

CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL
FOR THE YEARS 2015-2018

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the State of Israel and (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"), guided by their desire to strengthen their friendly relations and to promote exchanges in the sphere of culture based on the Cultural Agreement between the Government of the State of Israel and the Government of the Republic of India signed in New Delhi on May 18, 1993 have agreed on the following Programme of Cooperation for the years 2015-2018

Both Parties are convinced that this cooperation shall contribute to the development of their relations and to raising awareness, particularly among youth, of the history and culture of the people of both countries and agree to promote cooperation in order to improve and strengthen mutual understanding and friendship between the two countries.

HAVE AGREED as follows:

1. EXCHANGE OF CULTURE AND ART EXPERTS

1.1 The Parties shall encourage the exchange of music, theatre, visual and plastic arts, design, dance and all other artistic groups or individuals participating in tours, festivals and other cultural events, including conferences, symposia, mutual performances, workshops, artistic exposures and meetings involving the exchange of information and experiences. In addition, the Parties shall encourage visits of art critics, science writers and journalists dealing with culture, with the aim of promoting a better understanding of the sociological and cultural developments taking place in the other country.

1.2 Performing arts festivals:

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of experts and artists for performances and participation in their festivals of the performing arts. The details relating to these exchanges, such as the number of artists and length of stays, will be based on principles of reciprocity, and will be agreed upon by the Parties and/or relevant institutions, as appropriate.

The Parties shall inform one another in advance through diplomatic channels about major international festivals to be held in their respective countries, in order to facilitate such participation. Information will also be published on the websites of the respective competent authorities and institutions.

1.3 Plastic Arts, photography and design:

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of fine arts, handicraft fairs, photography and design. They shall encourage the exchange of exhibitions and cooperation between artists, folk craftsmen, art experts and specialists in traditional folk works.

1.4 Architecture:

The Parties shall encourage direct cooperation between architects, architectural institutions and the exchange of architects, as well as information sharing and the promotion of exhibitions.

1.5 Museums and Exhibitions:

The Parties shall encourage direct contacts between museums, galleries and similar institutions in both countries, including exchanges of specialists, curators, materials, special exhibits and information.

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of contemporary art exhibitions including works of art from museums, official and alternative exhibition spaces, private galleries, artist training schools and galleries, and the realization of joint contemporary arts projects.

1.6 Music:

The Parties shall encourage the presentation of the work of their composers in the other country. They shall also support direct contacts between musicians (conductors, soloists, etc.), music organizations, institutions, associations, orchestras and conservatories in the areas of classical and contemporary music, including the exchange of recordings and personal visits.

The Parties shall strive to facilitate the participation of their musicians as well as jurors and observers in major festivals, competitions and events organized in both countries.

1.7 Dance:

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of dancers, choreographers, dance experts, teachers and producers of dance festivals. The Parties shall also jointly participate in developing multilateral cultural cooperation.

1.8 Theatre:

The Parties shall encourage the exchange of actors, directors, playwrights, critics etc. The Parties shall also jointly participate in developing multilateral cultural cooperation.

1.9 The Parties shall enable annual visits of experts/artists/producers/curators in the above mentioned various fields of arts, for a total period of not exceeding five (5) days each year. Projects shall be agreed upon by the Parties through diplomatic channels.

2. CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ARCHAEOLOGY

2.1 The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the protection of cultural heritage, exchanging information about relevant national laws and regulations. In addition they shall encourage activities aimed at preserving sites of mutual interest.

2.2 The Parties shall encourage direct cooperation between institutions in the field of the protection of cultural heritage. They shall also exchange professionals, academic experts, information and publicity material as well as information on seminars.

2.3 The Parties shall encourage cooperation between relevant authorities and institutions with a view of preventing the illegal trade in cultural heritage goods in accordance with international law and their respective national Law.

2.4. The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the field of archaeological excavations, urban conservation and architecture research. Details of this cooperation shall be agreed upon by the competent authorities of both Parties.

2.5 The Parties shall encourage the relevant authorities in their respective countries to exchange information and publications of archeological content. They shall also encourage the organization of joint seminars on subjects of mutual interest to be held during the course of this Programme. Details in this regard shall be determined by the Israel Antiquities Authority and Archaeological Survey of India.

2.6 During the period of this Programme, the Parties shall exchange one (1) expert each year from the fields of archaeology, preservation of antiquities, restoration of cultural heritage or conservation of monuments and architecture, for a period of up to five (5) days. Details in this regard shall be determined by the Israel Antiquities Authority and Archaeological Survey of India.

3. LITERATURE AND BOOK FAIRS

3.1 The Parties shall work jointly to promote the translation of contemporary prose, poetry and other literary works of their country into the languages of the other Party. The Parties shall also encourage the distribution of these translated works.

For this purpose the Parties shall annually exchange three (3) persons (writers, poets or translators) each for a stay of up to five (5) days, while this Programme is in force.

3.2 The Parties shall encourage writers and editors to participate in seminars, workshops and poetry readings aimed at promoting greater understanding between the two literary communities. The Parties shall support participation of poets and writers in festivals and literary events for up to five (5) days annually.

3.3 The Parties shall encourage direct contacts between book publishers and national libraries.

3.4 Each Party shall extend invitations to the other for participation in their respective International Book fairs while this Programme is in force.

