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

- Commemorative Coin and Postage Stamps of 200th Anniversary of Paika Rebellion were released by Hon’ble PM at a function organized at IIT Bhubaneswar on 24th December 2018. PM also announced setting up of a chair under Paika Rebellion at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar with financial assistance of Rs. 5.00 crore.

- Commemorative Coin was released in honour of Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee at Parliament House Annexe by Hon’ble Prime Minister. On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee an exhibition was organized by Nehru Memorial Museum & Library followed by Panel Discussion on “Remembering Atal ji”.

- To commemorate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Department of Museology of National Museum Institute conducted a series of workshops titled ‘Gandhi for All’ in Ladakh, Delhi and Western Uttar Pradesh so as to reflect upon the life and principles of Mahatma Gandhi in a meaningful way.

- As a part of Gandhi 150 celebrations, National Gallery of Modern Art, Delhi organized an exhibition of sketches on Dandi March from 29.12.18. This exhibition showcases the unseen drawings of artist Chhaganlal Jadav and also the master works of NGMA’s collection of contemporary artists like Nandalal Bose, Upendra Maharathi and Ram Kinkar Baij etc. on Gandhiji.

- Ministry of Culture has organised OCTAVE-a cultural & craft spectrum from the North Eastern States at Nagpur; Festival of India in Switzerland, Daman Festival at Daman and Shilpgram Utsav at Udaipur. In addition to these events, Loka Sanskriti Utsav and Srijani Mahotsav; 4th Jatiya Sanhati Utsav-O-Bharat Mela in West Bengal; Silver Jubilee National Dhrupad Samaroh - 2018 at Kolkata; Shrikshetra Mahotsav-2018 in Odisha; Uday Shankar Dance Festival in Bihar, Kolkata Theater Festival at Kolkata were organized by Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC), Kolkata.


- The Centre for Cultural Resources & Training organized a 07 day National Cultural Festival cum Workshop titled “Developing Youth Leadership for making Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat” in collaboration with South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu from December 25 to 31, 2018 at SZCC, Dakshini Medical College Road, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu. About 50 scholarship holders got specialized training in different performing arts from all over the country.

- Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti organised a workshop on “Gandhian Values and Life Skill Education” for children (inmates) of the Remand
Reform) Home at Noida Phase-II, Uttar Pradesh. They also organised a special programme for divyang children from Wardha in Gandhi Darshan as part of the Gandhi Exchange Programme.

- Two day International Conference on “EU- India Partnership on Cultural Heritage” was held on 4-5 Dec., 2018 by National Museum Institute of History of Art, Conservation and Museology in collaboration with the European Union Member States. The Conference provided an opportunity to the students to learn about the Digital Recording of Cultural Heritage sites, Disaster Management Risk to heritage site due to urbanisation, pollution and population. Scholarships available in European Union in the field of heritage conservation and higher education were also discussed. The Conference also discussed many flagship collaborations between EU and India.


A three-day International Conference ‘Art and Architectural Traditions of India and Iran” was jointly organized by Jamia Millia Islamia, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts and Iran Culture Centre at IGNCA.

- IGNCA organized Street Food Festival in collaboration with FSSAI showcasing different cuisines from different States. A three day Sarod Festival called Diksha : A series on Guru Shishya Parampara, celebrating compositions by Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and a Hindustani Classical Music Concert under the series of “Bhinn Shadaj” by Kashish Mittal were also organised by IGNCA.

- Sahitya Akademi (SA) organized All India Writers’ Meet at Agartala, Tripura and All India Bodo Young Writers’ Meet at Kokrajhar, Assam. Ministry of Culture and SA organized a seminar on Sri Ramanujacharya in Delhi on the occasion of his 1000th Birth Anniversary.

- MOU between the National Archives of India and the National Documentation and Information Center of Mozambique was signed on 29 November 2018 at Ministry of External Affairs, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, New Delhi.

- Victoria Memorial Hall in association with NARRATIVE MOVEMENTS organised LAND ART IN VICTORIA featuring 35 artists from India and abroad and 40 disadvantaged children from NGOs. This was held as a preview of Bangla Biennale.

- A Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation between India and Maldives was signed at New Delhi on 17 Dec., 2018.