

**CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES
FOR THE YEARS 2018-2022**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Seychelles (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and separately as a "Party");

RECALLING the implementation of the Cultural Cooperation Agreement signed between the Parties in New Delhi on 22nd December 1987; and

DESIRING to strengthen the friendly links between the Parties so as to deepen cultural relations between them;

HAVE AGREED on the following Cultural Exchange Programme for the period 2018-2022;

Article 1
Music and Dance

- a) The Parties shall exchange music and dance ensembles and/or individual performing artists including classical and folk troupes for a period not exceeding ten (10) days each. Dates and other details of such exchange will be mutually agreed upon by the Parties through diplomatic channels.
- b) The Parties shall encourage exchanges of theatrical troupes, contemporary and music and dance troupes to enable them to participate at international festivals held in the host country.
- c) The Parties will to encourage the exchange of expertise and cooperation in the field of the development of theatre, music and dance with the relevant artistic institutions.

Article 2
Theatre

- a) Both Parties shall encourage and facilitate exchange of theatre performances in both countries and to participate in local and International theatre festivals on mutually agreed terms.
- b) Both Parties shall exchange theatre journals and publications on a reciprocal basis between the two countries on mutually agreed terms.

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Article 3
Exhibitions, Seminars and Conference

- a) The Parties shall exchange contemporary and modern art exhibitions between the two countries on reciprocal basis on mutually agreed terms.
- b) Both Parties will invite experts from the other side to participate in seminars, symposiums, conferences, camps, residencies amongst other forums on culture and arts.

Article 4
Archeology

- a) Both Parties shall support cooperation in the field of protection, conservation and promotion of the cultural heritage of both countries.
- b) The Parties shall exchange one expert each in the field of protection and conservation of ancient monuments and archaeological sites, art objects and development of archaeological site museums for a two-week period, details of which shall be mutually agreed upon by the Parties through diplomatic channels.
- c) The Government of India shall make provisions to offer technical expertise in the preservation, conservation and restoration of heritage sites and artifacts to the Government of Seychelles.
- d) Both Parties will promote activities, publications and exchanges in the preservations, restoration and conservation of heritage artifacts and assets of mutual interest between the National Heritage, Research and Protection Section and Seychelles Heritage Foundation and the Archeological Survey of India.

Article 5
Archives

- a) The Parties shall promote exchange of information and documentation concerning the history of Seychelles in the archives of India and the history of India in the archives of Seychelles, as well as copies of documents (digital copies) of interest to both Parties in order to replenish in respective collections.
- b) The modalities of exchange shall be worked out through mutual consultations.
- c) Both Parties shall exchange experts for a period of one week in each case, in the field of Records Management, Archives Administration and Conservation of Records, digitization and digital preservation of records.
- d) The National Archives of India will provide professional training facilities to officials and students of Seychelles in the courses run by the School of Archival Studies. Similarly, the National Archives of Seychelles will provide professional training courses to officials of the National Archives of India.

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Article 6
Library

- a) Both Parties will facilitate the exchange of books and publications and other reading materials of historical and literacy value, and of mutual interest to both Parties on a reciprocal basis.
- b) The Parties will assist with exchange of visits of library experts reciprocally with a view to promote library activities between both the countries. Details regarding the exchange of visits shall be finalized through diplomatic channels.

Article 7
Museums

- a) The National Museums of both sides will exchange exhibitions, museum exhibits and museum personnel. Exhibitions may also be organized jointly by the respective museums. Details regarding the exchanges shall be finalized through diplomatic channels.
- b) Exchange of the museums' personnel/experts including Curators, Deputy Curators, Research Officer, Assistant Curators, and Conservators will be for a period of four weeks to share the knowledge and expertise in their respective fields.

Article 8
Literature

- a) Both parties shall exchange a writer's delegation on a reciprocal basis. Details of such visits shall be mutually decided by the Parties through diplomatic channels.
- b) Both Parties shall promote the translation of literary works of famous writers and poets in both countries.

Article 9
Research and Documentation

Both Parties shall facilitate:

- a) Study of the artistic heritage, folklore/folk traditions and narrative forms of both countries;
- b) Devising of creative activities for cognitive and skill development of students of both countries;
- c) Exploring possibilities of developing educational activities at Art Academies, Museums, Cultural Centres and Educational Institutions for children of both countries;
- d) Development of audio-visual and printed educational materials for students and teachers to have better understanding of tangible and intangible art forms of both countries;
- e) Documentation of the Arts, Museum objects and Production of Cultural Resources of both countries.

