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1. INTRODUCTION AND SYNOPSIS

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations was formally set up in 1950, with the primary objective of establishing, reviving and strengthening cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries. **Its aims, as enunciated in the Memorandum of Association, are:**

- To **participate in** the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes relating to India's cultural relations with other countries;
- To **foster** and **strengthen** cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries;
- To **establish** and **develop** relations with national and international organizations in the field of culture.

The Council has worked steadily to attain these objectives.

The major activities of the Council include:

- * Administration of scholarship schemes for overseas students on behalf of the Government of India and other agencies, and to supervise the welfare of international students;
- * Grant of scholarships to foreign students to learn Indian dance and music;
- * Exchange of Exhibitions;
- * Organization of and participation in international seminars and symposia;
- * Participation in major cultural festivals abroad;
- * Organization of 'Festivals of India' abroad;
- * Exchange of groups of performing artistes;
- * Organization of lecture-demonstrations by performing artistes abroad;
- * To organize the Distinguished Visitors Programme, under which eminent personalities from abroad are invited to India to interact with dignitaries, to deliver lectures and attend roundtable discussions and interact with opinion makers on issues of mutual interest;
- * To establish and operate Chairs for Indian Studies in universities abroad;

- * Presentation of books, art objects and musical instruments to institutions abroad;
- * To provide the Secretariat for the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding; organization of the Annual Maulana Azad Memorial Lecture and the commemoration of Maulana Azad's Birth & Death Anniversaries;
- * Publication of journals for distribution in India and abroad;
- * Operation of Indian Cultural Centres abroad and Regional Offices within India;
- * Maintenance of a well-stocked library and the manuscripts of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad;
- * Digitalization of rare manuscripts;
- * Awarding of Library Fellowships;
- * Supporting Hindi related activities including publication of a Hindi magazine "Gagananchal";
- * To undertake projects on behalf of the Ministry of External Affairs;
- * To synergize with other Cultural institutions/agencies in related fields.

The activities of the Council are decided and approved by its Governing Body, General Assembly and Finance Committee. These Bodies provide policy direction to the activities of the Council. These Bodies meet periodically to consider important aspects including Budget, Plan of Action etc. Lists of members of General Assembly, Governing Body and Finance Committee are at **Annexure-I, II and III** respectively.

The Council received a sum of Rs. 18537.00 lacs as Grant-in-Aid for the Financial Year 2016-17, from the Ministry of External Affairs. Also, a sum of Rs. 12998.79 lacs was received from other agencies and Rs. 484.45 lacs as Miscellaneous receipts from other sources. The Expenditure incurred by the Council (including Agencies) during the F/y 2016-17 was Rs. 29825.38 lacs*.

* Subject to reconciliation and audit by CAG

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR 2016-2017

- During financial year 2016-2017, ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award, ICCR Distinguished Alumni Award and ICCR World Sanskrit Award were conferred to various eminent personalities.
- Council hosted 53 international cultural groups in India to participate in various festivals organized by the Council.
- ICCR had offered around 3340 scholarship slots for studying in India under its various scholarship schemes.
- The Council facilitated the Celebration of International Day of Yoga 2016 successfully. 35 Yoga teachers were deputed to lead IDY 2016 Celebrations.
- The Council is administering 74 Chairs in various countries, 6 Hindi teachers at various Indian Cultural Centres abroad, 5 local Hindi teachers in Poland and 5 financial grants to different foreign universities.
- In 2016 – 2017, nine major conferences were organized in India and abroad, including Chenggis Khan: His Legacy and Indian Culture, organized in Ulaanbaatar, from September 28 – 29, 2016; Quantum Reality and Theory of Shunya, organized in New Delhi, from December 09 – 10, 2016; International conference on Vedic Mathematics, organized in Kolkata, from December 28 – 30, 2016 and International Conference of Indologists, organized in Shenzhen University, China.
- Under fellowship programme, 5 scholars joined different universities in India as ICCR Senior Fellows and 3 scholars joined as ICCR Junior Fellows.
- The Council sent five busts and five statues of national leaders abroad. Apart from this, Council sent 5.0 feet Stone Konark Wheel, 6.6 feet Stone Pedestal, 2.6 feet each of two figures of stone Devadasi to Nicosia in November 2016
- ‘Confluence – Festival of India in Australia’ was inaugurated at Sydney Opera House, Sydney, on 18 September 2016 by Hon’ble Minister of Culture (I/C), Dr. Mahesh Sharma. 8 cultural groups from India participated in the Festival. Yoga Conference & Cricket Exhibition were the other salient features of the festival.
- Mini India Festival was organized in Iran from 20 - 25 May 2016
- Days of North East Culture Festival “Namaste Nepal” was organized in Nepal from 19 – 28 January 2017. 03 Folk groups and 01 Choir group from North East India were sponsored.

- During the year, the Council sponsored visits by 47 academicians/ scholars/ experts from India to abroad under Outgoing Visitors Programme (OVP) and hosted ten (10) academicians/Scholars under Academic Visitors Programme (AVP)
- Council sponsored 166 groups including travel grants to 30 groups (90 air tickets) to 88 countries from 19 States of India to participate in various prestigious international festivals and events.
- Council hosted 04 eminent personalities under Distinguished Visitor programme.
- Signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 4 State Governments and 1 Union Territory to carry out the cultural activities in the respective region jointly.
- A Lecture entitled: "Vartmaan mein Hindi ki Sthiti: Samasyaaen va Samadhaan" was organized on the occasion of Hindi Diwas on 14 September 2016.
- During Hindi Fortnightly (Hindi Pakhwada) from 14 to 28 September 2016 Hindi Essay Competition, General Hindi Competition, Hindi Dictation and Valedictory Session were organized.
- Hindi Kavi Sammelan was also organized at Azad Bhawan Auditorium on 21 March 2017.
- Council provided financial assistance for publication of 'Purtagali-Hindi Shabdkosh' for propagation of Hindi in Portugal.

3. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL

I. Scholarship and Welfare of International Students

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has the mandate to offer scholarships to international students under various scholarship schemes. ICCR handles 23 scholarship schemes out of which 17 are as Agency Work on behalf of Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of AYUSH for which funds are provided by concerned Ministries and 7 are ICCR schemes which ICCR runs from its own funds.

Annually ICCR offers around 3400 scholarship slots for Under Graduate, Post Graduate, M. Phil and Ph.D. courses and all its streams and also Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy under AYUSH scholarship except medical courses. ICCR also provides scholarship to students for Performing Arts courses. At any point of time around 6000 foreign students are on the roll of ICCR from around 140 countries.

Details of the Scholarship Schemes administered/handled by ICCR along with slots allotted under each scheme and its utilization are given at Annexure 'IV'.

II. Indian Cultural Centres Abroad

The primary objective of the Council is to establish, revive and strengthen cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries in order to promote awareness and appreciation of India's composite cultural heritage abroad.

The Council has been running 36 full-fledged Indian Cultural Centres (ICCs) and 1 Sub-Centre. These Centres are located in Cairo (Egypt), Berlin (Germany), Port Louis (Mauritius), Paramaribo (Suriname), Georgetown (Guyana), Jakarta (Indonesia), Sub-Centre - Bali (Indonesia), Moscow (Russian Federation), London (U.K.), Astana (Kazakhstan), Tashkent (Uzbekistan), Durban and Johannesburg (South Africa), Port of Spain (Trinidad & Tobago), Colombo (Sri Lanka), Dushanbe (Tajikistan), Suva (Fiji), Kabul (Afghanistan), Beijing (China), Kathmandu (Nepal),

Bangkok (Thailand), Tokyo (Japan), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Dhaka (Bangladesh), Thimphu (Bhutan), Mexico City (Mexico), Yangon (Myanmar), Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania), Seoul (S. Korea), Budapest (Hungary), Prague (Czech Republic), Male (Maldives), Sao Paulo (Brazil), The Hague (Netherlands), Tehran (Iran) and Sydney (Australia). Annex-I

The Council has deployed 6 Resources Persons as Teachers of Indian Dance, Music and Yoga where ICCR does not have Cultural Centre. Besides, 18 India based teachers were deployed in Dance, Music and Yoga form in different ICCs

The Council facilitated the Celebration of International Day of Yoga 2016 successfully. 35 Yoga teachers deputed to lead IDY 2016 Celebrations. Financial Assistance amounting to 6.00 Crores was provided in various Indian Missions to arrange events for IDY 2016 Celebrations. Two AYUSH Experts comprising of Yoga, Ayurveda, Sidhha and Unani etc were deployed in different countries as part of IDY 2016 Celebration. The Council initiated the proposal to deploy Teacher of Traditional Indian Culture abroad.

Details of Cultural Centres are given at Annexure V.

III. Chairs of Indian Studies Abroad

To strengthen India's 'Soft Power', ICCR has established Chairs of Indian Studies in various foreign universities with a view to educate foreign students about India to inculcate Cultural, heritage and ethical insights about Indian History, Philosophy and Literature and most importantly to become a nucleus around which Indian Studies could develop in premier academic institutions abroad. The Council deputed experts in Indian cultural, languages, politics, history, contemporary India, Buddhist Studies, Islamic art, Bengali language and literature, India Film/ Cinema studies and intellectual history and philosophy, humanities and social sciences, international relations, Tagore studies, economics and strategic management.

The Council establishes Chairs based on a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Council and the host University/ Institution. The Council maintains two types of Chairs – Short-Term and Long-Term, depending upon the tenure of appointment of Professors to these Chairs. Chairs with duration of less

than one calendar year (one semester) are treated as Short-Term Chairs while those with duration of at least one calendar year and above are treated as Long-Term Chairs.

The Council is administering 74 Chairs in various countries, 6 Hindi teachers at various Indian Cultural Centres abroad, 5 local Hindi teachers in Poland and 5 financial grants to different foreign universities. Professors on these Chairs are sent from the approved panels in the field of Economics, History, Political Science, International Relations and Strategic Management.

Details of Indian Chairs are given at Annexure VI.

IV. Conferences & Seminars

In 2016 – 2017, nine major conferences were organized in India and abroad, besides supporting seventeen conferences organized by other organizations.

Among the major conferences are: Chenggis Khan: His Legacy and Indian Culture, organized in Ulaanbaatar, from September 28 – 29, 2016; Quantum Reality and Theory of Shunya, organized in New Delhi, from December 09 – 10, 2016; International conference on Vedic Mathematics, organized in Kolkata, from December 28 – 30, 2016 and International Conference of Indologists, organized in Shenzhen University, China.

Details are given at Annexure VII

V. Fellowships

ICCR awards Junior and Senior Research Fellowships to international scholars specializing in Indian studies in the fields of culture and social sciences. Under this programme, the selected Fellow is affiliated, on the basis of mutual consent, to an academic institution in India. Senior fellowships are given to eminent scholars with proven academic credentials and an established body of published works while junior fellowships are meant for young research scholars wishing to do post-doctoral research on relevant topics.

During 2016 – 2017, under Junior and Senior Fellowship Programme, 5 scholars (from Germany, Russia, UK, Canada and Lebanon) joined different

universities in India as ICCR Senior Fellows and 3 scholars (from Nepal, Iran and Russia) joined as ICCR Junior Fellows.

VI. Outgoing Visitors Programme

In keeping with its effort to foster and strengthen cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries, the Council also facilitates visits of Indian scholars, intellectuals, academicians and artistes to foreign countries under the Outgoing Visitors Programme (OVP). During the year, the Council sponsored visits by 47 academicians/scholars/experts abroad under Outgoing Visitors Programme (OVP) to Austria, Cambodia, Japan, France, South Korea, USA, U.K., Italy Kenya, Fiji, Reunion Island, Brazil, Tunisia, Myanmar, Egypt, Slovakia, Seychelles, Slovenia, Hungary and Russia to deliver lectures series in various Institutions and Universities and to participate in International conferences and seminars.

Academic Visitors Programme

Under this programme, the Council invites eminent academicians including PIO/NRI academicians for 7 to 10 days. Economy class air ticket is provided and entire local hospitality arranged by the Council.

During 2016-17, the Council hosted ten (10) academicians/Scholars under Academic Visitors Programme (AVP) from South Africa, USA, Jordan, Belgium, Slovenia Serbia, Ireland, Croatia, Indonesia and China to visit major Institutions and Universities in India.

Details are given at Annexure VIII.

VII. Busts/ Statues

The Council has an ongoing programme of presenting busts and statues of great Indian leaders for ceremonial installation in other countries. During the year 2016-17, five busts and five statues were sent abroad. Apart from this, Council sent 5.0 feet Stone Konark Wheel, 6.6 feet Stone Pedestal, 2.6 feet each of two figures of stone Devadasi to Nicosia in November 2016.

Details of Busts/Statutes are given at Annexure IX.

VIII. Forum of Friends of ICCR (FFOI)

Members are enrolled for life against payment of a nominal fee. The members are kept apprised of the Council's activities through invitations and e-mail. At present total number of FFOI members are 884.

IX. Outgoing Cultural Delegations

The objective of the Outgoing Cultural Delegations Section (OCD) is to propagate Indian Culture by sponsoring performing art groups abroad. The Council showcases quality performances by Indian Culture troupes so that the people of the world get to see and appreciate the richness and diversity of Indian Culture.

During the period from 1st April, 2016 – 31 March 2017, the Council sponsored 166 groups including travel grants to 30 groups (90 air tickets) to 88 countries from 19 States of India to participate in various prestigious international festivals and events.

The Council emphasized on sponsoring young, upcoming and talented artists, who have never been sponsored previously. At the same time it was also ensured that in the Festival of India abroad, the outstanding renowned artists were sponsored. Special efforts were made to sponsor cultural groups from North East Region.

