

OUTGOING CULTURAL DELEGATIONS

January 2011 – December 2011

Sr.No	Countries Visited	Name Of Group	Date	Remarks
1)	Algeria	(i) 7-member Sufi Kathak group led by Ms. Rani Khanam, New Delhi	21 – 28 November 2011	
		(ii) Shri Annis Siddiqui, Arabic Calligraphist, New Delhi		
		(iii) Shri Mohammed Baba Mohiuddin, Hyderabad		
		10-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms. Saroja Vaidyanathan, New Delhi	18 March - 4 April 2011	
		14-member Rajasthani folk dance group led by Shri Ridmal Khan,	10 – 22 July 2011	
2)	Armenia	15- member travel grants to the Kanglei Mime Theatre Repertory group led by Dr. Yumnam Sadananda Singh	28 September – 9 October 2011	
		8-member Pung and Dhol Cholan group led by Shri N.Narayan Singh, Delhi	11 – 19 February 2011	
		6-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms. Sneha Chakradhar, Delhi	28 April – 8 May 2011	
		3-member on Travel grants to Ms. Kalapini Komkali (Hindustani Vocal)	19 - 26 July 2011	
		15-member on travel grants to Manganiar Seduction group led by Mr. Roysten Abel	3 – 10 October 2011	
3)	Austria	10-member Contemporary Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Vidha Lal, New Delhi	17 – 27 March 2011	
		10-member Rajasthani Folk group led by Shri Anwar Khan, Rajasthan	19 – 30 March 2011	
		Ranajit Sengupta (Sarod)	15 – 31 October 2011	
		13-member Contemporary “Sadhya” group led by Shri Santosh Kumar Nair, New Delhi	25 – 31 October 2011	
		5-member Illusion Magic group led by Ms. Kruti Subhashchandra Parekh, Maharashtra	25 – 31 October 2011	
		8-member Qawaali group led by Shri Neelay Khan Mohdsadeeqe, Punjab	19 – 25 October 2011	

4)	Azerbaijan	5-member Sarod group led by Shri Amman Ali Bangash, New Delhi	23 June – 3 July 2011	
5)	Barbados	16-member “Naksh Virsa” Bhangra and Gidda group led by Shri. Sandeep Sharma	28 May – 18 June 2011	
		14-member Bihu group “Asom Jyoti Sanskritik Gosthi” led by Shri Siva Prasad Das	28 May – 18 June 2011	
6)	Bangladesh	4-member Hindustani Vocal (Devotional) group led by Ms. Vidya Shah, Delhi	1 – 5 March 2011	
		5-member Vocal group led by Pandit Jasraj, New Delhi	16 – 20 March 2011	
		(i) 11-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Sharmistha Mukherjee, New Delhi (ii) 5-member Vocal group led by Ms. Jayati Ghosh	6 – 8 September 2011	
7)	Beirut	14-member Bollywood “Matrix” group led by Shri Suresh Kumar Kariyatt Kottapurath, New Delhi	10 October – 7 November 2011	
8)	Belize	5-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Kakoli Bose, West Bengal	11 – 24 March 2011	
9)	Bhutan	14-member Bhangra and Giddha group led by Shri Parvinder Singh, Punjab	22 – 27 January 2011	
		4-member Band group “Abiogensis” led by Shri Moanungsang Subong, Nagaland	12 – 20 August 2011	
		5-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Reela Hota, New Delhi	18 – 23 October 2011	
10)	Canada	19-member travel grants to Shillong Chamber Choir group led by Shri Ike. Sinha	18 – 22 August 2011	
		10-member Kalakshetra group of Ms. Leela Samson, Chennai	28 September – 13 October 2011	
		6-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Sharmistha Mukherjee, New Delhi	15 – 23 October 2011	
		20-member Theatre group “Mahim Junction” led by Ms. Sohaila Charnalia (Kapoor), New Delhi	31 October – 21 November 2011	
11)	China	10-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Namrata Pamnani, Delhi	25 – 29 January 2011	

