MONTHLY SUMMARY OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2018

- An exhibition ‘Pratibandhit Sahitya Main Swatantrata Sangram’ was organized by National Archives of India on the occasion of 76th Anniversary of Quit India Movement. This exhibition is based on proscribed literature (Poems & Prose) in various languages banned by the British Raj during the freedom struggle.

- Gandhi Samriti and Darshan Samiti organized a two-day Gandhi Youth Exchange Programme for Adivasi children. A two-day workshop on Non-violent Communication and Non-violent Conflict Resolution was held at CRPF Academy, Kadarpur, Gurugram on August 17-18, 2018.

- Indian Museum organized an online exhibition of rare artefacts from its core collection. It enables visitors around the world to access and experience museum collection of rich cultural heritage sitting in the comfort of their home.

- National Implementation Committee (NIC) in its meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Home Minister on 30th July, 2018 decided to commemorate 125th Birth Anniversary of Swami Paramahansa Yogananda, Centenary of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, 600th Birth Anniversary of Rana Kumbha and 550ft Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji during 2018 and 2019. Minutes of the meeting were issued on 29th August 2018. Action has been initiated as per the decisions of the NIC.

- The Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with Pachhunga University College organized an All India Writers’ Meet at Aizawl, Mizoram and also organized a literary forum on Indo-China Literary Exchange: Multilingual Challenges in Delhi with a five member Chinese Writers’ delegation.

- Sangeet Natak Akademi organized Susanskrit-Monthly Festival of Music, Dance, Drama, Folk & Tribal Arts and Puppetry at Swami Vivekanand Auditorium, Kathak Kendra, New Delhi during this month. In the festival Malawi Lok Geet and Kabir Gayan was presented by Shri Bheru Singh Chouhqn and group, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.


- The Anthropological Survey of India arranged the screening camp of Beta Thalassemia and other abnormal hemoglobinopathies at Srirampur College, Srirampur, Hooghly under the National project “Community Health, Diseases and Genetic Structure of Indian Population” during this month.

- An exhibition prepared by Nehru planetarium titled “Birth of Astrophysics”, commemorating 150 years since the discovery of Helium, was put up at Delhi and taken over to Guntur, Machlipatnam, Bangalore and Hyderabad during August.
In order to commemorate the International Day of the World’s Indigenous People, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangralaya organised a multifaced programme entitled Van Asmita including a special exhibition on Indigenous Tribes of India entitled Aadi-Jan was inaugurated.

Two stolen antiquities, one royal head in stone from Nagarjunikonda and a Mahishasuramardini Durga idol in stone from a Almora temple were retrieved from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

An exhibition “Mexico in the World Heritage” was organized by Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts on the occasion of celebrations of 208th Anniversary of the National Independence of Mexico in collaboration with Embassy of Mexico to India.