

Global Indian Foundation

Annual General Report

2012



From the Chairman's Desk



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The year 2012 has been remarkable for several reasons. Global Schools completed 10 years since inception, which was marked by significant achievements of our students in spheres of academics, sports and performing arts.

In 2011, our cultural operations were streamlined under the aegis of Global Indian Foundation as a part of our focussed and strategic efforts to promote cultural education and inculcate value-based learning. Global Indian Cultural Centre (GICC) has been providing specialised training to students from competent and professionally-qualified teachers in performing arts, sports, foreign languages, visual arts, and speech & drama.

GICC has spearheaded community involvement and social integration initiatives in Singapore through its popular Hatha Yoga programme, as well as participation in several activities and programmes organised by various Singapore-based cultural organisations.

GICC students have had the opportunity to perform in national-level competitions, as well as community events; further strengthening our outreach initiatives. Through such participation, GICC students are able to connect with other students and enjoy being a part of the growing Singapore community.

I wish all students and teachers the very best in their endeavours, and look forward to a fruitful and promising 2013.

Global Indian Cultural Centre
Queenstown Campus

HIGHLIGHTS





KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Bharatham 2012

GICC takes pride in announcing the prize winners of the Bharatanatyam Dance competition, **Bharatham 2012**, organised by the Toa Payoh West. This year, 17 GICC students qualified to attend the Bharatham 2012 auditions. Bharatham is Singapore's national dance competition and brings forth participation from the best Bharatanatyam dancers here to compete in 2 categories: Senior and Junior. Out of the 17 students, 4 qualified for the finals held on April 16, 2011 at Toa Payoh West CC.

Adithi Bhat bagged the 4th place and Subikha Ganesan received a consolation prize in the Junior category. Ankitha Rajaram bagged the 3rd place and Akshara Maran bagged the 4th place in the Senior category. Students from various leading cultural centers took part in the competition.

Thyagaraja Aradhana 2012

Since the past seven years, Global Indian Cultural Centre (GICC) has been paying a special tribute to Saint Thyagaraja, the saint and great musician of Carnatic music, through Thyagaraja Aradhana. Saint Thyagaraja was a devotee of Lord **Rama** and a prolific composer of numerous devotional songs, sung traditionally in every Carnatic music concert. On February 29, an august gathering of over 400 devotees participated in the congregational singing of Pancha Ratna Krithis at Thyagaraja Aradhana, which was held at the GICS Queenstown Campus.

Papanasam Music and Dance Competition

The birth anniversary of Siva Punya Gana Mani Brahmashri Papanasam Sivan is celebrated every year in Singapore and other countries for the past 6 years. This year, Sivan Fine Arts Academy, in association with GICC, conducted music and dance competitions on January 28. The competitions on songs of Papanasam Sivan were for vocal, violin, Veena, flute, keyboard, Mridangam and Bharatanatyam.

GICC students perform for Lunar New Year celebrations

Twenty-five students of Global Rhythms, under the guidance of Ms Jennifer Peter, performed for the Lunar New Year celebrations organised by Queenstown Community Centre. Former Minister Mentor of Singapore, Mr Lee Kuan Yew presided as the Guest of Honour for the programme. GICC students presented a vibrant dance on a medley of popular Hindi songs.



GICC students perform at Krishna Manjari 2012

GICC students perform on World Hindi Day 2012

GICC students Subiksha, Anvitha, Varsha and Judi performed a classical dance as part of the World Hindi Day celebration organised in Singapore on February 11, 2012. They were trained under the guidance of Ms Atira Venugopal.

GICC students perform at Purandara Dasar Aradhana

GICC students were invited by Singapore Kannada Sangha to perform during the Purandara Dasar Aradhana on February 5, 2012. Students of GICC teachers, Ms Atira Venugopal and Ms Shobinya Karthikeyan performed on Daasaru Krithis for the occasion.

