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Souvenir release of National Jackfruit Fest

The second National Jackfruit Fest was conducted from May 15 to 18, 2015 at Aranmula and its Souvenir was released on 31st May, 2016. This was conducted to promote the fruit and its nutritious value to the younger generation in sustaining the fruit's popularity and its importance in the economy of Kerala.The Souvenir covers all the major activities and photographs of the Fest and featured articles on the benefits of Jackfruit.

World environment day

The trust celebrated world environment day on 10th June, 2016 by sapling plants and messages was given to different stakeholders by Shr. KummanamRajasekharanon the importance of conservation of environment. The sessions were held based on the international theme "Go wild for life". The session were taken by Professor Thomas and Dr. Unnikrishnan from St. Thomas College Kozhencherry and NSS College Pandalam respectively. Free saplings were distributed during the occasion by the trust with the support of Social forestry initiate of Forest department of Government of Kerala . The event was inaugurated by Shri P. Induchoodan , President of Aranmula Heriatge Karma Samati.

Financial aid for surgery

Financial support was provided to the D/o of Mr. ShajiChacko for the backbone surgery. This helped the family to meet the expenses of the surgery to an extent.

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Paithrokolsavam 2017 (Heritage Fest)

The heritage fest was celebrated in Aranmula from 28th July 2017 to 1st August 2017. Fifty two Palliyodams (Snake Boats) from various "Karas" were participated and people visited these localities flame of fire (Deepashika). The objective of the programme is to familiarize traditional art forms which are unknown to the new generation. Different traditional cultural programmes were conducted as part of the heritage fest.



National Jackfruit Festival 2017

Jackfruit Festival or ChakkaMahotsavamwas conducted with the support of the National Jackfruit Promotion Council (NJPC). The objective of the programme was to spread public awareness of the health benefits of jackfruit and educating the people on the market potential of the jackfruit. A sandeshavilambara rally was conducted and the meeting was inaugurated by the Honourable Governor of Kerala Justice P Sathasivam. He appreciated the efforts of the

Aranmula Heritage Trust in organizing the event. The fest was inaugurated by the ShriKrishan Pal Gurjar,Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment,Government of India. The Dairy farms meet was inaugurated by Shri. SudarshanBhagat ,Minister of State for Agriculture, Government of India. The valedictory session was inaugurated by Shri. Mahesh Sharma,Minister of State forTourism,Government of India.Shri. Mathew T Thomas the Minister for Water Resources Government of Kerala. delivered a message during the programme. . Many entrepreneurs used this festival for seeking new business avenues, especially women. All the print and visual media highlighted the popularity of the programme and the number of visitors stands testimony to its success.



Honourable Governor of Kerala Justice P Sathasivam inaugurating the Sandsesha vilambara rally meeting of National Jackfruit Fest.



ShriKrishan Pal Gurjar, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India Inaugurating the National Jackfruit Fest



Inauguration of Dairy farms meet by Shri. SudarshanBhagat , Minister of State for Agriculture, Government of India.

Website renewal

The existing website of the Trust was renewed on 17TH November, 2017. The design of the website is changed and contents are updated. The updated website gives information about

various projects and programmes of the trust and offers a photo gallery. The link to the official website of the trust is https://www.aranmulaheritage.net/.

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Puthariyal Construction

A visit of eminent persons to anda meeting was held on 29th June , 2018 regarding the traditional Puthariyal construction which is part of the heritage of the Aranmula. The eminent personalities includes Shr. Suresh Gopi , Cine Artist & A Chandrachoodan and Padmakumar. The meeting was facilitated by Shri. R.K Nair.



Shri. Suresh Gopi , Honorable Member of Parliament , Shri. A Padmakumar ,Preisent of Dewasom Board Government of Kerala and Smt. MalethuSarala Devi former MLA visiting the Puthariyal Construction site.

National seminar on the Heritage of Aranmula

A national seminar was organized by the trust on 28th July 2018on the Heritage of Aranmula- Strategies and Chellenges. The programme was inaugurated by the Hon. Governor of Mizoram Shri. KummanamRajasekharan. He stressed upon preserving and promoting the legacy of Aranmula, its arts and crafts, cultural ethos, agricultural practices and the core competencies of the super talented residents of Aranmula. Eminent dignitaries from across India were invited to share their ideas to achieve the desired goal of preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of this historic town The panel of speakers comprising of Honourable Governor of Mizoram Shri. KummanamRajasekharan, Renowned Archaeologist - Dr. KK Mohammed, Former Director of Heritage Studies - Dr. NP Sankarankutty Nair, Former HOD National Museum Institute - Dr. M V Nair, Eminent Historian - Dr.Sasibhushan,CEO Magnetic Mizoram Investors Summit and Managing Director of Innovations India - Captain Rahul Bali, Director National Museum of History – Dr. B Venugopal, Director of Centre for social markets – Smt. Viva Kirmani and Expert Facilitator UNESCO – Mr. Rahul Goswamy discussed about the various strategies and challenges and shared their vision and ideas.



