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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. 19200.00 lacs as Grant-in-Aid for the Financial Year 2015-16, from the Ministry of External Affairs. Also, a sum of Rs.6115.38 lacs was received from other agencies and Rs.436.83 lacs as Miscellaneous receipts from other sources. The Expenditure incurred by the Council (including Agencies) during the F/y 2015-16 was Rs.26153.13 lacs*.

* Subject to reconciliation and audit by CAG

2. Highlights of the Year 2015-2016

- Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has instituted three awards ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award, ICCR Distinguished Alumni Award and ICCR World Sanskrit Award in 2015.
- On the occasion of 1st International Yoga Day on June 21, 2015, Council deputed 30 India based Yoga Teachers to various countries to impart knowledge of Yoga and also published a special issue on its Hindi Journal “Gagananchal”.
- During India-Africa Forum Summit, Council organized a gala cultural evening in honour of Heads of States from African countries hosted by Hon'ble President of India on 24 October 2015 at Rashtrapati Bhavan. A special choreography of more than 100 artists from India and six groups from African countries presented cultural show. These groups also presented public performance at Nehru Park, New Delhi and also in Guwahati and Vadodara.
- Council organized “10th World Hindi Conference” in September 2015 in Bhopal, which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. On this occasion, a special issue of “Gagananchal” and a souvenir entitled “Kavya-Rasdhara” were published.
- Council hosted 53 international cultural groups in India.
- Council published a book on Father Camille Bulcke (Belgian National), Hindi Scholar, entitled “Father Camille Bulcke: Bharatiyata ke Prakash Punj”.
- ICCR had offered 3339 scholarship slots for studying in India under its various scholarship schemes. As welfare measures ICCR organized 12 summer camps during May- June 2015 and 12 winter camps during December 2015-January 2016. Council celebrated International Student Festival in November 2015 in Regional Offices as well as some of the Missions abroad.
- ICCR organized 19 conference/ seminars including “International Conference of Indologists 2015” which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhavan and International Roma

Conference 2016 which was inaugurated by Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Smt. Sushma Swaraj at ICCR, Azad Bhavan, New Delhi.

- Council sponsored the visit of 120 Indian cultural groups/ artists abroad which performed in 91 countries.
- “Namaste Russia”, a Festival of India, was inaugurated by the Hon'ble President of India along with his Russian counterpart on 10th May 2015 in Moscow.
- Council sent 18 exhibitions out of which 16 were from its own collection for display in various countries and organized the 2nd India-China Women Artists' Residency called 'Maitri-II' in Shanghai, China.
- ICCR invited distinguished dignitaries and academicians from various countries to visit India for exchange of views. It also supported research of India by some foreign experts.
- An MoU was signed on 21st June, 2015 between ICCR and ICC, Busan for the promotion of Indian Culture in the city of Busan, Republic of Korea.

3. The Activities of the Council

I. Scholarship and Welfare of International Students

The Council implements various Scholarship Schemes, both its own and on behalf of MEA for foreign students to study in India, covering various subjects at undergraduate, postgraduate, M.Phil., Ph.D. levels and Ayurveda, Unaani, Siddha and Homeopathy under AYUSH Scholarship Scheme of the Department of AYUSH.

The Council administered **3339** scholarships during 2015-16 under various schemes for foreign students to pursue undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes as well as professional courses such as Engineering, Pharmacy, Accountancy, Business Administration and Management, etc. The thrust of the scholarship programme is towards developing nations with a special focus on India's neighbours. The Council administered **24** scholarship schemes during the year; **8** from its own budget and the rest on behalf of various Territorial Divisions of Ministry of External Affairs/ other agencies, covering students from **135 countries**.

A meeting of the International Students Advisors was held on 22 March, 2016 at ICCR to discuss various problems faced by foreign students.

Camps for foreign students:

The Council organized 11 winter camps during December-January 2015-16 for benefit of the foreign students.

Besides to introduce foreign students with Indian Culture, ancient wisdom and Heritage ICCR arranged camps for the benefit of foreign students at locations like Haridwar and Rishikesh in March 2016.

“Conference on Higher Education in India for foreign students”

A conference on Higher Education in India for foreign students was organized by ICCR on 21st & 22nd March, 2016 which was inaugurated by Hon'ble HRD Ministers Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani. This conference brought together the entire higher education community of India. Several foreign Ambassadors attended the inaugural. The Themes covered during sessions of conference were – (i) Scope of Higher Education in India for Foreign Students (ii) Challenges in administering scholarship for foreign students and (iii) Foreign Students Welfare.

