

## **Significant Activities undertaken during 2024-25**

- A. Bilateral Cultural Exchange Programmes have been signed in year 2024 - till date with Timor-Leste, Malaysia, Ukraine, Jamaica, Malawi, Spain, Nigeria, Guyana, Kuwait, Indonesia, Mauritania, Bolivia, Chile, United Kingdom to strengthen bilateral cultural cooperation.
- B. Indian delegation led by Shri G. Kishan Reddy, the then Hon'ble Culture Minister participated in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Culture Ministers' Meeting on 15th May 2024 hosted by the Republic of Kazakhstan in virtual mode. A protocol was signed by the participants of the meeting.



- C. On the sidelines of World Heritage Committee Meetings organized by Ministry during 21-31st July 2024:
  - (i) Bilateral Meetings of Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Culture Minister were held with the Ministerial delegation of Bahrain, Burkina Faso, Iran, Bulgaria.
  - (ii) Bilateral Meeting of Ms Lily Pandeya, Joint Secretary (Culture) was held with the delegation of South Africa.
  - (iii) A Cultural Property Agreement was signed on 26.07.2024 between India and USA.
- D. Indian delegation led by Secretary (Culture) participated in the IX BRICS Culture Ministers Meeting held in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation during 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.



- E. Indian delegation led by Shri Arunish Chawla, Secretary (Culture) participated in the X St. Petersburg International United Cultures Forum held in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation during 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2024



- F. The 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of India Russia Joint Working Group (JWG) on Culture was held in St. Petersburg on 14th September, 2024. The meeting was Co-Chaired by Ms. Lily Pandeya, Joint Secretary on Indian side and by Deputy Co-chair Ms. A. Ivashchenko, Head of International Cultural Cooperation on behalf of Co-Chair of JWG Mr. A. Malyshev, Deputy Minister of Culture of the Russian Federation.
- G. Indian delegation led by Shri Arunish Chawla, Secretary (Culture) and Ms Lily Pandeya, Joint Secretary (Culture) participated in the G7 Ministers' Meeting on Culture-Special Session in Naples, Italy on 20-21 September 2024.



H. Indian side was represented by Ms. Lily Pandeya in BRICS CWG (virtual mode) under the Chairship of Brazil in 2025.

## **BIMSTEC**

I. Second Meeting of the BIMSTEC Cultural Industries Commission (BCIC) was held on 10-03-2025 in Thimphu, Bhutan. The meeting was attended by Shri Yash Veer Singh, Director and Shri Arun Kumar, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Culture from Indian Side.