12)	Colombia	9-member Gujarati Folk group "Aavishkar" led by Shri Kalpesh Dalal, Gujarat	7 – 26 November 2011	
13)	Cuba	6-member on travel grants to Naad Brahma Band group led by Shri Joe Alvares	14 – 20 December 2011	
14)	Czech Republic	12-member Rajasthani Folk group led by Shri Salim Khan Langa, Rajsthan	19 – 22 October 2011	
15)	Doha	8-member Qawaali group led by Shri Neelay Khan Mohdsadeeque, Punjab	19 – 25 October 2011	
16)	Estonia	12-member bihu Dance group "Dakshyini Sanaskritic Gosthi" led by Ms Monimala Borah (Guwahati) Assam	20 – 30 July 2011	
17)	Egypt	8-member Qawaali group led by Ms. Urmila Devi "Chanchal Bharati", New Delhi	11 – 26 August 2011	
18)	Ethiopia	12-member Gujarati Folk "Sidi Dhamal Sidi Goma" group led by Shri Akbarmiya Gulmali Kadari, Gujarat	21 – 29 October 2011	
19)	Fiji	12-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Meera	13 – 23 August 2011	
		25-member Ramayana group "Brij Lok Kala Ramayana" led by Shri Sanjay Kumar Sharma	2 -16 November 2011	
		12 – member Bollywood group "Karmic Connection" led by Shri Paramjeet Singh Narula, Maharashtra	22 December, 2011 – 6 January 2012	
20)	Finland	12-member Bihu Dance group "Dakshyini Sanaskritic Gosthi" led by Ms Monimala Borah (Guwahati) Assam	20 – 30 July 2011	
		14-member Bollywood "Matrix" group led by Shri Suresh Kumar Kariyatt Kottapurath, New Delhi	10 October – 7 November 2011	
21)	France	2-member on travel grant to the member of Prithvi Theatre ; Shri Gopala and Ms. Kani Kusruti, Kerala	2 – 21 August 2011	
		Shri G.S.Rajan (Flute) performed with 4 member on travel grant	30 September – 12 October 2011	
		Shri Wasifuddin Dagar (Devotional Music)	28 th March 2011	
22)	Georgia	9-member on travel grants to the group "Ranan" led by Shri Vikram Iyenga, West Bengal	23 – 30 September 2011	

23)	Germany	10-member Bhojpuri group led by Ms. Seema Tiwari, NCR, Uttar Pradesh	8 - 15 February 2011	
		6-member Violin group led by Shri Johar Ali, New Delhi	18 – 21 March 2011	
		10-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms. Saroja Vaidyanathan, New Delhi	18 March – 4 April 2011	
		5-member travel grants to Dhrupad group led by Shri Prem Kumar Mallick	6 June – 5 July 2011	
		9-member travel grants to Attakalari group of Attakalari Centre for Movement Arts led by Shri Jayachandran Palazhy	5 – 16 October 2011	
		6-member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Ms. Alekhya Punjala, Andhra Pradesh	15 – 21 October 2011	
24)	Grenada	16-member “Naksh Virsa” Bhangra and Gidra group led by Shri. Sandeep Sharma	28 May – 18 June 2011	
25)	Guayaquil	9-member Gujarati Folk group “Aavishkar” led by Shri Kalpesh Dalal, Gujarat	7 – 26 November 2011	
26)	Hong Kong	4-member travel grants to Koodiyattam group led by Shri Madhu Margi, Kerala	22 – 29 November 2011	
27)	Hungary	7-member Contemporary group led by Ms. Priyadarshini Shome, West Bengal	14 – 23 February 2010	
		12-member Bollywood group led by Ms. Shipra Goyal	14 – 22 August 2011	
28)	Indonesia	10-member Kathakali group led by Shri Balakrishnan Nair Jagadeesan	1- 4 July 2011	
		12-member Contemporary Kathak group led by Ms. Anurag Verma, Rajasthan	23 – 29 March 2011	
		25-member Ramayana group “Brij Lok Kala Ramayana” led by Shri Sanjay Kumar Sharma	2 -16 November 2011	
29)	Iran	(i) 8-member Rajsthani Folk Music group led by Shri Bundu Khan	10 – 17 May 2011	
		(ii) 06-member santoor group led by shri abhay rustum sopori	09 – 18 May 2011	
30)	Israel	Travel grants to Team Work:- (i) 11-member Kathak Dance	2 – 23 May 2011	