An updated version of handbook **“Studying in India”** was released during Conference on “Higher Education in India for Foreign Students” in March 2016 for the benefit of foreign students.

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 35 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).

An MoU was signed on 21st June, 2015 between ICCR and ICC, Busan for the promotion of Indian Culture in the city of Busan, Republic of Korea. Under the provisions of MoU signed in June 2015 with ICC Busan to run the Centre on PPP model (Public Private Partnership) ICCR deployed two India based Teachers in the disciplines of Yoga and Kathak in November, 2015.

An India-Turkmenistan Centre for Yoga and Traditional Medicine in Ashgabat was inaugurated in July, 2015 during the visit of Hon’ble Prime Minister of India. The

Council has deployed two India-based Yoga Teachers to work at the Centre. The first India-China Yoga College at the Yunnan Minzu University, Kunming, China was established in May, 2015. The Council deployed two Assistant Professors of Yoga at the College to teach as also to prepare curriculum for the Yoga courses.

The UNGA-declared 1st International Day of Yoga declared was celebrated the world over on June 21, 2015 with the record participation of 192 countries. ICCR has played the lead role for these celebrations by facilitating Yoga experts from India and locally and providing funds and Yoga material. ICCR has been facilitating permanent teaching of Yoga by teachers from India since 1990s and presently it has provided such facility in 38 countries at Indian Cultural Centres and Indian Missions/Posts there. In collaboration with the Ministry of AYUSH, the ICCR has facilitated establishment of first-ever India-China Yoga College at Yunnan Minzu University, Kunming, China in November, 2015. During the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to Turkmenistan in July, 2015, the India- Turkmenistan Centre for Traditional Medicine, Ashgabat was inaugurated and deployment of Yoga and Ayurveda experts was facilitated by ICCR and Ministry of AYUSH respectively. In response to proposals obtained by ICCR from the Indian Missions/Posts for the IDY 2016 celebrations, 12 Missions/Posts have expressed their interest to establish A YUSH Information Cell for promotion of traditional medical system of India.

Details of Cultural Centres and deployment of Teachers of Dance, Music and Yoga are given at Annexure V & V(A) respectively.

III. Chairs of Indian Studies Abroad

ICCR, in consultation with the Indian Missions abroad, has established Chairs of Indian Studies in various foreign universities. The purpose of these Chairs, apart from educating foreign students about India, is to become a nucleus around which Indian Studies could develop in academic institutions abroad. The academics/scholars deputed to these Chairs teach courses on various aspects of India and undertake other academic activities (research guidance, seminar, publications, public lectures etc.) to assist in disseminating information on India and in creating a better appreciation of various India related issues. In addition to Chairs abroad, ICCR also operates two Chairs in India i.e. SAARC Chair and Nelson Mandela Chair for which scholars from abroad are invited to

India. While African scholars are invited for the Nelson Mandela Chair which is permanently based in JNU, scholars from SAARC countries are invited for the SAARC Chair which rotates between different universities.

At present, the Council has 70 operational Chairs in abroad. Out of 70 Chairs, the Council has established 20 Chairs for Hindi language wherein 09 chairs are for Professor Level and 11 are for Teacher Level. Besides these Chairs, the Council has engaged 5 local teachers in Poland for teaching. For the year 2016-17, the Council has signed/ finalized 14 new Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) with foreign Universities to establish ICCR Chairs. Therefore, total Chairs are 84 + 5 local teachers and 5 Grants.

Presently, on the recommendation of “10 World Hindi Conference”, the Council is committed to establish 20 new Hindi Chairs for the propagation of Hindi language in abroad. In which we have finalized almost 16 proposals for establishing Hindi Chairs/ Teachers.

Details of Indian Chairs are given at Annexure VI.

IV. Conferences & Seminars

An international conference was organized during November 21 - 23, 2015 on **“International Conference of Indologists”** at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

The Council also organized an International Conference on **“International Conference on ‘Shared Heritage as New Variable in the Indo-Korean Relations: Historicising the Legend of Princess of Ayodhya and its Legacy’”** in New Delhi during July 14 - 15, 2015.

