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To
Ms. Anjum Hasan,
India Foundation for the Arts,
Bangalore

Dear Anjum,

Thank you for your kind visit to Ninasam and we have been much benefitted by your participation and suggestions in the project activity.

I have enclosed with this letter a brief half-year report mentioning the activities done so far and the work ahead.

Meanwhile, we request IFA to kindly release the rest of the amount sanctioned to enable us to complete the project work.

With regards,
Yours Sincerely,

Akshara K.V.
20th June 2006

PROJECT

CREATING A COMPUTERISED DATABASE OF THEATRE BUILDINGS/ SPACES IN KARNATAKA

Brief half-year report

Phase 1:

The grant was sanctioned during Dec. 2005, and soon Ninasam's executive committee, while accepting the grant from IFA with gratitude, decided on the following points:

- That Sri. Akshara K.V., Director, Ninasam Theatre Institute, will work as the representative of the Ninasam and lead the project while reporting back to the executive board, from time to time, regarding the progress of the project.
- It was also decided that Sri. Channakeshava, past student of NTI will work as the chief coordinator of the project and Sri. Sripada T., Manager Ninasam Tirugata will work as the administrative coordinator on a voluntary basis. All other staff and volunteers of Ninasam were also requested to put in their time and work as and when occasions demanded.

Then the work on the project started with the following preparations:

- Constitution of the Advisory board: Apart from the teachers and volunteers of Ninasam a few experts from outside were requested to be on the board, and their acceptance was received
- Recognition of the past students who could do the survey: A list of some 25 students who could do the survey were identified and a letter was sent to all of them enquiring about their availability
- a timeline for the total project was worked out.

During January 2006, the project work began in full swing with the following activities:

- The first meeting of the Advisory board: Held at Heggodu, it discussed in detail the various aspects of the project, criteria for the selection of the spaces, modes of survey etc., and the draft questionnaire was also designed during this meet.
- After the meeting, the questionnaire for the survey was prepared and was circulated among the advisory board and its content was finalised.
- After receiving the responses from the past students who were approached to do the survey, a finalised list of 20 students was drawn up to do the survey and they were intimated.

During February 2006, the project entered its working phase with two separate workshops/meetings:

- Two day workshop for the survey participants conducted by Channakeshava, where the participants were shown the results of the last survey, and a detailed session on the modalities of the survey and also on how to fill in the questionnaire. Finally they were all sent to one theatre space each in nearby areas, to practically do a sample survey. On the last day, the results were checked by Channakeshava.
- Meeting with software designer, Anita, on the basic format and the content and structure

During March/April 2006, the students worked on the actual survey, in all the districts. They contacted either Channakeshava or Sripada at Heggodu, whenever there were problems/confusions.

Phase 2:

between 3rd and 6th may 2006, a meeting/stock taking session was held with The faculty of Ninasam, the survey participants, the software designer (and Ms. Anjum Hasan from IFA was also here partially for the meeting). The exercise had basically two components:

- Receiving the filled in questionnaires from the surveyors, checking each one for accuracy and clarity.
- A meeting where Anita, the software designer presented her work with some preliminary plans on the software. The design and content aspect of the software as well as the possible modes of launching it were discussed in the meeting.

The work ahead:

The major part of the data collection for the survey is now over, but the following activities are to be done in the next 6 months:

- Finalise and check the data received
- Finalise and check the software/web design
- Enter data into the software, both textual and pictorial
- Edit and finalise the survey in two versions -- the CD version and the web version
- Web hosting

If everything works as scheduled, Ninasam hopes to launch the website in November 2006, the Kannada Rajyotsava month.

Heggodu
20 June 2006



Akshara K.V.
For Ninasam