MONTHLY SUMMARY OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2020

1. A virtual meeting of Ministers of Culture was held by UNESCO on 22 April, 2020 for sharing their thoughts on the impact of Covid-19 on cultural sector and make suggestions for minimizing the impact.

2. The National Council of Science Museum (NCSM) organized following activities:
   (i) Live Observation of Super Moon through Social Media Platform.
   (iii) Panel discussion on ‘Covid 19 and Role of Science Communicators’
   (iv) Online Project on 'Non-Contact Type Door Bell' at Regional Science Centre, Bhopal by preparing an Audio-Visual.

3. The Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), New Delhi webcasted and uploaded various Audio Visual programmes as part of weeklong celebration of World Heritage Week from 18th to 24th April, 2020 on various social media platforms and YouTube channel "VIRASAT SETU".

4. The Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) undertook following activities during the period:
   (i) an on-line free certification programme on Non-Violence Communication on April 2, 2020 for students, teachers etc.
   (ii) started an online web series of story-telling, to re-live the historic Champaran Satyagraha of 1917, through different episodes that unfolded in Champaran.

5. Hon’ble Minister for Culture discussed issues relating to bilateral Cultural Relations and Cultural Exchange Programme with H.E Nourabint Mohammed Al Kaabi, Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development, UAE through video conferencing on 28th April, 2020.

6. The National Museum Institute, New Delhi held following activities:
   (i) Interactive sessions via Zoom Video Communication.
   (ii) Tutorials and online learning resources for M.A students via social media platforms.
   (iii) Virtual Guidance Seminars for MA and Ph.D. students for their dissertations, assignments, research work, thesis.
7. A national list of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of India containing more than 100 elements was uploaded on 18th April, 2020 on the website of the Ministry of Culture.

8. The Indian Museum, Kolkata started an online programme on the Stories of World Cultures during Covid-19 Lockdown to spread hope, good faith and positivity.

9. The Kalakshetra Foundation (KF), Chennai posted a series of videos from 6th to 20th April, 2020 on its YouTube Channel for the Rasikas.

10. The Lalita Kala Akademi (LKA), New Delhi uploaded on social media sites:

(i) A short video on glimpses of the camp titled “The Mission Rainbow”

(ii) Live stream of Sangeet-Setu an initiative for the musical legends of our country to help fight corona virus crisis.

11. The National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Bengaluru initiated a virtual tour of the art showcasing Heritage Sites on 9th April, 2020.

12. The Ministry of Culture and its attached, subordinate offices and autonomous bodies, organized various online programmes on social media platforms on 14th April, 2020 to celebrate the Rashtriya Samrasta Diwas 2020.

13. World Earth Day 2020 was celebrated by various organization of the Ministry of Culture by organizing various online/digital programmes/activities/events on April 22, 2020 to create mass environmental awareness.