

Material for Vihangama

Celebrating National Girl Child Day: Honouring with Puppetry Performance on **“Girl- Children are Boons of the Nature Divine** and short film on **“Magale Magizhchi” (Endeared Daughter: Gleeful!)** - at Honourable Her Excellency Dr. Kiran Bedi , Raj Nivas, Governors Palace, Puducherry.

Our Regional Centre, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, along with the collaboration of the Raj Nivas, has conducted the National Girl Child Day program on 24th of January, 2020 in the very premises of our Lieutenant Governor, Puducherry. Her Excellency Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry has taken that occasion for interaction with the budding geniuses of students and treated that day as a golden opportunity for celebrating the spirit of Girl Child.

Raj Nivas Art and Culture Series have enlisted this programme as its 17th edition with a Puppet Show, on the theme of “A Girl Child is a Boon of Nature Divine”. At the time of giving her emboldening and en-heartening as well as encouraging motivational address, Her Excellency Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi said that such kinds of creative expressions enacted in the Puppet Show would enhance the confidence of Girl Child and equip her with renewed self-esteem.

The Puppetry art form has been performed by “Thannambikkai Kali Kuzhu”, being an ancient thought -provoking method to bring impact upon the viewers in order to investigate into the social issues, found rampant everywhere. The very script has been written by Ms. Elizabeth and has been performed by Six artistes, including three differently-abled persons and two among them, sight impaired; and, the other one, being a physically challenged performing artiste. More than 150 Students and Staff – members of Muthu Rathinam Arangam Higher secondary school at Kaundanpalayam and Presidency Higher secondary School at Reddiarpalayam have participated.

A Short film, entitled as “Magale Magizhchi” (Endeared Daughter: Gleeful) a 12 – Minutes film show, too, has been screened. The Film has dealt with the story on how a father who hated the birth of his daughter later changed his mind-set to be an ardent adorer and admirer of a girl child. By the by, her Excellency Lieutenant Governor. Dr.Kiran Bedi has showered her whole - hearted blessings upon those students who have participated and have well received her motherly encouraging motivational suggestions of positive boost, especially, at the time of her interaction with them. Finally, all the Puppet show performers have been honoured with the distribution of certificates. By this program, both the Raj Nivas and IGNSA, Regional Centre Puducherry have planned and collaborated to propagate the flames of the education, especially, by making the girl child the torch bearer of knowledge as well as triumph, in this highly needful hour of our Nation.

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