Apart from organizing seven major conferences, Council also extended support to many universities/organizations in India to organize 18 conferences and events on various relevant subjects.

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 2015- 16, Under ICCR Junior and Senior Fellowship Programme, 5 scholars (three from the UK, one from Russia and one from Czech Republic) joined different universities as ICCR Senior Fellows and 2 scholars (one from Nepal and one from Russia) joined as ICCR Junior Fellows.

A scholar from Tajikistan was awarded with ICCR Orientation Grant.

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 **33** eminent scholars to various parts of the world.

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 2015-16, the Council invited **11** eminent scholars from various countries.

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 2015-16, sixteen busts and five statues were sent abroad.

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 875.

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, 2015 – 31st March 2016, the Council sponsored 121 groups including 18 travel grants to 90 countries from 18 States of India to participate in various prestigious international festivals and events.

The Council emphasized on sponsoring talented artists, who have never been sponsored previously. The Council also emphasized on sponsoring young upcoming talented artists. Special efforts were made to sponsor cultural groups from North East Region.

The cultural groups participated in prestigious international festivals like "Singapore India Fine Arts Society (SIFA) in Singapore, "Cultural Week in Spain", Festival of Drums and Traditional Arts" in Egypt, "Harare International Festival of the Arts in Zimbabwe, " Namaste Stockholm" Festival in Sweden, Chaiti Festival" in Shanghai, " Busan International Dance Festival" in South Korea, "India@Mindil Festival in Perth, " Bali Art Jogjakarta Art Festival in Indonesia, "Days of India' in Ecuador, "Zanzibar International Film Festival" in Zanzibar, "Annual International Bharatantyaam Dance Festival in Malaysia, Jerash Festival" in Jordan, Hibiscus and Friendly North Festival in Fiji, 10th International Music Festival "Sharq Taronalari in Uzbekistan, "Silk Road Cultural Festival" in Gyeongju, South Korea, "Annual Nallur Festival" in Sri Lanka, "Namaste India" Festival in Japan, "Samaa Festival" in Egypt, "Cerventino Festival" in Mexico, "Holland India Festival" in Netherlands, "Paramsala Festival" in Sydney, "Cite de la Music" event in France, "Days of India" in Slovenia,

“Sapporo Snow Festival” in Japan, “Highland Music Festival” in Peru, “LICAF” in Zambia, “Indian Village Festival” in Singapore, “India Cultural Week” in China, “Java Jazz Festival” in Indonesia.

Ms. Kumudini Lakhia (Kathak), Shri Lokendrajeet Singh & Ms. Akhan Lakshmi Devi (Manipuri), Ms. Nandini Ghoshal (Odissi), Ms. Ananda Shankar (Contemporary Dance), Ms. Gulabi Sapera (Rajasthani Folk), Ms. Anurupa Roy (Puppet), Shri Sarathi Chatterjee (Hindustani Vocal), Ms. Jayanthi Kumaresh (Veena), Dr. Jayanta Kumar Das (Rudra Veena) and Shri Basant Kabra (Sarod), Ms. Bindu Subramaniam (Popular Music), Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt (Guitar) were a few of the eminent artistes sponsored by the Council.

Apart from this, the Council also handles Indian Cultural manifestations abroad by organizing major festivals. “Namaste Russia” was inaugurated on 10th May, 2015 in Moscow by the Hon’ble President of India along with his Russian Counterpart. A total of 5 groups participated in it. The inaugural event featured a special production by Kadamb group of Ms. Kumudini Lakhia. “60th Anniversary celebrations of Diplomatic Relations between India and Spain”, in Spain was inaugurated in January 2016 where Ms. Bindu Subramaniam gave scintillating performances. This would culminate in November 2016. A total of 08 groups will perform in it.

A Sanskrit Play “Karnabharam” by Jnan Pravah University, Varanasi, presented in Thailand on 29 June was the special feature of the current financial year activities as Sanskrit play have rarely gone abroad previously. A Ramayana play to Paris is also an important activity, the Council presented in Paris. Another Ramayana group of Shri Ram Bhartiya Kala Kendra (SBKK) visited Mauritius to present Ramayana during the International Ramayana Conference.

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 2015-16, 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

6th Edition of World Flute Festival 2015

The Council supported Krishna Prerna Charitable Trust, New Delhi to organize 6th edition of World Flute Festival in which groups from Hungary, Lithuania, Japan, Belarus, Switzerland and Spain performed in Delhi & other cities of India from 11-13 September 2015.

