

SUDDHANANDA VIDYALAYA-UTHANDI

A FIESTA OF MUSIC AND DANCE-14th SUDDHANANDA KALA UTSAV-2024

The 14th Suddhananda Kala Utsav began on 16th August, 2024. Swamiji's dream to have the traditional arts festival for the residents and neighbourhood of Uthandi was a grand success, with a three day festival.

Swami Iswaranandaji, Our Director Mrs. Vijaya Murthy and Sri.T.N.Arun Kumar (Mridangam Master, ASPA) inaugurated the Utsav by lighting the lamp.

14th Kala Utsav was started on 16th August, 2024 with the music, mridangam and dance programme by "Our students of Akshar school of performing Arts" [ASPA] Suddhananda Vidyalaya-Uthandi.

The audience thoroughly enjoyed the singing, mridangam and dancing of our ASPA students who received the great applause from the gathering.

The second day of the festival was an interactive session on the composition of Prof. V.V.Sadagopan's Tirukkural Keertanais & Tyaga bharti songs by Mrs. Devika Raman daughter of Prof. V.V.Sadagopan and her niece Mrs.Ahalya Aravind, Smt.Vijaya Srinivasan, sister of Mrs.Devika, Mridangist Mr.T.N.Arunkumar & our alumnus young budding artist M.Sabarivasan (student of Mridangist Mr.T.N.Arunkumar).

The artistes interacted with the audience by their singing and our students also participated in the same.

The third day festival was the vocal programme by Smt.Divya Hariharan disciple of Vidushi Smt.Kalpakam Raman, Violinist Sri.Seethapathy Chellam student of Prof.T.N.Krishnan, Mridangist Sri.T.N.Arun Kumar student of Sri.Kumbakonam Rajappa Iyer and Sri. K.R.Ganesh, Sri.Rajagopal son of Sangeetha Kalanidhi Sri.T.K.Govinda Rao and Dr.Damodharan.K.P are students of Vidushi Smt.Kalpakam Raman.

Principal Mrs.M.Tamilselvi introduced the artistes.

Our Director spoke about Vidushi Smt.Kalpakam Raman to whom the programme was dedicated to. Also, she spoke about the great legend Sri.T.K.Govinda Rao the father of Sri.Rajagopalan one of the artistes of the day.

All the audience enjoyed each and every moment of the programme.

Swami Suddhanandaji honoured Sri.Ragu Raman son of Vidushi Smt.Kalpakam Raman.

Our Director Smt.Vijaya Murthy spoke few words about Dr.Prameela Gurumurthy Former HOD of Indian Music, Dept. of Music, University of Madras and honoured her.

Dr.Prameela Gurumurthy and Sri.Ragu Raman spoke few words about Vidushi Smt. Kalpakam Raman.

Swami Vasudevanandaji and our Swami Suddhanandaji addressed the gathering.

Principal Mrs.M.Tamilselvi rendered the vote of thanks.

The 1st & 2nd day of SKU, the role of rendering welcome speech, the vote of thanks was done by class X students and the Cultural Secretary R.Tejashree.

The three day vocal, mridangam & dance festival was concluded on 18th August 2024, making the audience to look forward to the continued festival in the years to come.