

**CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC
FOR THE YEARS 2022-2026**

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

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

On the basis of the Cultural Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Hellenic Republic, signed in Athens on 22nd June, 1961;

Have agreed on the following Cultural Exchange Programme for the period 2022-2026.

Article 1

Music and Dance

The Parties shall exchange music and dance ensembles and/or individual performing artists including classical and folk troupes for a period not exceeding 10 days each. Dates and other details of such exchange will be mutually agreed upon by the Parties through diplomatic channels.

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.

Article 3

Exhibitions, Seminars and Conferences

- 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 International seminars, symposiums, conferences, camps, residencies etc. on culture and arts.

Article 4

Archaeology

- a. Both Parties shall support cooperation in the field of protection, conservation, restoration and promotion of the cultural heritage of both countries, as well as safeguarding of cultural property against the impacts of climate change and the illicit trafficking of cultural goods.
- b. The Parties shall exchange experts in the field of protection, restoration and conservation of ancient monuments and archaeological sites, art objects and development of archaeological site museums, details of which shall be mutually agreed upon by the Parties through diplomatic channels and separate agreements, settling the terms, period and financial details.
- c. The Parties shall cooperate to prevent theft, illegal excavation and illicit import, export and transit or transfer of ownership of their cultural property in accordance with the international conventions and their respective national legislation.
- d. Both Parties shall support cooperation in the field of protection, conservation and promotion of the cultural heritage of the both countries.

Article 5

Archives

- a. The Parties shall promote exchange of information and documentation concerning the history of Hellenic Republic in the archives of India and the history of India in the archives of Hellenic Republic, as well as copies of documents (digital copies) of interest to both Parties in order

to replenish in respective collections. Modalities will be worked out through mutual consultations.

- b. 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.
- c. The National Archives of India will provide professional training facilities to officials and students of Hellenic Republic in the courses run by the School of Archival Studies. Similarly, the National Archives of Hellenic Republic will provide professional training courses to officials of National Archives of India.

Article 6

National Libraries

- a. The Parties shall promote cooperation between their national libraries in accordance with their national legislation, which may include an exchange of books and publications and support joint activities in the areas of research, digitization and exchange of professionals and experts.
- b. The National Library of Greece and the National Library of India shall examine the possibility of signing a Memorandum of Understanding that shall address all operating procedures and guide joint activities between them on the basis of the principle of fairness, reciprocity and mutual benefit.

Article 7

Education and Culture

Both sides will extend and promote further exchange and cooperation programs in the field of Education and Culture (mostly for students of secondary school). The Parties shall encourage collaboration between schools through information technology in order to exchange knowledge and experience and carry out joint programmes, activities, exhibitions, etc. in fields of mutual interest like history, culture language learning, IT application, environmental protection, recycling, etc.

Article 8

Higher Education

The Parties shall contribute to enhance cooperation in the field of Higher Education, Specifically; they shall examine the possibility of creating and promoting joint undergraduate and postgraduate programmes of mutual interest as well as the possibility of reinforcing the exchange of University students and staff, in accordance to the Parties' national legislations.

Article 9

Museums

- a. The public museums of the Parties may exchange temporary exhibitions and museum professionals. Exhibitions may also be organized jointly by the respective museums. Details shall be finalized through diplomatic channels and separate agreements settling the terms, period and financial details.
- b. The Parties agrees to promote and encourage the exchange of museum professionals, in order to exchange knowledge, expertise and good practices, Separate agreements, will set the terms, period and financial details of similar exchanges.
- c. Exchange of standard art publications.

Article 10

Literature

- a. Both Parties shall exchange a writer's delegation on 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 11

Research and Documentation

Both Parties shall facilitate:

- a. Study of the artistic heritage, folklore/folk traditions and narrative forms.

- b. Devising creative activities for cognitive and skill development of the students.
- c. Exploring possibilities of developing educational activities at Art Academies, Museums, Cultural Centres and Educational Institutions for children.
- 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 the countries.
- e. Documentation of the Alts, Museum objects and Production of Cultural Resources of both the countries.

Article 12

Science Museums/Centres

Both Parties shall exchange one senior level Science Communication professional to study science centres / museums & non-formal science education programmes on reciprocal basis. The duration of the visit will be one week each.

Article 13

Anthropology

Both Parties shall exchange visits of experts in anthropology of different institutes of both countries.

Article 14

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 side. The details of these tours and other activities included shall be developed on the basis of reciprocity

Article 15

Cultural and Creative Industries

The Parties shall particularly encourage the exchange of know-how and best practices applied in the sector of cultural and Creative Industries. In this framework the Parties will encourage partnerships, synergies and artistic residencies.

Article 16

Mass Media

- a. Both Parties will exchange programme depicting various facets of life and culture in the two countries through their respective radio and TV organization.
- b. Both Parties shall endeavour to strengthen relation between their national broadcasting organizations by exchange of Programmes, professionals and by utilizing training expertise and facilities available in 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.
- d. Both Parties shall encourage the support provided by State Agencies to enhance the collaboration of professionals in the field of audio-visual production, such as video game designers, animation professionals etc.
- e. Both Parties shall encourage cooperation and private investments in the field of development of audio-visual production in each other country. In this framework, the Ministry of Digital Governance of the Hellenic Republic, in collaboration with the National Centre of Audio-visual Media and Communication – EKOME and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of the Republic of India intend to provide all possible assistance and flexibility to Indian/Greek filmmakers who will chose Greece/India, respectively, to shoot a movie or a television series

ARTICLE 17

Youth Affairs

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

ARTICLE 18

General and Financial Provisions

- A. Exchange of individuals, delegations, exhibitions:

Every Party shall send to the other Party the bio-data (including languages spoken and proposed itinerary) at least two months in advance of the expected date of visit of the delegation or individuals selected under this Programme and bio-data of performing groups at an exhibition four months in advance. The receiving Party shall inform the other Party about agreeing to receive or postponing the date at least one month in advance.

B. Exchange of exhibitions:

Separate agreement shall be reached between the promoting party and the receiving party with regard to exhibition.

C. Exchange of materials:

Each contracting Party shall have the right to use the materials exchanged in the fields of information, Mass Media in its own programmes and such materials should not be given by the receiving Party to a third Party.

D. Finances:

While visiting representatives of groups, delegations, performing groups to each other countries, sending Party shall provide international travel expenses, the receiving Party shall provide boarding, security and safety, food and internal travel expenses, as well as emergency expenses.

E. One-month duration visits.

The sending Party shall provide international travel expenses in respect of their performing groups and delegation in case of visits for a period not exceeding one month. The receiving Party shall provide hospitality, which includes free boarding and lodging, internal travel expenses and free medical care in case of sudden illness. This is applicable in respect of both the Parties.

ARTICLE 19

Miscellaneous

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

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

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

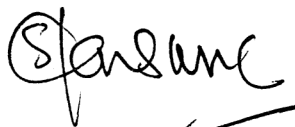
Either Party may terminate this Programme by giving written notice to the other Party 6 (six) months in advance. The termination of this Programme shall not prejudice the completion of any on-going programmes and projects under this Cultural Exchange Programme unless the Parties decide otherwise.

The present programme shall enter into force on the date of the last written notification by which the two Parties shall inform each other, through diplomatic channels, of the completion of any internal procedures required by their internal legislation for its entry into force. It shall remain in force until the 31st of December, 2026, whereupon it shall continue to apply until the entry into force of a new Programme.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Cultural Exchange Programme.

Done and signed at New Delhi on 23rd March, 2022 in two originals each in the English language.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF
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