The cultural groups participated in prestigious international festivals like "Dance Festival of Classical Indian Dances" in Australia, "International Festival of Drums and Traditional Arts" in Egypt, "A Passage to India" in Qatar, "Namaste Festival" in Tajikistan, "ASEAN Ramayana Plus" in Thailand, "Kenyan National Music Festival" in Kenya, "India by the Nile Festival" in Egypt, "Ganga Swatchta Abhiyan - Ganga Avtaran" in UAE, "India Week" in Liechtenstein, "Mini India Festival" in Iran, "60th Anniversary celebrations of Diplomatic Relations between India and Spain" in Spain, "Southern Fruit Festival" in Vietnam, "Indian Arrival Day" in Trinidad & Tobago, "Days of Indian Culture Festival", Ekaterinburg coinciding with "07th International Industrial Trade Fair Innoprom" in Russia, "Glasgow Mela" in U.K., "Yuva Mahotsav" in U.K., "Festival of India" in Morocco, "Cedar Africa Festival of Children's Theatre" in Morocco, "Summer Festival" in Egypt, "Festival of India" in

Canada, "Spirit of India" in Australia, "Annual Gothenburg cultural festival" in Sweden, "47th IFF Liptal festival" in Czech Republic, "Annual Hibiscus Festival on the occasion of 60th Anniversary of ICC" in Fiji, "Annual Nallur Festival" in Sri Lanka, "Desert Song Festival" & "Festival of India" in Australia, "Universal of Nomad" in Kyrgyzstan, "India Week/Festival" in Zimbabwe, "10th Shared History Festival" in South Africa, "India week/ Festival" in Zimbabwe, "Bangkok International Festival of Dance & Music" in Thailand, "Namaste India Festival" in Japan, "Samaa festival" in Egypt, "Festival of India" in South Korea, "International Cerventino festival" in Mexico, "India-Week festival" in Namibia, "Carthage Film Festival" in Tunisia, "Indian Culture Week" in China, "India LAC Conclave" in Mexico.

Ustad Amjad Ali Khan (Sarod), Dr. L Subramaniam (Violin), Shri BhajanSopori (Santoor), Smt. Saroja Vaidyanathan (Kathak), Shri Subrata De (Sitar), Ms. Dona Ganguly, Dr. Radha and Raja Reddy (Kuchipudi), Ms. Madhavi Mudgal (Odissi), Shri Vinayakram Thettagudi Harihara Sarma (Percussion), Shri Amaan Ali Bangash (Sarod), Ms. Anupriya Deotale (Violin), Ms. Shipra Goyal (Bollywood), Shri Mustafa Raza (Vichitra Veena), Pt. Shubhendra Rao (Sitar), Ms.Usha Uthup (Bollywood), Shri Raghu Dixit (Band), Ms. Aditi Mangaldas (Kathak), Ms. Kumudini Lakhia (Kathak), Shri Astad Deboo (Contemporary), Ms. Rani Khanam (Kathak), Shri Dadi Pudumjee (Puppet), Ms. Lillette Dubey (Theatre), Shri Joe Alvares (Fusion Band), Shri Yella Venkateswara Rao (Percussion) were a few eminent artists sponsored by the Council.

Apart from this, the Council also handles Indian Cultural manifestations abroad by organizing major festivals. "Namaste France" festival was inaugurated by His Excellency Dr. Mohan Kumar, Ambassador of India, France on 15 September 2016 in the prestigious venue La Villette, Paris. Sarod maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and Kathak exponent Kumudini Lakhia and her troupe enthralled a crowd capacity of more than 2000 people in the inaugural ceremony. A total of 12 groups participated in it and performed in various cities across the France. Dr. L Subramaniam (Carnatic Violin) and Dr. Radha & Raja Reddy (Kuchipudi) performed at the closing ceremony of the festival.

'Confluence – Festival of India in Australia' was inaugurated at Sydney Opera House, Sydney, on 18 September 2016 by Hon'ble Minister of Culture (I/C), Dr. Mahesh Sharma.

During the period of the Festival, Council sponsored 08 cultural groups i.e. Sitar of Shri Shubhendra Rao, Fusion Band groups of Ms. Sonam Kalra and Shri Raghu Dixit, Mohiniattam group of Nrityagram, Puppet of Dadi Pudumjee, Manipuri Pung Cholan group, Theatre group “Piya Behrupiya”, group of Kalakshetra performed in different cities of Australia and one video journalist of ANI. Apart from the cultural groups a Yoga Conference & Cricket Exhibition were the other salient features of the festival.

Apart from this, **Mini India Festival** organized in Iran from 20 - 25 May 2016. During the period of the festival Council has sponsored 02 cultural groups i.e. Poet group led by Ms. Kamna Prasad and Sitar group led by Shri Nishat Khan.

Days of North East Culture Festival “Namaste Nepal” organized in Nepal from 19 – 28 January 2017. During the period of the festival Council has sponsored 03 Folk groups and 01 Choir group i.e. Lily Veng Cultural & Drama Club of Shri H. Lalhmachhuana from Mizoram, Thoibi Manipuri Dance and Culture group led Shri Shamurailatpam Damukanta Sharma from Manipur, Shillong Chamber Choir group led by Shri Neil Nongkynrih from Assam and “Tetseo Sister” folk group led by Ms. Mutsevelu from Nagaland.

Details are given at Annexure X

X. Incoming Cultural Delegations & Cultural Performances by Indian artistes in India

To meet its primary mandate in creating international understanding through culture, ICCR showcases performances of international cultural troupes so that the people of India get to see and appreciate cultures from across the globe. Since its inception, ICCR has organized thousands of cultural events, including cultural weeks and international Festivals dedicated to a specific country, region or even a continent. The international cultural groups hosted by ICCR, for the most part are covered under the respective CEP or are on the basis of reciprocity.

During 2016-17, ICCR hosted **53 international cultural groups** from various countries across the globe to perform in various cities of India including following major festivals, in which Indian groups also gave their performances.

Major Festivals organized by ICCR in India

Singhast Mahakumbh Mela in Ujjain

The Council participated in Singhast Mahakumbh Mela in Ujjain from 22 April to 21 May 2016 in which international groups from Malaysia, Bhutan and Sri Lanka as well as foreign students from various countries gave their performances.

7th Raas Rang Flute Festival 2016

The Council organised 7th Raas Rang Flute Festival 2016 in which groups from Latvia, Italy and Slovakia performed in Delhi & other cities of India from 21-25 September 2016.

6th Delhi International Jazz Festival 2016

The Council organized the 6th Delhi International Jazz Festival 2016 from 24-26 September 2016 in New Delhi. The international groups from Israel, Spain, Russia, Slovenia, USA, Poland and three Indian Groups participated in the Festival.

2nd International Ramayana Festival 2016

The Council organized the 2nd International Ramayana Festival 2016 from 10-11 October 2016 in New Delhi. The international groups from Thailand, Bhutan, Singapore, Sri Lanka and one Indian group participated in the Festival.

3rd International Bhakti Festival 2016

The Council organized 3rd International Bhakti Festival 2016 from 4-11 November 2016. Apart from India, groups from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh participated.

7th International Dance & Music Festival 2017

The Council organized the 7th International Dance & Music Festival from 13-15 January 2017. Apart from India, groups from Germany, Vietnam, Kazakstan, Guyana, South Africa and Belarus performed in Delhi & different cities of India.

Contemporary Dance Festival 2017

The groups from Switzerlerland, Israel and three Indian groups participated in Contemporary Dance on 28-29 March 2017 in collaboration with Teamwork Pvt. Ltd.

Other Performances organized by ICCR in India

Apart from above, the Council organized performances of **37 Indian artistes/groups** out of which 19 performed on the occasion of Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2017 at Bengaluru from 7-9 January 2017.

Detailed chart of foreign cultural groups and performances of Indian groups organized by ICCR in Delhi & other cities of India during 2016-17 is given at Annexure XI.

XI. Foreign Cultural Centres

ICCR is administering five British Libraries in India i.e. Ahmadabad, Bangalore, Chandigarh, Pune and Hyderabad. The administration is based on the British Library Standing Instructions and as per MOU signed between ICCR and British High Commission, New Delhi.

XII. Distinguished Visitors Programme

As part of ICCR's efforts to foster & strengthen cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries, it administers a "Distinguished Visitors Programme". Under the programme, the Council facilitates visits by eminent scholars, intellectuals and well-known personalities in the field of politics, academics, art & culture to India to experience Indian culture and interact with institutions and audiences in India. Leading representatives of think-tanks and cultural institutions are also invited to share their insight and experiences. The objective of the programme is to invite those who may not otherwise be invited for high level bilateral visits and occupy high positions in public opinion making. ICCR invites distinguished guest to visit India along with spouse or companion for a period up to 10 days to meet Indian counterpart in their area of expertise, as well as obtain a firsthand view of developments in India. The programme typically includes a variety of sessions such as lectures, round table discussions, meetings with Ministers, senior

government officials, NGO's & intellectuals. Sightseeing to historical places and monuments are also scheduled.

During the period 2016-17, the Council hosted 04 eminent personalities under the programme.

Important Visitors Programme

A separate programme "Important Visitors Programme" is also administered by ICCR. The objective of the programme is to invite important international guests who are important to us but not as significant as those invited under Distinguished Visitors Programme (DVP) and do not fit in Academic Visitors Programme (AVP).

Details on the visits under DVP are given at Annexure XII.

XIII. Exhibitions

Under the bilateral Cultural Exchange Programmes with other countries and under its own programme of activities, the Council sponsors exhibitions of Indian art and crafts to foreign countries and receives exhibitions from abroad for expositions in India. In addition, exhibitions are also organized for display as part of ICCR's various Festivals of India abroad. ICCR owns a rich collection of 27 exhibitions (paintings, photographs and textile) which are sent for display during art events abroad. ICCR houses an Art Gallery and organizes exhibitions by Indian artists.

During the period 2016-17, the Council organized 20 exhibitions abroad covering various subjects such as paintings, photographs and textiles.

The Council hosted the painting exhibition of Dr. Tatiana Burzanovic from Montenegro at the Azad Bhavan Gallery, Delhi and Rabindra Nath Tagore Art Gallery in Kolkata. ICCR has also hosted the visit of 4-member painting artists from Belarus for doing onsite paintings on India to display it in Minsk during the celebrations of the establishment of 25th Anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Belarus. In addition, the ICCR has extended support to the visit of 29 member artists delegation from Vietnam during their visit to India in connection with the 45th anniversary of Indo-Vietnam Diplomatic Relations.

The Council also extended support to artists from India for the display of their exhibitions abroad and also in Azad Bhavan Art Gallery.

Details of exhibitions are given at Annexure XIII.

XIV. Presentation

During the financial year 2016-17 around 884 (Eight Hundred and Eighty Four only) gift items were given to the officers of MEA who were deputed or Head of Missions/ Head of Posts, and to ICCR Officers deputed as Director/ Dy. Director at various Indian Cultural Centres abroad including the gift items presented to various Foreign dignitaries eminent person by President, ICCR, DG, ICCR and DDG's.

XV. Publications

The Council brings out four journals in different languages, namely, "Indian Horizons" (English Quarterly), "Papeles de la India"(Spanish Bi-annual), Rencontre Avec L'Inde(French bi-annual) and "Thaqafat-ul-Hind"(Arabic Quarterly). These Journals are distributed in India and abroad.

In addition of the above journals, the Council published the rare Persian manuscript (Kalileh-wa-Dimneh) & Kalliyat-E-Farsi-Galib for presentation purposes by VVIPs among the high dignitaries and eminent scholars in Iran during "Mini Festival of India" in Iran (23-25 May, 2016) and reprinted of "Kalliyat-E-Farsi-Galib" a Persian Galib's Poetry (for the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister to Iran during 23-25 May, 2016).

The Council provided financial support of US \$ 10,000/- to Embassy of India, Bishkek towards publication of Indian Poems in Kyrgyz language.

The Council also gave financial support of US \$ 8382 (equivalent to INR 5,68,048/-) to Prof. J. Ghendendaram for publishing a compilation of 13-14 volumes of all his translations from Hindi to Mongolian language done over last 30 years.

The Council also provided financial support of ISK 5,00,000/- (equivalent to Rs. 2,95,456/-) for translation and publication book titled – 'Freedom from the known' in Icelandic language by Jiddu Krishnamurti a renowned philosopher, speaker and writer . His work is greatly admired by Icelandic people and there are large followers of Jiddu Krishnamurti's Philosophy.

XVI. Hindi and Related Activities:

- A meeting was held to implement the recommendations passed on 4th April and 8th July and 22nd December 2016 regarding 10th World Hindi Conference.
- The Council published Hindi journal 'Gangnanchal' Volume 39 No. No.2,3,4 & 5, 2016.
- The Council organized Hindi Workshops in May and September 2016.
- A Lecture entitled: "Vartmaan mein Hindi ki Sthiti: Samasyaaen va Samadhaan" was organized on the occasion of Hindi Diwas on 14 September 2016.
- During Hindi Fortnightly (Hindi Pakhwada) from 14 to 28 September 2016 Hindi Essay Competition, General Hindi Competition, Hindi Dictation and Valedictory Session were organized.
- The Council organized a Meeting of Hindi Implementation Committee on 20 February 2017.
- The Council organized a Hindi Kavi Sammelan at Azad Bhawan Auditorium on 21 March 2017.
- Council provided financial assistance for publication of 'Purtagali-Hindi Shabdkosh' for propagation of Hindi in Portugal.

XVII. Library

- ICCR Library have Four major Collections i.e. Azad Collection, Africa Collection, AVR Collection, ICCR Publication Collection.
- The Council's Library has 197 Manuscripts which were donated by Maulana Azad, the Founder President of ICCR. These manuscripts are preserved with modern lamination techniques. They are in good condition and housed in a fire proof Almirah.
- 10,000 books in Urdu, Persian and Arabic languages are donated by Maulana housed in Gosha-e-Azad.

- 60,000 books (approx) in English language are enrolled in library collection.
- 197 Micro-film Rolls of manuscripts are also a part of Gosha-e- Azad.
- **Journals/Magazines:** The library subscribes 23 Indian /Foreign Journals and also 49 magazines in Hindi, Urdu and English languages.
- **Newspapers: :** The library subscribes 25 leading newspapers in English, Urdu and Hindi languages
- **Library Fellowship Programme:** The Library Fellowship Programme had been instituted in 2002 with an objective to maximize the utilization of library resources. The Council Library awarded **six-months fellowship** every year with honorarium of Rs. 72,000/- for doing the research on Maulana Azad and his work.
- **DELNET Facility:** The Council has **DELNET** facility in the library. This service helps to provide the required material in any library exists in Delhi city.
- **Library Membership:** A large number of scholars/ students visited Reading Room of ICCR Library, for the purpose Membership card has been issued after necessary investigation. Thus Council library provide **membership** to the students/ scholars to consult the valuable documents of the library with the facility of photocopy.
- **Inter Library Loan Facility:** Inter-Library loan facility is also provided by the Council Library.
- **Reference Services:** The research scholars and renowned writers/ visitors visit the library time-to-time. Our best effort and motive is to help them in their required material as well as queries.
- **Activities of AVR – Section:** The Project of digitization of AV materials is in under process. In this section approximately 7000 tapes are to be digitized through IGNCA.

XVIII. Regional Offices

The Council's 19 Regional Offices continues to function in Bangalore, Chandigarh, Chennai, Goa, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Jaipur, Pune, Thiruvananthapuram, Varanasi, Shillong, Cuttack, Guwahati, Bhopal, Jammu, Patna and Ahmadabad. The Regional Office in Srinagar has been merged with RO, Jammu.

