

## OUTGOING CULTURAL DELEGATIONS

### IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2009 – 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2010

S.NO.	COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED	NAME OF THE GROUP	DATE	PURPOSE OF VISIT	REMARKS
1.	China	9-member Mohiniattam Dance group led by Ms. Geeta Radhakrishnan, Maharashtra	5 – 8 April, 2009	To give cultural performances	
2.	Tanzania Lesotho South Africa Zimbabwe Mozambique	5-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms. Susheela Mehta, Andhra Pradesh	7 April – 6 May, 2009	To participate in the 10 <sup>th</sup> Harare International Festival of Arts in Zimbabwe and give performances in other countries	
3-5.	Mauritius Reunion Islands  Reunion Islands  Reunion Islands	(i) 10-member Kalaripayattu group, Delhi  (ii) Two craftsman: one Heena artiste, Delhi and one Decoration (Rangoli / Kolam) artiste, Kerala  (iii) One Kathakali artiste demonstrating Kathakali make-up, Kerala	7 – 20 April, 2009  13 – 20 April, 2009  13 – 20 April, 2009	To participate in the Festival organized by ARRCC to coincide with the Tamil New Year Celebrations in Reunion Islands and to give cultural performances in Mauritius	
6.	USA	Four travel grants to Ustad Ali Ahmed Hussain Khan (Shehnai), West Bengal	9 April – 11 May, 2009	To give cultural performances	
7.	Malaysia China	13-member Bhangra group led by Shri Kanwarpreet Singh, Delhi	14 April – 4 May, 2009	To give cultural performances	

8.	Nepal	5-member Ghazal group led by Shri Vinod Kumar, Delhi	18 – 20 April, 2009	To give cultural performances	
9.	Spain	13-member Contemporary dance group “Drishtikon” led by Ms. Aditi Mangaldas, Delhi	20 – 23 April, 2009	To coincide with the visit of President of India to Spain	
10.	U.K.	One travel grant to Shri Deepak Kumar Chakraborty (Tabla), West Bengal	25 April – 7 June, 2009	To give cultural performances	
11.	Bangladesh	17-member Modern Dance group “Dancers’ Guild” led by Jonaki Sarkar, West Bengal	27 to 30 April, 2009	To participate in the “World Dance Day”	
12.	USA	Three travel grants to Ms. Mom Ganguly (Mohiniattam) along with two accompanists, Delhi	29 April to 7 May, 2009	To give cultural performances	
13-14.	Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago Suriname Venezuela, USA, St. Marteen, Aruba  Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago Colombia Venezuela, USA, St. Marteen, Aruba	9-member Composite group  (i) 4-member Light Classical Music group led by Ms. Kumud Diwan, Delhi and  (ii) 5-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Mahua Shankar, Delhi	02 May to 08 June, 2009          02 May to 08 June, 2009	To participate in the 171 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of Arrival Day of Indians in Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago and Suriname and to give cultural performances in other countries.	
15.	Bangladesh	14-member Dance Drama group of Aurobindo Anushilan Society led by Dr. D.P.Bandyopadhyay, West Bengal	13 - 17 May, 2009	To present the Dance Drama “Savitri”	
16.	U.K.	12-member Gujarati Folk dance group of “Shree	01 – 22 June,	To participate in the Glasgow, Nottingham & Belford Mela	

		Vasuki Sanskrutik Group” led by Shri Kumar Pal Rana, Gujarat	2009		
17.	South Korea China	22-member Choir group from North East Zonal Cultural Centre “Shillong Chamber” from Nagaland	25 June to 7 July 2009	To give cultural performances	<b>The Group was sponsored by Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India to South Korea. The Council sponsored the group to China to give cultural performances.</b>
18-19.	Spain Austria  Austria  Austria	9 travel grants to artistes to: (i) 4-travel grant to Ms. Bombay Jayashri Ramnath (Carnatic Vocal), Tamil Nadu  4- travel grant to T.M.Krishna (Carnatic Vocal), Tamil Nadu  1- travel grant to Shri Durjoy Bhowmik (Tabla), Delhi	30 June – 03 July, 2009	To give cultural performances  To participate in the Indian Classical Music Festival in Salzburg	<b>The Council had sponsored Bombay Jayashri Ramnath group to Spain for performances. Rest of the five members availed travel grant only for Austria.</b>
20.	USA	Three travel grants to Choir group of Vishwa Bharati University, West Bengal	2 – 12 July, 2009	To participate in the North American Bengali Conference titled “From the Traditional to the Contemporary” at the invitation of University of California, Berkeley	<b>The Council had provided travel grants for the sector San Francisco and sponsored the group to Houston for performances</b>
21.	South Africa	6-member Manipuri dance group led by Ms. Sruti Bandopadhyay, West Bengal	6 – 14 July, 2009	To participate in the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown	