Participating in auspicious celebrations for Maha Sivarathri

GICC team was privileged to be invited by the organising committee of Sri Sivan temple in Geylang to celebrate Maha Sivarathri. The committee members had seen GICC students perform Beats of India – a dance performance based on six Indian dance styles and had conveyed a special request to the GICC team to perform the same dance during the temple's Maha Sivarathri celebrations. It was a privilege for GICC students to perform during the auspicious occasion. They also got the rare opportunity to meet and interact with Dr Balamuralikrishna, leading vocalist and composer of Carnatic music.

Performing in Singapore's national dance competition – Sanghamam

Singapore's national level dance competition, Salangai Oli, culminated in a grand finale – Sanghamam on March 4. GICC Bharatanatyam students, Akshara Maran, Swathi Ramesh and Vaishalee Rajaraman were part of Salangai Oli and Sanghamam. It was a wonderful opportunity for the young dancers to perform at Sanghamam, which was held at the Esplanade theatre, along with their mentors and leading guest artistes from India. Participation in the grand event with an audience of 1500 was a superb experience for the dancers as it accorded them a chance to demonstrate their commitment and passion towards the art, especially since the preparation for the event coincided with their school examinations.

Krishna Manjari 2012

GICC's tiny tots trained in Bharathanatyam by Ms Atira Venugopal, made their stage debut with a performance for Krishna Manjari 2012 along with her senior dance students at Khoo Auditorium in Singapore on October 6, 2012.

Global Rhythms students perform at the Mid-Autumn Festival

Students of Global Rhythms, under the guidance of Ms Jenifer Peter, performed an Arabian dance at the Mid-Autumn festival.

Vijayadashmi Pooja

On October 24, GICC organised a Vijayadashmi Pooja at GISS Queenstown Campus. The festival of Dussehra, also known as Vijayadashmi, is one of the most fascinating festivals of India and is celebrated with joy and enthusiasm. It is a time-honoured belief that any new venture that commences on this day will be successful. Initiating a child into the world of learning also commences on this day.

Led by the GICC performing arts teachers, a special prayer was conducted, followed by students of each group being taught a new lesson in the characteristic gurukul style. A token of appreciation was presented to the performing arts teachers in recognition of their continuous support towards GICC.

Vibrant Navaratri performances by GICC students

According to popular belief, it is auspicious to perform in temples during the nine nights of Navaratri. This year, 200 GICC students performed at various temples in Singapore during Navaratri celebrations.

For GICC students, temple performances during Navaratri celebrations form a part of their learning process. These performances boost their confidence and prepare them to perform on bigger platforms. This year's performances at various temples were very successful and well appreciated by community members. The guidance and support from GICC's dedicated performing arts teachers played a big role in motivating the students.

Sri Dandayuthapani Temple	16 October
Sri Mariamman Temple and Sri Vadabadrakaliamman Temple	17 October
Sri Rudra Kaliamman Temple	18 October
Sri Senbaga Vinayagar Temple	21 October
Sri Arasakesari Temple	22 October
Sri Muneeswaran Temple	24 October
Sri Lakshmi Narayan Temple	24 October



GICC students performed as part of Taman Jurong CC's Gala of Lights - Enlightening Lives with Sharing. Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, presided as the Guest of Honour

Tampines CC Bharatanatyam Dance Solo competition

GICC Bharatanatyam dancers bagged prizes at the Bharatanatyam dance competition organised by Tampines CC, Singapore, on October 27, 2012. Four GICC students won prizes in the competition and proved their excellent dance

Senior category: Akshara Maran – 2nd prize and Vaishalee Rajaraman – 3rd prize

Junior category: Simrita Agrawal – 1st prize and Subiksha Ganesan – 3rd prize

Diwali Utsav Parade Little India

For the first time, GICC dance students performed at the **Utsav Parade**, which was jointly organised by the Hindu Endowment Board and LISHA. Students performed a Bharatanatyam dance expressing the beauty of Mother Earth. The performance drew an overwhelming response from the audience. After the performances, people gathered on the street to cheer the performers.