The activities of the Regional Offices included coordination with local bodies/ organizations & providing assistance to foreign students studying under the Council's scholarships schemes. The Regional Offices also extended logistical facilities to incoming and outgoing cultural delegations & to the Council's distinguished visitors.

The highlights of the functioning of ROs were the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 4 State Governments and 1 Union Territory to carry out the cultural activities in the respective region jointly.

Details of Regional Offices are given at Annexure XIV.

XIX. Awards

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has conferred three awards- ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award, ICCR Distinguished Alumni Award and ICCR World Sanskrit Award during financial year 2016-2017:

ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award

Distinguished Indologist Award was conferred on Prof. Yu Longyu, Director, Centre for Indian Studies, Shenzhen University of China on 1st December 2016 by Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

ICCR Distinguished Alumni Award

The ceremony of "Second Distinguished Alumni Award" was held on March 20, 2017 in New Delhi. General (Dr.) V K Singh (Retd), Minister of State for External Affairs presented the award to five awardees – (i) H.E. Mr Soe Win, Permanent Secretary at Union Ministry of Education, Government of Myanmar, (ii) Dr Laura G Yerekesheva, Deputy Director, International Affairs, Head of Department of Central and South Asian Studies at Kazakhstan, (iii) Dr Galina Sokolova, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Classical and Modern Philology of Sofia University (Bulgaria), (iv) Prof.

Drs. I Ketut Widnya, Director General of Hindu Community Guidance, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Government of Indonesia, and (v) Dr (Mrs) Sarita Boodhoo, Chairperson of Bhojpuri Speaking Union at Ministry of Arts & Culture in Mauritius. She is a well-known writer.

ICCR World Sanskrit Award

World Sanskrit Award was conferred on Prof. George Cardona (USA) on 21st November 2016 by Shri Hamid Ansari, Vice President of India at Pravasi Bharat Kendra, New Delhi. Prof. Cardona is one of the most accomplished and outstanding foreign scholars of Sanskrit. He has earned the title of “Abhinav Panini” because of his contribution to Sanskrit Grammar in general and Panini. He was also awarded President of India’s Certificate of Honour in Sanskrit in 2012.

4. Accounts

The Council received a sum of Rs. 18537.00 lacs as Grant-in-Aid for the Financial Year 2016-17, from the Ministry of External Affairs. Also, a sum of Rs. 12998.79 lacs was received from other agencies and Rs. 484.45 lacs as Miscellaneous receipts from other sources. The Expenditure incurred by the Council (including Agencies) during the F/y 2016-17 was Rs. 29825.38 lacs.

The head-wise expenditure is as given below:

A. General Activities – Revenue Accounts (Figs in Lacs)

S.No.	Appropriate Head	Expenditure
1	Incoming and Outgoing Visitors and Delegations	1683.90
2	Cultural Performances of ICCR	232.55
3	Audio-Visual Recordings, Digitization, Website Designing	22.53
4	Seminars/Symposia/Conferences/Lectures/SIS	264.46
5	International Students Divisions/Alumni Awards	2795.41
6	Exhibitions/Bust/Orientation Grant	206.98
7	Presentation of Books and Art Objects	77.55
8	Publications	43.23
9	Libraries	7.81
10	Multi Media	21.21
11	Hindi Activities	20.63
12	Festivals	693.79
13	Fellowship	32.35
14	Misc. Deposits	1.50
Total	A	6103.90

*** Subject to reconciliation and audit by CAG**

B. Projects Abroad (Figs in Lacs)

S.No.	Appropriate Head	Expenditure
1	Cultural Centres Abroad	7227.37
2	Chairs/Centres of Indian Studies	1353.88
3	Grants to NGOs	116.41
4	Deployment of Resource Persons	546.73
Total	B	9244.39

C. Fixed Charges (Figs in Lacs)

S.No.	Appropriate Head	Expenditure
1	Meeting of GA/ GB and other Committees	14.92
2	Establishment of Central and Regional Offices (Loans & advances)	2036.02
3	Office Expenses	937.99
Total	C	2988.93

D. Capital Expenditure (Figs in Lacs)

S. No.	Appropriate Head	Expenditure
1	Air conditioners/Furniture/Fixtures/Vehicles/Computers	83.52
2	Maintenance of Jinnah House	6.26
Total	D	89.78
Grand Total (A to D)		18427.00

In addition to general activities, the Council also carried out various Agency Works on behalf of MEA and other Govts./ Departments/ Ministries, details of which are as under:

(Figs. in Lacs)

S. No.	Name of Department	Receipt	Expenditure
A	Ministry of External Affairs		
1.	Visitors/Delegations/Scholarships	12232.74	10497.61
B. Other Govts./ Departments/Ministries			
1	Propagation of Hindi Abroad (Kendriya Hindi Sansthan)	0.00	41.85
2	AYUSH Non-BIMSTEK(Health)		183.08
3	AYUSH Scholarship for SEAR	200.00	58.34
4	AYUSH Scholarship for Malaysia		7.61
5	OKITA Memorial Scheme	1.63	1.94
6	International Day of Yoga (2016)	150.00	286.11
7	Festival of India in Australia	414.42	321.84
Total		12998.79	11398.38

The office of Director General of Audit, Central Expenditure, New Delhi has yet to conduct the audit of the accounts of the Council for the Financial Year 2016-2017.

5. Future Plans of Activities of the Council during 2017-18

- ❖ ICCR plans to continue on its path of expanding and further strengthening its relations and activities in the cultural arena.
- ❖ ICCR is in the final stage of introducing an ICCR Scholarship Portal viz 'Admissions to Alumni (A2A) from the next academic year.
- ❖ A student helpline, namely, studenthelpline.iccr@gov.in will be operational during 2017-18 to redress the various queries and problems of ICCR sponsored students.
- ❖ "Border Guard Bangladesh Scholarship Scheme" will be started from academic year 2017-2018 for the Children Border Guard of Bangladesh.
- ❖ ICCR is planning to commence "Scholarship Scheme for Children/ Dependents of Afghan Nationals Defence and Security Forces". This scheme would be for the children of martyrs of Afghan National Defence & Security Forces. This scheme would be only for Under Graduate courses and this is a One Time Project. Provision of return air fare would also available in this Scheme.
- ❖ The Council is planning to publish Hindi bimonthly journal 'Gagananchal' Volume 40 No.2 to 6, 2017 and Volume 41 No.1, 2018; to organize four meetings of Hindi Implementation Committee; to organize four Hindi Workshops with the objective to increase the work in Hindi; organize various competitions during 'Hindi Pakhwada' in September 2017; and, to organize a Kavi Sammelan.
- ❖ Facilitation for the celebration of **International Day of Yoga, 2017** by Indian Missions abroad.
- ❖ Bust and Statues of Indian National Leaders i.e. Mahatma Gandhi, Guru Rabindranath Tagore, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Swami Vivekanand would be sent to various countries of the world.
- ❖ Distinguished Indologist Award, World Sanskrit Award and Distinguished Alumni Award will be conferred during November/ December 2017.
- ❖ ICCR is planning to organize "Namaste Russia"- a festival of Indian Culture and 70th Anniversary celebrations of Diplomatic relations between India & Russia during 2017-2018.
- ❖ Participate in Creventino Festival in Mexico
- ❖ Participate in celebration of 70 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Italy.
- ❖ Continue to provide support to Missions in showcasing Indian performing and visual arts abroad.
- ❖ Continue to focus on the successful festivals being held in India with participation of foreign troupes.

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Annexure – IV

DETAILS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES (2016-17)

Sl.	Name of the Scholarship Scheme	Slots/ Utilization 2016-17		Courses
1	General Cultural Scholarship Scheme	527	266	UG, PG, M Phil, Ph.D. Post Doctoral Courses
2	Scholarships under bilateral Cultural Exchange Programmes (CEP Scholarship/EEP/MOU) only where valid CEPs is in force	150	46	UG, PG, M Phil, Ph.D. courses
3	Scholarships for students from Commonwealth Countries (ICCR's commonwealth Scholarship Plan)	26	17	UG, PG, M Phil, Ph.D. courses
4	Special Scholarship Scheme for Mauritian nationals (TC Division)	3	-	Post Graduate Medical Courses at BHU, Varanasi
5	Scholarship Scheme for Training in Indian Music and Dance (ICCR Scholarship Scheme)	100	22	Dance, Music, Yoga/Art Courses
6	Global Studies Programme	8	-	Post Graduate Courses
7	Scholarship Scheme for Bangladeshi Nationals – Bangladesh Scholarship Scheme	100	92	UG, PG, Ph.D./Post Doctoral
8	Scholarship Scheme for Sri Lankan Nationals – Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme	60	53	UG, PG Courses
Total		974	496	
	Agency Work			
9	Scholarship for students from SAARC Countries – SAARC Scholarship Scheme	-	-	UG, PG, PH.D. Courses
10	Scholarships for students from African Countries – Africa Scholarship Scheme	900	540	UG, PG, M Phil, Ph.D. courses
11	Scholarships for students from Mekong Ganga Co-operation (MGC) Countries – (Mekong Ganga Co-operation Scholarship Scheme)	50	21	UG, PG, M Phil, Ph.D. courses
12	Scholarships for Afghan nationals – Afghan Scholarship Scheme	1000	983	UG, PG Courses
13	Scholarship for Nepalese nationals (also known as Silver Jubilee Scholarship Scheme)	64	34	PG, M Phil, Ph.D. Courses
14	Scholarships for Mongolian nationals – Aid to Mongolia Scholarship Scheme	20	6	UG, PG, Ph.D. Courses
15	Scholarships for Bhutanese nationals – Aid to Bhutan Scholarship Scheme	20	20	Under Graduate (only Engg Courses)
16	Scholarships for Maldivian nationals – Aid to Maldives Scholarship Scheme	20	21	Under Graduate Courses
17	Scholarships to Bangladeshi nationals – India Scholarship (Bangladesh) Scheme	100	74	UG, PG, Ph.D (General Courses excluding Engineering)
	Scholarship for Sri Lankan Nationals:			
18	Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme	60	52	Only UG Courses
19	Maulana Azad Scholarship Scheme	50	14	Master Degree in Agriculture Science & Engg Courses
20	Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship Scheme	25	12	For study in the field of IT (BE/B.Tech Courses)
21	Ayush Scholarships to study Indian Traditional Medicine	-	-	Undergraduate/Post

	Systems such as Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy (available for students from all Countries, though priority is given to those from BIMSTEC Countries)			Graduate /Ph.D. Courses in Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha, Yoga
22	Ayush Scholarship Scheme for Non Bimstec countries on behalf of Ayush Department to study in Indian Traditional Medicine System such as Ayurveda, Yoga Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy	20	16	Undergraduate/Post Graduate /Ph.D. Courses in Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha, Yoga
23	AYUSH Scholarships to study Indian Traditional Medicine Systems such as Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy (for Malaysian nationals)	20	6	Undergraduate/Post Graduate /Ph.D. Courses in Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha, Yoga
24	AYUSH Scholarships to study Indian Traditional Medicine Systems such as Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy for South East Asian Region (SEAR) Countries	29	29	Undergraduate/Post Graduate /Ph.D. Courses in Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha, Yoga
Total (1 – 8)		974	496	
Total (9 – 24)		2378	1828	
Total (1 – 24)		3352	2324	

LIST OF INDIAN CULTURAL CENTRES ABROAD

<u>S. NO.</u>	<u>NAME OF CENTRE</u>
1	Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture, Cairo, Egypt
2	The Tagore Centre, Berlin, Germany
3	Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian Culture, Port Louis, Mauritius
4	Indian Cultural Centre, Paramaribo, Suriname
5	Indian Cultural Centre, Georgetown, Guyana
6	Jawaharlal Nehru Indian Cultural Centre, Jakarta, Indonesia
7	Jawaharlal Nehru Cultural Centre, Moscow, Russia
8	The Nehru Centre, London, United Kingdom
9	Indian Cultural Centre, Astana, Kazakhstan
10	Lal Bahadur Shastri Centre for Indian Culture, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
11	Indian Cultural Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa
12	Indian Cultural Centre, Durban, South Africa
13	Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Cultural Co-operation, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago
14	Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo, Sri Lanka
15	Indian Cultural Centre, Dushanbe, Tajikistan
16	Indian Cultural Centre, Suva, Fiji
17	Indian Cultural Centre, Kabul, Afghanistan
18	Indian Cultural Centre, Beijing, China
19	Indian Cultural Centre, Kathmandu, Nepal

- 20 Indian Cultural Centre, Bangkok, Thailand
- 21 Indian Cultural Centre, Tokyo, Japan
- 22 Indian Cultural Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 23 Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 24 Nehru Wang-chuck Cultural Centre, Thimphu, Bhutan
- 25 Indian Cultural Centre, Mexico City, Mexico
- 26 Indian Cultural Centre, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania
- 27 Indian Cultural Centre, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 28 Indian Cultural Centre, Yangon, Myanmar
- 29 Indian Cultural Centre, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- 30 Indian Cultural Centre, Prague, Czech Republic
- 31 Indian Cultural Centre, Budapest, Hungary
- 32 Indian Cultural Centre, Male, Maldives
- 33 Indian Cultural Centre, The Hague, Netherlands
- 34 Indian Cultural Centre Tehran, Iran
- 35 Indian Cultural Centre, Sydney, Australia
- 36 Indian Cultural Centre, Hanoi, Vietnam

Sub-Centres

- 37 Indian Cultural Centre Bali, Indonesia

CHAIRS OF INDIAN STUDIES ABROAD**ICCR OPERATIONAL CHAIRS**

S. No.	Country	University/ Institute & City	Subject
1.	Belgium	State University of Ghent, Ghent	Hindi (Prof. position)
2.	Bulgaria	Sofia University, Sofia	Hindi (Prof. position)
3.	China	Peking University, Beijing	Hindi (Prof. position)
4.	Croatia	University of Zagreb, Zagreb	Hindi (Prof. position)
5.	Hungary	Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest	Hindi (Prof. position)
6.	Poland	Warsaw University, Warsaw	Hindi (Prof. position)
7.	Switzerland	University of Lausanne, Lausanne	Hindi (Prof. position)
8.	Trinidad & Tobago	University of West Indies, Port of Spain	Hindi (Prof. position)
9.	Turkey	Ankara University, Ankara	Hindi (Prof. position)
10.	China	Shanghai international Studies University, Shanghai	Hindi (Prof. position)
11.	Italy	O, Nepals University Rome	Hindi (Prof. position)
12.	Bangladesh	Dhaka University	Hindi (Prof. position)
13.	Mauritius	Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka	Hindi (Prof. position)
14.	China	Shenzen Univesity	Hindi (Prof. position)
15.	Indonesia	Mahendradatta University, Bali	Hindi (Prof. position)
16.	Sri Lanka	University of Kelaniya	Hindi (Prof. position)
17.	Morocco	Mohd. V. University	Hindi (Prof. position)
18.	Armenia	Yerevan State Linguistic University, Yerevan	Hindi (school level teacher)
19.	China	Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, Guangdong	Hindi (school level teacher)
20.	Spain	Valladolid University, Valladolid	Hindi (school level teacher)
21.	Turkmenistan	Turkmen National Institute of World Languages, Ashgabat	Hindi (school level teacher)
22.	Thailand	Thammasat University, Bangkok	Hindi (school level teacher)
23.	Romania	Bucharest University	Hindi (school level teacher)
24.	Sudan	AL Zaiem Al Azhari University	Hindi (school level teacher)
25.	Serbia	University of Novi Sad	Hindi (school level teacher)
26.	Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan University of Language	Hindi (school level teacher)
27.	Mauritius	Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka	Sanskrit & Indian Philosophy
28.	Thailand	Silpakorn University, Bangkok	Sanskrit

