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# **KALA-CONNECT**

A Bi-monthly Newsletter by KalaGram, Society for Fine Art Initiatives in Gurugram

# **A WAVE OF CHANGE!**

At KalaGram, changes are embraced with open minds and positivity. We are glad to share that along with curating online events, we have begun with live events as well, something that we, at KalaGram, missed with the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic. As we embark on this transition, we want to thank all the people and organisations who believed in our work and collaborated with us. We look forward to many more of such associations, and doing work that would speak for itself.

## HARYANA DIWAS



In association with the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG), we celebrated Haryana Diwas 2020 on November 1st. The event held at MCG Amphitheater in Gurugram was graced by the presence of MLA Badshahpur, Rakesh Daultabad ji and Smt Madhu Azad, Mayor, Gurugram. The dignitaries visited the stalls and interacted with the attendees. Several organizations and individuals from Gurugram participated in the event.



# A confluence of Art and Sustainability

Remarkable things happen when Art meets Sustainability. Our Haryana Diwas celebrations provided entrepreneurs and organizations an opportunity to showcase their products which are sustainable and eco-friendly. We look forward to joining hands with many artistes and brands that endorse sustainability in the future.





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#### **GANDHI JAYANTI 2020**

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, KalaGram, in association with the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) and Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA), KalaGram organised a Bhajan recital. The recital, which took place at Netaji Subhash Marg, was followed by the inauguration of the first dedicated Cycle-Lane in the city and a Cyclothon, which witnessed the participation of the city's residents from all walks of life | **2 October 2020** 







Nirgun Bhajans and recital of Couplets of Kabir Das ji by acclaimed musicians Jyotsna Rana, Sachin Gakkhar & young artistes Biren, Mannat and Roshni

> IIVE 30 AUGUST | SUNDAY | 5 PM





#### STREET ART DRIVE

We held a Street Art Drive between September 30 and October 1 to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti. In our efforts to transform Gurugram's streets with art, we were joined by several Gurugram-based artists and volunteers.

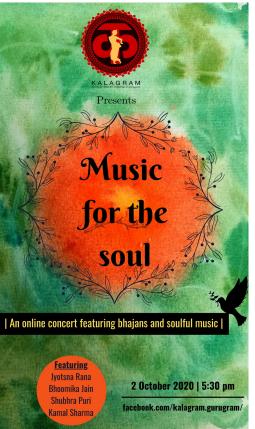


## A TRIBUTE TO SANT KABIR DAS JI

In association with Ragaaz Academy, Gurugram, we hosted an evening to celebrate the life and work of Sant Kabir Das Ji, featuring his nirgun bhajans and couplets performed by artistes belonging to three generations | **30 August** 2020

MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

Anonlineconcertfeaturing Sufi Bhajans andAlaapsbyrenownedmusicians was organized |2 October 2020





Our '*Kavi Sammelan*' was an evening dedicated to *Hindi Poetry*. During the session, an impressive line-up of poets shared their poetry with our viewers. Our artistes included *Sangeeta Gupta*, *Aakshat Sinha*, *Honeish Batra* and *Supriya Amber* | 17 October 2020

# SESSION ON 'HARYANA - THE ANCIENT GLORY' WITH VIKRAMJIT SINGH ROOPRAI

We hosted heritage activist, author and educator Vikramjit Singh Rooprai for a session on 'Haryana, the ancient glory'. He shared the lesser known history and heritage of Haryana- a confluence of civilisation and culture | **22 August 2020** 



My heartfelt gratitude to the team of KalaGram Society, Gurugram for their collective and collaborative efforts in bringing all weekend live shows and various performances by your talented artists

- Puja Bhateja, Resident of Gurugram

### **KAL-AAKAAR COLLECTIVE**



Djembe African Drum with Yudi



Art workshops with Potli Aunty



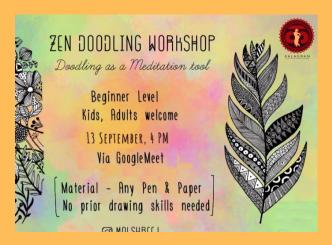
Western Classical by Tasi Chawang

In our collaboration with Kal-Aakaar Collective - a performing arts academy and performers' collective, we hosted several Facebook Live shows for our audience.



#### THE ART OF BALANCING

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, we held a session on the 'Art of Balancing' with Counseling Psychologist and Socio-Emotional Educator Kirti Sharma, who discussed the concerns teachers and parents have with regard to virtual learning and tips on how to balance work and personal life | **5 September 2020** 



#### ZEN DOODLING SESSION

An interactive Zen Doodling session by artiste Molshree Jain who introduced participants to the many benefits of this art form was held. The artiste also guided the participants to make beautiful and intricate patterns. An advanced session on Doodling was also held following this. | **13 September 2020** 

# The untiring efforts of the entire team of KalaGram is worth applauding Prof. Jyotsna Rana



KalaGram, in association with Arts From India, a group based out of the US, hosted '**Navarasa**', a virtual Classical Dance concert on the nine emotions elucidated in the Natya Shastra. Acclaimed artistes from India and the USA - Prabal Gupta, Smt Anita Sharma, Smt Sujata Mohaptra, Kasi Ayosola, Vijayalakshmi, Srimayi Vempati and Rachna Nivas demonstrated the Nava Rasas (nine emotions) through eight different forms of Indian Classical Dance **15 August 2020** 

## FOR THE RESIDENTS OF GURUGRAM

The results of several competitions held under Kala Shiksha Abhiyan are out now. Lavanya Logani, Ahhnna Bhateja, Avanti Singh, Lovely Yadav, Dushyant, Aman Bhutani (Photography), Taskeen kaur Anand, Netra Easwaran, Darshuta Samanta, Souditi Das (Dance Competition), Ashwinder Kaur, Poonam Morya, Myra



Jain and Vandana Kerney among others have been announced as winners of the competitions.