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Gayatri Shriram who will perform during the Keremane Shambhu Hegde Rashtriya Natyotsava to be held at the Yakshangana in Gunavanthe near Honnavar from February 2. DH PHOTO

National dance festival from Feb 2

HONNAVAR, DHNS: Keremane Shambhu Hegde Rashtriya Natyotsava, which has been offering a treat to art connoisseurs since a decade, has organised the tenth edition of the programme at the Yakshangana in Gunavanthe near Honnavar from February 2 to 5.

Shree Idagunji Mahaganapathi Yakshagana Mandali Director Keremane Shivanand Hegde and Natyotsava Samithi Working President Lakshminarayan Kashi told media persons that the Keremane Shivaram Hegde National award will be presented to 'Ninasam' of Heggodu during the programme on February 2. On the occasion, a troupe of Ninasam will stage a drama titled 'Oedipus'.

On February 3, 'Dampatya Darshan', a single person Talamaddale programme will be presented by Diwakar Hegde. This apart, poet Dr BA Sanadi, Yakshagana artistes Heranjali Subbanna Ganiga, G N Hegde Havalimane, Siddivinayaka Durgamba Yakshagana Mitra Mandali Hakkalmakki Mela, Yakshagana researcher Dr Vijaynalini Ramesh and 'Prajavani' executive editor Ravindra Bhat Inkai will be felicitated.

On February 4, Mallakamba

and folk dance performances will be held. Writer M K Bhaskar Rao, Hindustani singer Pandit Parameshwar Hegde, columnist B Ganapathi, Gombeyata Mela chief Kogga Bhaskar Kamat, Yakshagana artiste Mugwa Ganesha Naik and sound and light expert Ninad Ramanna will be felicitated.

'Mangiyar' by the artistes from Rajasthan, Langa music, 'Seeta Swagata' dance drama by Gayatri Shriram, 'Prahlad' drama by a troupe of Odisha Natya Sansad will be held.

On February 5, a programme in the memory of Sonda Krishna Bhandari and Deraje Seetaramayya will be held. Hosthota Manjunath Bhagwat and thinker Lakshmeesh Tolpade will deliver lectures. In the valedictory programme, Thimmanna Yaji Mannige will be presented with Keremane Gajanan Hegde award.

Vidwan Surya Rao and Krishnamurthy Tunga will present dance and Yakshahejje Women & Children Yakshagana troupe of Sirsi will present a Yakshagana show 'Dushyanth-Shakuntale'.

Keremane Shridhar Hegde was also present at the press conference.