29.	Indonesia	Udayana University	Sanskrit Teacher
30.	Germany	University of Gottingen, Gottingen	Bengali Literature & Culture
31.	Fiji	Fiji National University, Suva	Indian Cinema/Film Studies
32.	Germany	Leipzig Graduate School of Management	Corporate Governance & Responsibility
33.	Bangladesh	University of Dhaka, Dhaka	Bengali Folk Dance
34.	Belgium	University of Leuven, Leuven	Contemporary Indian Studies
35.	Canada	Carleton University, Ottawa	History of Indian Art
36.	Germany	Leibniz University, Hannover	Indian Studies
37.	Germany	Leibniz University, Hannover	Yoga
38.	Germany	Rotating Chair	Indian Studies
39.	Germany	Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Jena	Indian Studies
40.	Germany	Rotating Chair	Indian Studies
41.	Israel	Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv	Indian Studies
42.	Israel	Haifa University	Hinduism
43.	Netherlands	Leiden University, The Hague	Contemporary Indian Studies
44.	Sri Lanka	University of Colombo, Colombo	Contemporary Indian Studies
45.	Trinidad & Tobago	University of West Indies, Port of Spain	Contemporary Indian Studies
46.	Vietnam	University of Social Sciences & Humanities, HCM City	Contemporary Indian Studies
47.	India	Centre for African Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Nelson Mandela Chair of African Studies
48.	Australia	Monash University, Melbourne	Indian Studies
49.	Australia	Macquarie University, Sydney	Indian Studies
50.	Canada	McGill University, Montreal	Indian Studies
51.	Canada	Simon Fraser University, Burnaby	Contemporary Indian Studies
52.	Jamaica	University of West Indies, Kingston	Indian Philosophy
53.	Russia	Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University, Kazan	Contemporary Indian Studies
54.	Ukraine	Taaras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Kyiv	Contemporary Indian Studies
55.	Ethiopia	Addis Ababa University	Indian Studies
56.	Lebanon	Lebanese American University	Indian Studies

57.	China	Chinese University of Hong Kong	Indian Studies
58.	Nairobi	University of Nairobi, Kenya	Indian Studies
59.	Tanzania	Dar-Es-Salaam University	Indian Ocean Studies
60.	Cambodia	Preah Sihanouk Raja Buddhist University, Phnom Penh	Sanskrit & Buddhist Studies
61.	Austria	University of Vienna, Vienna	Contemporary Indian Studies
62.	New Zealand	Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington	International Relations & Indian Foreign Policy
63.	Russia	Russian State University of Humanities, Moscow	Contemporary Indian Studies
64.	USA	Rutgers State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick	Economics
65.	Nepal	Kathmandu University, Nepal	Indian Studies
66.	Portugal	University of Lisbon	Indian Studies
67.	Indonesia	Atma Jaya University	Indian Studies
68.	Papua New Guinea	PNG university of technology	Indian studies
69.	Japan	Reitaku University	Contemporary Indian Studies
70.	Egypt	Ain Shams University	Bioinformatics
71.	Australia	Murdoch University	Counter terrorism
72.	Poland	Jagiellonian University	Indian Studies
73.	Morocco	Mohd. V. University	Indian Studies
74.	Australia	University of Wollongong	Indian Studies

SCHOOL LEVEL HINDI TEACHER POSITIONS

S. No.	Country	Indian Cultural Centre	Subject
1	Bangladesh	Indira Gandhi Indian Cultural Centre, Dhaka	Hindi
2	Russia	Jawaharlal Nehru Cultural Centre, Moscow	Hindi
3	Sri Lanka	Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo	Hindi
4	Suriname	Indian Cultural Centre, Paramaribo	Hindi
5	Myanmar	ICC Yangon	Hindi
6	Netherlands	ICC, The Hague	Hindi

**CONFERENCE & SEMINAR
(April 2016 – March 2017)**

Sr. No.	Country	Conference	Dates
1.	Iran	India-Iran Relations	May 23-25, 2016
2.	Georgia	Mahatma Gandhi Peace and Nonviolence International Conference	July 25-26, 2016
3.	Mongolia	Chinggis Khan – His Legacy and Indian Culture	September 28-29, 2016
4.	India	Indian Subjects, Foreign Artists	October 10-11, 2016
5.	India	Kushok Bakula Rinpoche – Saint and Statesman	October 1-3, 2016
6.	China	2 nd International Conference of Indologists 2016	November 12-13, 2016
7.	India	'Sagar-Sangam: Trans-Oceanic Cultural Dialogue, Kalinga and Indonesia	November 15-16, 2016
8.	India	Quantum Reality and Theory of Shunya	December 9-10, 2016
9.	India	Vedic Mathematics	December 28-30, 2016

Sponsored Conference & Seminar

S. No.	Details of the Proposal	Action Taken
1.	International Conference on 'India Central Asia Cultural Ties, ICAF, New Delhi, 28-29 April, 2016	Sponsored air ticket bills of international participants
2.	World Ramayana Conference 2016	Sponsored 10 international participants with return air tickets
3.	International Conference on Dravidan Linguistics 2016, University of Hyderabad	Sponsored air ticket bills of international participants
4.	Virat Hindi Kavi Sammelan, 2016, UK	Sponsored travel expenditures of 5 Indian participants
5.	Hindi Kavi Sammelan, Nairobi, Kenya	Sponsored travel expenditures of 4 Indian participants
6.	Indraprastha Festival, by Draupadi Trust	Sponsored air ticket bills of international participants
7.	Today's India: Culture, Society, State and Economy, August 22 – 23, 2016	Sponsored air ticket expenditures for three participants
8.	International Geeta Mahotsav, Kurukshetra, December 6 – 10, 2016	Reimbursed air ticket bills of international participants, Rs. 7,00,000/-
9.	Proposal for Assistance from Lady Keane College, Shillong	Reimbursed Rs. 4,00,000/- against air ticket bills for national and international participants

10.	International Seminar on 'Emergence, Development and Gradual Evolution of Sabk-i-Hind (Indian Style) in Central Asia, Iran and Afghanistan With Special Reference to the Valuable Services of Rai Rayan Anand Ram Mukhlis to Indo-Persian Literature', scheduled to be held in December, 2016, University of Lucknow	Approval for reimbursement of Rs. 3,00,000/- against air ticket bills of 10 international participants
11.	International programme on cultural and civilizational links in Asia, organized by Tantra Foundation, New Delhi on December 19, 2016	Approved reimbursement of 4 air ticket bills of international participants and Rs. 2,00,000/- towards other expenditures
12.	International Seminar on 'Cultural Similarities between Iran and Indian Subcontinent, Indigenous Cultural Fragmentation in an Era of Globalisation', January 18 – 19, 2017	Sponsored air ticket bills of international participants
13.	Seminar on 'Sanskrit & Persian ...', Department of Persian, Gauhati University	Approved reimbursement of air ticket bills of 8 international participants up to a maximum of Rs. 2,50,000/-
14.	International Seminar on 'Shah Waliullah and Tasawwuf, Azad Bhavan, New Delhi, from March 14 – 16, 2017	Approved reimbursement of air ticket bills for 5 international participants up to a maximum of Rs. 2,82,501/- and free venue at Azad Bhavan
15.	Centenary Celebration of the 100 th year of the End of Girmitia Labour from India, Guyana and Trinidad & Tobago	Sponsored air travels of three Indian participants to Guyana and six Indian participants to Trinidad and Tobago
16.	Karachi Literature Festival, February 10-12, 2017, Pakistan	Sponsored visit of 4 literary figures from India
17.	International Conference on "Relevance of Indian women's experience in last 70 years of India's post independence history in the context of Tunisian Revolution", March 7-8, 2017, Tunisia	Sponsored visit of one scholar from India

In 2016 – 2017, ICCR organized 9 conferences/ seminars and sponsored 17 conferences/ seminars.

Annexure-VIII**OUTGOING VISITORS (OVP) – 2016-17**

S. No.	Country	Name of the visitor	Dates	Purpose
1.	Austria	Dr. Munmun Mondal, Post Doctorial Research Scholar, Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta, Kolkata	25 – 29 April, 2016	Participate in the 10 th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East at Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna
2.	Cambodia	Prof. Lokesh Chandra, President, ICCR	8 – 12 May, 2016	To receive the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters (D. Lits) by Preah Sihanoukrajia Buddhist University, Cambodia
3.	Cambodia	Prof. Nirmala Sharma, New Delhi	8 – 12 May, 2016	To attend the conferring ceremony of the honorary doctorate degree on Prof. Lokesh Chandra, President, ICCR by Preah Sihanoukrajia Buddhist University, Cambodia
4.	Japan	Dr. Rahul Tripathi, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Political Science and International Students Advisor, Goa University, Goa	8 – 13 June, 2016	To deliver lectures on India-Japan/India and its Global Role at Nihon University Mishima, Japan
5.	France	Prof. Hampasandra Venkatanaraya Nagaraja Roa, Oriental Research Institute, Mysore	25 – 26 June, 2016	To participate in Sanskrit Poetry reciting, debates on grammar and logic and conduct workshop on Sanskrit in Paris
6.	South Korea	Dr. Arshiya Sethi, Delhi based scholar and dance teacher	21-24 July, 2016	To participate in a conference, Dance Routes – Danced Roots: Connecting the local and the Global' at the World Dance Alliance in Seoul
7.	U. S. A.	Shri Virender Kumar, Patel Nagar, Ghaziabad	28 August to 15 December, 2016	To attend Asia Pacific Leadership Programme 2016 (APLP)"organized by East West Centre, University of Hawali at Manoa, USA
8-12.	U.K.	(i) Shri Gajendra Solanki, Delhi (ii) Dr. Suresh Avasthi, Kanpur, (iii) Dr. Dinesh Bavra, Mumbai, (iv) Smt. Anju Jain, Ghaziabad and (v) Smt. Punam Verma, Mathura	30 th August to 10 th September, 2016	To participation in Annual Virat Hindi Kavi Sammelan, at different locations in the U.K.
13.	U. K.	Dr. Saachi Chowdhry, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Gargi College, Delhi University, Delhi	1 – 2 September, 2016	To attending a conference on 'Exploring the Food Experience, at Mansfield College, Oxford University, London
14.	U. K.	Dr. Bharati Jagannathan, Associate Professor, Department of History, Miranda House, University of Delhi, Delhi	1 - 3 September, 2016	To attending a conference titled, 'Translation and Religion: Interrogating Concepts, Methods and Practices' at the School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures, University of Edinburg

15.	Italy	Dr. Sr. Alphonsa Vattoly, Former Principal of St. Francis College for Women, Hyderabad	2 – 5 September, 2016	To participation in the Canonization ceremony of Mother Teresa in Rome
16-19	Kenya	(i) Shri Gajendra Solanki, (ii) Shri Pratap Fauzdar, (iii) Shri Lakshmi Shankar Vajpayee and (iv) Dr. (Ms.) Ruchi Chaturvedi	10 – 11 September, 2016	To participation 'Hindi Kavi Sammelan" at Nairobi
20.	France	Dr. (Ms.) Neelam Rathi, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi, Aditi College, Delhi University, Delhi	14 – 16 September, 2016	To participation in the International Conference on Hindi Studies at INALCO, Paris
21.	France	Dr. Jyoti Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Hindi, Shivaji College, Delhi University, Delhi	14 – 16 September, 2016	To participation in the International Conference on Hindi Studies at INALCO, Paris
22.	U. K.	Dr. Gitanjali Chawla, Associate Professor, Department of English, Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi, Delhi	13 – 14 September, 2016	To attending a conference titled, 'Roots and Legacies' at Mansfield College, Oxford, London
23 - 28	Fiji	(i) Dr. Narendera Kohli, (ii) Shri Ram Autar Sharma, (iii) Dr. Malika Arjuna Rao (iv) Mrs. Saroj Bala (v) Dr. Sitesh Aalok and (vi) Shri Narayan Kumar	13 – 24 September, 2016	To participation in the International Ramayana Conference 2016 in Suva
29.	France	Ms. Munni Bhartee, Research scholar, School of Language, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	14-16 September, 2016	To participation an International Conference on Hindi Studies, INALCO, Paris
30.	Reunion Island	Ms. Sudhamahi Regunathan, Former Vice-Chancellor, Jain Vishva Bharati Institute (Deemed University), Ladnun, Rajasthan	26 th September to 2 nd October, 2016	To participation in the International Conference entitled Ahimsa: "Let's be the change we want to see" Mahatma Gandhi organized by Reunionese Association for Cultural Relations and Creativity, Reunion Island
31.	U. S. A.	Dr. Ganesh Umakant Thite, Professor, Emeritus in Sanskrit, University of Pune	23 – 24 September, 2016	To attending a conference on 'Vedic Studies' at University of California, Berkley, U. S. A.
32.	Brazil	Dr. Makarand R. Paranjape, Centre for English Studies, School of Language, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	2 – 15 October, 2016	To participation in the Gandhi Week and other academic programme at Sao Paulo
33.	Tunisia	Smt. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Gandhian scholar, Delhi	5 – 6 October, 2016	To deliver a lecture on Mahatma Gandhi at University of Manouba during celebrations Gandhiji's Birth Anniversary at University of Manouba, Tunis
34.	Myanmar	Dr. (Ms.) Sonu Trivedi, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Zakir Husain Delhi College, Delhi University, Delhi	18 – 19 October, 2016	To participation in the International Conference on "India-Myanmar Relations: Federalism at work", at Yangon (Myanmar), from 18 – 19 October, 2016.

