CEPs between India & China and between India & Bahrain for the years 2019-2023 were signed on 12th August, 2019. MoU between India and Zambia on Co-operation in Arts and Culture was signed on 21st August, 2019.


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North Central Zonal Cultural Centre organised - (i) Khushbu-E-Azadi, patriotic dance & song festival, from 13th to 15th August, 2019 in Prayagraj; and (ii) Bundeli Barkha Bahar, a festival of classical dance, folk song and folk dance, from 23rd to 25th August, 2019.

East Zone Cultural Centre organised - (i) Jugalbandi workshop on Mayurbhanj Chhau and Seraikella Chhau at Kolkata; and (ii) Indradhanush festival at Patna, Bihar from 24th to 27th August, 2019 on folk and tribal performing culture.

South Central Zonal Cultural Centre organised Sangoshti and painting workshop on the thoughts of Mahatma Gandhi at Khajuraho from 19th to 20th August, 2019.

South Zone Cultural Centre organised - (i) Fete-De-Puducherry at Puducherry from 14th to 18th August, 2019 in which 12 folk and tribal troupes from various States and 39 local troupes participated; and (ii) World Folklore Day at Karnataka from 22nd August to 1st September, 2019 in which 10 folk and tribal troupes from North East and 6 local folk troupes participated.

West Zone Cultural Centre organised - (i) Traditional Festival ‘Nariyal Purnima’ in collaboration at Daman from 15th to 17th August, 2019; and (ii) Theatre workshop at Udaipur to commemorate 100th Anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre from 21st August to 13th September 2019.

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• Kalakshetra Foundation (KF) - (i) Participated in Singapore National Festival 2019 from 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2019 in collaboration with Apsaras Arts Limited, Singapore; (ii) Organised a book exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi; and (iii) Organized two days National Conference on “History of Varmam Science in Siddha System of Medicine and Exploring Therapeutic Values” on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

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