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

- Hon’ble President of India launched the web portal and logo for commemoration of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

- National Implementation Committee under the Chairmanship of Hon’ble Home Minister to commemorate the birth centenary of Smt. Vijaya Raje Scindia was constituted on 24th September 2018.

- 23rd Meeting of the Indian-Russian Working Group on Culture and Tourism of the Indian-Russian Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technical and Cultural Cooperation was held in Moscow on 13th September, 2018 and agreed to work closely on the various projects under the Cultural Exchange Programme.

- National Council of Science Museum acquired and unveiled ‘HPT-32 Deepak Aircraft’ at Regional Science Centre, Tirupati.

- The Festival of India in Russia scheduled from September, 2018 to March, 2019 was inaugurated on 6th September, 2018 and in Switzerland scheduled from September, 2018 to December, 2018 was inaugurated on 7th September, 2018.

- The Sahitya Akademi organized series of birth centenaries seminars on (i) Manmohan Jha at Madhubani, Bihar (ii) Ramanbhai Nilkanth at Ahmedabad, Gujarat (iii) Makhanlal Chaturvedi at Udaipur, Rajasthan, and (iv) Mohi-ud-din Hajini at Tangmarg, Jammu & Kashmir.

- Sahitya Akademi organized an All India Maithili Poetry Festival in Delhi and All India Writers’Festival at Port Blair.

- “Gandhi-Mandela Dialogue” - on Gandhi and Mandela Legacy was organized by Nehru Memorial Museum and Library on the occasion of commemorating the 150th and 100th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela.

- Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA) hosted two- day celebration on ‘Braj Leela Mahotsav’ on the occasion of ‘Krishna Janmashtami’. Cultural performances, ‘bhajans’, peacock dance, flute recital and special cuisines from Mathura and Vrindavan were organised as part of the festival (p.210/c) and IGNCA hosted a three-day festival on silent era films, Mook Chitra in collaboration with National Film Archives, Pune. Renowned film Director, Shri Shyam Benegal inaugurated the festival and launched a Book on ‘Poster Boltey Hein’ during the inauguration session.

- Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sanghralya, Bhopal, Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata and Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts organised a national seminar in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Tribal University on ‘Transition of Tribes in India and the Contemporary Discourse’ Amarkantak.

- Hon’ble Governor of Meghalaya presented the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for 2017 at Shillong. It was conferred to eight musicians, eight dancers, eight theatre artists, and eight practitioners of folk/traditional performing arts.