22-23.	Jordan	9-member Composite group ;  (i) 5-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms. Jayanthi Subramaniam, Tamilnadu  (ii) 4-member Flute group led by Ms. Mala Chandrashekhar, Tamilnadu	15 – 21 July, 2009	To participate in the Jordan Festival	
24.	Syria	12-member Rajasthani Folk Dance group led by Shri Dhane Khan Langa, Rajasthan	6 - 13 August, 2009	To participate in the Bosra International Festival-2009	
25.	Trinidad & Tobago Barbados	5-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Sangeeta Dash, Orissa	7 – 20 August, 2009	To participate in the Festival of India in Trinidad and Tobago and to give performances in Barbados	
26.	Bhutan	13-member Kathak dance group led by Ms. Aditi Mangaldas, Delhi	13 – 17 August, 2009	To give cultural performances on the occasion of India's Independence Day Celebration	
27.	Sri Lanka	6-member Kathak Dance group led by Shri Hari and Ms. Chethna, Karnataka	13 – 21 August, 2009	To give cultural performances on the occasion of India's Independence Day Celebration	
28.	China	14-member Sarabhuj group led by Shri Tarun Pradhan, West Bengal	13 – 26 August, 2009	To participate in the 11 <sup>th</sup> Asia Arts Festival	
29.	Bangladesh	6-member Rabindra Sangeet group led by Debarati Mitra, West Bengal	14 – 19 August, 2009	To give cultural performances on the occasion of India's Independence Day Celebration	
30.	Nepal	4-member Santoor group led by Shri Bhajan Sopori, Delhi	14 – 16 August, 2009	To give cultural performances on the occasion of India's Independence Day Celebration	

31.	Maldives	11-member Magic group led by Shri K.S.Ramesh, Karnataka	17 – 20 August, 2009	To give cultural performances on the occasion of India's Independence Day Celebration	
32.	Maldives	5-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms. Shilpa Uthapa, Karnataka	19 – 22 August, 2009	To give cultural performances on the occasion of India's Independence Day Celebration	
33.	Trinidad & Tobago	4-member Poet group	22 – 28 August, 2009	To participate in the Festival of India in Trinidad and Tobago	
34.	Trinidad & Tobago	6-member Bhakti Sangeet group led by Ms. Vidya Shah, Delhi	22 – 30 August, 2009	To participate in the Festival of India in Trinidad and Tobago	
35.	Bulgaria Macedonia Greece	12-member Folk Dance group "Chureshwar Lok Nritya Sanskritik Mandal" led by Shri Joginder S.Habbi, Himachal Pradesh	24 August - 14 September, 2009	To participate in the 37 <sup>th</sup> International Folklore Festival (IFF) in Bourgas and Thessaloniki International Fair in Greece	
36.	Uzbekistan	8-member Rajasthani Folk dance group led by Bhugra Khan, Rajasthan	24 – 31 August, 2009	To participate in the International Festival of Music "Sharq Taronalari"	
37.	Sri Lanka	12-member Kargam & Kavaadi Folk Dance group, Tamilnadu	3 – 10 September, 2009	To participate in the National Literary and Arts Festival of Sri Lanka	
38.	Germany	7-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms. Souraja Tagore and Shri Milan Adhikary, West Bengal	3 – 13 September, 2009	For DIG Chain Tour	
39.	Greece	5-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Arushi Mudgal, Delhi	4 – 14 September, 2009	To participate in the Thessaloniki International Fair in Greece	
40.	South Africa	6 travel grants to Ms. Daksha Seth Dance	9 – 18 September	To participate in the Shared Histories Festival-2009	