Gala of Lights

On November 25, GICC students performed as part of Taman Jurong CC's **Gala of Lights – Enlightening Lives with Sharing**. GICC students performed two contemporary dances and one semi-classical at the event. Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam presided as the Guest of Honour for the event. GICC's performances were well appreciated by the audience and dignitaries. On behalf of GICC, Mr Kaustubh Bodhankar, Deputy CEO, Global Schools Foundation, received an appreciation plaque from Mr Shanmugaratnam.

Performance at Queenstown Community Centre

GICC students performed for Queenstown Community Centre (CC) celebration on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Indian Activity Executive Committee (IAEC), Queenstown CC. GICC students presented a classical and a folk dance at the event. They performed in front of the Guest of Honour Dr Chia Shi-Lu, Adviser & Member of Parliament for Tanjong Pagar GRC and special guest, Mr Baey Yam Keng, former Adviser & Member of Parliament for Tanjong Pagar GRC.



GICC Hatha Yoga

Number of 12-week courses completed at GICS (3 centers)	34
Number of participants enrolled at GICS (3 centers)	3232
Number of participants that were certified at GICS (3 centers)	1860

(all numbers are till date since inception)



Akshara Maran, a senior dance student of GICC and a disciple of Vidhushi Ms Srilakshmi, performed her Arangetram at Jubilee Hall, Raffles Hotel.

This is the second dance Arangetram for GICC. Mr Narayana Mohan, President, SICCI, presided as the Guest of Honour.

GICC e-Newsletter

Regular newsletters are sent out to update all parents on the happenings at GICC. Nineteen volumes have been released till date.

Examinations

- Exams were conducted for Carnatic Vocal, Hindustani Vocal, Violin, Keyboard, Tabla, Bharatanatyam and Odissi. External supervisors were invited to invigilate the exams. 149 students appeared for the exams from the above disciplines.
- Written and oral exam for were conducted for languages.

Total 555 students	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total No of students appeared for the exam	108	111	149	168	162
No of students appeared for 1 st year exam	76	47	51	57	58
No of students appeared for 2 nd year exam	30	29	50	42	40
No of students appeared for 3 rd year exam	4	32	25	30	27
No of students appeared for 4 th year exam	1		23	18	8
No of students appeared for 5 th year exam				21	15
No of students appeared for 6 th year exam					14

Exam Results

- An external supervisor is invited for exams, and an attempt is made to retain the same external examiner. This helps the external examiner to clearly evaluate the children based on their improvement. A detailed grading criterion is prepared for each course based on the syllabus.
- Questions are covered from the complete portion, both theory and practical.
- Detailed report on the overall performance of the students who appear for the exam is given by the external examiner.
- Review is done to implement valuable feedbacks.
- Overall results were good.
- The prime focus is now in building a very strong foundation which will support the students to reach greater heights.

Global Indian Cultural Centre
East Coast Campus

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Cricket

Howzat U-11 (Season 8)

The GICC U-11 team won the Howzat Cricket Championship held by Howzat Youth Cricket, beating NPS International by 7 wickets and winning the Gold medal.

Deep Shah was declared the Best Sportsman, while Ratik Bhatnagar was awarded the Most Improved Player. Some of the top performers from the tournament included Pratik Bhatnagar, Deep Shah, Rishabh Jain, Kartik Shah, Keyur Gongulur, Pramesh Singhavi, Rohan Rajesh, Pranav Sudershan and Saket M.

ACSIS U-12 (Season1)

The U-12 team won the ACSIS Cricket Championship beating Tanglin Trust School by 29 runs and winning the Gold medal. Top performers in the tournament included M N Akhil, Saket MS, Anirudh H C, Adit Khanna, Rishabh Jain, Rishabh Tirupati, Ratik Bhatnagar, Sagar Murlidhar, Mukund Raja, Pramesh Singavi, Pranav Sudershan, Hrishikesh Anand and Rohit Ponkshe.