9th Edition of Delhi International Arts Festival 2015

The Council collaborated with Prasiddha Foundation & FABB to organize the 9th edition of Delhi International Art Festival from 16-31 October 2015 in New Delhi. The international groups from Egypt, Taiwan, Portugal, Kyrgyzstan, Israel, Turkey, Indonesia, Mexico, China and U.K. participated in the Festival.

2nd Edition of International Folk Dance & Music Festival

The Council organized the 2nd edition of International Folk Dance & Music Festival from 16-18 October, 2015. International cultural groups from U.K., Spain, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Israel, Mauritius, Hungary and Sri Lanka performed in Delhi &

different cities of India i.e., Jammu, Bhopal, Chandigarh, Chennai, Mysore, Bangalore and Kulu (Himachal Pradesh).

ICCR organized Gala cultural event during Indo-Africa Forum Summit held in New Delhi

The Council organized a gala cultural evening in honour of Heads of States from Africa countries hosted by Hon'ble President of India on 24 October 2015 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. A special choreography of more than 100 artists from India and six groups from African countries viz. Ethiopia, Ghana, Uganda, Zambia, Egypt and Bolivia presented cultural show. The groups also presented public performance at Nehru Park, New Delhi and also in Guwahati and Vadodara.

2nd Edition of International Bhakti Festival

The Council organized 2nd edition of International Bhakti Festival from 7-9 December 2015. Apart from India, groups from Mauritius, Bangladesh and Bhutan participated.

6th Edition of International Dance & Music Festival

The Council organized the 6th edition of International Dance & Music Festival from 7-9 December 2015. Apart from India, groups from Kyrgyzstan, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Malaysia, Maldives and Vietnam performed in Delhi & different cities of India i.e., Guwahati, Kolkata, Lucknow, Allahabad, Goa, Jammu, Bhopal, Chandigarh, Faridabad and Gurgaon.

3rd Edition of World Percussion Festival

The Council collaborated with Krishna Prerna Charitable Trust, New Delhi to organize 3rd edition of World Percussion Festival from 5-6 March 2016. Apart from India, international groups from Sri Lanka, Belgium, Russia, Indonesia, Afghanistan and Italy participated.

Other Performances organized by ICCR in India

Apart from above, the Council organized performances of **29 Indian artistes/groups** out of which 11 performed under 'Horizon' series.

Detailed chart of foreign cultural groups and performances of Indian groups organized by ICCR in Delhi & other cities of India during 2015-16 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.

2. ICCR is considering requests and issue NOC for the seminars/ workshop/ cultural programmes to be organized in India by the following cultural Centres, with the approval of MEA:

- (i) British High Commission, New Delhi
- (ii) Embassy of the United States of America, New Delhi
- (iii) Italian Cultural Centre, New Delhi
- (iv) Max Mueller Bhavan, New Delhi
- (v) Fundacao Oriente –Delegation in India, Goa

3. A meeting was convened by Director General on 24th March 2016 where the following Representatives of Foreign Cultural Centres were present:

- i. Mr Rob Lynes, Country Director, British Council Division
- ii. Dr Bertrand de HARTINGH, Country Director, French Institute in India
- iii. Dr Zoltan Wilhelm, Director- Balassi Institute, Hungarian Inf. & Cul Centre
- iv. Dr Ali Dehgahi, Cultural Cousellor, Islamic Republic of Iran
- v. Dr Alessandra Bertini Malgarini, Director, Italian Embassy Cultural Centre
- vi. Mr KimKum-Pyoung, Director, Korean Cultural Centre
- vii. Mr Paulo Chaves, Dy Head of Mission, Embassy of Portugal

viii. Mr Fedor A. Rozovski, Director, Russian Centre of Science and Culture

ix. Mr Oliver Harn, Dy. Director, Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre

4. DG requested them to participate in Festivals/ Annual events of India by sending foreign cultural troupes from their respective countries. He also informed them that the local hospitality for the participants will be made by the Council while international passage to be taken care of by the sending countries.

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 2015-16, the Council hosted 23 visits of 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 2015-16, the Council organized 18 exhibitions abroad covering various subjects such as paintings, photographs and textiles.