35.	Egypt	Prof. Zikrur Rahman, Head, Department of Arabic Studies, Jamia Millia and Director of the Indo Arab Cultural Centre, University of Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	25 – 29 October, 2016	To participation in the Gandhi seminar at Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture, Cairo
36-37.	France	(i) Ms. Keka Majumdar (ii) Shri Sandipan Chakraborty, Shristideep, Choreographer, Kolkata	9 – 13 November, 2016	To attend 48 th dance congress in: Dance Therapy and its application in Avignon, France
38.	Slovakia	Dr. Sukrita Paul Kumar, Aruna Asaf Ali Chair, Cluster Innovation Centre, Delhi University, Delhi	15 – 20 November, 2016	To participation an International Poetry Festival, Bratislava
39.	Malaysia	Ms. Tishani Doshi, Poet and writer from Chennai	25 – 27, November, 2016	To attend Georgetown literary Festival at Penang State, Kuala Lumpur
40-41.	Austria	(i) Prof. Rabindra Vasavada, An expert in Architectural and Settlement Conservation, Ahmedabad (ii) Mrs. Maalvika Pathania, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, H.P.	9 – 10 December, 2016	To participation in the conference “Crossing Boarder – Recent Developments in research and Conservation in India” at Vienna
42.	Seychelles	Dr. Bibek Debroy, Distinguished Speaker and Member, Niti Aayog, New Delhi	7 – 8 January, 2017	To give a lecture during the occasion of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) in Seychelles
43.	Tunisia	Dr. Darvesh Gopal, Faculty of Political Science, Head, Centre for Gandhi and Peace Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi	30 th January to 1 st February, 2017	To deliver a lecture series of Gandhi Memorial Lectures in varies Institutions in Tunis
44.	Slovenia & Hungary	Shri Jawhar Sircar, Former Secretary (Culture), Kolkata	22 nd February to 2 nd March, 2017	To deliver a series of lectures at Universities, and Museums around Slovenia and Hungary
45.	Fiji	Dr. Kamal Kishor Mishra, Assistant Professor, Oriental Studies, Department of Sanskrit, University of Calcutta	21 – 26 March, 2017	To attend conference on “Commemoration of Centennial of Abolition of Indian Indentureship”
46.	Russia	Ms. Archana Kumari, Research Scholar in Centre of Russian and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	24 – 25 March, 2017	To attend Conference “The Magic of Innovation: New Dimensions in Linguistics and Foreign Language Teaching”
47.	Kenya	Ambassador (Retd.) Rajiv Bhatia	28 – 29 March, 2017	To attend the Seminar titled, “Connectivity Revisited: India, Kenya and the Indian Ocean” at the University of Nairobi

Annexure-VIII Contd...

Academic Visitors Programme (AVP)

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Name of the visitor</u>	<u>Indicative dates</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
1.	South Africa	Prof. Adam Habib, Vice-Chancellor, Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg with delegation of his University	16 - 24 April, 2016	To visit IIT Delhi, Delhi University, CSDS, School of Planning and Architecture, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi and Ahmedabad, Mumbai and Amrita Institute, Kollam, Kerala
2.	USA	Mr. John D. Antone, Free lance sculptor and educator	13-22 September, 2016	To visit Mumbai, Aurangabad, Delhi and Mount Abu
3.	Jordan	Prof. (Dr.) Faisal O. Al-Rfouh, Dean of Political Science and International Relations Department, University of Jordan	23 – 31 December, 2016	To visit at major Universities in Delhi, Mumbai and Kerala
4.	Belgium	Prof. Idesbald Goddeeris, University of Leuven	19 – 28 January, 2017	To visit at major Universities in Delhi, Bihar and Kolkata
5.	Slovenia	Mr. Evald Flisar, most distinguished celebrated Slovenian Author	22 – 30 January, 2017	To visit Delhi, Kolkata and Bangalore
6.	Serbia	Prof. (Dr.) Aleksandar Petrovic, Professor at the Seminar of Social Sciences, Faculty of Philology, University of Belgrade	4 – 13 February, 2017	To visit at major Universities in Delhi, Varanasi, Nalanda, Tirupati and Chennai
7.	Ireland	Prof. Brian MacCraith, President, Dublin University (DCU), Dublin	28 th February to 3 rd March, 2017	To visit at major University in Delhi and Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
8.	Croatia	Prof. Mislav Jezic, Head of Indology Department, University of Zagreb	1 – 10 March, 2017	To visit at major Universities in Delhi, Agra and Pune
9.	Indonesia	Prof. (Dr.) Dewi Fortuna Anwar, renowned Indonesian academic and Policy maker and Deputy for government Policy support to the Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia	12 – 21 March, 2017	To visit at major Universities in Delhi Barefoot College and Banasthali Vidhyapith University, Jaipur (Rajasthan)
10.	China	Mr. Lou Wei, Deputy Director, Palace Museum of China	21 - 27 March, 2017	To visit at major Museums in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata

Busts/Statues

(April 2016 to March 2017)

1. Bust of Rabindranath Tagore sent to Srilanka (April 2016)
2. Statue of Mahatma Gandhi sent to San Francisco (April 2016)
3. 6.6" bronze statue of Mahatma Gandhi sent Pethhab Monastery, Ulaanbaatar in May 2016
4. Bust of Mahatma Gandhi sent to Villainous (June 2016)
5. Statue of Mahatma Gandhi sent to Accra, Ghana (June 2016)
6. Statue of Mahatma Gandhi sent to Pretoria in June 2016
7. Statue of Mahatma Gandhi sent to Kuwait in Sep. 2016
8. Bust of Mahatma Gandhi sent to Warsaw (Poland) in Nov. 2016
9. 5.0 feet Stone Konark Wheel, 6.6 feet Stone Pedestal, 2.6 feet each of two figures of stone Devadasi sent to High Commission of India, Nicosia in Nov. 2016
10. Bronze bust of Mahatma Gandhi sent to Minister of State (MJ) office, MEA, South Block, New Delhi Dec. 2016
11. Bust of Mahatma Gandhi sent to Santiago (Chile) in Feb. 2016

OUTGOING CULTURAL DELEGATIONS**April 2016 – March 2017**

S. No.	Country	Name of the group	Dates	Purpose	Remarks
1.	France	02 Travel grants to Shri Kaushik Bhattacharya (Hindustani Vocal), West Bengal	11-15 April 2016	To give cultural performances	
2.	Australia	01 travel grant to Shri Vishal Krishna (Kathak), Uttar Pradesh	12-18 April 2016	Participation in Classical Indian Dance in the Sydney Dance Festival	
3.	Tunisia Egypt	07-member Instrumental group led by Shri Jaya Bhaskar Peravali, Telangana	14-26 April 2016	To give cultural performances in Tunisia and participate in the International Festival of Drums and Traditional Arts	
4.	Qatar Tajikistan	10-member Rajasthani Kalbeliya group led by Ms. Supki, Rajasthan	14-26 April 2016	To participate in “A Passage to India” in Qatar and participate in the “Namaste” Festival in Tajikistan	
5.	Thailand	15-member Ramayana group led by Smt. Saroja Vaidyanathan, Delhi	17-26 April 2016	To participate in the “ASEAN Ramayana Plus”	
6.	Tajikistan	03-member Sitar group led by Shri Subrata De, Delhi	19-27 April 2016	To participate in the “Namaste” Festival	
7.	Iran	02 travel grants to Shri Vivek R. Sonar (Maharashtra) and Subhankar Banerjee (West Bengal)	22-24 April 2016	To give cultural performances	

8.	Kenya	02-member Kathak group led by Ms. Anurag Verma (Rajasthan) and 02-member Bollywood group led by Shri Sukhvinder Singh, Delhi	23- 29 April 2016	To participate in the "Kenyan National Music Festival"	
9.	Malaysia Singapore	15-member Puppet group of Ramakrishna Mission led by Shri Ravi Kant Singh, Delhi	28 April – 05 May 2016	To give cultural performances in Singapore and to give puppet show based on the incidents from the life of Swami Vivekananda	
10.	Egypt	13-member Odissi group led by Ms. Dona Ganguly, West Bengal	29 April-11 May 2016	To participate in the "India by the Nile" festival	
11.	France	01 travel grant to Shri Deep Shankar Banerjee (Sitar), West Bengal	02-10 May 2016	To give cultural performances	
12.	Switzerland	04 travel grants for Shri G. Ramanathan (Saxophone), Tamilnadu	8-15 May 2016	To participate in Stdt Zurich Museum Reotnerg	
13.	UK, France, Germany and Austria	01 travel grant to Dr. Sunil Kothari, Delhi	11 May – 20 June 2016	To deliver lectures on Indian Art of Culture, conduct workshops and talks on classical dance forms	
14.	UAE	01 travel grant to Shri Barun Banerjee (Kathak), Delhi	13-20 May 2016	To participate in the Ganga SwatchtaAbhiyan "Ganga Avtaran"	
15.	Liechtenstein	10-member Kuchipudi dance group led by Dr. Radha and Raja Reddy, Delhi	16-20 May 2016	To participate in the "India Week"	
16.	Finland	Financial Support to Embassy of India, Helsinki	20 - 22 May 2016	To organize a Indian Dance Festival	Council has given a financial grant of Rs. 3,75,000/-

17. 18	- Iran	(1) 05-member Poet group led by Ms. Kamna Prasad, Delhi (2) 02-member Sitar group led by Shri Nishat Khan, Delhi	20-25 May 2016 22-25 May 2016	To participate in the "Mini India Festival"	
19.	Singapore	12-member Punjabi cultural group led by Ms. Neelam Mansingh, Punjab	27-30 May 2016	To give cultural performance at the Baisakhi Mela	
20.	Spain UK Belgium	10-member Odissi group led by Ms. Madhavi Mudgal, New Delhi	29 May – 14 June 2016	To participate in the 60 th Anniversary celebrations of Diplomatic Relations between India and Spain and to give cultural performances in UK and Belgium	From Edinburgh onwards only 06 travelled to Belgium
21.	Vietnam	12-member Bhangra group led by Shri Kanwarpreet Singh Shetra, Delhi	31 May- 03 June, 2016	To participate in Southern Fruit Festival	
22.	Spain	07-member Percussion music group led by Shri Vinayakram Thettagudi Harihara Sarma, Tamilnadu	31 May – 05 June 2016	To participate in the 60 th Anniversary celebrations of Diplomatic Relations between India and Spain	
23.	Spain	05-member Sarod music group led by Shri Amaan Ali Bangash, New Delhi	31 May – 06 June 2016	Spain to participate in the 60 th Anniversary celebrations of Diplomatic Relations between India and Spain	
24.	Japan	Kala Utsav	June 2016	Financial support	
25.	South Korea	08-member Kathak dance group led by Ms. Shama Sanatkumar Bhate, Maharashtra	02-06 June, 2016	To participation at the "Busan International Dance festival"	
26.	Belgium	01 travel grant to Dr.V. Balaji (Violinist), Tamilnadu	6-17 July 2016	To participate in cultural events	

27. 30.	- UK, Italy, Germany, Switzerland	(i) 10-member Kuchipudi dance group led by Ms. Usha Gayathri, (ii) 10-member Kuchipudi dance group led by Ms. Vanja Uday (iii) 10-member Kuchipudi dance group led by Ms. Jwala Srikala (iv) 15-member Andhra Folk dance group led by Shri Vaddapalli Srinivas, Telangana	09 June – 10 July 2016	To participate in the “Classical and Folk Dance Festival” in UK and Europe	
28.	Australia	Travel grant o Shri Purva Naresh Shukla (Kathak)	09 – 24 June 2017	To present his play “Jatinga”	
31.	Ukraine Bulgaria	05-member Bharatnatyan dance group led by Ms. Anjana Rajan, New Delhi	10-22 June 2016	To give cultural performances	
32.	USA	05 travel grants to Ms. Saswati Sen (Kathak), Delhi	20 June – 16 July 2016	To give cultural performances	
33.	Congo	15- member Manipuri folk dance group led by Shri Soram Sharat Singh, Manipur	23-28 June, 2016	To give cultural performances	
34.	UK	11-member Sattriya dance group led by Bhabananda Hazarika, Assam	7 th to 17 th July, 2016	To give cultural performance	
35.	Trinidad and Tobago) Suriname Guyana	10 member Bhojpuri Group led by Sh. Bhola Pandey, Delhi	8 th to 19 th July, 2016	To participate in “ Indian Arrival Day-2016” in T & T and give cultural performances in region	
36.	Russia	12-member Bollywood group led by Ms. Ronica Jacob, New Delhi	09 – 13 July 2016	To participate in the “Days of Indian Culture Festival, Ekaterinburg coinciding with 07 th International Industrial Trade Fair Innoprom	
37.	UK	10-member Siddi Goma group led by Ms. Rumanabibi Chhotubhai Shaikh Siddi, Gujarat	13-18 July, 2016	To give performances in Glasgow Mela	

38. 40.	- UK	03 Travel grants to (i) Ms. Dakshina Vaidyanathan (Delhi) (ii) Ms. Neha Bhatnagar (Delhi) (iii) Ms. Sangeeta Shankar (Maharashtra)	14-31 July 2016	To participate in the YuvaMahotsav organized by Milap Festival	
41.	Reunion Island Mauritius	06-member Light classical music group led by Shri Fareed Ahmed Khan, Delhi	15- 26 July, 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of National Eid-ul-Fitr celebration 2016	
42.	Israel	01 travel grant to Shri Shyam Benegal (Film Producer and Director), Maharashtra	24-27 July 2016	To participate in retrospective on Satyajit Ray	
43.	Morocco	06-member Qawwali group led by Shri Chand Afzal, Delhi	27 July- 3 August, 2016	To participate in the Festival of India at Casablance	
44.	Morocco	03 Travel grants to Ms. Anupama Hoskere (Puppet Theatre group), Karnataka	27-31 July 2016	To participate in the Cedar Africa Festival of Children's Theatre	
45.	Fiji New Zealand	06- member light classical (Vocalist) group led by Pt. Sanjeev Abhyankars, Maharashtra	28 July - 14 August, 2016	Cultural programme for Medical Awareness in Suva And To give cultural performances	
46.	Indonesia	Ms. Sneha Chakradhar (Bharatnatyam), Delhi	30 July – 07 August 2016	To give performance	Council has sanctioned and amount of Rs. 20,000/- for one performances to Mission in Bali
47.	Egypt	09-member Kathakali Dance group led by Shri Rajumohan, Kerala	31 July- 07 August 2016	To give performances in Summer Festival at Alexandrina	

