



ArtBeat TRPF

cultural foundation bulletin

Introductory Note

With great pleasure, **The Rameshwar Prem Foundation** presents the first issue of **ArtBeatTRPF**-cultural foundation bulletin, its newsletter dedicated to theatre, literature, visual arts, archives, education and cultural documentation.

This first issue marks the beginning of TRPF's regular communication with artists, schools, institutions, cultural workers, students and the wider creative community. Through this newsletter, the Foundation aims to share its programmes, announcements, collaborations, cultural reflections and future plans with all those who are connected with the arts.

In this issue, we announce the development of a new cultural space near **Rithala Metro Station, Delhi**, which will serve as a creative hub for artistic and cultural activities. We also share details about the opening of registrations for **TRPF** programmes, newsletter subscription and artist database.

This issue introduces **Kalavilay-2**, TRPF's upcoming collective art programme, where two or more artists will work together to create one common artwork. It also includes information about the Foundation's plan for a **one-day creative workshop for Government school students**.

The newsletter further carries a special note on the children's theatre workshop conducted by **Smriti Agarwal** in collaboration with **Neha Bansal**, in Agra during this summer where young participants were introduced to theatre, movement, voice, storytelling and creative expression.

This issue also includes TRPF's respectful tribute to **Teejan Bai**, the legendary **Pandavani** artist whose contribution to Indian folk performance will remain an important part of India's cultural memory.

Through **ArtBeatTRPF**-cultural foundation bulletin, **TRPF** invites artists, students, schools, institutions and well-wishers to register, participate and become part of this growing creative journey.

With regards,

The Rameshwar Prem Foundation



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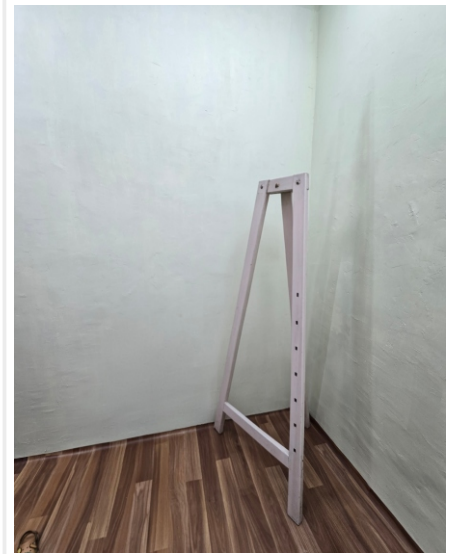
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New Cultural Space

The Rameshwar Prem Foundation is pleased to announce the development of a new cultural space near **Rithala Metro Station, Delhi**. This Small modest space will function as a creative and artistic hub for the city by the Foundation.

The new space is being developed as a point of connection for artists, writers, theatre practitioners, students, schools and cultural collaborators. Through this space is modest and small it will be



utilized for small petit gathering for discussions, small exhibitions and limited activities, **TRPF** aims to bring regular programmes in visual arts, theatre, literature, children's workshops, documentation and archive-based cultural activities and the Foundation is looking for more such spaces.

Homage to Teejan Bai

The Foundation deeply mourns the passing of legendary Pandavani artist **Teejan Bai**, One of the most powerful voices of Indian folk performance and oral storytelling.

Teejan Bai dedicated her life to **Pandavani**, the traditional storytelling folk form of **Chhattisgarh** based on episodes of the **Mahabharata**. With her commanding voice, expressive narration and unforgettable stage presence, she brought this folk tradition from regional performance spaces to national and international recognition.



Teejan Bai while performance (courtesy news9live.com)

Her contribution was not limited to performance alone. She gave dignity, visibility and strength to a living folk tradition and inspired generations of artists, performers, theatre practitioners and cultural workers. Through her art, she showed how oral traditions, music, narration and performance can carry the memory of a people and the soul of a culture.

The Rameshwar Prem Foundation offers its heartfelt tribute to **Teejan Bai**. Her passing is a great loss to Indian art and culture, but her voice, her presence and her contribution to **Pandavani** will continue to live in the cultural memory of India forever.

TRPF pays respectful homage to this extraordinary artist. A special report on **Teejan Bai** is done by **TRPF** in their website under News & Publications.

Children's Theatre Workshop: Introducing Theatre to Young Minds

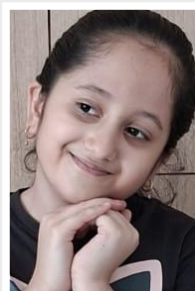
Agra-based artist **Smriti Agarwal**, with a rich background in fine arts, theatre, acting and stage-design, is passionate about introducing children to the transformative world of theatre. In collaboration with soft skills coach **Neha Bansal**, she conducted a seven-day theatre workshop in June for Children aged 8-15.

Through engaging games, creative activities, and hands-on exercises, the workshop introduced participants to the fundamentals of theatre. The children explored stage positions and movement, the **Navarasas** (nine emotions), voice modulation, storytelling, and creative use of the body as a theatrical tool.