Kwik Cricket Tournament

GICC cricket team participated in U-10 Kwik Cricket Tournament in August 2012, which was organised by Singapore Cricket Club, Padang. GISS Warriors Team secured the runner-up position with a Silver medal.

GICC players Rahul Parthasarthy, Rishabh Jain, Pranav Sudhershan and Sriman received 'Players of the Match' award in Howzat Cricket Tournament.

GICC players in the tournament: Pranav Sudhershan, Pramath Mehta, Saketh MS, Keyur Gongular

Basketball

Basketball Team U-11 Boys (Season 1)

In ACSIS Tournament, the U-11 Boys team qualified for the finals after playing competitive games against GISS Queenstown Campus, NPS International, AGS and NISS. The team emerged as champions after defeating NPS International by scoring 17:4 and winning the Gold Medal.

GICC players Kunal Jagtap, Samarth Kataria and Shreyansh Daga received the 'Most Valuable Player' award. Other players from GICC included Pranit Dutta, Arnav Gupta, Nikhil Kabra and Prakhar Neelkamal.

Basketball team U-12 Girls (Season 2)

The U-12 Girls team qualified in the semi finals after playing competitive games against GISS Queenstown Campus, Canadian International School, ICS,UWC (East), Nexus International School and Tanglin Trust School. The team secured the Gold medal playing after defeating ICS in the finals.

GICC players: Stesha Stephan, Tara Chelbicka, Sakshi Paniker, Shreya Ranjitha, Ayushi Bhatnagar, Humna Ahmed, Ishita Narula, Priti Ganesh, Nirvesha Jalla, Kritika Jagannathan and Malvika Murlidhran

Basketball team U-12 Boys (Season 2)

The U-12 Boys team qualified for the semi finals after playing competitive games against GISS Queenstown Campus, Nexus International School, AGSI, CIS Lakeside, ICS, Tanglin Trust School, SJII, GESS, UWC (East). The team secured a Bronze medal after playing with Tanglin Trust School.

GICC players: Rohan Varghese Thomas, Dhanush Kumar, Nikhil Kabra, Kunal Jagtap, Ashay Chouhan, Aditya Reddy, Shreyansh Daga, Tushar Jagannathan, Yajush Yadav and Karthikeyan PG

Soccer

Soccer Team U-9 Boys (Season 1)

The GICC U-9 Boys Soccer team participated in the ACSIS Soccer Tournament, and emerged as second runners-up winning the Bronze medal.

GICC players: Yajas Jain, Sangeet Jivan, Rushil Dutta and Mathew Thomas

Soccer Team U-11 Boys (Season2)

The GICC U-9 Boys Soccer team participated in the ACSIS Soccer Tournament. They won the runner-up position with a Silver medal.

GICC players: Aman Agarawal, Parth Doshi, Mathew Thomos, Mohammed Fauzan, Mukund Kaverirangan, Malhar Kamat and Sahil Santosh

Badminton

AC SIS U-12 Girls Tournament (Season1)

Four GICC students participated in the U-12 badminton and won the Silver medal, after playing matches with Tanglin Trust School, UWC (Dover), GISS Queenstown Campus, UWC (East), and SAS.

GICC players: Vidya Bhartahi, Gargi Pandkar, Parinaz and Arjun Nerella

AC SIS U-14 Girls Tournament (Season 1)

The U-14 Girls team won the 2nd runner-up position after winning the Bronze medal.

GICC players: Perna Vatsa and Jinu Shibu

AC SIS U-11 Boys Tournament (Season 2)

The U-11 Boys team won the Championship, after playing matches against UWC (Dover), UWC (East), Tanglin Trust School, GISS Queenstown Campus and GISS Balestier Campus, and winning the Gold medal.

