**SPIC MACAY AT IRA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

**SPIC MACAY**,a society for promotion of Indian classical music and culture ,was organized at Ira International School, Butibori.Shri Kalamandalam Gpoiji performed Kathakali dance.He had received his intensive training under the great Kathakali exponent Guru Kalamandalam Ramkutty Nair,Padmanabham NAIR, AND Krishnakutty Varier.He had received many awards like Natyarathnam gold memento, Central Sangeeth nadak academy award, Padmasree from government of India,Kalidasa samman from government of MP.

The other artists were Shri Kottakkal Pradeep,a dancer,Shri Gopi Kalamandalam Kuttykrishnan,a dancer, Shri Kalamandalam Sreekumar,a vocalist,Shri Kalamandalam Devrajan,a maddlam player, Shri Kalanilayam Sankaran,a make up artist and Shri P.Appukuttan,the narrator.

The narrator Shri P.Appukuttan guided the students about different art from of Kathakali like facial expression, movements of legs, eyes. He said, Kathakali is a dance drama where the artists use their body for communication. He informed that there are nine facial expressions like Sringar,Hasyam,Karunam etc.After that a small dance drama was enacted named ‘Keechakam’ a part of Mahabharata. Indian Classical art form is a part and parcel of our life. It is our responsibility to preserve it. This classical art form is to promote it among today’s youth so as to spread Indian Culture.

Shri Kalamandalam Gopi, in his message requested students to try their level best to preserve and promote Indian Classical Art form.

Principal Mrs Reena Dargan welcomed Shri Kalamandalam Gopi and his co-artists and thanked them for guiding the students about this precious art form. The programme was conducted by Mas. Gaurav Majumdar.