MONTHLY SUMMARY OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2019

• Second meeting of the National Committee to commemorate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi under the chairmanship of Hon'ble President was held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, on 19.12.2019. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India; Hon’ble Prime Minister of Portuguese Republic, Cabinet Ministers of Union of India; Chief Ministers of several states and other eminent members from India and abroad participated in the meeting.

• Hon'ble President Laid Foundation for setting up of a memorial in memory of martyrs of Paika Rebellion of 1817 at Khordha, Odisha on 8.12.2019.

• Hon’ble Union Minister of State for Tourism and Culture launched indianculture.gov.in portal on 10.12.2019.

• National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) (i) inaugurated a pair of state-of-the-art Motion Simulators (Time Machines) at Science City, Kolkata on 18th December, 2019. (ii) launched 25 new Mobile Science Exhibitions (MSE) buses for aspirational districts of the country starting form September, 2019 and latest launched on 18.12.2019. (iii) Kurukshetra Panorama & Science Centre organized a number of educational activities for school students during the function of Mobile Science Exhibition on 'Energy' at Bhaderwah, Jammu & Kashmir on 18th December, 2019 inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of Culture.

• National Gallery of Modern Art, Bengaluru conducted a special gallery tour for underprivileged children under the programme “Taking Art to Masses” during the month of December 2019. Children were also provided free art kit, lunch & transportation by NGMA, Bengaluru.

• All Science Centres / Museums have organized several special exposure visits for the underprivileged children in which 36844 under-privileged children visited the NCSM units during December, 2019 and took advantage of various facilities available at Centres/Museums.

• An exhibition on 'Ban of Single Use Plastics' was inaugurated at Kurukshetra Panorama & Science Centre, Kurukshetra on 31st December, 2019. The exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. Ralf Heckel, Director, ISEI Germany.

• Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi hosted (i) an international conference from December 5 to 7, 2019 in collaboration with Wider Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES) on Vedic Wisdom and Women: Contemporary Perspective. (ii) hosted a three-day summit from December 18 to 20, 2019 in association with Art 1st Foundation and CBSE on the theme “Need for Reform in School Education Framing of Policy and Curriculum for the future”.

• Centre for Cultural Resources and Training organized (i) an Orientation Course at CCRT Regional Centre Hyderabad, Telangana for In Service Teachers from December 02-24, 2019 and at CCRT Headquarters, New Delhi from December 09-31, 2019. (ii) Workshop on “Our Cultural Diversity” at Raipur Chhattisgarh from 30.12.2019 to 09.01.2020.
- Sangeet Natak Akademi organized (i) a string puppet making workshop for traditional string puppeteers of Assam under Shri Kapil Dev from 8-22 December 2019 in which 14 puppeteers took part. (ii) The Festival of India in Meixco from 28.11.2019 to 10.12.2019, consisting of five groups in the field of Folk Dance and Music, Experimental /Contemporary Dance,Hindustani Instrumental (Santoor), Kathak Dance and Kuchipudi Dance.(iii) a special session under the scheme of Cultural Exchange Programme between Kathak Kendra, New Delhi and Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal, from 1 December to 8 December,2019.


- Salar Jung Museum- Hyderabad curated a special exhibition to pay homage to Dr B R Ambedkar on his death anniversary on 5th December 2019.

- North Central Zone Cultural Centre organised Rashtriya Shilp Mela 2019- a craft fair from 1st to 10th December, 2019 at Prayagraj.

- East Zone Cultural Centre organised Chilika Shelduck Folk Carnival, from 7th to 11th December, 2019 at Chilika, Odisha.

- South Central Zone Cultural Centre organised Octave from 17th to 20th December, 2019 at Bhopal. Artists from North East States performed in this event to showcase the tribal & traditional dance forms of North East.

- West Zone Cultural Centre organized Shilpgram Utsav 2019 in collaboration with Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Govt. of India; National Jute Board, Govt. of India; TRIFED and all the Zonal Cultural Centres from 21st to 30th December, 2019 at Shilpgram, Udaipur.