The Hon'ble President of India and the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, presented the Gandhi Peace Prize for the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 26.02.2019. The Prize was presented to Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari for the year 2015, jointly to Akshaya Patra Foundation and Sulabh International for the year 2016, to Ekal Abhiyan Trust for the year 2017 and to Shri Yohei Sasakawa for the year 2018.

The Hon'ble President of India, presented the Tagore Award for Cultural Harmony for the years 2014, 2015, & 2016 in the presence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister and other dignitaries in a function held at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra on 18.02.2019. The awards were presented to Manipuri dancer Sh. Rajkumar Singhajit Singh, Chhayanaut (a cultural organization of Bangladesh) and sculptor, Sh. Ram Vanji Sutar.

Sangeet Natak Akademy Awards Presentation Ceremony for 2017 was held on 06.02.2019 at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. The Hon’ble President of India conferred the Awards to 42 artists of Music, Dance and Theatre.

A Virtual Experiential Museum at Man Mahal (a protected Monument) at Varanasi, was inaugurated by Hon’ble Prime Minister of India on 19.02.2019.

Hon’ble Minister of State for Culture (I/C) launched the website “www.gandhismriti.gov.in” of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) in a special function at Shastri Bhawan on 18.02.2019.

To commemorate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi following activities were conducted- (a) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, GoI, in association with GSDS organised the 30th National Road Safety Week 2019 during which the ‘Suraksha Yatra’, as a part of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was flagged off by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon’ble Minister of Road Transport and Highways and Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon’ble External Affairs Minister at a function in Gandhi Darshan on 04.02.2019, (b) The Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Shri Ashok Gehlot inaugurated a special exhibition entitled “Mohan Se Mahatma” in Rajasthan on 07.02.2019. The exhibition comprised 26 panels from GSDS, (c) An exhibition of Mahatma Gandhi’s thoughts expressed through calligraphy on handmade paper was organized at Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts and (d) To commemorate 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Department of Museology 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 fun and meaningful way.

Victoria Memorial Hall, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore and Confederation of Indian Industry presented a lecture on “A Tale of Two Cities: Singapore and Calcutta, Past and Present”.

As a part of the Kolkata International Photography Festival 2019, the Victoria Memorial Hall, in association with Maya Art Space, organised a photographic exhibition on 28.02.2019.


An exhibition of books on Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel was held in Central Secretariat Library, New Delhi during 12-23.02.2019.

Sahitya Akademi organised the following:- (a) Southern Poetry Festival at Hyderabad in collaboration with Department of Language and Culture, Government of Telangana (b) Literary forum programme at Kozhikodethe in collaboration with Konkani Bhasha Pratishthan (c) Multilingual Poets’ meet on the occasion of International Mother Language Day in Delhi by inviting poets from 24 Indian languages and (d) South Asian Festival of Sufism and Buddhism in collaboration with the Federation of SAARC Writers and Literature. Noted scholars from SAARC countries participated in the program.