

KALA-CONNECT

Explore the inner depths of art and culture with us
Newsletter by KalaGram. A society for Fine Arts Initiatives in Gurugram

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

Dear Readers,
I'm excited to present the sixth edition of the Kalagram Newsletter, a window into Gurugram's rich cultural tapestry. It's an opportunity for all of us to connect with and immerse ourselves in the diverse artistic heritage of our city.

Through this newsletter, we aim to capture and share the vitality of Gurugram's cultural ecosystem. You'll discover local artists' stories, inspirations, and masterpieces, as well as stay updated on exhibitions, events, and initiatives adding vibrancy to our community.

Kalagram is an open canvas for all - seasoned artists, enthusiasts, and those new to fine arts. We invite you to collaborate, share your ideas, art, and passion to make this newsletter a true reflection of our diverse community.

Remember, "Culture is the arts elevated to a set of beliefs." Together, we have the power to shape Gurugram's cultural landscape. Let's actively pursue and promote the vibrant culture that surrounds us.

As you explore the Kalagram Newsletter, you'll find a world of art, music, dance, theatre, and more. Dive in, engage, and share your insights. Together, let's make this newsletter a dynamic platform that mirrors the essence of Gurugram's cultural tapestry, ensuring its continued flourishing.

Warm regards,
Sh Nishant Kumar Yadav
Deputy Commissioner Gurugram



KALA-UTSAV 2023



DAY 1



Kala-Utsav, a 4 day art-festival was inaugurated with a beautiful lamp lighting ceremony by ADC Sh. Hitesh Kumar Meena, Sh. Gaurav Singh, CEO Haryana State CSR trust, Mr Puneet Anand AVP and Vertical Head Corporate Affairs, Hyundai Motor India Mr Soon Sang Hong Advisor, Corporate Affairs, Hyundai, Director KalaGram Shikha Gupta and Hyundai CSR Gunjan Tripathi. We also saw a mesmerizing Odissi performance and captivating flute recital. With a beautiful weather and the enchanting beats of music and the gestures of our Odissi performances, many a hearts were touched and left in awe.



SOME OF OUR STALLS

Kala-Utsav gave an opportunity to over 25 small business artists, rural craftsmen, body-care brands, SGH groups, potterers to showcase their handmade art! Our collection was diverse- from Madhubani paintings, to delicately handmade body butters, jewellery and hand sculpted pottery, we had it all!



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GLIMPSSES OF PERFORMANCES

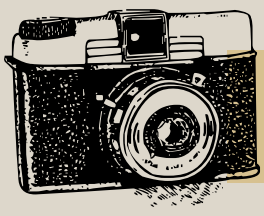


Throughout these 4 days, not only did we promote local art, but extended a platform to performers. Heard the rare instrument “Dilruba”, and the djembe, some enchanting spritual songs with the harmonium’s melody, witnessed a kathak performance. Young artists danced and played the guitar. We were truly surrounded with talent

WORKSHOPS, CHAI CHAUPAL AND MORE

We organised several interactive and creative workshops, from Pottery making, to Chai Chaupal, djembes and even calligraphy!





SKETCHER'S MEET



RE-CONNECT WITH NATURE!

Our Nature theme Sketch-up Meets are so much fun! Creativity surely flows when we come up with beautiful creations with the elements of nature. One of our artists made this beautiful creature out of JUST NATURE! Not just adults, but even students of Sector 14 school joined us on this beautiful morning with nature!



Under the embrace of the Aravali peaks, Kalagram held another successful and mesmerizing Sketch Up Meet at Akasa Studio .We spent the early morning listening to warm stories and artistic journey of every artist and making art, sketches with the beauty of nature. Not just that but we also trekked the hills

THE ONE WHERE NATURE INSPIRES ART!





Chai Chaupal



DANDIYA NIGHT

Take a trip back to our Chai Chaupal Events, where we welcomed the festive season with a beautiful Devi Stotram Bharatanatyam performance, and a kathak fusion performance that really has a special place in our hearts. But how could the festive season be incomplete without a night that gets the audience on their feet and dancing away to the beat of dandiya music and filling our hearts.