		Company, Kerala	r, 2009		
41-42.	France	(i) 4-member Shubhada Music group of Auroville Foundation, Puducherry  (ii) 5-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms. Roja Kannan, Tamil Nadu	14 – 18 September, 2009	To perform on the occasion of the unveiling of Sri Aurobindo's statute at UNESCO	
43.	Thailand Vientiane Singapore	15-member Kathak Dance group "Punarnava" from Kathak Kendra, Delhi	15 – 24 September, 2009	To give cultural performances	
44.	Japan	6-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Moumala Nayak and Hemanta Kalita, Delhi	17 – 30 September, 2009	To give cultural performances on the inaugural of the opening of the new Indian Cultural Centre in Tokyo and to participate in the Namaste India Festival & Fukuoka Asian Art Festival	
45.	Japan	5-member Sitar group led by Pandit Debu Chaudhuri, Delhi	24 – 27 September, 2009	To give cultural performances on the inaugural of the opening of the new Indian Cultural Centre in Tokyo	
46.	Bhutan	12-member Rajasthani Folk Dance Group led by Ms. Gulabi Sopera, Rajasthan	29 September – 9 October, 2009	To participate in the Imtrat Raising Day Celebrations	
47.	Mauritius	6-member Ghazal group led by Ahmad Hussain and Mohammad Hussain, Rajasthan	30 September – 5 October, 2009	To give cultural performances on the occasion of National Eid Celebrations	
48.	Italy	5-member Puppet group led by Shri Naurang Lal, Delhi	1 – 13 October, 2009	To give cultural performances	
49.	South Korea	50% of 11 travel grant to Contemporary Dance group	5 – 8 October,	To participate in the Seoul International Dance Festival	

		of Attakalari Centre for Movement of Arts led by Shri Joychandran Palazhy, Karnataka	2009		
50.	Yemen Qatar	5-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Pratishtha Sharma, Delhi	6 – 13 October, 2009	To give cultural performances	
51.	Australia Malaysia Singapore	8 travel grants to Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Shri V.P.Dhananjayan & Ms. Shanta Dhananjayan, Tamilnadu	7 October – 10 November , 2009	To give cultural performances	
52.	Syria	2 -member Sitar group led by Shri Adip Ghosh, Chhatisgarh	7 – 16 October, 2009	To participate in the Syria Silk Road Festival	
53.	New Zealand	12-member Gujarati Folk Dance group of “Saurashtra Lok Kala Kendra” led by Shri Amardeep Sinh J.Jadeja, Gujarat	8 - 25 October, 2009	To participate in the Diwali Celebrations	
54.	South Africa Lesotho	11-member Light Classical group of “Feels International Group” led by Shri Ashwani Kumar, Delhi	8 – 26 October, 2009	To participate in the Diwali Celebrations	
55.	Singapore Lao PDR	12-member Lavani Folk group of Shri Jay Ganesh Lok Kala, Maharashtra	9 – 17 October, 2009	To participate in the Diwali Utsav	
56.	Tajikistan Uzbekistan	8-member Qawaali group led by Shri Ghulam Qadir,	8 – 15 October, 2009	To participate at the International Festival-symposium “Falak” in Tajikistan and to give cultural performances in Uzbekistan	
57.	Australia	10-member Manipuri Dance group “Jagoi Marup”,	9 – 19 October,	To participate in the Diwali Celebrations	