The Council hosted 2 exhibitions from Moscow and Vietnam at the Azad Bhavan Gallery and also organized 14 exhibitions in other cities of India under its Horizon series. The Council also extended support to artists from India for the display of their exhibitions abroad.

The ICCR sponsored ten artists from India to participate at the India-China Women Artists' Residency 'Maitri' held from 24 – 30 October, 2015 at Shanghai, China. ICCR has also sponsored a 6-member delegation to Portugal to participate in the Art Residency from 28 March to 4th April, 2016.

Details of exhibitions are given at Annexure XIII.

XIV. 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 supported the publication of Ramayana in Arabic language published by 'Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage (a Govt. institution engaged in promoting culture in Abu Dhabi Emirates).

XV. Hindi and Related Activities:

- Hindi Workshop was organized at ICCR, Azad Bhavan in June, 2015
- The Council published Special Issue on Yoga of Gangnanchal Volume 38 No. 3 (May-June, 2015) on the occasion of International Yoga Day in June, 2015.
- The Council organized a meeting of Hindi Implementation Committee in July, 2015.
- The Council published a Book on Hindi Philosopher Father Kamil Bulke entitled “**Father Kamil Bulke: Bhartiyata ke Praksh Punj**” in August, 2015.
- The Council published a special issue of Gagananchal Volume 38 No. 4-5 (July-October, 2015) and a Memorial Kavya Rasdhara on the occasion of 10th Hindi World Hindi Conference in Bhopal from 10-12th September, 2015.
- The Council organized Workshop and Hindi Competition in the Council during the Hindi Pakhwada from 14-28th September 2015
- The Council in collaboration with Senior Citizen of Delhi has organized a Kavi Sammelan on 5th November 2015.
- The Council organized a Meeting of Hindi Implementation Committee in December 2015.
- The Council organized a Hasya Kavi Gosthi “**Hasya Ke Rang Kaviyon Ke Sang**” at Punjab Bhavan on 29th March, 2016.
- The Council also published Gagnachal Volume 38 No.1, 2 and 6, Volume 39 No. 1.

XVI. Library

- ICCR Library have Four major Collections i.e. Azad Collection, Africa Collection, AVR Collection, ICCR Publication Collection.
- The Council 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.
- **Procurement of books:** According to the request received from President/DG, library has to procure 22 books last year as a single purchase item. Library Book Selection Committee (constituted for Bulk/Single procurement of Books)
- **LIBSYS Software:** This is Library system Software. With the help of this software we can e-classified, e-catalogued the books, we could maintain the issue/return procedure. We prepared the Catalogue Cards and updated the documents of the Library through this system.
- **OPAC Link:** Library has a LIBSYS Software. All the books are classified and Catalogued with the help of Libsys. We have an OPAC link in Libsys with the help of this link we can search all the documents which are available in the library. After sometimes this link will connected with the NIC .com then we will search the documents in anywhere.
- **Journals/Magazines:** The library is subscribing 23 Indian /Foreign Journals and also subscribing 49 magazines in Hindi, Urdu and English languages.
- **Newspapers:** We are subscribing 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 we have approximately 7000 tapes which are to be digitized through IGNCA. In the first lot 1039 U-metric and Audio spool handed over to agency for digitizing. Out of 1039, 737 tapes are digitized satisfactory and rest of them, are in bad condition. The target of the project is to be completed by the end of March 2017.

XVII. Regional Offices

The Council's 20 Regional Offices continued to function in Bangalore, Chandigarh, Chennai, Goa, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Thiruvananthapuram, Jaipur, Pune, Varanasi, Shillong, Cuttack, Guwahati, Bhopal, Jammu, Patna, Ahmadabad and Srinagar.

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 9 State Governments and 5 Union Territories to carry out the cultural activities in the respective region jointly. ICCR also concluded a MoU with the North Eastern Council, Shillong (Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region) to project the cultural of the region in other parts of India and abroad.

Details of Regional Offices are given at Annexure XIV.

XVIII. Awards

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has instituted three awards- ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award, ICCR Distinguished Alumni Award and ICCR World Sanskrit Award in 2015:

ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award

Prof. Heinrich Freiherr Von Stietencron from Germany was selected by the Jury for the “ICCR Distinguished Indologist Award-2015”. During the International Conference of Indologists from November 21-23, 2015, Hon’ble President of India presented the first Distinguished Indologist Award at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

For 2016, the process has already been initiated for scrutinizing nominations.

