

**CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND
FOR THE YEARS 2019 - 2022**

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

RECALLING of the implementation of the Cultural Agreement signed between the Parties on 19th October 2005 in Reykjavik; and

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

Have agreed on the following Cultural Exchange Programme for the period 2019 -2022;

Article 1

Music and Dance

The Parties shall encourage and stimulate the exchange of music and dance ensembles and/or individual performing artists including classical and folk troupes to establish partnership and support their artists and artist groups to participate in international events such as arts festivals held in each other's countries.

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 examine the possibility of exchange of theatre journals and publications on a reciprocal basis.

Article 3

Exhibitions, Seminars and Conference

The Parties will encourage and support the organization of contemporary and modern art exhibitions in each other's countries, facilitate the exchange of visits of artists and encourage their exchange and cooperation in art creations.

Article 4

Archaeology

Both Parties shall support the cooperation of public institutions in the field of protection, conservation and promotion of the cultural heritage of both countries.

Article 5

Archives

a) The Parties shall promote exchange of information and documentation concerning the history of Iceland in the archives of India and the history of India in the archives of Iceland, 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) The Parties will examine, in cooperation with the National Archives of India and the National Archives of Iceland, the possibility to provide for professional training facilities for officials and students of Iceland and India.

Article 6

Library

a) Both Parties will, in cooperation with the relevant public institutions, stimulate the exchange of publications and other reading materials of mutual interest on reciprocal basis.

b) The Parties will assist exchange of visits of library experts reciprocally with a view to promote library activities between both the countries. Details shall be finalized through diplomatic channels.

Article 7

Museums

Both Parties will encourage the National Museums on both sides to exchange exhibitions, museum exhibits and museum personnel.

Article 8

Literature

a) Both parties will encourage appropriate institutions in both countries to carry out exchange programs for writer's delegation on reciprocal basis.

b) Both Parties will 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.
- 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 Arts, Museum objects and Production of Cultural Resources of both the countries.

Article 10

Festivals

The Parties, taking account to budget provisions in both countries, shall support 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 11

Mass Media

- a) Both Parties shall provide facilities to encourage relation between their national broadcasting organizations in order to increase the offer of television programmes from respective countries.
- b) Both Parties will urge the organizers of international film festivals to invite artists and professionals from each other's countries to their festivals.

Article 12

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 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.

Article 13

General and Financial Provisions

A. Exchange of individuals, delegations, exhibitions:

In the case of exchange of individuals, delegations, exhibitions organized by public institutions every party shall send to the other party the biodata (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 agreement and biodata of performing groups at an exhibition four months in advance. The receiving party shall inform the other side about agreeing to receive or postponing the date at least one month in advance.

B. Exchange of exhibitions:

In the case of exchange of exhibitions organized by public institutions a separate agreement shall be reached between the promoting party and the receiving party with regards to exhibition. The sending side shall inform the receiving country about the technical details of the proposed exhibition. The necessary information for the elaboration of the corresponding catalogue must be sent three months before the inauguration date. The art exhibits must arrive at their destination 15 days before the opening of the exhibition.

C. Exchange of materials:

In the case of 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 side to a third party.

D. Finances:

The main principle in mutual exchange programmes financed and supported by the Parties is the sending Side shall provide international travel expenses and the receiving Side shall provide board, food and internal travel expenses, as well as emergency expenses. This applies for groups and delegations in case of visits for a period not exceeding one-month. The receiving side shall provide hospitality, which includes free board and lodging, internal travel expenses and free medical care in case of sudden illness. This is applicable in respect of both the sides.

Article 14

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 other arrangements which they may deem desirable.

The Parties may modify this Programme in writing upon their mutual consent.

The present Programme comes into force from the date of its signature thereof by the Parties and shall remain valid for a period of four years or till a fresh Programme is signed.

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 Programme unless the Parties decide otherwise.

Done and signed in Reykjavik on 10 September 2019 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.

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