		Manipur	2009		
58.	Japan South Korea	5-member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Ms. Manju Hemamalini, Delhi	9 – 29 October, 2009	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Diwali Celebrations	
59.	Trinidad & Tobago Saint Vincent Grenadines Barbados	11-member Folk Dance group of Rang Puhar led by Ms. Shubhra Mehdiretta, Maharashtra	13 - 30 October, 2009	To participate in the Diwali Festival	
60.	Ethiopia	6-member Fusion group led by Shri Abhijit Pohankar, Maharashtra	16 – 21 October, 2009	To participate in the Diwali Celebrations	
61.	France	5 travel grants to Vocal group led by Shaguna Purushotaman, Tamilnadu	17 – 19 October, 2009	To participate in the Thyagaraja Festival	
62.	Nepal	One travel grant to Pandit Vishwamohan Bhatt (Guitar), Rajasthan	20 – 23 October, 2009	To give cultural performances	
63.	Nigeria	One travel grant to Ms. Manisha Gulyani (Kathak), Rajasthan	3 – 9 November , 2009	To participate in the Trufesta International Dance Festival 2009	
64.	Mexico	10-member UP Folk dance group led by Ms. Geetanjali Sharma	4 - 10 November , 2009	To participate in the Nao de China Festival	
65.	Egypt Libya Malta	12-member Contemporary group of “Anart” led by Ishira Parikh and Shri Maulk Shah, Delhi	9 – 26 November , 2009	To participate in the Cairo International Film Festival and to give cultural performances in Libya and Malta	
66.	Cambodia	10-member Bihu Dance group of Aimoni Gogoi Bihu Dal led by Shri Someswar	10 –13 November , 2009	To participate in the India-Cambodia Trade and Investment Business Form	

		Taran, Assam			
67.	Italy	4-member Violin group led by Shri Raghunathan Sridhar, Delhi	12 – 15 November , 2009	To participate in the “Suoni Dal Mondo” Festival	
68.	Bangladesh	16-member “Vivaadi” Theatre group from NSD led by Ms. Anuradha Kapur, New Delhi	13 - 19 November , 2009	To stage the Play “John Gabriel Borkman” at the International Ibsen Theatre Festival “Ibsen through New Eyes”	
69.	Israel	Carnatic Vocal group led by Ms. Sudha Raghunathan, Tamilnadu	16 - 20 November , 2009	To participate in the OUD Festival	
70.	Israel Turkey	5-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Rajashree Chintak Behera, Delhi	20 November – 1st December , 2009	To give performances organized by the Hebrew University in Israel and to give performances in Turkey	
71.	Sri Lanka	10-member Contemporary Dance “Samudra” group led by Shri Madhu Gopinath and Vakkom Sajeev, Kerala	21 – 25 November , 2009	To give cultural performances at the 3 <sup>rd</sup> SAARC Business Leaders Conclave (SBLC)	
72.	Thailand	11-member Puppet group led by Shri Bhaskar Kogga, Kamath (Karnataka)	1 – 8 December , 2009	To participate in the International Culture Festival in celebration of H.M. the King’s Birthday Anniversary	
73.	Australia	Three travel grants to Ms. Manjiri Kelkar (Hindustani Vocal), Maharashtra	3 – 9 December , 2009	To represent India at the Parliament of World Religious, Melbourne	
74.	USA	5-member Hindustani Vocal group led by Ms. Shanti Hiranand, Delhi	3 – 13 December , 2009	To give cultural performances	
75.	Colombia Trinidad & Tobago	5-member Bharatnatyam Dance group led by Ms.	25 November	To participate in the “Festival of India”	

	Barbados USA Canada St. Lucia	Priya Venkataraman, Delhi	-17 December , 2009		
76.	Nepal	7-member Odissi Dance group "Shinjan Nrityalaya" led by Ms. Aloka Prava Kanungo, West Bengal	7-14 December , 2009	To give cultural performances	
77.	Myanmar	8-member Qawaali group led by Nizami Khusro Bandhu	7 – 15 December , 2009	To perform during the "URS" Festival	
78.	USA	5-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Sujata Mohapatra	9 – 14 December , 2009	To participate in the Alsdorf Anniversary Celebration at Art Institute	
79.	Mauritius	Seven travel grant to the Gulwadi Quartet of Ms. Shaila Hattangadi	13 – 19 December , 2009	To participate in the 24th Remembrance Day of the Father of the Mauritian Nation and the First Prime Minister of Mauritius	
80.	Algeria	12-member Rajasthani Folk Dance group "Meera Kala Mandir" led by Shri Prakash Verma, Rajasthan	17 – 22 December , 2009	4 <sup>th</sup> Festival of Desert People	
81.	Greece	5-member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Ms. Yashoda C.Rao	20 December , 2009 – 10 January, 2010	To participate in the Volos International Festival	
82.	Vietnam	A Modern Dance group led by Shri Naresh Kumar	30 December , 2009 – 5 January, 2010	To participate at the Da Lat Flower Festival	