ICCR Distinguished Alumni Award

The ceremony of “First Distinguished Alumni Award” was held on December 10, 2015 in New Delhi. Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon’ble Minister of External Affairs presented the award to three awardees. The three awardees for 2015 Award are - H.E. Mr. Le Luong Minh (Vietnam), Secretary General of ASEAN, H.E. Ms Zenebu Tadesse Woldetsadik (Ethiopia), Minister of Women, Children and Youth Affairs (MoWCYA) and Mrs. Milena Salvini (France), Noted Kathakali Dancer & Founder of Centre Mandapa, Paris.

ICCR World Sanskrit Award

The Jury has selected the name of awardee for “ICCR World Sanskrit Award-2015” which is yet to be conferred.

Also, for the award of the year 2016, the Jury has selected the name of awardee.

The awards of both the years i.e. 2015 and 2016 would be presented to the awardees in New Delhi this year.

XIX. Accounts

The Council received a sum of Rs. 19200.00 lacs as Grant-in-Aid for the Financial Year 2015-16, from the Ministry of External Affairs. Also, a sum of Rs.6115.38 lacs was received from other agencies and Rs.436.83 lacs as Miscellaneous receipts from other sources. The Expenditure incurred by the Council (including Agencies) during the F/y 2015-16 was Rs.26153.13 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	1280.45
2	Cultural Performances of ICCR	177.61
3	Audio-Visual Recordings, Digitization, Website Designing	0.00
4	Seminars/Symposia/Conferences/Lectures/SIS	197.16
5	International Students Divisions/Alumani Awards	2502.83
6	Exhibitions/Bust/Orientation Grant	183.49
7	Presentation of Books and Art Objects	37.96
8	Publications	35.79
9	Libraries	11.74
10	Multi Media	4.17
11	Hindi Activities	54.63
12	Festivals	7.23
13	Fellowship	25.77
14	Swami Vivekananda 150 th Anniversary Celebrations	1.28
15	Misc. (Deposits + GPF)/Okkita Memorial S/ship	27.68
Total	A	4547.79

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

B. Projects Abroad (Figs in Lacs)

S.No.	Appropriate Head	Expenditure
1	Cultural Centres Abroad	6980.84
2	Chairs/Centres of Indian Studies	1486.91
3	Grants to NGOs	245.02
Total	B	8712.77

C. Fixed Charges (Figs in Lacs)

S.No.	Appropriate Head	Expenditure
1	Meeting of GA/GB and other Committees	6.82
2	Establishment of Central and Regional Offices(Loans & advances)	1811.98
3	Office Expenses	1027.74
Total	C	2846.54

D Capital Expenditure (Figs in Lacs)

S.No.	Appropriate Head	Expenditure
1	Air conditioners/Furniture/Fixtures/Vehicles/Computers	42.75
2	Maintenance of Jinnah House	7.73
Total	D	50.48
Grand Total (A to D)		16157.58

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	5914.88	9713.86
1.	Visitors/Delegations/Scholarships		
B.	Other Govts./ Departments/Ministries		
2	Propagation of Hindi Abroad (Kendriya Hindi Sansthan)	0.00	43.78
3	Common Wealth Games	0.00	0.13
4	AYUSH Non-BIMSTEK(Health)	83.00	112.57
5	AYUSH Scholarship for Malaysia	0.00	6.14
6	OKITA Memorial Scheme	0.00	1.57
7	International Day of Yoga (2016)	117.50	117.50
8	Repairs of Haveli of Mirza Ghalib (ASI)	0.00	0.00
9	180 th Anniversary of Indian Indentured Labour in Mauritius (MOIA)	0.00	0.00
Total		6115.38	9995.55

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 2014-15 & 2015-16.

5. Future Plans of Activities of the Council during 2016-17

ICCR plans to continue on its path of expanding and further strengthening its relations and activities in the cultural arena.

