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2019

- National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) completed the development of 25 new Mobile Science Exhibition (MSE) buses for inspiritional districts of the country. The first Mobile Science Exhibition titled ‘Science Explorer’ was launched on 5th September 2019 at Leh, Ladakh.

- Cultural Exchange Programmes (CEPs) between India and (i) Lithuania, (ii) Latvia, (iii) Iceland and (iv) Mongolia were signed on 17th August, 20th August, 10th September, and 20th September, 2019 respectively.

- A Programme of Co-operation in the fields of Culture, Arts, Education, Sports and Mass Media between India and Slovenia for the period 2019-2024 was signed on 16th September, 2019.

- Festival of India was held at Pretoria, Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town, South Africa from 22nd September, 2019 to 28th September, 2019. The major theme of the Festival was Gandhi.

- Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti(GSDS) organized (i) A conference on ‘Mahatma Gandhi and Diaspora’ on 17-18 September, 2019 in Delhi where 32 delegates from 3 countries namely USA, Suriname and Netherlands participated; (ii) Exhibition on ‘Mohan to Mahatma’ and release of book ‘Morality and Ethics’ at Harijan Sevak Sangh, Kingsway Camp, Delhi on 24th September, 2019. (iii) Workshop on ‘Gender Sensitization and Menstrual Health’ in Central Jail No.16, Mandoli Jail, Delhi on 6th September, 2019 where 64 inmates took part; (iv) Exhibition on life and message of Mahatma Gandhi at Delhi Book Fair from 11-15 September, 2019 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi; (v) 10-day Value Creation Camp at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat in partnership with National Commission for Safai Karamcharis, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment from 24th September to 3rd October, 2019 where 85 children from Madhya Pradesh and Punjab took part; (vi) 3-day conclave on ‘Role of Youth in contributing to a culture of Peace and Non-violence’ at Tezpur, Assam from 6-8 September, 2019 where 150 participants from 18 institutions across North East participated; (vii) Symposium on ‘Father of Nation and National Language’ at Vishnupur, Manipur on 28th September, 2019; (viii) National Festival on ‘Youth and Preventive Health’ in partnership with NISHTHA, an NGO from September 20-22, 2019 at Gandhi Darshan where 200 people took part; (ix) 2-day workshop on ‘Mahatma Gandhiji and BR Ambedkar’ from September 10-11, 2019 at Madhepura, Bihar. (x) Orientation programme on ‘Gandhian Non-
violent Communication' at Sarania Ashram, Guwahati on 26th September, 2019.

- Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) received (i) one Indian Bronze sculpture i.e. Nataraja (Dancing Siva) which was stolen on 5th July, 1982 from temple named Kulasekaramudayar in Nellai in Tamil Nadu, on 11th September, 2019 from Art Gallery of South Australia. (ii) one bronze idol of Buddha in Bhumisparsha Mudra, which was stolen from ASI Museum in 1961 on 17th September, 2019.

- North Central Zone Cultural Centre, Prayagraj organised (i) Lokvid Samman Samaroh on 3rd September, 2019 at Prayagraj in which folk artists from participating States of NCZCC were given “Lokvid Samman” by the Centre. (ii) Lokgeet workshop from 23rd August to 6th September, 2019 at Dehradun, Lokgeet/Loknritya workshop from 25th August to 8th September, 2019 at Koltevar (Uttarakhand), Dhol, Damau, Ranshingha-Lok Vadya, workshop from 25th August to 8th September, 2019 at Dehradun (Uttarakhand), Ullash Folk Dance Workshop & Theatre Workshop from 1st to 15th September, 2019 at Prayagraj, (Uttar Pradesh), Lokgeet/ Loknritya Workshop from 1st to 15th September, 2019 at Tehri Garhwal (Uttarakhand), Phad Painting Workshop from 5th to 17th September, 2019 at Udaipur (Rajasthan), Char & Ghoomar Folk Dance Workshop from 7th to 21st September, 2019 at Kishangarh (Rajasthan) and Puppet making; and presentation workshop from 15th to 27th September, 2019 at Udaipur (Rajasthan) under Lok Parv-Lok Swar.