		group led by Ms. Aditi Mangaldas (ii)5-member instrumental group led by Pandit Hari Prasad Chaurasia (iii) 4- scholars ; Ms. Alka Pande (Curator), Ms. Namita Gokhale, Shri Tarun Tejpal and Ms. Urvashi Butalia (Writers)		
31)	Kenya	8-member Qawaali group led by Shri Ghulam Qadir	14 – 23 September 2011	
32)	Kyrghyzstan	8-member Sattriya group led by Ms. Anita Sharma, Assam	9 – 21 February 2011	
		11-member Gujarati group led by Ms. Sonal Sagathia	6 – 11 September 2011	
33)	Malaysia	4-member Sitar group led by Shri Mohsin Ali Khan	24 - 28 June 2011	
		12 – member Bollywood group “Karmic Connection” led by Shri Paramjeet Singh Narula, Maharashtra	22 December 2011 – 6 January 2012	
		5-member Light Classical (Ghazal) group led by Ms. Suman Devgan	22 – 26 July 2011	
34)	Mauritius	5-member Carnatic Vocal group led by Shri Govinda Rajan Elangovan, Delhi	11 - 21 January 2011	
		6-member Devotional group led by Ms. Piyoosha Kailash Anuj, Delhi	25 February – 3 March 2011	
		12-member Cultural group of Goa Kala Academy led by Ms. Fernanda Maria Melita Menezes E. Dias, Goa	6 – 14 March 2011	
		10-member Rajasthani folk Group led by Shri Umrao Khan	12 – 19 May 2011	
		15-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Uma Sharma, Delhi	23 June – 10 July 2011	
35)	Mexico	5-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Kakoli Bose, West Bengal	11 – 24 March, 2011	
		6-member Percussion group “Laya Naadamrit” led by Shri Amrit Nataraj. Karnataka	10 – 25 October 2011	
36)	Mombasa	8-member Qawaali group led by Shri Ghulam Qadir	14 – 23 September 2011	
37)	Muscat	8-member Bhojpuri group led by Shri Rakesh Upadhyay, Uttar Pradesh	30 March – 2 April 2011	
		10-member Gujarati group “Kankan” led by Ms. Sangitha	27 July – 2 August 2011	

		Sonalben Hansadevi		
38)	Myanmar	5-member Qawaali group led by Shri Anwar Sabri Brothers, Uttar Pradesh	11 – 19 January 2011	
39)	Nepal	6-member Vocal group led by Shri Satish Babbar, New Delhi	24 – 28 January 2011	
		4-member Light Music (Sufi) group led by Ms. Zila Khan, Delhi	17 – 21 February 2011	
		12-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Shovana Trqaxl Narayan	15 – 20 August 2011	
		5-member Vocal group led by Ms. Deepmala Mohan	30 August – 9 September 2011	
40)	Netherlands	8-member (Bhojpuri, led by Shri Rakesh Upadhya, Uttar Pradesh	29 July – 1 August 2011	
41)	New Zealand	4-member Travel grants to Shri Rajendra Prasanna	03 – 23 March 2011	
		Two cultural groups (i) 4-member Puppet group of Ms. Seethalakshimi Shahukaru (ii) 11- member Manipuri Dance group led by Ms. Amusana Devi Nongthomban, Manipur	6 – 17 October 2011	
42)	Nigeria	15-member Thaiyyam group of “Anushtana Kendra Koval” led by Shri Chandu Panikar, Kerala	25 November - 4 December, 2011	
43)	Philippines	(i) Shri Zunain Halim Khan (Sitar) Maharashtra with 3 members (ii) Shri Abhijeet Roy Chaudhury (Sarod) with 4 member, Uttar Pradesh	12 – 26 February 2011	
44)	Poland	10-member Bhojpuri group led by Ms. Seema Tiwari, NCR, Uttar Pradesh	8 - 15 February 2011	
45)	Qatar (Doha)	14-Member Bhangra group led by Shri Rajinder Tonk, New Delhi	24 – 27 January 2011	
		15-member travel grants to Goa Folk group led by Shri Elvis Goes, Goa	19 – 25 October 2011	
46)	Romania	7-member Contemporary group led by Ms. Priyadarshini Shome, West Bengal	14 – 23 February 2010	
47)	Russia	14-member Bollywood “Matrix” group led by Shri Suresh Kumar Kariyatt Kottapurath, New Delhi	10 October – 7 November 2011	
		8-member Sattriya group led by Ms. Anita Sharma, Assam	9 – 21 February 2011	

