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Arts and heritage contribution

To support and preserve Indian art and heritage, Sri Sri University created the 'Faculty of Arts, Communication and Indic (FACIS)' Studies. This FACIS department strives hard to promote and create a vibrant campus, which is the cornerstone of an enriched student experience. The alluring combination of dance and music has now taken center stage in everything from electronic to celluloid media. Sanskrit is a classical language that is taught in Indian studies in order to aid in the spread and preservation of Indian culture. The students have access to a plethora of activities and events, they are more likely to engage, integrate, and feel a sense of belonging. This heightened engagement leads to higher levels of student satisfaction and overall academic success.

Sri Sri University holds the honour of successfully launching the first and largest in the world the Sri Sri Centre for Advanced Research in Kathak (SSCARK), first in India the Sri Sri Centre for Translation and Interpreting Studies, and third in India the Sri Sri Centre for Advanced Research in Bharatanatyam dance. The prestigious Padma Shri awardee Dr. Puru Dadeech Ji has been appointed as Head of the Advanced Research Centre in Kathak and as the Honorary Professor of FACIS department in Sri Sri University.

The FACIS department at Sri Sri University presents lectures, plays, concerts, and community education in an effort to serve the area as an artistic and cultural resource. In addition to modeling a commitment to lifelong learning by continuing their own professional development as artists, scholars, and educators, the faculty and staff are dedicated to the personal growth of their students by sharing their skills and knowledge in an environment of respect and collaboration. These contributions are listed below:

- Prof. Guru Ratikant Mohapatra, Dean, FACIS was invited by Temple of Fine Arts, Coimbatore to perform in the Shantanand Saraswati Music & Dance Festival, on 27th July 2022. He was also invited to conduct a three-day workshop on Odissi Dance from 28th to 30th July 2022.



Figure 01: Performance and workshop conducted at Shantanand Saraswati Music & Dance Festival



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- Sanskrit is an ancient and classical language and vital to Indian culture. Hence efforts have been taken by FACIS department for its propagation and awareness by successfully celebrating the 'SANSKRIT WEEK' from 11th to 17th August-2022.



Figure 02: Performance and workshop conducted at Shantanand Saraswati Music & Dance Festival

- The Faculty from FACIS was invited to perform in the 44th Varsha Festival organized by Chinta-O-Chetana at Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar on 16th August 2022.
- The Faculty from FACIS along with the students of BPA Odissi Dance performed in the National Dance Festival 2022 at Rabindra Bharati auditorium, Hyderabad organized by Potti Sreeramulu Telugu University, Hyderabad on 19th August 2022.



Figure 03: Faculty and Students performance at various events



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- Prof. Guru Ratikant Mohapatra, Dean FACIS received “Rasikas Beloved Classical Dancer” - Vrindrani Awards 2022, from Lasya Dance Pvt.Ltd. at Music Academy, Chennai. He was also invited by Pratibha Cultural Centre, Burdhaman to perform in the Murchhana Festival and received Pratibha Samman on 21st August 2022.



Figure 04: Prof. Guru Ratikant Mohapatra, Dean FACIS receiving awards

- The faculty from FACIS department, was felicitated by Mr Ganga Prasad, the Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim, for his active role as the Director of Sri Sri Centre for Translation and Interpreting Studies, Sri Sri University, on 12th September, 2022.



Figure 05: Faculty being felicitated by the Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim

- The faculty from FACIS department, was invited to perform in Nrutyanjali -17th Annual dance festival organized by Debadasi.at Rabindra Mandap, Bhubaneswar on 14th September 2022.



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Figure 06: Faculty performance at Nrutyanjali -17th Annual dance festival

- The student of Masters in Performing Arts from FACIS department performed at the G20 India Energy Week Summit on 6th Feb 2023. She also performed at the Gowri National Cultural Festival in Kerala on 17th Feb 2023.



Figure 07: Student performance at Gowri National Cultural Festival in Kerala

- The engagement with India's classical heritage and to enhance the learning experience, the students of Bachelors and Masters in Performing Arts from FACIS department, performed at various events like for delegates of seven Asian countries at a Bangalore conference organized by the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India on 27th Feb 2023, Student was invited to perform as a guest performer in the Annual Festival of Shastriyam Dance Institute, Kolkata on 28th May 2023.



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Figure 08: Students performance at various events

- The Students also received awards like National Nritya Rasika Samman in Puri Utsa on 21st May 2023 and 3rd Ratha yatra Nritya Utsav organised by DCDA, Kolkata on 23rd June 2023.



Figure 09: Students receiving awards (samman) by organisers

- The faculty from FACIS department received “Kabichandra Kalicharan Pattanaik Yuva Puraskar 2021” by Odisha Sangeet Natak Akademi on 19th Dec 2022.



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Figure 10: Faculty received Kabichandra Kalicharan Pattanaik Yuva Puraskar by Sangeet Natak Akademi

- Prof. Guru Ratikant Mohapatra, Dean FACIS received the International Excellence Award from Kitekraft Production on 25th Feb 2023. He also received Utkal Pratibha Samman 2023 on the auspicious occasion of Utkal Divas by ODM Public School, Bhubaneswar on 1st April 2023 and Suravi Samman 2023' by Suravi organisation, Bhubaneswar on 8th April 2023.



Figure 11: Dean FACIS received Sangeet Natak Akademi and Suravi Samman