

## Details of Activities

### April, 2018

- Hon'ble Minister of state for culture met Mr. Daniel Carmon, Ambassador of Israel to India on 24.04.2018 at 1.00 p.m. in Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Hon'ble Minister of state for culture met Mr. Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres, former Minister of culture and communication of France on 26.04.2018 at 1.00 p.m. in Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- The meeting of the Screening Committee was held on April 11, 2018 to decide categorization of artists/groups for expansion of the panel of artists for performing in Festivals of India abroad.

### May, 2018

- An Agreement between India and Serbia on Cooperation in the fields of Culture, Arts, Youth, Sports and Mass – Media was signed on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018.
- Hon'ble Culture Minister met with Secretary General, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Three member delegation led by Hon'ble Culture Minister participated in Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Culture Ministers meeting during 15-18 May, 2018.
- Two member delegation led by Shri PranavKhullar, Joint Secretary participated in opening/closing ceremony of the SAARC cultural capital on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2018 and 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018 in Thimpu, Bhutan.

### June, 2018

- A Cultural Exchange Programme between India and Seychelles for the years 2018-2022 was signed on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 in New Delhi. (Copy enclosed)
- A Programme for Cultural Co-operation between India and Hellenic Republic was signed during the visit of the President of India to Hellenic Republic from 16<sup>th</sup> June to 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

### July, 2018

- A Cultural Exchange Programme between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Korea for the years 2018-2022 was signed on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 in New Delhi.
- A Cultural Exchange Programme between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Ghana for the years 2018-2022 was signed on 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 in New Delhi.
- A Cultural Exchange Programme between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Rwanda for the years 2018-2022 was signed on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018 in Kigali.
- A Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Uganda on Cultural Exchange Programme for the years 2018-2021 was signed on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 in Kampala.
- Festival of India in Tunisia was inaugurated on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

## **September, 2018**

- Two member delegation led by Shri NavneetSoni, Member Secretary (National Monument Authority) participated in the 23rd Joint Working Group Meeting held on 13th September, 2018 in Moscow, Russia. In the meeting, a Protocol for 23rd Meeting of the India- Russia Joint Working Group on Culture and Tourism of Indian-Russian Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technical and Cultural Cooperation was signed.
- Two member delegation led by Shri S.C Barmma, Joint Secretary participated in the inaugural Cultural Working Group Meeting held from 26<sup>th</sup> September to 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 in Pretoria, South Africa for preparing the inputs and plan for the 3rd BRICS Culture Ministers Meeting scheduled on 31st October 2018.
- The Festival of India in Russia scheduled from September, 2018 to March, 2019 was inaugurated on 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.
- The Festival of India in Switzerland scheduled from September, 2018 to December, 2018 was inaugurated on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

## **October, 2018**

- Two member delegation led by ShriArunGoel, Secretary (Culture) participated in 3<sup>rd</sup> BRICS Culture Ministers Meeting held at Maropeng, Gauteng Province, South Africa on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2018.
- A Cultural Exchange Programme between the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Tajikistan for the Years 2019-2023 was signed on 8th October, 2018 in Dushanbe (Tajikistan).
- A Cultural Exchange Programme between India and Azerbaijan for the years 2019-2023 was signed on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 in New Delhi.
- A Cultural Exchange Programme between India and Croatia for the year 2019-2022 was signed on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018 in New Delhi.
- A Screening Committee Meeting under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (ICR) was held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 to evaluate the applications from artists for empanelment to perform in Festivals of India abroad.

## **November, 2018**

- A Memorandum of Understanding between India and Zimbabwe concerning cooperation in the fields of Arts, Culture and Heritage was signed on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2018 at Harare, Zimbabwe.