48.	Canada	04 member puppet group Led by Shri Puran Bhat, New Delhi	3- 16 August 2016	To participate in the Festival of India – Ottawa	
49.	Japan	04-member Violin group led by Ms. AnupriyaDeotale, Delhi	04-17 August 2016	To give cultural performances at the Todaji Temple	
50.	Australia	05 travel grants to Ms. Sujata Mohapatra (Odissi), Odisha	7-18 August 2016	To participate in “Spirit of India” event organized by Shri Mohindar Dhillon	
51.	USA	05 travel grant to Ms. Nandan Mehta (Kathak) of “NADAM” group, Karnataka	07 August – 05 October 2016	To give cultural performances during Independence Day, World Kannada Conference and Janamashtami celebrations	
52.	Sri Lanka	08-member Kathak group led by Ms. PragatiAnandSood, Delhi	12-17 August 2016	To give cultural performances on Independence Day	
53.	Kenya	Ms. Anurag Verma “Kathak” (Rajasthan) and Shri Sukhvinder “Bollywood” Singh (Delhi)	12-16 August 2016	As Adjudicator	
54.	Nepal	08-member Qawwali group led by Mohd. Zafar, Delhi	13-16 August 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Independence Day	
55.	Belgium Sweden Latvia Czech Republic Belarus	08-member Kalbelia group led by Shri Talab Khan, Rajasthan	14 th August-01 September, 2016	To give cultural performances in Brussels, to participate in Annual Gothenburg cultural festival in Sweden, to participate in 47 th IFF Liptal festival in Czech Republic and to give cultural performances in Belarus	
56.	Bhutan	08 member Rajasthani group led by Shri Roop Das kamad, Rajasthan	14-18 th August, 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion Independence day	

57.	Fiji Malaysia	10-member Bollywood group led by Ms. Shipra Goyal, Maharashtra	14 August – 07 September 2016	To give cultural performances at Annual Hibiscus Festival and on the occasion of 60 th Anniversary of Indian Cultural Centre in Fiji and to give cultural performances in Malaysia	
58.	Argentina	03-member Instrumental “Vichitra Veena” group led by Shri Mustafa Raza, Delhi	19 th August-5 th September, 2016	To give cultural performances	
59.	Australia	04-member Sitar group led to Pt. Shubhendra Rao, Delhi	22 August – 22 September 2016	To participate in Desert Song Festival and also participate in the Festival of India	
60.	Malaysia	06-member Bharatnatyam group of Ms. Narthaki Natraj, Tamil Nadu	25-29 August 2016	To participate in the Festival of Bharatnatyam	
61.	Sri Lanka	08-member Bharatnatyam group led by Ms. Radhika Shurajit, Tamil Nadu	30 August to 06 September 2016	Annual Nallur Festival	
62.	Italy	02-member Bollywood group led by Ms. Usha Uthup, West Bengal	01 to 06 September	To give cultural performances for the Canonization of Mother Teresa	
63. - 64.	Kyrgyzstan	(i) 06-member kathak dance group led by Ms. Kavita Thakur, Delhi (ii) 04-member Sitar group led by Shri Rash Bihari Datta, Uttar Pradesh	02-09 September 2016	To participate in cultural Festival called as Universal of Nomad	
65.	Zimbabwe	08 travel grant to Shri Mahesh Dattani, Maharashtra	03 – 08 September 2016	To participate in India Week/Festival	
66.	Lithuania Poland	06-member Kathak dance group led by Ms. Sonali Sharma, Delhi	04-15 September 2017	To give cultural performances	
67.	Indonesia	Shri Anando Mukherjee, Opera Singer	07 September 2016	To participate in the 10 th Anniversary celebrations	Council gave Rs. 1,00,000/- as grant to Embassy of India Jakarta

68.	Zimbabwe Tanzania	12-manipuri group "Manipur Culture Troupe" led by Shri Shyam Singh, Delhi	07 -21 September, 2016	India week/ Festival 2016, India in Sunshine city	
69.	Indonesia	12-member Manipuri group led by Shri Keisham Premjit Singh, Delhi	08-14 September 2016	To give performances in Solo International Performing Arts festival	
70.	South Africa	04 travel grants to Pt. Ajoy Chakrabarty, West Bengal	8-10 September 2016	To participate in the 10 th Shared History Festival	
71.	Australia	09-member Fusion Band group led by Ms. Sonam Kalra, Delhi	10-25 September 2016	Festival of India, Australia	
72.	UK	12-member Gujarati group "Rangashree Group" led by Ms. Avaniben Pandit, Gujarat	11-15 September 2017	To participate in the World Travel Market (WTM)	
73.	Australia	08-member Nrityagram group led by Shri Ms. Lynne Ann Fernandez, Karnataka	11 September - 02 October 2016	Festival of India, Australia	
74.	Australia	06-member Fusion Band group led by Shri Raghu Dixit, Karnataka	12 - 27 September 2016	Festival of India, Australia	
75.	Thailand	15 member kathak dance group led by Ms. Aditi Mangaldas, Delhi	12-15 September 2016	Bangkok International Festival of Dance & Music	
76.	Australia	15-member group PiyaBehrupiya led by Shri Atul Kumar Mittal, Maharashtra	13-25 September 2016	Festival of India, Australia	
77.	France Serbia	14-member Kathak group "Kadamb" led by Ms. Kumudini Lakhia, Gujarat	13 - 21 September 2016	"Namaste France" Festival	
78.	Japan	12-member Manipuri dance group led by Laishram Raju Singh, Manipur	14 September - 02 October 2016	To participate in the "Namaste India" Festival	
79.	France	07-member Sarod group led by UstadAmjad Ali Khan, Delhi	14-16 September 2016	To give cultural performances at the inaugural ceremony of "Namaste France" Festival	

80.	Australia	06-member Pung Cholam group led by Shri Krishnachandra Sharma Gurumayum, Manipur	14 September – 04 October 2016	Festival of India, Australia	
81.	Egypt Oman	06-member Baul group led by Shri Puran Das Baul, West Bengal	17 September - 03 October, 2016	To participate in Samaa festival	
82.	Australia	Shri MohitBakshi, Video Journalist of ANI	17-22 September 2016	Festival of India, Australia	
83.	South Korea	07-member fusion Band group led by Shri Abhijit Pohankar, Maharashtra	21 September – 5 October 2016	To participate in the Festival of India	
84.	Mexico	01 travel grant to Dr. Geeta Budhraj, Delhi	22-28 September 2016	To participate in the first Global Meeting on Traditional Cuisine	
85.	South Korea	13-member Composite dance group led by Ms. Swati Sinha, Delhi	23 September – 5 October 2016	To participate in the Festival of India	
86.	Fiji	06-member Ramayana group led by Shri Arun Govil, Maharashtra	23 – 25 September 2016	To give cultural performances	Council gave Rs. 8,38,511/- towards purchase of air tickets to High Commission of India, Fiji
87.	Australia	02 Yoga Experts Ms. Nagarathna Raghuram and Shri Manjunatha Nandi Krishnamurthy, Karnataka	29 September - 06 October 2016	Festival of India, Australia	
88.	Ukraine	Ms. Richa Jain (Kathak Dancer), Delhi	30 September – 04 October 2017	To participate in the 16 th Ukrainian Dance Festival	
89.	France Portugal	14-member Contemporary group led by Shri Astad Deboo, Maharashtra	01 – 08 October 2016	To give cultural performances in “Namaste France” and to give cultural performances in Portugal	

90.	Spain France UK	10-member Kathak Dance 'Aamad' group led by Ms. Rani Khanam, Delhi	03-16 October 2016	To participate in the 60 th Anniversary celebrations of Diplomatic Relations between India and Spain	
91.	Australia	10-member Puppet group led by Shri Dadi Pudumjee, Delhi	04-17 October 2016	Festival of India, Australia	
92.	UK	10-member Theatre group 'PrimeTime' led by Ms. Lillette Dubey, Maharashtra	10-16 October 2016	To give cultural performances	
93.	Belgium	04 travel grants to Dr. L Subramaniam (Violin), Karnataka	11 – 27 October 2016	To participate in the 100 th Birth Anniversary of Yehudi Menuhin	
94.	Seychelles	12-member Contemporary Dance group led by Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, Delhi	12-16 October 2016	To participate in the Seychelles India Day	
95.	Mexico Colombia	06-member Fusion group "Naad Brahma" led by Shri Joe Alvares, Maharashtra	12-28 October 2016	To participate in International Cerventino festival	
96. - 97.	New Zealand	(i) 06-member Kathak group led by Ms. Meghranjani, Assam (ii) 02 travel grant to Shri Parth Sudhirbhai (paper cutter), Gujarat and Shri Venkat Raman (Gond artiste), Madhya Pradesh	13-24 October 2016	Diwali celebrations	
98.	Croatia Spain	06-member Fusion Music group led by 'Taaltantra' led by Shri Tanmoy Bose, West Bengal	13 – 27 October 2016	To participate in the 60 th Anniversary celebrations of Diplomatic Relations between India and Spain	
99.	Bhutan	03-member Jal Tarang group led by Shri Tulankar Milind, Maharashtra	13-19 October , 2016	To participate in the 54 th Raising Day of IMTRAT	
100.	Fiji New Zealand	15 Travel grants to Ramleela Mandli group led by Shri Y.P. Singh, Uttar Pradesh	13-24 October 2016	To give cultural performances	

101.	Australia	04 Curator of Cricket Exhibition (Shivaprasad Murugendrappa Khened, Shri Sarjerao Sadashiv Lohar, Shri Venkatraman Subramanian Ramachandran and Shri Prabhakaran Muraleedharan, Maharashtra	15 October – 01 November 2016	Festival of India, Australia	
102.	UK	15-member Jammu & Kashmir folk group led by Shri Balwant Thakur, Jammu & Kashmir	15-27 October 2016	To participate in the Jammu & Kashmir Festival	
103.	France	07-member Percussion group led by Shri Yella Venkateswara Rao, Telangana	19-23 October 2016	To give cultural performances in "Namaste France"	
104.	Vietnam	06-member Band group "Dementia" led by Shri Inakhu A Ayeh, Nagaland	19 – 24 October 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Diwali celebrations	
105.	Namibia	06-member Kathak dance group led by Ms. Purnima Roy, Delhi	20 – 25 October 2016	To participate in India-Week festival	
106.	France	10-member Bharatnatyam dance group led by Ms. Jayashree Rajagopalan, Maharashtra	21-30 October 2016	To give cultural performances in "Namaste France"	
107.	South Africa Botswana Mozambique Zambia Reunion Island	06-member Light Classical Vocal group led by Ms. Shaila Hattangadi, Delhi	21 October – 08 November 2016	to give cultural performances	
108.	UK	09 travel grants to Ms. Prabati Gupta "Dancers Guild", West Bengal	22 October – 03 November 2016	To participate at the Scottish Centre of Tagore Studies	

109.	France	15-member Kuttiyattam group led by Shri Sivan Namboothry, Kerala	23 October – 02 November 2016	To give cultural performances in “Namaste France”	
110.	Malaysia	09-member Tribal group Shri Panner Rajan (Madhurai Mutthu), Tamil Nadu	25-31 October 2016	International Aborigines and Indigenous Arts festival	
111.	Tunisia	06-member Kathak group led by Ms. Ashavari Majumdar, West Bengal	27 October – 06 November 2016	To participate in the Carthage Film Festival	
112.	Australia	24-member group of Kalakshetra led by Shri Anil Kumar Kalapuraikkal, Tamil Nadu	28 October – 09 November 2016	Festival of India, Australia	
113.	France	01 travel grant to Ms. Deepa Chakravarthy, Mohiniyattam Dancer, Tamil Nadu	28 -29 October 2016	To participate in the Namaste France Festival	
114.	China	12-Rajasthani group led by Shri Nitin Nath Harsh, Rajasthan	30 October to 04 November 2016	To participate in “Indian Culture Week”	
115.	France Belgium	05-member Santoor group led by Pt. Bhajan Sopori, Delhi	7-12 November 2016	To give cultural performances during ‘Namaste France’ festival in France, and thereafter Belgium to give cultural performances	
116.	France	10-member Manipuri “Jagoi Marup” group led by Ms. Sanahanbi Devi Rajkumari, Manipur	07-09 November 2016	To participate in the Namaste France festival	
117.	France Belgium	05-member Flute group led by Shri Shashank Subbu, Tamil Nadu	09-16 November 2016	To participate in the “Namaste France” festival in France and thereafter to Belgium to give cultural performances	
118.	Egypt	12-member Bollywood group led by Ms. Shibani Kashyap, Delhi	16-22 November 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Diwali celebration	

119.	Maldives	12-member Bollywood group led by Shri Paramjeet Singh Narula, Maharashtra	17-20 November 2016	to give cultural performances on the celebration of 7 th Anniversary of the Friendship Association of India-Maldives (FAIM)	
120.	Suriname Trinidad & Tobago Venezuela) St.Kitts	12-member Bhangra & Gidda group led by Shri Ashwani Kumar Sharma, Punjab	24 November – 10 December 2016	To give cultural performances	
121.	Mexico	07-member Rajasthani group led by Ms. Suva Devi, Rajasthan	26 – 30 November, 2016	to participate in the India LAC Conclave in Guadalajara	
122.	UAE	12-Manipuri Folk dance group led by Shri Laishram Tondon Singh, Manipur	28 November to 05 December 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of UAE's 45 th National Day celebrations	
123.	Bangladesh	07-member Sufi music group "Roohani Sisters" led by Ms. Jagriti Luthra & Ms. Neeta Pandey, Delhi	28 November – 03 December 2016	To participate in the International Sufi & Folk Festival	
124.	France	11 - member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Shri Raja & Ms. Radha Reddy, Delhi	28 November – 02 December 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of closing ceremony of "Namaste France" festival	
125.	France Brazil	08 - member Violin group led by Dr. L. Subramaniam, Karnataka	29 November – 05 December 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of closing ceremony of "Namaste France" festival	
126.	Bangladesh	06-member Folk Music group led by Shri Swapan Mukhopadhyay, West Bengal	30 November – 05 December 2016	To participate in the International Sufi & Folk Festival	
127.	Mauritius	01 travel grant Mohammad Azam Tahseeni "Natkhwaan", Uttar Pradesh	09-27 December 2016	To give performances on the occasion of celebration of "Eid-Milad-Un –Nabi"	

