

Department of Music

School of Performing Arts and Fine Arts

VIBRATING STRINGS

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Editorial Team: - Prof V Premalatha & Team members



The Department of Music proudly occupied the ground floor – South side of the newly built Kailash Satyarthi block, at the Neelakkudi campus, in July 2023. With 6 classrooms for the IMPA, BPA and Research degree students, the block also has 7 faculty rooms and one acoustically built, Air conditioned Concert Hall.

Genesis 2023



The newly joined 16 students for IMPA Music for the academic year 2023-24 attended the two-day Genesis 2023 (Fresher's Orientation) conducted at Multipurpose Hall at CUTN on 16th and 17th of October 2023.

IKS Project Field Visit

As a part of IKS Project led by Prof. V Premalatha on the topic 'The Musical Culture and Heritage of Thiruvavur' the selected interns were taken to the nearby temples in Thiruvavur, Saraswati Mahal



Museum, The Palace at Thanjavur and the Brihadeshwara temple as a part of field trip on 16th of December 2023.



Ranga Pravesham 2023



The Ranga Pravesham for the academic year 2023-24 was organized by Department of Music and IQAC on 27th of September 2023 at the Guest House Conference Hall. Prof. V Premalatha welcomed the guests, followed by the musical presentation by the final year BPA students. After which Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. M Krishan and IQAC Director P Rajaguru expressed their appreciation to the students and give away the certificates.

Ayudha Pooja 2023

On the holy day of Ayudha Pooja on 20th October 2023, the Department of Music organized the Saraswathi



Pooja. All the Department staff and students presented various compositions as an offering. The Honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. M. Krishan and Registrar Prof. Thirumurugan graced the occasion.



Participation in Seminars / Conferences



Dr. Udaya Kiran K.T

- He presented a paper on Importance of 5 Jati-s in Kalpanaswara and Makuta Korvai/Muktaya-s at the one day conference on Rhythmology and 11th annual function of Tishradhwani Music Trust, Madurai in collaboration with Pranava Journal of Fine Arts, Chennai in September 2023.
- He participated in “Empower-2023”, a conference on Assistive Technology, organised by IIT Madras, Chennai from 05/10/2023 to 07/10/2023
- He presented a lecture demonstration on Inclusive Teaching Aid for Melakarta Ragas and Suladi Sapta Talas at the Music Academy, Madras on 21/12/2023 during the 97th Annual Conference.

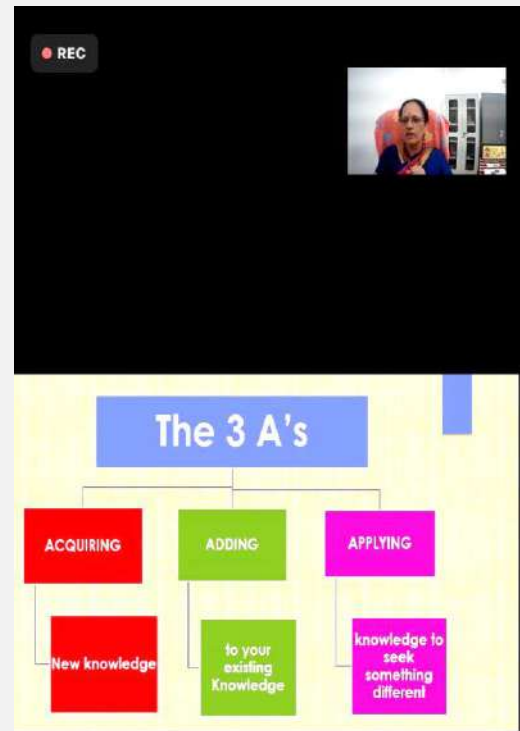


Research Scholar **Swagata Bhattacharjee** has presented a research paper titled "Trends in the studies involving Music and Psychology- A Review" in a three days International Conference on "Indian Psychology and Mental health" organized by the Department of Psychology, Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth, Ernakulam, Kerala.

