious.

This year's performances started with the performance at Raghavendrapuram, Hossanagara, Karnataka in connection with the Ramayana festival on 18th April 2006. We have performed *Velakali* and *Kalaripayattu* at Hossanagara.



Another program was at Hyderabad International Convention Centre in connection with ADB Annual Meeting. In this prestigious program 15 Kathakali Artistes, 9 Mohiniyattam Artistes and 12 Arjunanirtham Artistes were participated. We were invited by the North Zone Cultural Centre, Govt of India for this program.



Another important function in which we have participated and performed is the Navarathri Mahotsav Conducted by the Govt of Gujarath at Gandhinagar from 23rd September to 1st October 2006. A contingent of 20 Artists consists of Kathakali, Mohiniyattam and Kalaripayattu have participated in this. One performance was conducted at Gandhinagar Malayalee Samajam.

Teyyam performance by Folkland artists was held at New Delhi on 1st October 2006 at Ambedkar Pushpavihar Malayalee Association in connection with their Onam Celebrations.



A Teyyam festival was held at Delhi (Teyyolsavam) under the joint auspices of Janasakthi and Folkland from 10th to 26th of December 2006. Folkland artistes performed Teyyam in several places of Delhi during this time.



Again our Kathakali, and Kalaripayattu was performed at Old fort ew delhi on 13th November 2006 in connection with Defence Auditors annual meet.

to present *Mohiniyattam*, *Kathakali* and *Kalaripayattu* in connection with 5th Global Summit for Travel and Tourism at Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Tourism and Culture ,Govt of India from 2nd to 7th April 2005. 23 artistes were taken part in the Festival under the leadership of shri V.Jayarajan.

International Programs

Folkland artistes led by its chairman Dr V.Jayarajan have participated in the Inaugural ceremony and daily shows in connection with Frankfurt Book fair 2006. The inaugural ceremony was on 3rd October 2006 at Alte Oper Frankfurt. The show was titled as *Dhwani* in which Folkland has performed *Vadyamanjari*.



Followed this Folkland artistes were invited for Berlin Travel Mart 2007 at Berlin on 28th Februry to 19th March 2007 to present *Mohiniyattam* and *Kalaripayattu* and *chenda*. An artist troupe consists of 8 artistes under the

leadership of Dr Jayarajan participated in this and performed *Mohiniyattam* and *Kalaripayattu*.



Photo Exhibition

A three day Photo Exhibition pertaining to the life and art of Kannan Peruvannan an eminent *teyyam* artist was held at Folkland Auditorium, Trikaripur on 7th December 2006 to mark the 2nd death anniversary of Narthakaratnam Kannan Peruvannan. Among the visitors two scholars from USA have enjoyed the exhibition very well.



Folkland Summer School (Nattarivu Patasala)

Folkland has conducted a week long *summer School* from 8th to 13th May 2006 at Guruvanam, Monacha near Kanhangad. It was inaugurated by Smt Thambai, an eminent folksinger. Noted environmentalist Sri T.P. Padmanabhan, Sri E. Unnikrishnan, Suptor Arunkumar, Teyyam Artist Sri Sajith Panicker, Babu Kambrath were the resource persons for conducting classes to the camp members. Besides this, We have taught the children the subjects like Folksongs, Folktales, Riddles, local knowledge, Folk music,

Folksculpture, Environment protection, Heritage conservation etc. Field work and study tour were conducted along with the summer School.



Visit of Peru Artistes

Theater artistes from Peru under the leadership of Mr **Oscar Naters** and **Ana Zavala** have Visited Folkland and conducted workshop with our folk artists. They have come to India in connection with Unesco Ashbury scholarship. The troupe consist of 3 Artistes. They are experts in theater, music, dance and animation. The workshop was on 14th of January 2007. They have also visited Ednad Thiruvarkkad Bhagavathy Temple to study Teyyam at the time of a perunkaliyattam conducted after a gap of 20 years with the assistance of Folkland resources.



Acquisition

We have acquired several artifacts for our Teyyam museum during this year. We have also compiled 128 hours of folksongs and 38 hours of CD contained rare art forms.

Insurance coverage to the *Teyyam* and screw pine craft artisans.

Folkland with the assistance of the Dept of .Handicrafts, Ministry of Textiles, Govt of India extended the group insurance coverage this year also under Jana Shree Bima Yojana for 314 craft persons belong of Folkland. We had also distributed scholarship to 12 children of screw pine craft workers. We have conducted several meetings of 15 SHGs of Screwpine cluster of Trikaripur Panchath.

Folkland Teyyam Survey

Folkland has surveyed other 4 panchayaths for inconnection with our Teyyam database. Folkland investigators have collected the *teyyam* dates, number of *teyyams* and also the names of *teyyams* performed in the village shrines and houses.

Manuscript Survey.

Folkland worked as a coordinating agency for manuscript survey sponsored by National Mission for manuscripts. Dr v.jayarajan has been appointed as the coordinator for Kannur and Kasargod districts for post suvey works. Folkland has conducted a workshop for extending the training to 8 surveyors.



National Folklore Seminar



A three day National seminar on folklore was held at Kuttikkanam Marian College from 30th August 2006 to 1st september 2006 under the joint auspices of Folkland and Marian College . Eminent Folklore scholars of international and national repute , folklore students and researchers were participated in the seminar.It was inaugurated by former Vice Chancellor of Calicut University Prof.K.K.N.Kurup.