National seminar inaugurated by the Honorable Governor of Mizoram Shri. KummanamRajasekharan.

Flood area visit 2018

Flood relief measures were undertaken by the trust and provided relief materials to the affected people in Aranmula on 02nd August, 2018. The programmes were coordinated by Shri. Shankarankutty and Shri.Giribhushan.

Inauguration of Heritage club and institute

A heritage club was inaugurated by in SVVP School on 28th September, 2018 by Shri. KummanamRajasekharan, Honorable Governor of Mizoram. The objective of the programme is to protect the heritage of Aranmula through new generation. Eminent persons like Professor Dr. RajasekharanPillai, Former Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission, New. Delhi attended the programme and spoke during the occasion about the importance of heritage. During the ceremony honoring of the brave hearts of Aranmula , who dared to risk their lives to save that of others was done. During this ceremony Shri.KummanamRajasekharan, Honorable Governor of Mizoram also initiated distribution of tools to the Aranmula Metal Mirror makers whose livelihood was affected by the floods. He also inaugurated the heritage institute in Aranmula.



Honorable Governor of Mizoram Shri.KummanamRajasekharan inaugurating the heritage club.Former Vice Chairman of University Grants Commission Dr. RajaselkharaPillai and other dignitaries.

Heritage mapping

Heritage mapping of the Aranmula was initiated on 30thOctober 2018. This was done with the support of helicam and through the river Pampa. Various heritage locations were mapped through the process. Experts in the field of heritage mapping facilitated the mapping process. The area covered is from Chennitala in Alapuzha district to Aranmula in Pathamthitta district.

Handing over of the Umayattukara Old Palliyodam to heritage museum (Teertayanam)

UmayattukaraPalliyodam is one of the oldest Palliyodam in the Umayattukara area. During the occasion palliyodasevasamathi of Umayattukara handed over to the heritage Museum of Aranmula Heritage Trust on 30th September, 2018 . The museum will also display historical items from various rulers, coins, title deeds in Brass, murals, paintings, etc., which will make the future generation understand our glorious periods of ancient past.Vallasadhya was provided to everyone attended the programme.



Handing over ceremony of the UmayattukaraPalliyodam to Heritage Museum

National Handicraft fest 2018

A National Handicrafts Heritage Festival was conducted to help the rebuilding of Aranmula Kannadimanufactures that have faced heavy lost in the 2018 flood in Kerala.The festival was scheduled in Ernakulathappan ground, Kochi from November 2 to 11, under the aegis of Aranmula Heritage Trust. The ten days long festival was conducted as part of the Kochi International Book Festival. The festival showcased stalls of traditional handicraft artists from different states like Madyapradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Rajasthan, Odisha, Mumbai, Delhi, Uttarpradesh, Punjab, West Bengal, Pondicherry and Thelungana as well as those from Kerala.The National Handicrafts Heritage Exhibition and Sale was conducted to financially assist the of Aranmula Kannadi manufactures. The revenue generated through this was completely handed over to them.

Pre Workshop on Kannadi ,Palliyodam , Padayani and Pamba Nadi

A pre-workshop on Aranmula heritage components like Aranmula mirror, Snake boat,Padayani and River Pamba was conducted on 15th December 2018 as part of National workshop to be held on 15-18 February, 2019. Renowned resource persons facilitated the workshop. Participants from various organizations attended the workshop.

National workshop on intangible heritage and disaster management (Paithrukayanam)

The National Workshop on Intangible Heritage and Disaster Management to be held at Aranmula from 15th to 18th February 2019. The workshop wasinaugurated by Honourable Governor of Mizoram Shri. KummanamRajasekharan graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. Eminent resource persons like Shri. K.N Dixit, President of Indian Archaeological

Society was the Chief Guest. Shri. Rahul Goswamy the facilitator for intangible cultural heritage delivered the Keynote address. Shri.Prasanna Kumar Tatwamasi , President of PadayaniEkopanaSamathi delivered keynote address. Eco – Tourism and Adventure park expert Captain Pathania gave a lecture on concept of heritage village.

Financial support for Palliyodams for maintenance after flood

The trust provided financial support to 52 Palliyodams on 18thFebruary , 2019. An amount of Rupees 10000 was provided for the maintenance of Palliyodams after the flood.

Financial support for the livelihood of traditional families construction of Aranmula Mirror (Aranmula Kanndi) .

The trust provided financial support to 28 the livelihood of traditional families engaged in the construction of Aranmula Mirror (Aranmula Kandy). An amount of Rupees 5000 was provided for buying raw materials for engaging in their livelihood activities as part of flood relief.

Financial support forPadayaniKalari

The trust provided financial support to one PadayaniKalari by providing financial assistance of Rupees 15000 for its maintenance as part of flood relief.