



**SANSKRITA**  
**FOUNDATION**



## about

Sanskrita Foundation, a registered trust dedicated to promote art and culture was established by Odissi exponent Smt. Shubhada Varadkar in 2006 with the support of like minded enthusiasts. It organizes and supports a number of initiatives in the area of art and culture, particularly projects presenting and highlighting the everlasting progressive values of India's rich cultural heritage. The foundation believes in emphasizing the importance of traditional art and culture as a means of communication. Thus promoting multicultural understanding and harmony, it reaches beyond the worldly communication.

## philosophy

*Abundance of respect to dignity of life*

*Plenty to discover with the language of heart*

*March on the divine path with the purity of soul*

*Celebration of art is vision of sterling life*

*Great to fathom the mysterious creative height*

*Stay ceaseless and toil towards the artistic goal*

*Courage of inventive elixir for eternal life*

*Sense the sorrow of, and endurance of plight*

*Remain untainted always above the false, be real*



## aim

Sanskrita foundation aims to include a wide range of people in the celebration of art and culture.

01. To create awareness about the rich art and cultural tradition of our country through workshops, lecture demonstrations, concerts etc.
02. To enhance creativity through new concepts and productions.
03. To train keen learners in the nuances of the Indian classical art forms.
04. To provide platform to young talents in the field of Indian classical dance and music.
05. To offer free training not only in classical art forms but also in sports to the underprivileged children.
06. To promote artistic efforts of differently abled children, through dance and music.
07. To help patients suffering from cancer.



## vision

With a strong tradition of guru-shishya parampara, in Indian classical art forms, it is apparent that an intensive learning can only be possible in a Gurukul system of training. Sanskrita Foundation wishes to have its own Gurukul in its endeavour to preserve and propagate Indian classical art forms.

The objective of this Gurukul is to not only to endow the students with the nuances of the art forms but also create a healthy and respectful environment that encourages fairness and forbearance amongst the learners.

## activities

Sanskrita Foundation has multi-fold activities in various fields like the Performing Arts, Sports Training along with its philanthropic endeavours.

### Performing Arts

To embark on its aim the Foundation has been organizing seminars, workshops, lecture demonstrations, classical dance competitions at various colleges & institutions. The Foundation has also been organizing cultural events like **"Prayaag Festival"** and **"Namamee"** at periodical intervals, entailing various eminent artistes from the field of Indian classical dance and music and also providing a platform to the budding talents. Sanskrita Foundation has various productions to its credit like **'Kanupriya', 'Miracles of splendor', 'Chitrangada', 'Amrutghanu', 'Mayurpankh', 'Journey to Divinity'**.

### Sports Training

Sanskrita Foundation's endeavours stretch beyond performing arts. The foundation also contributes towards a healthy sporting culture by providing professional coaching in various sports like cricket, athletics, and adventure sports under the guidance of Sri. Shekhar Varadkar (Ex. A.G.M. AIR INDIA & Ex Manager Air India Cricket Team).



### Events and programmes

Sanskrita, since its inception has organized a wide array of cultural programmes entailing performances by eminent artistes like Smt. Shubha Mudgal, Pt. Sanjeev Abhyankar, Pt. Shaunak Abhisheki, Pt. Rupak Kulkarni, Smt Devaki Pandit, Shri Vijay Tambe, Shri Ratikant Mohapatra, Smt. Suhag Nalini Das, Ms Rajeshri Praharaj, Shri Sanjeeb Choudhury. Sanskrita Foundation has also organized lectures of scholars like Dr Sunil Kothari, workshop by eminent dance and theatre personalities like Shri Shivdas Ghodke, and dancers Smt. Keka Sinha, Ms Nandini Krishna.

### Philanthropic Activities

Sanskrita Foundation provides free training in dance and sports to the underprivileged children. Along with the cultural activities, the organization also strives to contribute to the well being of the society through its humble philanthropic activities like, raising funds in order to make donations to the Tata cancer research centre's poor patient's cell and to help the treatment of artistes from an economically weak backgrounds and suffering from cancer. Sanskrita Foundation also has been organizing painting exhibition of the foot and mouth artists like artists Nadeem Shaikh, N. Ramakrishnan.



## *chairperson and founder director*

**Shubhada Varadkar**, daughter of the freedom fighter Sri. Manohar Varadkar is an exponent of **Indian classical dance, Odissi**. Her dance is a fascinating union of eloquent expressions, graceful movements, and captivating postures right out of Odissi's legendary heritage. An 'A' graded National artist, Shubhada, is a recipient of many prestigious awards and the fellowship from the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. Shubhada's dance productions are acknowledged for their rich tapestry of music, choreography, and literature.

A post graduate in economics, Shubhada was also a newscaster with Doordarshan, a national news channel in Mumbai, and also a lecturer of Economics. The call of the tinkling anklets made her give up all the other careers, and devote her time and energy to Indian classical dance. Critics have hailed her as a prima donna in Odissi and one can experience joie de vivre when she performs.

Shubhada is a prolific writer. Her eBook **"Glimpses of Indian Classical Dance"** is available on Amazon Kindle and Google play for the worldwide audience, and also a book in the print form. She has penned her autobiographical account in Marathi book titled **'Mayurpankh'** in English and Marathi. This was the first Marathi book to be published in the print, audio and eBook format simultaneously.

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**Secretary** Shekhar Varadkar      **Treasurer** Manik Varadkar

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