83.	Nigeria	3-member Sitar group led by Shri Jagdeep Singh Bedi, New Delhi	13 – 15 January, 2010	To participate in the “Namaskar Africa” – An Indian Business Forum	
84.	Mexico Belize Guatemala	5-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Kum Kum Dhar	14 - 28 January, 2010	To give cultural performances on the occasion of India's Republic Day	
85.	South Africa	6-member Kathak Dance group led by Shri Arjun Mishra	23 – 30 January, 2010	To give cultural performances on the occasion of India's Republic Day Celebrations	
86.	Bhutan Phuentshiling	14-member Bihu Dance group led by Ms. Bhanu Deka, Assam	23 – 29 January, 2010	On the occasion of India's Republic Day Celebrations	
87.	Sri Lanka	5-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Shri S. Shridhar and Ms. Anuradha Shridhar	24 January – 2 February, 2010	On the occasion of India's Republic Day Celebrations	
88.	China	3-member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Ms. Rashmi Vaidyalingam and 3-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms. Ragini Krishnan	25 – 30 January, 2010	On the occasion of India's Republic Day Celebrations	
89.	U.K.	8-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms. Geeta Chandran	3 – 14 February, 2010	On the occasion of India's Republic Day Celebrations	
90.	Malaysia	7-member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Shri Jayarama Rao and Ms. Banasri Rao, New Delhi	8 – 12 February, 2010	To give cultural performances on the occasion of the opening of the new Indian Cultural Centre in Malaysia	
91.	Afghanistan	3-member Esraj group led by Shri Allauddin Khan, New Delhi	16-26 February, 2010	To give cultural performances on the occasion of the International Students Day	

92.	Syria	15-member Modern Dance (Bollywood) group of "Jasvinder Paras" led by Shri Jasvinder Singh Paras, Delhi	21 February – 6 March, 2010	On the occasion of India's Republic Day Celebrations	
93.	Oman	12-member, Himachal Folk group "Sutradhar Kala Sangam" led by Shri Dinesh Sen	23 February – 1 March, 2010	To participate in the Indo-Oman Folk Art Festival	
94.	Trinidad & Tobago	10-member Charkula Dance group led by Shri Murarli Lal Sharma, U.P.	26 February – 20 March, 2010	To participate in the Holi Festival in Trinidad and Patrick Day Celebrations in Montserrat	
95.	Australia	14-member Kathakali group of Kerala Kalamandalam (Travel grant)	2 – 12 March 2010	To participate in the 2010 WOM Adelaide Festival in Adelaide	
96.	Bangladesh	8-member Sufi Kathak group led by Ms. Manjari Chaturvedi, Uttar Pradesh	10 – 20 March, 2010	To give cultural performances on the occasion of inauguration of ICC	
97.	France	Two travel grants to Shri Kaushik Bhattacharya (Tabla) and his accompanist, Shri Rajnarayan Bhattacharya, West Bengal	10 March – 1 April, 2010	To give cultural performances	
98.	France	Five travel grant to Ms. Kshemawati Kalamandalam (Mohiniattam), Kerala	12 March- 3 April, 2010	To participate at the 14th Edition of the Festival titled "Festival de l'Imaginaire"	
99.	Serbia Croatia Slovenia Hungary	12-member Modern / Contemporary Dance group "Mamta Shankar Ballet" led by Ms. Mamta Shankar, West Bengal	16 March – 2 April, 2010	To give cultural performances in Slovenia to coincide with a Conference on Tagore	
100.	Nepal	8-member Kathakali Dance group of the International Centre for Kathakali led by	19 – 26 March, 2010	To give cultural performances	

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101.	France	6-member Kathak Dance group led by Shri Deepak Maharaj, New Delhi	24 March – 9 April, 2010	To give cultural performances	