



Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth

in association with



INAUGURATION OF KARWAR CHAPTER OF SPIC MACAY

**Friday, 5th February 2016 at 10.00 a.m.
Venue: KWT's Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola**

A R E P O R T

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SPIC MACAY (Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth) is a non-political, nationwide, voluntary movement founded in 1977 by Dr Kiran Seth, Professor-Emeritus at IIT-Delhi who was awarded the 'Padma Shri' for his contribution to the Arts in 2009 by the Govt. of India

SPIC MACAY's intention is to enrich the quality of formal education by increasing awareness about different aspects of Indian heritage and inspiring the young mind to imbibe the values embedded in it. It seeks to inspire youth through experiencing the mysticism embodied in the rich and heterogeneous cultural tapestry of Indian and World Heritage, with a hope that the beauty, grace, values and wisdom embodied in these arts will influence their way of life and thinking and inspire one to become a better human being. For this, the most accomplished artistes of the country render programmes of Indian classical music and dance, folk, poetry, theatre, traditional paintings, crafts & yog primarily in schools and colleges. In 2011, SPIC MACAY was awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana award in recognition of its contribution to youth development.

In 2012-13, 7500+ programmes were organised in more than 1500 institutions in 800 towns in India and 50 towns abroad impacting more than 3 million students. All these programmes were organised by thousands of volunteers – largely students, teachers, housewives, retired people, professionals, young and old. SPIC MACAY celebrates Nishkaam Seva - the spirit of volunteerism – of giving selflessly without expectation, a value that is intrinsic to our culture and important to nurture in today's world.

The inauguration of the KARWAR Chapter of SPIC MACAY was organized in Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola, on 5th February 2016. Various teachers working in the Trust Institutions as well as the schools under Karwar Education Society participated in the program. The event was graced by the key persons associated with SPIC MACAY, namely its founder - Dr. Kiran Seth, Shri Arun Sahay – its Chairperson and Ms. Vidya Harish of the Bangalore unit.

Shri K.V.Shetti, Administrative Officer, Kanara Welfare Trust, welcomed the gathering and introduced the guests to the audience.



Mr. Arun Sahay, Chairperson – SPIC MACAY



Dr. Kiran Seth, Founder – SPIC MACAY

The program was inaugurated by the dignitaries present on the occasion. In his key note address, Dr. Kiran Seth elaborated on the objectives of SPIC MACAY. He urged the teachers to inculcate classical and other forms of art in their schools. This would help the young students develop better concentration while learning their academic subjects. He narrated various examples of great personalities who had a keen passion for the arts. He stressed that in today's fast world, it was necessary to motivate the students and teachers to develop a passion for learning.



Ms. Vidya Harish of SPIC MACAY



Audience comprising of teachers from KWT & KES Schools

Ms. Vidya Harish outlined the activities of SPIC MACAY to the audience. SPIC MACAY conducts lecture demonstrations, conventions, yoga, folk arts & crafts workshop, heritage walks, screening of cinema classics, and many other activities throughout the year at various places in the country and abroad. The organization also has a scholarship scheme where budding student artistes can develop their art and get to know the great achievers in their field. Conventions are held regularly wherein more than 1500 students can participate at a time. These conventions are spread over a month and the participants are exposed to numerous activities every day. Students can also participate as volunteers and get themselves acquainted with the conduct of such workshops and camps.

The inaugural program concluded with vote of thanks by Ms. Shailaja Bhat, Gokhale Centenary College, Ankola. Shri Ganapati Tandel of P.M.High School compeered the program.

After the inaugural session, the Trust had organized a cultural session for the participants. Students from Dinkar Kalaniketan and various teachers of the Trust institutions presented their skills in the field of classical and folk music. Music teachers – Shri Maruti Naik and Shri Ganapati Hegde accompanied the singers on the harmonium and table. Shri Santosh Shet of Smt. Sumati Damle Girls High School, Karwar, anchored the program.





Ms. Bharati Hegde, JV-Mirjan-Kodkani



Ms. Nandini Naik, KMS-Dandeli



Ms. Vanita Shet, Hindu High School, Karwar



Mr. Abhishek Naik, JV-Murdeshwar



Mr. Devanand Gaonkar, Divekar College



Ms. Shailaja Bhat, G.C.College, Ankola



Mr. S M Hegde, Smt. Sumati Damle School



Anchors – Mr. Santosh Shet & Mr. G M Tandel