

Report by North East Regional Centre

Dakshin Spoorthi: A Cultural exchange programme in Northeast India organized as a joint venture of Bengaluru Regional Centre, Bangalore, Karnataka and Northeast Regional Centre, Guwahati, Assam from 18th – 20th March 2019.

Day 1: 18th March 2019

The program started by welcoming the Guest of Honour Smt. Chetana Das, renowned theatre artist from Assam. Followed by two minutes of silence to pay tribute to the sad demise of Shri. Manohar Parikar, Chief Minister of Goa and former Defense Minister of India.

The program proceeded with felicitating the Guest of Honour and the team from Bengaluru Regional Centre by Dr. Richa Negi, Director, North East Regional Centre. After the felicitation Dr. Richa Negi, spoke about the outreach program initiated by the North East Regional Centre which aims to project the culture of North East India in different parts of the country and invite artistic expression from other parts of the Country including the IGNCA Regional Centre's in North East. The performance of Yakshagana organized by the Regional Centre, Bengaluru under the guidance of Dr. Deepti Navratna, Director, Regional Centre Bengaluru presented Vaali Moksha on the first day of the event i.e. 18th March 2019. The performance was performed by the troupe Sri. Idagunji Mahaganapati Yakshagana Mandali, Keremane which described the revelation and death of Vaali, the king of Vanara and the alliance between Lord Rama and Sugreev depicted in the form of dance, drama and songs.

The program concluded with the felicitation of the artists by Dr. Richa Negi, Director, Regional Centre NER, Guwahati and a thank you note.

Day 2: 19th March 2019

The second day program was based on *Gadhayudha* which commenced after welcoming the Guest of Honour Prof. Tillutoma Baruah, Department of Anthropology, Cotton University. Followed by felicitation by Dr. Richa Negi, Director, North East Regional Centre. This was followed by the Yakshagana performance on *Gadhayudha*, an episode taken from Mahabharata which was full of brave mood, fear and repulsive mood.

Day 3: 20th March 2019

The third and last day program was based on *Seethaharana*. The Guest of Honour for the program was Smt. Ranjumoni Saikia, Sattriya exponent of Assam. Dr. Richa Negi felicitated Smt. Ranjumoni Saikia and thereafter the performance on *Seethaharana* commenced. *Seetaharna* is an episode taken for Ramayana which depicts Seeta's abduction by King Ravana of Lanka. The program concluded with a vote of thanks.