GICC players in the tournament: Arjun Nerella and Pranav Ganeshan

AC SIS U-11 Girls Tournament (Season 2)

The U-11 Girls emerged 2nd runners up after playing matches against UWC (Dover), UWC (East), Overseas Family School, Yuva Bharthi, GISS Queenstown Campus and GISS Balestier Campus, and winning the Bronze medal.

Fine arts and Performing arts

Bal Vihar (conducted by Chinmaya Mission Seva Group, Singapore)

Bal Vihar is focused on children aged 4 to 12 years. In Bal Vihar, the rich cultural heritage of man based on moral values is taught to children and young adults at different levels using the medium of stories, drama, arts and crafts, and discussions. Chinmaya Mission centers have become models for teaching the fundamentals of *Vedanta* to the next generation.

Bal Vihar students from GICC East Coast joined the *Ganesh Chaturthi* celebrations at GISS Queenstown Campus. During Navratri, all Bal Vihar students in Singapore got together and participated in the traditional *Dandia* and *Garba*.

Hindustani Vocal

Students are trained from the basics of learning seven musical notes and musical structures, called *ragas* and *thaats*. They undergo rigorous training in *alankaras*. Devotional and *raag*-based songs are taught with precision of using correct notes. GICC East Coast has junior and senior students trained in Hindustani Vocal who also give performances in temples and other stage performances in Singapore.

Tabla

Tabla students, trained under the able guidance of Ms Vaishali Malshe are currently being trained by one the finest and renowned tabla players of Singapore, Mr Nawaz Mirajkar. Some of the students have reached 4th year of grading. They have also performed in local competitions and local programs.

Bharatnatyam

GICC teacher Govindan Sabarigiri gave a scintillating performance at Shivam Temple at Paya Lebar, along with his students as a part of his farewell.

Keyboard

GICC East Coast held a special preview show for parents to see what the students are learning in the class. The children dedicated songs to their parents.

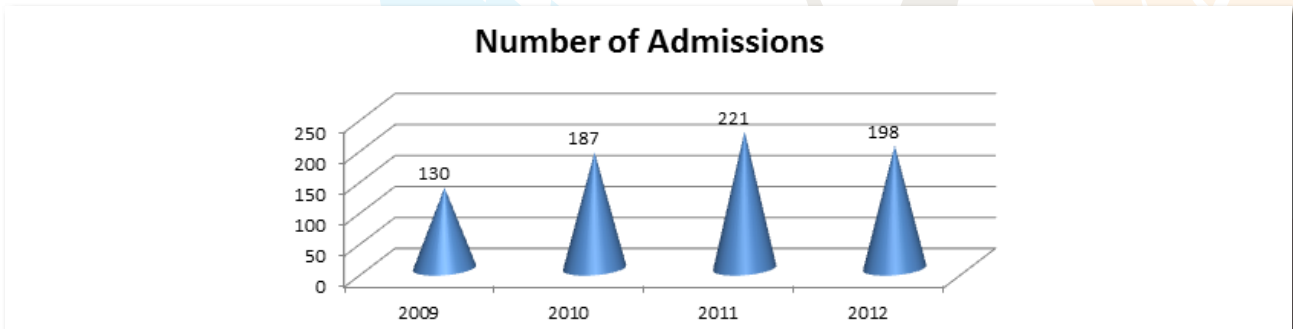
Examinations

GICC East Coast conducted Year 1 to Year 4 examinations in Tabla, Hindustani Vocal and Bharatanatyam. Fourteen students appeared for the examinations, scoring high grades between A and B.

The number of students appearing for the GICC examinations are as follows :

Year of Examination: 2012		No of Students			
Performing Arts	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	
Bharatanatyam	1	0	0	1	
Hindustani Vocal	7	0	0	0	
Tabla	0	1	4	0	

Since 2009, the number of admissions has shown an increasing trend. Currently, the number of enrolment is 198 students.





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