- The Council is sponsoring the exhibition 'Forms of Devotion' curated by Ms. Sushma Bahl to be displayed at the prestigious venues in Madrid and Valladolid from August, 2016 to January, 2017 to coincide with the 60th Anniversary Celebrations of India-Spain diplomatic relations.
- The Council is also sponsoring the exhibitions of Shri Manish Pushkale and Ms. Jayashree Chakravarty to France for display purposes during the 'Namaste France Festival' at Asiatique Museum, Nice and Contemporary Art Museum Musee de Guethary from September, 2016 to March, 2017.
- The Council is curating a Joint Photo Exhibition highlighting the various activities and cooperation between the BRICS countries in various fields, fruits of BRICS cooperation etc. to be displayed at different cities in India during the 2nd BRICS Media Forum in September, 2016.
- Facilitation for the celebration of **International Day of Yoga, 2016** by Indian Missions abroad.
- During the period 2016-17, Council plans to organize a festival "**Namaste France**" in France and "**Festival of India**" in **Australia**. Besides, Council would celebrate 60th Birth Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between India and Spain.
- The Council plans to organize World Flute Festival, Delhi International Jazz Festival-2016 (6th edition) in September; International Ramayana Mela, Fiesta Latino Americano, Festival of Russian culture in India in October ; Egypt by the Ganga (Proposed), International Bhakti Festival, Delhi International Arts Festival (DIAF-2016), International Folk Dance and Music Festival in November; International Dance and Music Festival in January; International Sufi Festival, International Qawwali Festival, World Percussion Festival, Delhi International Jazz Festival – 2017 (7th edition).
- Under Distinguished Visitors Programme 2016-17, the Council plans to host some 12-14 eminent personalities of the world.

- Council is planning to organize the conferences i.e. Chinggis Khan, his Legacy and Indian Culture, Ulaanbaatar, last week of September, 2016, International Conference of Indologists 2016, Shenzhen University, October 21 – 23, 2016, Remembering Bedil: Indo-Tajik Cultural Links and Heritage, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, September 2016, Theory of Shunya, New Delhi, December 2016, Contemporary Creation in the Indian Performing Arts, Paris, November 15-16, 2016, Indo-Chinese Cultural Relations through Buddhist Path of Transcendence, Shanghai, China, December, 2016 and International Conference on HE Kushok Bakula, Leh, October, 2016
- New Indian Cultural Centres in Washington, Paris and Hanoi are likely to start functioning in the current financial year in addition to existing 36 cultural Centres. Apart from regular deployment of Teachers of Indian dance, music and Yoga in ICCs abroad, the Council will deploy Teachers in the coming months in Indian Missions/ Posts abroad to conduct regular classes in their respective disciplines. Requests from our Missions in Tunisia, Seychelles, Poland and Germany have already been received in the Council. Yoga promotional events including celebration of IDY 2016 will be organized with Ministry of AYUSH.

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Annexure – IV

DETAILS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

Sl.	Name of the Scholarship Scheme	Slot	Utilization	Courses
1	General Cultural Scholarship Scheme	499	270	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	61	UG, PG, M Phil, Ph.D. courses
3	Scholarships for students from Commonwealth Countries (ICCR's commonwealth Scholarship Plan)	26	1	UG, PG, M Phil, Ph.D. courses
4	Special Scholarship Scheme for Mauritian nationals (TC Division)	3	2	Post Graduate Medical Courses at BHU, Varanasi
5	Scholarship Scheme for Training in Indian Music and Dance (ICCR Scholarship Scheme)	100	57	Dance, Music, Yoga/Art Courses
6	Global Studies Programme	8	-	Post Graduate Courses
7	Scholarship Scheme for Bangladeshi Nationals – Bangladesh Scholarship Scheme	100	85	UG, PG, Ph.D./Post Doctoral
8	Scholarship Scheme for Sri Lankan Nationals – Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme	60	43	UG, PG Courses
9	Scholarship for students from SAARC Countries – SAARC Scholarship Scheme	14	-	UG, PG, PH.D. Courses
10	Scholarships for students from African Countries – Africa Scholarship Scheme	900	527	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	23	UG, PG, M Phil, Ph.D. courses
12	Scholarships for Afghan nationals – Afghan Scholarship Scheme	1000	978	UG, PG Courses
13	Scholarship for Nepalese nationals (also known as Silver Jubilee Scholarship Scheme)	64	29	PG, M Phil, Ph.D. Courses
14	Scholarships for Mongolian nationals – Aid to Mongolia Scholarship Scheme	20	3	UG, PG, Ph.D. Courses
15	Scholarships for Bhutanese nationals – Aid to Bhutan Scholarship Scheme	20	19	Under Graduate (only Engg Courses)
16	Scholarships for Maldivian nationals – Aid to Maldives Scholarship Scheme	20	7	Under Graduate Courses
17	Scholarships to Bangladeshi nationals – India Scholarship (Bangladesh) Scheme	100	77	UG, PG, Ph.D (General Courses excluding Engineering)
Scholarship for Sri Lankan Nationals:				
18	Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme	60	42	Only UG Courses
19	Maulana Azad Scholarship Scheme	50	11	Master Degree in Agriculture Science & Engg Courses
20	Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship Scheme	25	25	For study in the field of IT (BE/B.Tech Courses)
21	Pacific Island	-	-	UG, PG Courses
22	Scholarship for students from IOR - ARC Countries (IOR-ARC Scholarship Scheme) not valid 2014 onwards	-	-	Post Graduate/Ph.D. Courses
23	Ayush Scholarships to study Indian Traditional Medicine Systems such as Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy (available for students from all Countries, though priority is given to those from BIMSTEC Countries)	50	47	Undergraduate/Post Graduate /Ph.D. Courses in Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha, Yoga
24	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			Undergraduate/Post Graduate /Ph.D. Courses in Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha, Yoga
25	AYUSH Scholarships to study Indian Traditional Medicine Systems such as Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy (for Malaysian nationals)	20	1	Undergraduate/Post Graduate /Ph.D. Courses in Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Unani, Siddha, Yoga
	Total	3339	2308	

