The Managing Committee takes pleasure in presenting the Annual Report and the audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31.12.1985 before the General Body of Margi. (Seventeenth annual report).

1. **ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING 1986**
   The Annual General Body Meeting for the year 1985 was held on 31.3.1986 at the Margi Kathakali Vidyalaya, Fort, Trivandrum.

2. **MEETINGS OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE**
   The Managing Committee met 4 times during the year and at these meetings decisions regarding the various activities of Margi were taken (dates of meeting - 30.1.86, 30.3.86, 30.5.86, 30.9.86 & 30.12.86)

3. **MAIN ACTIVITIES**
   Instruction Programme:- The Margi Kathakali Vidyalaya, which was started in 1974 for imparting rigorous training in all branches of Kathakali in the GURUKULA SAMPRADAYA, functioned with Padmashree Kalamandalam Krishnan Nair as the visiting Professor. The Professors for the different disciplines are S/S Inchakkadu Ramachandran Pillai (Veshom), Kalamandalam Haridas (Pattu), Kalamandalam Raman Namboothiri (Chenda), R.L.V. Somadas (Chutty) etc. There are 19 trainees in all.

   The Koodiyattom Vidyalaya, which was started in May, 1980 for teaching Koodiyattom in the Gurukula system, functioned with Padmashree Ammannur Madhava Chakiar as visiting Professor and Moozhikulam Kochukuttan Chakiar and Kalamandalam Unnikrishnan as Professors for Veshom and Mizhavu.

   The trainees were progressing satisfactorily; those at the senior fellowship levels, in particular, have considerably improved their standards of performance, vastly benefiting from the intensive training which they receive from Shri Kalamandalam Krishnan Nair and Shri Madhava Chakiar and the improved performance opportunities which they get in Margi.

   Examinations:- The examinations for the 6th year students in Veshom and Mizhavu were held in March, 1986; Sri. Oyoor Kochu Govinda Pillai and Sri. Kalamandalam Gangadharan were the outside examiners.
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