

AAVISHKARA

Art, drama and literature festival

As a part of Kudumbashree Gender self learning programme special initiatives has been taken for theme based programmes in various levels. Kudumbashree conducted a three days camp named 'Aavishkara' for women from Kudumbashree network who have interest in the areas of art, drama and literature. The camps have been conducted at three different venues at Calicut from 18th to 20th August 2017. The programme was organized with the help of Kerala Sahitya Academy, Kerala Lalitha Kala Academy and Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy.

The participants were the selected women from all the fourteen districts of Kerala. Women who were earlier part of Kudumbashree's theme based programmes namely Varayude penma, Rangashree theater, Arangu, Theeppeetti and received basic trainings were selected for the programs.

Inauguration

The famous writer and chairman of Kerala Sahitya Academy Mr. Vyshakhan inaugurated the festival on 18th August 2018 at Town Hall, Calicut. He emphasized that it is important to have holistic development to achieve women empowerment. Kozhikode Kudumbashree District Mission Coordinator Ms. P C Kavitha conveyed the Inaugural address of the program. Executive Director of Kudumbashree, Mr. S Harikishore IAS has given the precedential address. He said that most of the women were not able to get any chance to showcase their talents in art forms because of their living conditions and busy worklife. Kudumbashree is providing a path for these women to refresh their talents and it will eventually lead them to live a happier life. The Secretary of Kerala Sahitya Academy Dr. K P Mohan, Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy Secretary Mr. N Radhakrishnan Nair and Kerala Lalitha Kala Academy Secretary Mr. Ponnyam Chandran explained about the details of the camp. Kudumbashree Program Officer Ms. G S Amritha has given the vote of thanks for the function.



Art camp

The art camp was conducted at the Art gallery Calicut. There were eleven participants from various districts. The classes were focused on pencil drawing as well as painting. On 18th august 2017 Mr. Paul Kallanod led the classes. on 19th august, Mr. Varghese lead the workshop. The classes were based of the usage of colors and various techniques in drawing. It also inspired the participants to observe the nature around them and adapt it in the paintings.



on 20th February 2017, Ms. Kavitha Balakrishnan directed the classes on the topic women empowerment and painting.

Natakalam

On 18th august 2017, Ms. Sreeja Arangottukara , Mr. Manoj Narayanan and Mr. Nandajan Palakkad conducted the various classes in the drama camp. The participants got the opportunity to know about the techniques used in theatre settings. on 19th august 2017, Mr. Sreejith

Ramanan, Mr. T. Suresh Babu and Mr. Gopinath Kozhikode conducted the classes. The classes were entertaining and informative.



Dr. K Sunil led the classes on the third day. The participants were divided into few groups and each person was given a character to play. The groups were able to perform a short drama in the limited time of the day.

Sahitheeyam

In the literature camp, the participants got the opportunity to interact with the eminent personalities in the field of literature. On the first day, Dr. Khadeeja Mumtaz, Ms. Soniya E P, Mr. V P Jayadevan, Mr. P K Gopi and Mr. Subhash Chandran took sessions on various topics.

On the second day, camp members visited the house of renowned writer Mr. Vaikom Muhammed Basheer at Bepoor. It was an overwhelming experience for the participants. Mr. N P Hafiz Muhammed interacted with the participants about the life and writings of Basheer in the home.



On the afternoon session, Mr. P P Ramachandran, Ms. Kanchanamala, Mr. Musafir Ahamed, Ms. Geethipriya, Ms. Syama Balakrishnan, Dr. K M Anil and Mr. R. Mohan interacted with the participants. on 20th august 2017, the participant's writings were collected and analyzed. Prof. M Narayanan was the chief guest on the day. Ms. Arya Gopi, Ms. R Lohya and Ms. Girija led the discussions on poetry. Mr. Shihabudheen Poythumkadavu, Mr. T P Muhammed Sadique led the discussions on story writing. Mr. R M V Divakaran explained about script writing.

The valedictory function was arranged at P M O C hall for all the camps and awards were distributed.