

# Nrityanjali 2021: National Inter-Collegiate Dance Fest at Kristu Jayanti College



The Literary and Cultural Association of Kristu Jayanti College organized the 14th edition of 'Nrityanjali – A Salutation to Dance' –National Level Intercollegiate Dance Festival on 29th April, 2021. The fest organized on the occasion World Dance Day strives to amplify and nurture talented dancers throughout the nation. Due to the pandemic, it was a Virtual Fest. Nrityanjali is dedicated to celebrating the cultural diversity through various Indian dance forms, classical and folk. Inauguration of the annual dance event took place fittingly on International Dance Day.

Rev. Dr Augustine George, Principal, Kristu Jayanti College presided over the inaugural ceremony. The Chief

Guest this year was the renowned and accomplished Guru Sri Mysore B Nagaraj, a maven of the spectacular art form of Kathak. Through the Articulate Dance studios, he carves aspiring dancers in creating fulfilling opportunities and vocations for themselves.

In his inaugural speech Sri Mysore B Nagaraj promoted dance as an asset even as just an extracurricular, especially the Classical Indian forms of dance as it pushes one to go beyond existing boundaries and grow to the best of their capabilities, using its intricate techniques to shape an individual's confidence and health, both psychological and physiological. "It provides an outlet for artistic expression and creativity. Most



importantly, it is a valuable skill worth cultivating" he said. Mr. Nagaraj was very encouraging towards and appreciative of participation and inspired all to step out of their comfort zones and take part in the beautiful art of dance. This year Nrityanjali had competitions in eight different categories; Indian classical, Western, Folk, Eastern, Retro were some of the events. All events saw overwhelming participation and enthusiastic audience appreciation of the aesthetics of dance in its various forms. The panel of jury consisted of eminent alumni dance professionals and film actors of the college including Ms. Gayatri Krishna.

The dance extravaganza con-

cluded with the valedictory ceremony. The participants from different colleges across the nation appreciated the organizers of Nrityanjali for curating a platform to encourage young artists. Participants appreciated the positivity instilled by events like Nrityanjali during these tough times. Prize winners were felicitated by Rev. Fr Emmanuel P J, Director, Kristu Jayanti College of Law. In his valedictory address Fr. Emmanuel mentioned that it is the spirit of participation that makes everyone winners. Nrityanjali saw participation from different states of the nation. The unique virtual dance fest showcased how the art form is inextricably interwoven into the fabric of human life.