Prof. V Premalatha

She presented a paper online on “Research in Music- Methods, Challenges & Opportunities - संगीत में अनुसंधान - तरीके, चुनौतियाँ और अवसर” at the National Seminar on *Kala ke kshetra mein*

shodh ke vividh aayaam organized by the Faculty of Fine Arts, Lalit narayan Mithila University, Dharbhanga, Bihar, on 8th November 2023



News Articles

An article was written by Asha Prakash and published by the Times of India on the 29th of August 2023 on the extensive research of Prof. V Premalatha on ‘Decoding the Manuscripts of Melody’



Publications

V Premalatha & P. Nirmal Harish, “Understanding Thayam from Thanjavur Manuscripts” Journal of the Madras Music Academy, Chennai, (ISSN- 0970-3101), vol -92, pp.34-42, 2023.

Dr. V.R. Dileep Kumar published an article titled "The Relation Among Music, Mind, Devotion in Tyagaraja Kritis", in 'Swar Sindhu' - a National Peer Reviewed / Refereed Journal of Music (UGC CARE listed), Vol.11, Issue 02, July-December 2023.

Mr. Ratheesh P R published an article titled "Appreciation of the Tillana of Lalgudi G Jayaraman in the Raga Ragesri", in 'Swar Sindhu' - a National Peer Reviewed / Refereed Journal of Music (UGC CARE listed), Vol.11, Issue 02, July-December 2023

Bhairavi M published an article titled “A study on Kīzhvelūr Meenakshi Sundaram Pillai’s compositions” Smrti: A Bi-Annual Peer Reviewed Journal on Fine Arts & Performing Arts published by Department of Music, University of Madras, Chennai, December 2023.

An article was published by **Anjo P. Thomas and Dr. S Seethalakshmi** on "Documentation of Karnāṭaka Christian compositions of H. A. Popley: A Study" in Smrti, A peer reviewed journal during December 2023.

Performances by Faculty

Dr. Udaya Kiran K.T.

He performed a Carnatic classical vocal concert at Doordarshan Chandana TV, Bangalore which was telecast on 15/07/2023.



He performed a Carnatic Classical vocal duet with Smt. Madhuri.K.V. at the inclusive Akhandam organised by SciArtsRUs, held at Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan Mini Hall, Chennai as part of Marghazhi Matram series on 10/12/2023

Dr. S.Seethalakshmi



Dr. S. Seethalakshmi was invited to perform for Ekadasi program along with students of Music Department on 13th July 2023 at Thyagaraja House, Thiruvavur. The program was well received by everyone.

Dr. V.R. Dileepkumar - Performed at "Thureeyam" National music festival at Payyannur' Kerala on 1/07/2023.

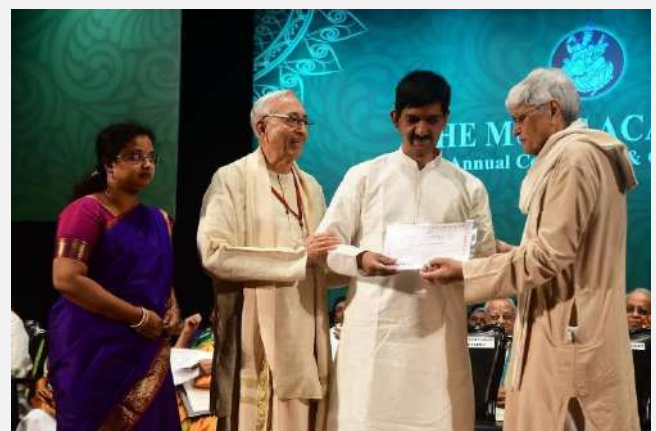
He also performed in connection with Aananda samarpan program at Neelakanda abode, Thalipparambu Kannur, Kerala on 2/7/2024.



Faculty Achievements

Mr. Ratheesh P. R was awarded with ‘A’ grade for Carnatic Vocal by All India Radio, Thrissur, in the month of December, 2023.

Dr. Uday Kiran K. T was awarded as the best lecture-demonstration for the year 2023 by Madras Music Academy for the topic presented on the Inclusive Teaching Aid for Melakarta Ragas and Suladi Sapta Talas.



NSS activities

- NSS-CUTN organized "Tree Plantation Drive" inside CUTN campus on 26th July 2023. She participated in the event.
- She arranged a special Talk by Dr. Capt. Pon Rajaretnam on "Leadership Traits" on 30th Aug 2023 on behalf of NSS.



