

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC ON COOPERATION
IN THE FIELDS OF CULTURE, ARTS, YOUTH, SPORTS AND MASS MEDIA**

The Government of the Republic of India and Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Desiring to strengthen and develop the friendship and cooperation between the Kyrgyz and Indian people based on mutual respect and equality,

Attaching great importance to strengthening the cooperation between the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of India,

Recognizing the equal value of the national cultures of all nations and aspiring to facilitate mutual cultural enrichment based on respect for ethno-cultural distinctiveness of each of them,

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1

The Parties, in accordance with the laws of their respective countries, interact in the field of musical, theatrical and fine arts, library services, archives, museum affairs, cultural heritage protection, folk craft, applied and decorative, amateur, variety and circus arts, as well as the other kinds of creative activities.

Article 2

The Parties shall develop further cooperation whenever required to create information and regulatory framework on the issues of mutual cooperation in the field of culture.

Article 3

In accordance with their capabilities, either Party shall provide training, specialization and research in its institutions for students and experts of the other Party, in the fields of culture, arts, youth, sports and mass media.

Article 4

The Parties shall exchange information about the events in the cultural life (through seminars, competitions, conferences, colloquia, round table sessions, festivals and other forms), happening in the territory of the countries of the Parties and facilitate the participation of their representatives in the events.

Article 5

The Parties, in accordance with the national legislation of their countries, within their competency, shall develop cooperation on revelation and return of cultural property, which are caught up in the territory of the Parties as a result of illegal import and export of cultural property, exchange information on this problem and cooperate in returning the cultural property illegally taken out.

Article 6

The Parties shall maintain cooperation in protection, preservation and restoration of the monuments and objects of cultural heritage and assist in the implementation of the joint Kyrgyz-Indian international projects in the field of culture.

Article 7

The Parties shall facilitate the contacts in the field of traditional culture and folk art and crafts, organization of the exhibition of folk masters, festivals of folk crafts, participation of the folk groups in the events and national holidays, conducted in the respective countries of the Parties.

Article 8

The Parties, to strengthen the cooperation, shall exchange archival and other materials related to culture, history, geography, social-political development of the countries with the aim of using them in culturology process.

Article 9

The Parties shall stimulate cooperation in the field of publishing industry, publishing of books, translation of fiction, scientific and special literature and other publishing products, as well as organization and conduction of book fairs.

Article 10

The Parties shall encourage cooperation between institutions and organizations in the field of sports and physical culture, including organization of competitions and exchange of information in this field.

Article 11

The Parties shall encourage and promote an exchange of youth programme, participation in youth festivals in either country, visits of the officials in charge of the youth affairs, sharing of experiences, skills, techniques, information and knowledge in the areas of cooperation in youth affairs and participation of youth in seminars and conferences organized in both the countries on youth related issues.

Article 12

The Parties shall cooperate in the field of youth policy, stimulate implementation of the programmes and projects in the field of culture, related to children's creativity and meeting the demands and interests of the youth of the country.

Article 13

Financial conditions on implementing the events within this Agreement shall be agreed by the Parties separately at each concrete event.

Article 14

Amendments and additions to this Agreement can be introduced on mutual written consent of the Parties as a separate protocol, which is an integral part of it.

Article 15

Any difference arising out of the interpretation and application of the provisions of this Agreement shall be solved amicably via consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

Article 16

This Agreement does not affect the rights and liabilities of the Parties, which flows from other international agreements, where they participate.

Article 17

The Agreement shall come into force from the date of its signing and shall remain valid till a new Agreement is signed. This Agreement may be terminated in case any of the Parties giving 6 (six) months' written notice in advance through the diplomatic channels.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorised thereto, by their respective Governments, have signed the Agreement.

Done at **Bishkek** on the 12th of July, 2015 in two originals, each in Hindi, Kyrgyz, English and Russian, all texts being equally authentic. In the event of any dispute regarding interpretation of this Agreement, the English version shall prevail.

Government of the Republic of India

Government of the Kyrgyz Republic