48)	Singapore	13-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Shovana Narayan, Delhi	12 – 15 January 2011	
		5-member Light Classical (Ghazal) group led by Ms. Suman Devgan	22 – 26 July 2011	
49)	Slovenia	12-member Kathak group led by Ms. Radhika Shah	23 – 26 May 2011	
		7-member Contemporary group led by Ms. Priyadarshini Shome, West Bengal	14 – 23 February 2010	
50)	South Africa	8-member Fusion Band group led by Shri Abhijit Ajay Pohankar, Maharashtra	16 – 26 June 2011	
		12-member Rajasthani Folk group led by Shri Yar Mohd. Langa	1 – 8 July 2011	
		4-member travel grants to Shri Amit Chaudhuri, West Bengal	29 July – 2 August 2011	
		5-member Carnatic Vocal group led by Shri Thekke Veedu Manikandan	14 – 23 August 2011	
		15-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Uma Sharma, Delhi	23 June – 10 July 2011	
51)	Spain	Kathak Kendra Production “Ritu Rang” led by Ms. Geetanjali Lal, Delhi	11 – 13 November 2011	
		14-member Rajasthani folk group led by Shri Ridmal Khan,	10 – 22 July 2011	
52)	Sri Lanka	8-member Kathakali group led by Shri Kottakkal Chandrasekharan, Kerala	24 January – 2 February 2011	
		10-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Nalini and Ms. Kamalini	13 – 21 August 2011	
		4-member on travel grants to Shri T.M. Krishna (Carnatic Vocal), Chennai	1-8 October 2011	
53)	Suriname	14-member Bihu group “Asom Jyoti Sanskritik Gosthi” led by Shri Siva Prasad Das	28 May – 18 June 2011	
		8-member Qawaali group led by Shri Iftekhar Ahmed	13 – 23 October 2011	
		16-member “Naksh Virsa” Bhangra and Gidda group led by Shri. Sandeep Sharma	28 May – 18 June 2011	
54)	Switzerland	8-member Manipuri Dance group led by Ms. Laishram Bina Devi, Manipur	22- 27 March 2011	

		10-member Contemporary Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Vidha Lal, New Delhi	17 – 27 March 2011	
		10-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms. Saroja Vaidyanathan, New Delhi	18 March -4 April 2011	
55)	Taiwan	“Srijan” Odissi Dance group led by Shri Rati Kanta Mohabaptra, Orissa	12 – 23 October 2011	
56)	Tanzania	8-member Qawaali group led by Shri Ghulam Qadir	14 – 23 September 2011	
		7-member Puppet group and one magician led by Shri Puran Bhatt, New Delhi	23 – 28 November 2011	
57)	Thailand	5-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Shweta Mishra, U.P.	25 – 28 January 2011	
		15-member Kathakali group led by Shri Raman Kutty Nair, Delhi	3 – 10 December 2011	
58)	Trinidad & Tobago	10-member Mayur Bhanj Chhau group “Dakshina Sahi Chhau Nritya Mandir” led by Shri Kartikeshwer Rana, Orissa	14 – 24 March 2011	
		14-member Goa Folk Dance group “Goenchim Noketram” led by Ms. Marianela P Mascarenhas dias (Goa)	6 – 16 August 2011	
		16-member “Naksh Virsa” Bhangra and Gidda group led by Shri. Sandeep Sharma	28 May – 18 June 2011	
		8-member Qawaali group led by Shri Iftekhar Ahmed	13 – 23 October 2011	
59)	Turkey	12-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Manjari Chaturvedi, Uttar Pradesh	2 – 5 February 2011	
		14-member Gujarati group led by Shri Sindhav Karnabhai Bhayabhi	7 – 12 July 2011	
60)	U.K.	(i) 8-member Sufi group led by Shri Hans Raj Hans, Punjab (ii) 2-member Sufi Kathak group led by Ms. Manjari Chaturvedi, Uttar Pradesh (iii) 6-member Qawaali group led by Shri Wajahat Hussain (iv) 7-member Light Clas`sical Music group led by Ms. Malini Awasthi (v) 4-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms.	14 – 17 April 2011	