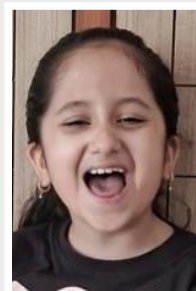
Working in small groups, they collaborated to create original skits, learning team work, confidence and creative problem-solving along the way.

The workshop culminated in a joyful showcase where the young performers presented their skits before their parents and invited the audience to participate in interactive theatre games, making the final performance a memorable celebration of learning, creativity, and expression.

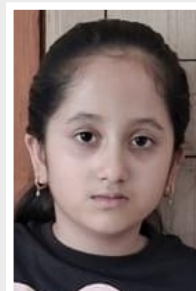
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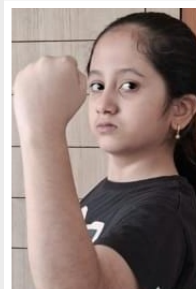
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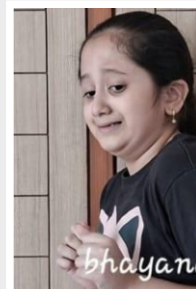
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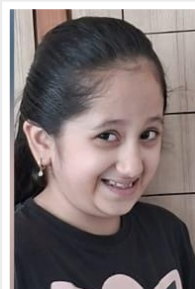
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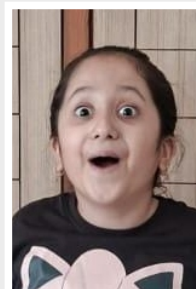
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Navarasas (nine emotions) (courtesy Smriti Agarwal)

UpComing

कालविलय Festival -2

The Foundation is preparing to begin its first programme titled **Kalavilay-2**.

Kalavilay-2 is a collective art programme where two or more artists work together to produce a single artwork. The purpose of this programme is to encourage artistic dialogue, shared imagination, collaborative practice and creative exchange among artists.

In 2023, **Kalavilay-1** was introduced by **Studio Spaces**, which is now an integral part of **The Rameshwar Prem Foundation**. You can witness the earlier **Kalavilay Festival** in **Studio Spaces YouTube** channel at <https://youtu.be/NOZ-olCDC38?si=5hOamYbyXghgepGO>, where artists and children participated overwhelmingly.

In **Kalavilay-2**, like **Kalavilay-1** participating artists will not work separately. They will contribute together to create one common artwork. The programme will promote cooperation, experimentation and collective expression.

TRPF is looking into the artist's database of the Foundation and will select few artists to participate in this programme. In case, Artists hasn't registered with Foundation should register themselves and share their basic profile, contact details and work. There is no deadline and will be intimated through email personally.

UpComing One-Day Workshop for Government Schools

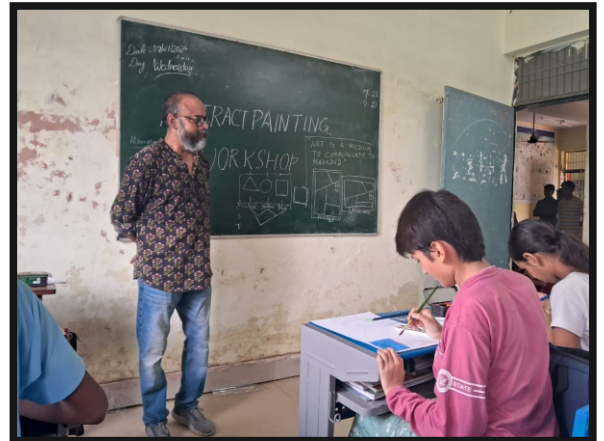
TRPF is planning a one-day creative workshop for students of Government Schools as part of its educational outreach initiative.

The workshop will focus on creativity, drawing, imagination, self-expression and cultural awareness. It will encourage students to observe, think and express their ideas through visual forms in a friendly and participatory environment.

The official call for the workshop is yet to be finalized. The names of participating schools, rules, eligibility, date, venue, materials and other details will be announced later through the official poster and public announcement.

Through this initiative, **TRPF** aims to connect with young learners and encourage creative learning through art and cultural expression.

In 2024 a creative workshop was conducted by **Rahul Chaudhury**, Director of **TRPF**, in **Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya**, Hapur. Students overwhelmingly participated in one day workshop.



One day creative workshop by **Rahul Chaudhury**

About The Rameshwar Prem Foundation

The Rameshwar Prem Foundation is a Section 8 non-profit cultural foundation dedicated to theatre, literature, visual arts, archives, education and cultural documentation.

The Foundation is committed to preserving the legacy of **Rameshwar Prem** and building new platforms for creative expression, artistic collaboration and cultural memory.

Through its programmes, **TRPF** aims to connect artists, students, schools, institutions and the public through meaningful cultural initiatives.

Stay Connected with TRPF

The Foundation invites artists, schools, institutions, cultural workers and well-wishers to stay connected with its upcoming programmes.

Please register for **TRPF** programme updates, newsletters subscription, artist database, workshop announcements and future cultural events. Scan QR to the website fill out the mailing list form to register.



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