The Israeli Party invites the Indian Party to participate in the Jerusalem International Book Fair that takes place every two years in Jerusalem.

www.jerusalembookfair.com/

The Indian Party invites the Israeli Party to participate in the New Delhi World Book Fair. Information regarding this fair can be found at

www.newdelhiworldbookfair.gov.in

4. CINEMA and AUDIO-VISUAL

4.1 The Parties shall encourage the participation of films and film-makers in each other's international film festivals. The Parties shall promote special cinema retrospectives of the other country as part of international film festivals being held in their country. Information regarding major film festivals shall be exchanged through diplomatic channels.

4.2. The Parties shall encourage holding film weeks of the other Party's country in their own country. Films that are screened in this framework shall have English subtitles, if the language of the film is not English.

4.3 Each Party shall encourage mutual visits of an expert or public figure in the field of cinema. For this purpose the Parties may exchange annually two (2) experts each in the fields of cinema and audiovisual for a period of up to five (5) days to participate in festivals, conferences, reviews, meetings, retrospectives and other prestigious international events.

4.4 The Parties shall encourage cooperation between cinema and television experts as well as film and television institutes.

The Parties welcome the direct cooperation between the Film and Television Schools as well as between their national cinematheques and the exchange of students and teachers in this field.

4.5 The Parties express their interest in promoting co-productions between Israeli and Indian film producers. The Parties shall discuss and conclude a co-production (on films and video) agreement, with the aim to facilitate future film co-production.

4.6 The Parties shall encourage cooperation between the television authorities in the two countries, as well as the exchange of materials (feature and documentary) and experts in this area, on a commercial and non-commercial basis. In addition, the Parties shall encourage holding workshops on the topic of educational television, staff training and background material aimed at enhancing each country's knowledge and understanding of the other country.

5. YOUTH EXCHANGE

5.1 The Parties shall encourage the exchange of youth Programmes, participation in youth festivals in either country, visits of the officials in charge of the Youth Affairs, 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.

5.2 The Parties shall have exchange of Youth delegation on reciprocal basis. Up to ten (10) Youth from Israel can visit India and similarly, similar number of youth from India can visit Israel for a period up to 10 days. Details of the Programmes shall be mutually decided by the relevant institutions of both Parties.

- a. For the Government of the State of Israel: the Israeli Youth Exchange Authority.
- b. For the Government of Republic of India: Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Department of Youth Affairs.

6. SPORTS

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in sports, mainly by exchanging of sports teams, trainers and experts in diverse disciplines. Details shall be worked out through mutual consultations between interested organizations of both countries. The terms and conditions of these exchanges shall be agreed upon between interested organizations of both countries.

7. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

7.1 Financial and other provisions, as well as the schedules of the events, shall be agreed upon by mutual consultations between the relevant authorities of both countries. Failing any special agreements, the financial provisions will be adjusted on the basis of reciprocity, namely:

- The sending Party shall cover the international travel expenses of their delegations and shall ensure the covering of transportation of special equipment.
- The receiving Party shall cover the costs of accommodation in its country, and ensure the covering of transportation and other expenses within its country.

7.2 Exchange of individuals (artists, experts etc): The exchange shall be regulated as follows:

- Each Party shall send to the other relevant information (curriculum vitae, objectives of the visit, languages spoken, proposed itinerary and scheduled arrival and departure dates) in English, at least sixty (60) days prior to the expected date of visit of the delegation or individuals.
- The receiving Party shall confirm the acceptance of the proposal as soon as it is possible and at least 30 days prior to the date of the visit.
- Invited persons or delegations should be able to communicate in either the language of the receiving country or institution, or English or any other language mutually agreed upon.

- After the receiving side conveys its acceptance, the sending side shall inform the receiving side at least three weeks in advance of the exact mode and time of arrival of the person(s).

7.3 Exchange of exhibitions: The financial provisions for each project will be separately agreed upon between the Parties.

8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

8.1 Each Party shall ensure legal means for the protection of intellectual property rights of all materials obtained in the framework of this Programme, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in its country.

8.2 Intellectual property rights acquired or created as a result of joint activity in accordance with this Programme will be allocated by mutually agreed conditions set out in separate agreements prior to commencing the joint activity.

8.3 No Party shall transmit any commercially valuable confidential information obtained in pursuance of this Programme to any third Party without prior written consent of the Party from which such information originated.

9. FINAL PROVISIONS

9.1 This Programme does not exclude the realization of other exchanges in the cultural, youth and sports fields.

9.2 The Parties agree that all initiatives mentioned in this Programme shall be carried out within the limits of the funds allocated in their respective annual budgets.

9.3 Any activities carried out pursuant to this Agreement, by any of the Parties, shall be done in accordance with the laws, regulations and procedures of that Party.

9.4 All differences that might arise in the course of this Programme shall be settled through diplomatic channels.

9.5 The Parties entrust their competent authorities with the implementation of this Programme.

9.6 All exchanges under this Programme shall be implemented on reciprocal basis or shall be decided through mutual consultations.

9.7 This Programme can be amended or modified by mutual consent of the Parties. The amendments or modifications shall be made in writing.

9.8 This Programme shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force until 31 December 2018. This Programme can be extended for additional periods of 3 years each, by mutual consent of the Parties. Each extension shall be made in writing.

Signed in Jerusalem, Israel on the 14th day of October, 2015, which corresponds to the first of Heshvan, 5776, in the Hebrew calendar, in two originals in English language.



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