		Malavika Sarukkai, Tamilnadu (vi) 8-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Shri Navtej Singh Johar, Delhi (vii) 5-member Hindustani Vocal group led by Shri Ghulam Nabi Namthahali (viii) 11-member on travel grants to Rumi Foundation		
		14-member Goan Cultural group from Goa Kala Academy led by Shri Caetano Francisco Napoleao Batteto Martins	22 - 24 July 2011	
		4-member on travel grants to Shri Satish Babbar and Ms. Vani Babbar, New Delhi	22 September – 22 October 2011	
		2-member on travel grant to Ms. Kaushalya Reddy and	18 September - 6 October 2011	
		5-member on travel grants to Baul Fakiri group consisting of Golam Fakir, Babu Fakir, Akkas Fakir, Gopen Debnath and Nur Alam, West Bengal	26 September – 9 October 2011	
		20-member Theatre group “Mahim Junction” led by Ms. Sohaila Charnalia (Kapoor), New Delhi	31 October – 21 November 2011	
61)	UAE	20-member Theatre group “Mahim Junction” led by Ms. Sohaila Charnalia (Kapoor), New Delhi	31 October – 21 November 2011	
		15-member Rangla Punjab group led by Shri Tehal Singh Kheeva	26 November – 6 December 2011	
62)		Two cultural groups ; (i) 12-member Rajasthani Folk Dance group led by Shri Jaipu Khan Langa, Rajasthan (ii) 8-member Qawaali group led by Ustad M.Zafar Nizami	25 January – 2 February 2011	
63)	Ukraine	12-member Contemporary Kathak group led by Ms. Anurag Verma, Rajasthan	23 – 29 March 2011	
		10-member Rajasthani Folk group led by Shri Anwar Khan, Rajasthan	19 – 30 March 2011	
64)	USA	Ms. Shivani Wazir Pasrich, New Delhi, an empanelled artiste of ICCR	Mid March, 2011	The Council provided a lumpsum amount of Rs. 5 lakhs to the group
		Shri Wasifuddin Dagar	28 th March 2011	

		(Devotional Music)		
		Ms. Vijayalakshmi (Mohiniattam), New Delhi	30 March – 8 April 2011	
		8-member Qawaali group led by Shri Syed Salman Chisthy (Shahi Qawwali group from Ajmer)	25 April – 17 May 2011	
		8-member Travel grants to Theatre group Prime Time led by Ms. Lillettee Dubey, Maharashtra	12 – 23 May 2011	
		7-member travel grants to “Rhythm of Rajasthan”, Rajasthani Folk group led by Shri Nitin Nath Harsh	8 July – 30 August 2011	
		5-member travel grants to the accompanists of Shri Ashish Khokhar	11 August – 11 September 2011	
		2-member travel grants to Shri Amol Palekar and his wife, Ms. Sandhya Gokhale	1 – 3 September 2011	
		2-member travel grant to Ms. Kaushalya Reddy and Ms. Bhavana Reddy (Kuchipudi), New Delhi	18 September – 6 October 2011 18 September – 17 March 2011	
		10-member Kalakshetra group of Ms. Leela Samson, Chennai	28 September – 13 October 2011	
65)	Uzbekistan	6-member Qawaali group led by Shri Nazeer Ahmed Khan, Hyderabad	25 – 30 August 2011	
66)	Vietnam	13-member Jammu & Kashmir Folk Dance group of Northern Arts and Culture Society led by Shri Tsering Sonam Sopari from Leh Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir	5 – 13 April 2011	
		12-member Rajasthani Folk group led by Ms. Mohini-Roopnath, Rajasthan	18 – 29 August 2011	
67)	Yemen (Sana’a)	10-member Rajasthani Folk group led by Shri Bhugra Khan, Rajasthan	25 – 29 January 2011	
68)	Zimbabwe	12-member Gujarati Folk group “Kankan” led by MS. Sangathia Sonalben Hansdevji, Gujarat	25 April – 5 May 2011	