

# GEMINI CIRCUS

**With Russian, Tanzanian & Ethiopian Artistes**

**Flower Show Grounds, Bypass Road, Kalpetta, Wayanad**

The maiden performance of Gemini Circus under the leadership of M.V. Shankaran and K.Sahadevan was held on August 15, 1951 in Billimoria town, Gujarat. During the year 1953, T.K.Kunhikkanan joined the circus as partner and continued for nearly 24 years till he breathed his last in 1975. Presently Gemini Circus is managed by Late. M.V.Shankaran's sons, namely, Ajay Shankar and Ashok Shankar

Distinguished leaders of our country, Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Dr. S.Radhakrishnan, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, E.M.S Namboodiripad, A.K.Gopalan, M.G. Ramachandran and world renowned leaders Martin Luther King, Mrs. King and Lady Mountbatten were among those who had come to see the circus. M.V. Shankaran, the living legend of Indian Circus, led the country's delegation to the world Circus festival held in 1963, in Moscow, Soochi and Yalta, They received admiration from Alexander Voloshein and R=Tereskova Valentina, the first lady cosmonaut. The entire delegation was given diplomat visas by the Govt. Of India. This unique recognition was bestowed as an honour for being rated as the most enchanting troupe in India.

The Film Industry had a special rapport with the Circus. The famous Raj Kapoor film 'Mera Naam Joker', Mithun Chakraborty's 'Shikari', Kamala Hassan's 'Apoorva Sahodarangal' were filmed in association with the Gemini Circus.

The members of Troupe includes **Mearg Tesfay Kidanemariam (27), Alem Tsegay Gebremedhn(22), Omary Kijumbe Kilama(35), Salum Maganga Makamba(32), Samiry Mohamedi Matindua(19), Rajabu Abdallah Mushi(31), Ramadhan Kulwa Mafuta(20), Khalid Ramadhan Ngemba(43), Mohamed Abdallah Mnwuga(32)**. 1- Pyramids are formations abstracted from the wild habitual levity, this demonstrates swiftness, endurance, power, speed and perseverance to form Human Pyramids- in between semi- pyramids, moves performed in two, three or four acrobatics. 2- **Limbo Dance and Fire Eating**- Dances performed under burning fire accompanied by traditional African Music with background wild animals cries. 3. **Pole Acrobatics**- The artistes climb up and down two poles in different styles and jump from one pole to another. The speed and dexterity of the performers during this act is remarkable. The background music of the popular Shakira song with their scintillating performance has the entire audience in total rapture.

The other important acts include **Russian Stick Balance, 3 Eye Spring Net, Vertical Swinging Acrobat, Russian Rope Balance and Comic Chair Acrobat**. Other highlights include: **American ring of death, Cycle Acrobatics act** performed by Suman. **Pocket cycle** item performed by a couple. **Globe Motor Cycle act** performed by four artistes.

The Gemini Circus has Robotic wild animals in the lobby which is a major attraction for children. The prototypes of Lion, Giraffe, Zebra, Leopards, Deer and Hippopotamus in their actual size with background sounds is an added attraction for children to take selfie photos to share on social media.

Daily 3 shows: 1 p.m., 4 p.m., 7 p.m., Ticket Rates: Rs.100/-, Rs.150/-, Rs.200/-, Rs.300/-

**Adv Booking: Rs.300/-, Mob: 9353620520 / 9934405099**

Partners: Ajay Shankar, Ashok Shankar.