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Article 10
Science Museums/Centres

Both Parties shall exchange one senior level Science Communication professional to study science centres/museums and non-formal science education programmes in India and in Seychelles. The professional from Seychelles will visit India to study NCSM museums/centre programme for identifying and strengthening collaborative avenues for development of interactive science centres and non-formal science learning centres, among others. The duration of the visit will be one week each.

Article 11
Anthropology

Both Parties shall exchange visits of experts in anthropology of different institutes of both countries. The details of such exchanges will be mutually agreed upon by the Parties through diplomatic channels.

Article 12
Festivals

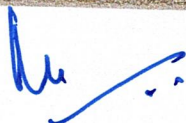
The Parties shall conduct festivals in each other's country, which shall include the exchange of tours of performing arts groups of multiple participants from each Party. The details of these tours and other activities included shall be developed on the basis of reciprocity and on terms decided upon by the Parties through mutual consultations.

Article 13
Mass Media

- a) Both Parties will exchange programmes depicting various facets of life and culture in the two countries through their respective radio and TV organizations.
- b) Both Parties shall endeavour to strengthen the relations between their national broadcasting organizations by the exchange of programmes and professionals, and by utilizing training expertise and facilities available in their respective country. Details of such exchange will be mutually agreed upon by the Parties through diplomatic channels.
- c) Both Parties will invite each other to its International Film Festivals.

Article 14
Youth Programmes

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of youth programmes, participation in youth festivals in either country, visits of the officials in charge of Youth Affairs of both Parties, sharing of experiences, skills, techniques, information and knowledge in the areas of cooperation in youth affairs, and participation of youth in seminars and conferences organized in both the countries on youth related issues.



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Article 15
General and Financial Provisions

- a) For the exchange of individuals, delegations and exhibitions stipulated under this Programme, each Party shall send to the other Party the bio-data (including languages spoken and proposed itinerary), at least two (2) months in advance of the expected date of visit, of the individuals or delegations selected, and the bio-data of performing groups at an exhibition four (4) months in advance. The receiving Party shall inform the other Party about agreeing to receive or postponement of the date at least one (1) month in advance.
- b) For the exchange of exhibitions stipulated under this Programme, a separate agreement shall be reached between the promoting Party and the receiving Party with regards to the technical details of the proposed exhibition. The necessary information for the elaboration of the corresponding catalogue must be sent three (3) months before the inauguration date. The art exhibits must arrive at their destination fifteen (15) days before the opening of the exhibition.
- c) For the exchange of materials stipulated under this Programme, each contracting Party shall have the right to use the materials exchanged in the fields of information and mass media in its own programmes, and such materials should not be given by the receiving Party to a third Party.
- d) For the exchanges stipulated under this Programme, the sending Party shall provide international travel expenses in respect of its groups, delegations, performing individuals and troupes for visits for a period not exceeding one (1) month. The receiving Party shall provide hospitality, which includes free boarding and lodging, food, internal travel expenses, free medical care in case of sudden illness, as well as emergency expenses. This is applicable in respect of both the Parties.

Article 16
Dispute Resolution

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of this Programme shall be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Parties.

Article 17
Amendment

This Programme may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties by an Exchange of Notes through diplomatic channels.

Article 18
Exclusion

The provisions of this Programme shall not preclude the Parties from agreeing, through diplomatic channels, on other arrangements which they may deem desirable.

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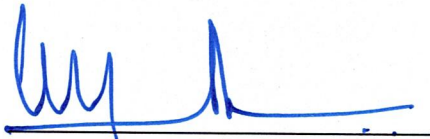
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Article 19
Entry into Force, Duration and Termination

- a) The present Programme comes into force from the date of its signature thereof by the Parties and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years or until a new Programme is signed.
- b) This Programme may be terminated by either Party at any time, giving six (6) months written notice in advance through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate it.
- c) Activities already initiated under this Programme may continue to be implemented until completion, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Programme in two originals, each in Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

Done and signed at NEW DELHI on this 24th day of JUNE in the year 2018.



(Shri M.J. Akbar)
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**FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE
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