- East Zone Cultural Centre, Kolkata organised (i) National Art Camp on the occasion of commemoration of 100 years of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre from 20th to 28th September, 2019 at Salt Lake, Kolkata. (ii) As part of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, a three day festival of Classical Dance & Music festival from 19th to 21st September, 2019 at Nalbari, Assam.

- South Central Zone Cultural Centre, Nagpur organised (i) Lok Nritya Bharat Bharati at Hyderabad from 26th September to 1st October, 2019 in collaboration with Department of Language & Culture and Shilparamam, Hyderabad on the occasion of 'Bhathukamma & Dasera Festival' of Telangana. (ii) Lok Kala Darshan during Sanja Festival at Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh from 20th to 22nd September, 2019 in collaboration with Priti Kalpa Sanskritik Sanstha.

- South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur organised (i) Onam Festival-2019 held at Palakkad, Ernakulam, Kozhikode, Ambalapuzha, Kannur, Pathanapuram, Payyanur, Kollam, Pattambi and Trivandrum from 11th to 16th September, 2019 in which 11 folk and tribal troupes from various States participated; (ii) World Tourism Day-2019 & Bharatiya Sanskriti Darshan-
2019 at Salem, Kalaiarangam, Thiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu from 22nd September to 1st October, 2019.

- West Zone Cultural Centre, Udaipur organised (i) Painting exhibition at Sattara on 6th September, 2019; Bhajan Sandhya on 6th September, 2019; spot painting on 7th September, 2019 and Lecture on 7th September, 2019, as part of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi  (ii) The play, “Jallianwala Bagh” at Udaipur on 14th September, 2019; at Ahmedabad on 16th September, 2019; at Pimpri, Chinchwad on 18th September, 2019 and at Goa on 20th September, 2019.


- Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML) organized (i) Book release by Sh. Pranab Mukherjee, former President of India titled “Reset: Regaining India's Economic Legacy” on 25th September 2019 in New Delhi and a public lecture on 'Is Gandhian path the Right Way Forward for Conflict Torn World Today' to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 30.09.2019 in New Delhi; (ii) Book release by Hon'ble Vice President of India titled "Rethinking Good Governance" authored by Shri Vinod Rai on 13th September. 2019.


- Sahitya Akademi organized (i) a symposium on Gandhi in Sanskrit and Marathi Literature on 14th & 15th September at Nagpur (Maharashtra) and on 20th September, 2019 and Nalbari (Assam) respectively; and (ii) Seminar on Mahatma Gandhi in Tamil Literature at Dindigul, Tamilnadu on 26th & 27th September, 2019.

- Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) organized (i) Swar Prabhat, a programme of music based on Subah Ke Rang as part of SUSANSKRITI, a programme of music, dance, drama, puppet and folk & tribal arts on 28th September, 2019 in Delhi; (ii) Shreshtha Bharat Sanskriti Samagam from 10th to 14th September, 2019 at Thanjavur; (iii) a puppet festival- ‘Putul Rang: Gandhi Sang’ on the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 21st & 22nd September, 2019 at Agartala.
Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) organized (i) Special screening of the film SPACE MOMs—which depicts the true story of women engineers behind the Mars Orbiter Mission on 12th September, 2019 in New Delhi; (ii) A memorial event on Thakur Jaidev Singh, Indian Musicologist and Philosopher to mark his 126th birthday celebration on 19th September, 2019 at IGNCA; (iii) A lecture series titled as Peer Parayi Jane Re as part of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 23rd September, 2019.

Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH) organized (i) screening of specially curated films on Gandhi as part of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi throughout the month; (ii) Launch of 360-degree virtual tour of Victoria Memorial Hall by Google Arts and Cultured platform.