128.	Cambodia	10-member Rajasthani group led by Shri Iklas Khan Langa, Rajasthan	23-26 December 2016	To participate in the South East Asia Festival	
129.	Taiwan Lao PDR Thailand	05-member Mohiniattam dance group led by Ms. Methil Devika, Kerala	19-30 January 2017	To give cultural performances on Republic Day	
130. - 133	Nepal	04 groups from North East:- i) 15-member Lily Veng Cultural & Drama Club led by Shri H. Lalhmachhuana, Mizoram ii) 10-member Thoibi Manipuri Dance and Cultural Research Institute led by Shri Shamurailatpam Damukanta Sharma, Manipur iii) 25-member Shillong Chamber Choir led by Shri Neil Nongkynrih, Assam iv) 15-member folk "Tetseo Sister" led by Ms. Mutsevelu, Nagaland	19-25 January 2017 20-27 January 2017 20-25 January 2017 21-28 January 2017	To participate in Days of North East cultural Festival "Namaste Nepal"	
134.	Venezuela Mexico Colombia	03-member Violin group led by Shri Santosh Nahar, Delhi	21 January – 04 February 2017	To give cultural performances coinciding with Republic Day	
135.	Sri Lanka	11-member Odissi group "Rudrakshya" led by Shri Bichitrananda Swain, Odisha	24-29 January 2017	To give cultural performances on Republic Day	
136.	Spain	11-member Contemporary dance group led by Ms. Ranjana Gauhar, Delhi	24-30 January 2017	To participate in the 60 th Anniversary celebrations of Diplomatic Relations between India and Spain and for Republic Day Celebrations	
137.	Tunisia	10-member Rajasthani group led by Shri Bhutte Khan, Rajasthan	24-29 January 2017	To give cultural performances on Republic Day	
138.	UAE	10-member Tamilnadu Martial Arts group led by Shri V.M. Selvaraj, Tamil Nadu	25 January -01 February 2017	To give cultural performances on Republic Day	

139.	UAE	03-member Sarod group led by Shri Sougata Ganguli, West Bengal	25 January -01 February 2017	To give cultural performances on Republic Day	
140.	Morocco	12-member Kathak dance group "Dhwani" led by Ms. Vaswati Misra, Delhi	25-29 January 2017	To give cultural performances on Republic Day celebration	
141.	Bhutan	06-member Fusion Band group "SKY" led by SovonHazra, Delhi	25-29 January 2017	To give cultural performances on Republic Day	
142.	Egypt	10-member Chhau group "Kalebar Memorial Chhau Dance – Seeraikela Chhau) led by Shri Gour Kumar, West Bengal	25-29 January 2017	To give cultural performances on Republic Day	
143.	Malawi	06-member Bharatnatyam group led by Ms. Aranyani Bhargav, Karnataka	25-29 January 2017	To participate in the Blantyre festival coincide with Republic Day celebration	
144.	Turkmenistan	04-member Tabla group led by Shri Sandip Banerjee, West Bengal	25-29 January 2017	To give cultural performances on Republic Day	
145.	Maldives	04-member Santoor group led by Shri Kankan Ghosh, West Bengal	25-28 January 2017	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day	
146.	Brunei	10-member Kathak dance group led by Pt. Jai Kishan Maharaj, Delhi	25-28 January 2017	To give cultural performances on Republic Day	
147.	Slovenia Croatia Montenegro	02-member Sitar group led by Shri Anjan Saha, West Bengal	25 Jan – 05 Feb 2017	To give cultural performances on Republic Day	
148.	South Africa Mozambique Tanzania Kenya	10-member Rajasthani group led by Shri Salim Khan Nagarchi, Rajasthan	25 January – 10 February 2017	To give cultural performances on Republic Day	
149.	Saudi Arabia	05-member Qawwali group "Naushad Shahzad Sabri Qawal" led by Shri - Naushad Shahzad Sabri, Uttar Pradesh	25 January -04 February 2017	To give cultural performances on Republic Day	

150.	Bosnia & Herzegovina Hungary	14-member Bharatnatyam Dance group "Prasiddha Dance Repertory" led by Ms. Pratibha Prahlad, Delhi	6-16 February 2017	To participate in the Sarajevo Winter Festival in Bosnia and Herzegovina and give cultural performances in Hungary	
151.	Egypt	10-member Kalaripayattu group "Kalari Kendram" led by Shri Shinto Mathew, Delhi	14-23 February 2017	To participate in the 5 th session of The Aswan International Festival for Culture and Arts	
152.	Kenya	Shri Ram Mohan Maharaj "Kathak", Delhi and Ms. Madhuri Majumdar "Kuchipudi" (02 Experts), West Bengal	17-25 February 2017	To give workshop/performance in Kenya Music Festival	
153.	Mauritius	07-member Devotional group led by Shri Amit & Ms. Sandhya Mukherjee, Uttar Pradesh	19 – 25 February 2017	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Mahashivaratri celebrations	
154.	USA	10 travel grants to Shri Manoj Arora "Vanvasi Raksha Parivar Foundation – Ekal Abhiyan" Delhi	21 February - 25 June 2017	To participate in Tribal Music Concert	
155.	Turkey	06 travel grants to "Dolls Theater" puppet group led by Shri Sudip Gupta, West Bengal	05 – 10 March 2017	To participate in the 11 th Izmir International Puppet Days	
156.	USA (Austin)	05 travel grants to Rock Band group "Menwhopause" led by Shri Anup Kutty, Delhi	09 – 20 March 2017	To participate in the SXSW Festival	
157.	China	15-member Bollywood dance & music group "A to Z" led by Shri Sukhvinder Singh, Delhi	10 – 19 March 2017	To participate in the "India Culture Week"	
158.	USA	06-member folk singing group led by Shri Prahlad Singh Tipanya, Maharashtra	16 March – 09 May 2017	To give cultural performances	

159.	Peru Colombia Venezuela	06-member Manipuri Mridangam group "Ranganiketan" led by Shri W. Amarjit Singh, Manipur	20 March – 07 April 2017	To participate in the International Highlands Music Festival in Peru and to give cultural performances in Colombia and Venezuela	
160.	Qatar Israel	10-member Kathak "Naad Roop" dance group led by Ms. Shama Sanatkumar Bhate, Maharashtra	22 March – 01 April 2017	To participate in the Silk Road Festival in Qatar and to participate in the Classical Music Series in Israel	
161.	Oman	03- Travel grants to Smt. Nandini Neelakantan Jayanthi, Kerala	22 – 26 March 2017	To give cultural performances	
162.	Cuba Dominican Republic Chile	10-member Kathak group led by Ms. Shovana Narayan, Delhi	23 March – 03 April 2017	To give cultural performances	
163.	Romania	10-member Odissi dance group "Gunjan Dance Academy" led by Ms. Meera Das, West Bengal	25 March – 10 April 2017	To give cultural performance	
164.	Australia	09 travel grant to Dr. Sanjay Shantaram (Kuchipudi dancer), Odisha	26 March – 09 April 2017	To participate in the Karnataka Vaibhava 2017	
165.	Europe	Financial assistance to Ms. Sangeeta Bhandhopadhyay, (Hindustani Vocal)	28 March – 03 May 2017		Financial assistance of Rs. 1,23,000/-
166.	Australia	01 travel grants to Shri Pravata Kumar Swain, Odisha	30 March – 04 April 2017	To participate in the Sydney Dance Festival	

Annexure-XI

Cultural activities of Incoming Cultural Delegation during FY 2016-17

S No.	Name of the Artists/ Delegations	Country	Period	Performance held in
1.	21-memebr, Ramli Ibrahim group (14-Malasian & 7 Member from Bhubaneswar)	Malaysia	10-15 April, 2016 Performed on 13 April, 2015 at Kamani Auditorium	At Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi
2.	Singhast Mahakumbh Mela in Ujjain from 22 April to 21 May, 2016			
a.	10-member dance group from Malaysia led by Ramli Ibrahim	Malaysia	23 – 26 April, 2016 Performed on 24 April, 2016	Ujjain, Mahakumbh Mela
b.	12-member Lhayee Lugar performing Arts	Bhutan	25-30 April, 2016, performed on 25,26 & 27 April, 2016	Ujjain, Mahakumbh Mela
c.	21-member multi-national composite group Choreographed by Ms. Saroja Vaidyanathan from Delhi	Foreign student from various counties	28 April – 2 May, 2016 performed on 29,30,April & 1 May, 2016	Ujjain, Mahakumbh Mela
d.	9-member Medley of spiritual dances of India	Sri Lanka	1-5 May, 2016 performed on 2, 3, & 4 May, 2016	Ujjain, Mahakumbh Mela
3.	10-member “LIKAKAPA AFRICA” group	Lesotho	24-30 May, 2016	Delhi & Chandigarh
4.	Duet performance by Mr. Davod Azad and Ms. Giorgio Kregsch	Iran and Italy	27 May, 2016	Performance held at Govt. college for Women, Srinagar on 27 th May, 2016.
5.	17-member “Rabindra Sangeet” group led by Ms. Rizwana Choudhury Bannya	Bangladesh	27 June-4 July, 2016	(Kolkata in collaboration with Prasar Bharti), Lucknow, Delhi
6.	7th Raas Rang Flute Festival-2016 from 21-25 September, 2016 at Azad Bhavan			
a.	4-member Riga Sexaphone	Latvia	17-27 September, 2016	Delhi & Hyderabad
b.	Mr.Arcadio Barachhi	Italy	19-30 September, 2016	Delhi, Imphal & Shillong
c.	2-memebr Ms. Michal Smetanka and Mr.Lenka Smetankova	Slovakia	20-28 September, 2016	Delhi, Chandigarh & Port Blair
7.	6th Delhi International Jazz Festival from 24-26 September, 2016 at Nehru Park, New Delhi			
a.	3-member “Matan Chapnzky and the Rimon jazz Institute”	Israel	18-25 September, 2016	Mumbai, Ahmadabad, Hyderabad & New Delhi
b.	5-member “Ejazz with Jota” Carmen Paris & her project	Spain	23-30 September, 2016	New Delhi, Trivandrum & Goa
c.	24-member “Russian State Chamber Orchestra of Jazz Named after Olega Lundstrem”	Russia	22-28 September, 2016	Kolkata & New Delhi
d.	2-member Igor Bezget group	Slovenia	23-26 September, 2016	New Delhi
e.	9-member “Donald Harison & the Barklee All star band”	USA	22-30 September, 2016	New Delhi & Chandigarh
f.	5-member “Lichtanski Sound Lab Jazz”	Poland	19-28 September, 2016	Shillong, Guwahati, Port Blair & New Delhi
g.	8-member “Benny the Jazz Collective”	Goa (India)	22-26 September, 2016	New Delhi

h.	7-member "Mrigya"	New Delhi (India)	26 September, 2016	New Delhi
i.	6-member "4 th Element Band"	Shillong (India)	25-27 September, 2016	New Delhi
8.	2nd International Ramayana Festival-2016 from 10-11 October, 2016 at Kamani Auditorium			
a.	12-member "Khon Ramakien (Masked Played Ramayana)"	Thailand	9-16 October, 2016	New Delhi, Lucknow, Ayodhya & IGNCA, New Delhi
b.	11-member "Lhayee Lugar Performing Arts"	Bhutan	9-17 October, 2016	New Delhi, Bhopal & Kullu
c.	13-Member "Apsaras Arts" group	Singapore	9-17 October, 2016	Delhi, Varanasi & Allahabad
d.	12- member "Malya Raja Shanthiya" group	Sri Lanka	10-18 October, 2016	Delhi, Jaipur & Kullu
e.	20-member Ramayana presentation by Ms. Saroja Vaidyanathan	New Dlehi (India)	Performed on 10 th October, 2016	New Delhi
9.	32-member "State Academic Russian Folk Chorus named after M.E. Pyatnitsky"	Russia	12-18 October, 2016	Chandigarh, Mumbai & New Delhi
10	30-member Classical Ballet "The Nutcraker" (two acts)	Russia	23-27 October, 2016	Performed on 25 th October, 2016 at New Delhi
11.	3rd International Bhakti Festival -2016 at LTG Auditorium, New Delhi			
a.	11-membrer Aru Sri Arts Theatre group	Sri Lanka	4-10 November, 2016	New Delhi & Jaipur
b.	16-member Krishna dance by Natya Ballet Centre, Delhi	New Dlehi	6 November, 2016	New Delhi
c.	7-member Gaudiya dance troupe led by Ms. Rachel Agnes Perris	Bangladesh	6-11 November, 2016	New Delhi & Varanasi
d.	5-member group led by Ms. Sumitra Guha	Delhi	7 November, 2016	New Delhi
12.	8-member group sufi Afghanistan group	Delhi	17 November, 2016	Azad Bhavan, New Delhi
13.	15-member puppet group	Indonesia	16-21 November, 2016	Purana Qila, New Delhi & Kurukshetra
14.	10th Delhi International Arts Festival 2016 held from 12-27 November, 2016			
a.	6-member group	Israel	6-14 November, 2016	Bangalore, Hyderabad & New Delhi
b.	10-member group	Italy	6-14 November, 2016	Bangalore, Hyderabad & New Delhi
c.	21-member Contemporary group	China	12-20 November, 2016	Delhi, Jaipur & Chandigarh
d.	6-member group	Germany	20-27 November, 2016	Delhi, Guwahati & Shillong
e.	3-member group	New Zealand	17-20 November, 2016	Delhi,
f.	20-member group	Turkey	13 th November, 2016	Delhi
g.	14-member SEVER group	China	21-25 November, 2016	Delhi
h.	9-member Bowl group	Bangladesh	19-22 November, 2016	Delhi
i.	21-member group	Kyrgyzstan	15-17 November, 2016	Delhi
j.	14-member Classical ballet group	Russia	23-26 November, 2016	Delhi.

