

# BRIEF REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2007-'08

The year 2007-08 is considered to be a year of growth and development as it has celebrated its 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary during this year.

## Productions

Folkland has conducted a 10 day workshop for the production of Kothamooriyattam. Ten artists have participated in this workshop and its performance was held at Thalasseri on 1st September 2007.



## Performances

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

This year's performances started with Oppana performance at Vylloppilly Samskriti Bhavan on 30/6/07, followed by Kothamooriyattam at Thalasseri, in connection with the Vidyarthi samman distribution ceremony on 1<sup>st</sup> September.



We were performed Nandanpattu at Payyanur Boys High School Auditorium in connection with the Onam fair exhibition under the auspices of Net Work Channel. A Thottampattu was performed at Kalashetra, Chennai on 28th September 2007.

Again we have been invited to perform Mohiniyattam and Kathakali in connection with the Common Wealth Parliamentarians Conference at Delhi. Theyyam was performed at Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat in connection with Navaratri festivals from 1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Folkland artists have performed Oppana in connection with the inaugural ceremony of Utsav 2007 at Bekal on 19<sup>th</sup> November.



Another important festival in which Folkland artists have participated and performed is the SAARC Folklore Festival conducted by Govt. of India at New Delhi from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of December. We have performed Theyyam and Kalaripayattu.



Following thiistheyam performance by Folkland artists was held at New Delhion 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of December at different stages under auspices of various organizations

A 12 day Theyyam performance was held at Vythiri in Wynad district in connection with the New Year celebrations.



A Nandanpattu was performed by folkland artists at Koyamburam, Nilewaram in connction with sivarathri celebrations.



## **Theyyam Exhibition**

A ten day Theyyam Exhibition was held at Payyanur in connection with the Onam fair exhibitions conducted by Net work channel. Vishnomoorthy Theyyam and face paintings were exhibited in this exhibition.



## **Acquisition**

We have acquired several artifacts for our ethnological museum during this year. We have also compiled 140 hours of folksongs and 40hours of CD contained rare art forms.

## **Insurance coverage to the *Theyyam* 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 under Jana Shree Bima Yojana to 280 craft persons belong of Folkland. We had also distributed scholarship to 9 children of screw pine craft workers. We have conducted several meetings

## **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 survey works. Folkland has surveyed around 12000 manuscripts from Kannur and Kasargod districts.



## **Folkland Summer School ( Nattarivu Patasala)**

Folkland has conducted a week long *summer School* from 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May 2006 at Guruvanam, Monacha near Kanhangad. It was inaugurated by Sri.Krishnan Anhuttan, an eminent Theyyam artist and Sangeetha Nataka Academy award winner. Resource persons such as Sdanam Balakrishnan, (Kathakali) Sri.Madiyan Radhakrishnan (Chenda), Ambikasuthan Mangad(Writer), Sri.Aduthila Radhakrishnan (Puppetier) besides sculptur Arunkumar, Theyyam artist Sri.Sajith Panikkar, Dancer Jisha.M.M have

conducted classes. Field work and study tour were conducted along with the summer School.



### ***Theyyam Survey***

Folkland has covered other 3 panchayaths in connection with our *Theyyam* database. Folkland investigators have collected the theyyam dates, number of theyyams and also the names of theyyams performed in the village shrines and houses.

### **Third National Folklore Seminar**

A three day national seminar on Folklore was held at Ooty, Tamilnadu from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> of march 2008 under the joint auspices of CIIL and TRC Ooty. This seminar was inaugurated by Prof.P.K.Misra and the Valedictory by eminent Nuclear Scientist Dr.M.R.Sreenivasan. Prof.Jawaharlal Handoo has delivered the keynote address. Around 50 scholars participated in the seminar.