- She participated in "Meri Maati Mera Desh" (My Soil, my country) to honor the brave hearts who sacrificed their lives for the country as a part of NSS initiative on 12.10.2023.
- She participated in the medical camp conducted by NSS in collaboration with Medical Centre, CUTN on 20th October 26, 2023
- She participated in the NSS special camp on 2nd Nov 2023 in Anti-plastic Mission, HIV awareness and Quiz programmes for Government School, Ettiyaloo





- She attended the NSS Meeting organized by Tamil Nadu State NSS Cell regarding the project of planting 1 Crore saplings at Chennai representing Central University of Tamil Nadu on 27th November 2023.



- NSS-CUTN and Central University of Tamil Nadu Alumni Association jointly set up a "Computer Facility with Printer" by donating 2 computers, 2 UPS and 1 Printer, at Punitha Jeyarakkini Madha Government Aided Middle School, Pannaivilagam village (Near Church), Nagakudi on (Thursday) December 7th, 2023

- Hon'ble Vice-chancellor Prof. M. Krishnan presided over the event. Dr.S.Seethalakshmi participated in the event.
- She was invited as Chief Guest at Thamarai International School, Kumbakonam for Chiththiram 2023 in which students from schools near Kumbakonam exhibited their talents related to Fine Arts and Literary.

Student Achievements

Aastha Upadhyay, Final year BPA Music student obtained 3rd prize in the Folk solo singing Music for Inter-Collegiate competition conducted by the Department of Music, Seethalakshmi Ramaswamy College, Trichy on 25th September 2023.

Harikrishna Sridhar, first year IMPA Music secured second price in National Level Devotional Competition conducted by Seetha Ramaswami College on 5th of October. He also secured first prize in singing in the Hindi Fortnight Celebrations conducted by CUTN. student,



Janani. S, BPA final year Student secured is first prize in Aria cadence at NIT, Puducherry on 12th of October

Premchand Meghavath, IMPA second year student secured a medal in 5 km marathon running race conducted by Bharat

Nivesh Run



Sabarinath P and **Premchand Meghavath**, students of the second year IMPA Music were selected for NCC training

Departmental Seminars by Students

Seminar was conducted by Dr. S.Seethalakshmi in the course Music Literature for BPA 3rd year students in the month of November 2023

Seminar was conducted by Dr.S.Seethalakshmi in the course 'Theory of Music -1' for IMPA 1st Year students in the month of November 2023



Lecture Demonstrations / Concert



A Lecture Demonstration and Tevaram Recital by Dr. T Balachander, Assistant Professor, Annamalai University was organised on 20th of July 2023.

IKS- Institutional Internship Project

Prof V. Premalatha, Head of the Department of Music has been awarded with the Institutional Internship project 2023-24, by the Indian Knowledge System division, Ministry of Education, Govt of India. Under this project, a total number of 60 interns from the Department of Music will be trained over a period of 6 months (July to December 2023) for the project, "Development of a 3 credit Online course titled, 'Musical and Cultural Heritage of Thiruvavur' in English and Tamil". Each intern will be receiving a stipend of ₹10000 per month and the total grant under this project is ₹7.5 lakhs. The project is in support to one of the goals of the IKS, towards the implementation of NEP 2020.

The Project Team :

Prof V Premalatha (PI)	P. Nirmal Harish Research personnel	Swagata Bhattacharjee Research personnel	R Vidya Research personnel
A K Shavyasri Intern	Aarathana Intern	Arutla Rohith Intern	B Santhoshini Intern
Garnepundi Sunil Intern	Gopika T Intern	Harikrishna Sridhar Intern	J S Vishnu Priya Intern
Kaarunya Swarubini M Intern	Kaaviya Intern	Kamalasri V Intern	Kaviyarasi C Intern
Kirubalini S S Intern	N Navamallika Intern	P Pavithra Intern	Kaviyatharshini I Intern
S Prathyaksha Intern	Rajesh R Intern	Sabarinath P Intern	Saktheeswari S Intern
Sanjaay V Intern	Sneka A Intern	Sri Varshini B Intern	Sujitha R Intern
V. N. Nithyashree Intern	R. Ram Kumar Intern		