Not just that, but we had a book presentation of the tales of "Shri Ram" that took us back in time as we embraced the Diwali season...

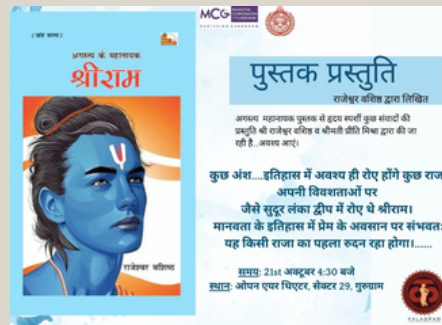


Students of Uncage Academy with their Kathak performance

Devi Stotram Bharatnatyam performance by Dhanya Nair's disciples



Our audience on their feet to the beats of dandiya music!



Excerpts of "Shri Ram's Life" beautifully narrated from Mr. Rajeshwar Vashishth's book



Kathakaarmandali's performance truly weaved magic in the open sky with their theatrics that left the audience truly awestruck. Another successful Chai Chaupal



THEATRE WITH KATHAKAARMANDALI



WOMEN'S DAY WITH KALAGRAM

It was an honour and an unforgettable opportunity to be able to present KalaGram at one of the biggest CRPF(Central Reserve Police Force) campus of India. A truly beautiful performance by UnCage Academy on women empowerment in the presence of a group of female bikers from Jammu.



KALA-SHIKSHA WITH SPIC MACAY

KalaGram Society with the help of District Education Department conducted Classical dance and Classical music workshops at senior secondary Government schools of Badshahpur , Bhondsi, Kaderpur, Tikli Manesar, Bajghera and Alawardi. It was heartening to see the participation and that the boys were also equally interested and participated in classical dance and music along with the girls



NATURE WALK WITH INTACH



A date with Gurugram took place in association with INTACH Gurugram. Many curious minds joined early in the morning and we ended the session with our famous Chai Samosa at The Church of Epiphany.



ART CORNER

“WARMTH IN SMALL MOMENTS”

PHOTOGRAPHY/ ART WORK SELECTION

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If life were a jigsaw puzzle,
It would have pieces both big and small.
For the puzzle to be complete,
We would need to savour and enjoy them all.

The milestones, the accomplishments, the celebrations,
'Once in a lifetime occasions' are special in their own way.
But then so are the small moments,
The ones which we experience and live every day.

A hug from your child,
A compliment which makes you smile.
A hurried, stolen, passionate kiss,
A movie date, giving the office a miss.
Dinner time debates over a dish enjoyed by all,
The ring of a much-awaited phone call.
Gossip with a close friend over a cup of tea,
These small moments are magical, truly and deeply.

So, celebrate the big moments as you surely need to do,
But remember in the puzzle the smallest piece counts too.
Savour the warmth of all moments with your heart and soul,
Only when we live and enjoy all pieces, is the puzzle whole.

WRITE-UP SELECTION

“Size Doesn’t Matter ”
by Anisha Tandon



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

In this sixth edition of the Kalagram Newsletter, we invite you to immerse yourselves in the dynamic world of Gurugram's arts and culture.

Pablo Picasso once said, "Art washes away from the soul, the dust of everyday life." Indeed, within each stroke, each note, lies a transformative power.

Kalagram is not just a platform; it's a celebration of our city's vibrant creative community.

Through these pages, we have woven stories of passion and showcased remarkable talent. As we conclude, I encourage you to support local artists, attend exhibitions, and keep the cultural flame burning bright. Together, we shape the legacy of art and culture in Gurugram.

Here's to the continued flourishing of our city's artistic spirit.

Warm regards,
Shikha Gupta,
Director, Kalagram



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We cannot close this without given our credits to the people who selflessly supported to make all the events possible..

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