15.	<u>3rd International Folk Dance and Music Festival 2016 from 28-30 November, 2016</u>			
	a. 14-member 'Carnival of Barranquilla' group	Colombia	26 Nov to 6 Dec, 2016	Delhi, Mumbai & Goa
	b. 10-member 'Shobna Chanel' group	Fiji	25 Nov to 2 Dec, 2016	Delhi & Bhubaneshwar
	c. 10-member 'Zhash Kanat' group	Kyrgyzstan	29 Nov to 6 Dec, 2016	Delhi, Bhopal & Jaipur
	d. 10-member 'Bidhabin Bodubera Traditional Folk Dance & Music'	Maldives	26 Nov to 4Dec, 2016	Delhi & Jaipur
	e. 19-member 'Jhakri Folk Dance'	Mauritius	27 Nov to 6 Dec, 2016	Delhi, Chandigarh, Pune & Mumbai
	f. 18-member 'Avishkar' Folk Dance	Ahmadabad (India)	30 Nov to 1Dec, 2016	Delhi.
16	<u>7th International Dance & Music Festival-2017 at Kamani Auditorium, from 13-15 January, 2017</u>			
	a. 10-member Contemporary dance group	Germany	10-20-January, 2017	Delhi, Goa, Baroda & Mumbai
	b. 15-member dance & Music group	Vietnam	12-19-January, 2017`	Delhi, Bangalore & Trivandrum
	c. 10-member 'Akkerbez' National Dance Ensemble group	Kazakhstan	6-15 January, 2017	Port Blair, Guwahati, Shillong & Delhi
	d. 5-member 'El Darado Perfroming Art' group	Guyana	12-19 January, 2017	Delhi & Jaipur
	e. 11-member 'Abaveli Maskandi' dance & music group	South Africa	10-15 January, 2017	Chandigarh & Delhi
	f. 26-member 'State Dance Ensemble' group	Belarus	12-16 January, 2017	Kolkata & Delhi
	g. 7-member 'Samudra Performing Arts' group	Trivendrum	13-16 January, 2017	Delhi.
17	4-member Music group	Spain	13-15 February, 2017	Delhi (performed on 13 th Feb at Teen Murti)
18.	12-member "The Legacy of Vietnamese Meduimship"	Vietnam	21 February -1 March, 2017	Delhi, Guwhati & Kolkata
19.	Indo China co production film "Kung-Fu-Yoga"	China	16 th March,2017	Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi
20.	<u>Contemporary Dance on 28-29th March, 2017 in collaboration with Team work Pvt. Ltd.</u>			
	a. 2 members JINX 103 music group	Switzerland	26-30 th March, 2017	Delhi
	b. 5 members Dafi Dance Compnay	Israel	25 March-1 st April, 2017	Kolkata, Delhi and Chandigarh
	c. 11 members Attakkalari Group	Bangalore	26-28 th March, 2017	Delhi
	d. 5 members Rhythmosic (Mitul Sen Gupta)	Kolkata	28-30 th March, 2017	Delhi
	e. 3 members Icecraft Dance Company	Ahmadabad	27-29 th March, 2017	Delhi
21	18 members group of Ms. Akmaral Kainazarova	Kazakhstan	28 th March, 2017	Azad Bhavan, New Delhi

Indian Cultural Programmes organized by ICCR 2016-17

S No.	Name of the artist/programmes	Place of Programme	style	Date of performance
1.	Shri Rahul Sharma	11-13 April, 2016 Mumbai	Santoor	Performed on 12 April, 2016 Hon'able PM Function at Hyderabad House
2.	Shri Akram Khan and Shri Rajender Prasanna	Delhi	Duet Tabla and Flute	Performed at Expo Mart Greater Noida on 20 th April, 2016, in collaboration with CII
3.	13 member Shillong Choir group	20-22 April, 2016 Greater Noida	Choir group	Performed at Expo Mart Greater Noida on 21 April, 2016 in collaboration with CII
4.	14- Mmember, Shri Rajkumar Bhatt and Group	Delhi	Folk Dance & Music Group	Performed at Expo Mart Greater Noida on 21-23 April, 2016 in collaboration with CII
5.	22 member "The Capital City Minstrels" CCM	Delhi	Choir	Performed in Africa Day at Azad Bhavan on 26 th May, 2016
6	10 member Shri Rajender Gangani Group	Delhi	Medley of Dances (Kathak, Odissi, Bharatnatyam)	On 31 st August. 2016 at Leela Palace Hotel for Ministry of Tourism
7	3- member group led by Ms. Monisha Nayak	Delhi	Medley of Dances (Kathak, Odissi, Bharatnatyam)	On 22 nd September, 2016 at ITC Maurya Hotel for Ministry of Agriculture
8	15-member	New Dlehi	"Medley" dance Kathak, Oddisi& Bharatnatyam	Performed on 22 nd September, 2016 at Azad Bhavan Auditorium, New Delhi SWYAA-Ship for World Youth Alumni Ms.Shobhana Radhakrishna
9.	15-member folk group led by Ms Priti	New Delhi	Folk	Performed on 1 st October, 2016 at Green Field School, Safdarjung Enclave for Senior Citizen
10.	24-member Kathak group led by Ms. Uma Sharma	New Delhi	Kathak	Performed on 24 th October, 2016 at Air Force Auditorium on the occasion of celebrating International day of Older Persons
11.	Hussian Brothers (Ahmed Hussian & Mohammad Hussain) Jaipur	4-6 Nov, 2016		in collaboration with IWPC on 5 th November, 2016 at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi.
	15-member group Hayat Mohammad Langa & group, Jodhpur	5-7 Nov, 2016	Langa	
12.	"I don't like It/As You Like" Play by 13-member group led by Rajit Kapur	30 th Nov-2 nd Dec, 2016 at Mumbai	Theatre	In collaboration with Asian Shakespeare Association at NSC on 1 st December, 2016
13.	Melody of Dance choreographed by Rajinder Gangani	New Delhi	Kathank	on 2 nd December, 2016 at Hotel Leela Palace, Gurgaon
14.	Ms. Mathura Phatak, Kathak & Mr. Rafiq Langa (Langa)	New Delhi	Langa	Performance on 15 th December, 2016 at Azad Bhavan in collaboration with Indian Foundation.
15.	Cultural programme by 6- member Ms. Shibani Kashyap group	Mumbai		Performance on 17 th December, 2016 at MEA Resident Housing Complex, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.

16.	<u>Pravasi Bhartiya Divas-2017 at Bangaluru from 7-9 January, 2017</u>			
	a. Bhardwaj R Sathavali and Group, Bengaluru	Bangalore	Carnatic Music	
	b. Bholu Pandey & Group	Delhi	Haryanvi folk	
	c. N Shivaji Rao & group	Thanjavur	Karagam folk	
	d. KP Praveen & group	Bangaluru	Kalariyapattu	
	e. Evaristo Cirilo Goes & group	Goa	Kharvi-Folk	
	f. Vasundhara Doraswamy & group	Mysore	Bharatnatyam	
	g. Sharmila Mukerjee & group	Bengaluru	Odissi	
	h. Vidha Lal & group	Delhi	Kahtak	
	i. Balwant Thakur & group	Jammu & Kashmir	Folk	
	j. Preeti & group	Delhi	Garba-folk	
	k. Aishwarya Pandey & group	Delhi	Lavani-folk	
	l. Rehmat Khan & group	Delhi	Ghumar-folk	
	m. Meishnam Moirangthem Diyajit & group	Delhi	Manipuri	
	n. Vyjayanti Kashi & group	Bangaluru	Kuchipudi	
	o. Gopika Verman & group	Bengaluru	Mohiniyattam	
	p. Dilip Mahato & group	Delhi	Puralia Chhau	
	q. Thiyam Shyam Singh & group	Delhi	Dholcholam	
	r. Sukhvider Singh & group	Delhi	Bhangraa	
	s. Savita Mehrotra & group	Delhi	Bhojpuri	
17	Melody Dance led by Ms. Arupa Lehri	Chennai / Trivandrum 7-9 February, 2017	Melody Dance	Performed on 8 th February, 2017 at PBK Auditorium, Chankyapuri
18	5 member evening of Gazal(Veenu Gupta)	Delhi	Gazal	10 th March, 2017 at Azad Bhavan, New Delhi
19	Sufiana Qalam by Dhruv Sangari in collaboration with Routes 2 Roots	Mumbai	Sufiana Qalam	24 th March at Azad Bhavan, New Delhi

ANNEXURE-XII

**VISITS OF Eminent personalities hosted by ICCR under
Distinguished Visitors' Programme during FY 2016-17**

Sl. No.	Name	Country	Filed	Date of visit
1	Dr. Dangaasuren Enkhbat, Executive Chairman of One Foundation, Eminent Scholar and Dynamic Social worker Mongolia	Mongolia	Politics	4 th to 13 th May 2016
2	Dr. Mohamed Latheef Former Ambassador of Maldives to USA & Permanent Representative to UN	Maldives	Politics	31 st July & 9 th August 2016
3.	Dr. Mohamed Shaheem Ali Saeed Chancellor, Islamic University Of Maldives	Maldives	Govt. Official	15 th to 23 rd January 2017
4.	Dr. Negeri Lencho, Minister of Communication Affairs, Ethiopia alongwith his companion Mr. Abdurahman Nasir Mosa	Ethiopia	Politics	19-27 th March 2017

EXHIBITIONS**April, 2016 - March, 2017**

S.No.	Period of Display	Name of Exhibition	Country
1.	April, 2016	Phulkari Exhibition	Slovenia
2-3.	May, 2016	Painting/Calligraphy Exhibition curated by Kamna Prasad	Iran
		'Digital Prints of the Artworks by Tagore'	Slovenia
4-6.	June, 2016	Kalpna – Masterpieces of Figurative Indian Contemporary Paintings curated by Ms. Anjolie Ela Menon	Hungary
		Churches and Christian Culture of Goa by Shri Benoy K. Behl	Slovenia
		Monuments of India by Shri Kashi Nath Das	Slovenia
7-8	August, 2016	Churches and Christian Culture of Goa by Shri Benoy K. Behl	Slovakia
		Sari : The Magic of Indian Weaves by Smt. Rita Kapur Chishti	
8-12.	September, 2016	Islamic Monuments of India by Shri Benoy K. Behl	Brunei
		Monuments of India by Shri Kashi Nath Das	
		Forms of Devotion curated by Smt. Sushma Bahl	Spain
		Painting Exhibition of Smt. Jayashree Chakravarty	France
		Painting Exhibition of Shri Manish Pushkale	
13.	October, 2016	'Mahatma in Me A tribute to Gandhi Ji' by Shri Vibhod Sogani	Australia
14.	November, 2016	Exhibition of Photographs 'Tales of the Tribes : From Tribal Forest to Urban Jungle' by Dr. Verrier Elwin	UK
15.	December, 2016	Painting Exhibition of Ms. Preety Nigam	UK
16.	January, 2017	Painting of of 'Riti Academy of Visual Arts', Shillong	Nepal
17-18.	February, 2017	Exhibition 'Sari' by Rita Kapur	Hungary
		Exhibition 'Sacred India' by Amit Pasricha	Slovenia
19-20.	March, 2017	Exhibition of Indian tapestries and other mixed-medium art work by Dr. Sangeet Gandhi	Sweden
		Exhibition 'Rhythm of Colours'	Venezuela

SUPPORT EXTENDED

S.No.	Period	Support extended for	Country
1-2.	May, 2016	An air ticket for the sector Delhi – Izmir – Delhi has been provided to Ms. Sangeeta Singh to participate at the Babylon Artist Residency	Turkey
		An air ticket for the sector Delhi – Izmir – Delhi has been provided to Ms. Kiran Soni Gupta to participate at the Babylon Artist Residency	
3.	July, 2016	An air ticket for the sector Delhi – Irkutsk – Delhi has been provided Ms. Srinia Chowdhury to participate at the Ceramic Symposium 'Baikal – CeraMystica'	Russia
4-6.	August, 2016	Air ticket for the sector Delhi – Madrid – Delhi has been provided to Smt. Sushma Behl and Ms. Archana Sapra to curate the exhibition at Spain	Spain
		An Air ticket for the sector Bengaluru – Budapest – Bengaluru has been provided to Shri Ramesh Terdal to display his art exhibition	Hungary
7-8.	September, 2016	Air ticket for the sector Kolkata – Paris – Kolkata has been provided to Smt. Jayashree Chakravarty to display her exhibition in France during the 'Namaste France Festival'	France
		Air ticket for the sector Delhi – Paris – Delhi has been provided to Shri Manish Pushkale to display his exhibition in France during the 'Namaste France Festival'	
9.	September, 2016	An air ticket for the sector Delhi – Sydney – Delhi has been provided to Shri Ajit Ninan to display his Cartoon Exhibition during the 'Festival of India' in Australia	Australia
10-11.	October, 2016	Air ticket for the sector Delhi – Madrid – Delhi has been provided to Smt. Sushma Behl and Ms. Archana Sapra to curate the exhibition at Spain	Spain
12-14.		Sponsored the visit of Shri Vibhor Sogani and Smt. Navdeep Kaur Sogani to curate the exhibition 'Mahatma in Me ... A tribute to Gandhi Ji'	Australia
		Sponsored the visit of Ms. Sunaina Suneja to curate the Khadi Exhibition	Australia
15-16.	January, 2017	Sponsored the visit of Shri Raphael Wajri and Shri Nameirakpam Jilatombi to participate in the 'North-East Indian Cultural Festival – Namaste Nepal'	Nepal
17.	March, 2017	Air ticket for the sector Delhi – Stockholm – Delhi has been provided to Dr. Sangeet Gandhi	Sweden

INCOMING EXHIBITIONS/ARTISTS HOSTED IN INDIA

S.No.	Period	Name of Exhibition	Place
1.	June, 2016	Exhibition of Bundelkhand Vikas Parishad	Delhi
2.	August, 2016	Exhibition 'Save Girl Child' by Shri Madhusudan Das	Delhi
3-4.	September, 2016	Photo Exhibition display during the occasion of the 25 th Anniversary of Armenia's Independence	Delhi
		Painting and Sculpture exhibition by Ms. Ameeta Kumar	Delhi
5-6.	October, 2016	Exhibition of 'Tripti – Women Empowerment & Children'	Delhi
		Exhibition 'India in Heart : Bhagad Gita & Tagore' by Dr. Tatjana Buzanovic from Montenegro	Delhi Kolkata
7.	November, 2016	Painting Exhibition of Ms. Navpreet Kaur	Delhi
8-11.	January, 2017	Support extend (accommodation) for the visit of Iranian Craft persons during their visit to Delhi for the Crafts Interaction between Iranian and Indian Craft persons.	Delhi
		Local hospitality extended to the visit of 29-member painting artists from Vietnam in connection with the 45 th anniversary of Indo-Vietnam Diplomatic Relations	Delhi Kolkata (ICCR Art Gallery)
		Painting Exhibition by Ms. Alpana Rathi at Azad Bhavan Art Gallery	Delhi
		Painting Exhibition by Ms. Shanti Kushwaha at Azad Bhavan Art Gallery	Delhi
12-14.	February, 2017	Visit of 4 Belarusian painters for doing onsite paintings on India to display it in Minsk during the celebrations of the establishment of 25 th Anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Belarus	Delhi Agra Kochi Mumbai Aurangabad
		Painting Exhibition of Ms. Nirmala Singh	Delhi
		Exhibition of the organization Chhandey Chhandep Balisahar	Delhi
15.	February / March, 2017	Painting Exhibition of Ms. Halyna Chaudhary	Delhi
16-18.	March, 2017	Painting Exhibition of Shri Gyanendra Kumar	Delhi
		Exhibition 'Women on Wings – An Art Exhibition of Women Artist' curated by Shri Kumar Vikas Saxena	Delhi
		Painting Exhibition of Ms. Elina Nischal	Delhi

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