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

Sub-Centres

- 1 Indian Cultural Centre Bali, Indonesia

**List of Missions Provided all Yoga Teachers
as Resource Person on long-term basis**

S. No	Country	Name of Yoga Teacher
1	Rajshahi	Mr. Raghvendra Kr Sharma
2	Hanoi	Mr. Selvarasu
3	Busan	Mr. C.G. Shinde
4	Busan	Mr. Govind Gangani
5	Ashgabat	Mr. Sanjeevi Kumar
6	Ashgabat	Ms. Meenakshi Jyothi
7	Kunming, China	Mr. Yatendra Dutt Amoli
8	Kunming, China	Ms. Subbu Lakshmi
9	Bogota	Mr. A.S. Deshpande
10	Birgunj	Mr. Ravishankar M. Pandey
11	St. Petersburg	Mr. Mahendra Parihar
12	St. Petersburg	Mr. Vivek S. Tiwari
13	Windhoek	Mr. Sandeep S. Wankhade
14	Accra	Mr. Shailendra Kr. Dubey
15	Lima	Dr. Aayam Gupta
16	Beirut	Sh. Ajay Kumar Singh
17	Bishkek	Ms. Sakshi Kumar
18	Belgrade	Ms. Reema Johri

CHAIRS OF INDIAN STUDIES ABROAD

Sr. No.	Country	University/Institute	City	Subject
1.	Australia	University of Technology	Sydney	Contemporary Indian Studies
2.	Austria	University of Vienna	Vienna	Contemporary Indian Studies
3.	Bangladesh	University of Dhaka	Dhaka	Tagore Studies
4.	Belgium	State University of Ghent	Ghent	Hindi
5.	Belgium	University of Leuven	Leuven	Contemporary Indian Studies
6.	Brazil	Getulio Vargas Foundation	Brasilia	Contemporary Indian Studies
7.	Bulgaria	Sofia University	Sofia	Hindi
8.	Cambodia	Preah Sihanouk Raja Buddhist University	Phnom Penh	Sanskrit & Buddhist Studies
9.	Canada	Carleton University	Ottawa	Humanities & Social Sciences/ Contemporary Indian Studies
10.	China	Peking University	Beijing	Hindi
11.	China	Shenzhen University	Guangzhou	Indian Studies
12.	China	Fudan University	Shanghai	Indian Studies
13.	China	Jinan University	Guangzhou	Indian Studies
14.	Croatia	University of Zagreb	Zagreb	Hindi
15.	Denmark	Aarhus University	Copenhagen	Contemporary Indian Studies
16.	Fiji	Fiji National University	Suva	Indian Cinema/Film Studies
17.	France	Sciences Po	Paris	Contemporary Indian Studies
18.	Germany	Leipzig Graduate School of Management	Leipzig	Corporate Governance & Responsibility
19.	Germany	Heidelberg University	Heidelberg	Indian Philosophy & Intellectual History
20.	Germany	Humboldt University	Berlin	Contemporary Indian

				Studies
21.	Germany	Freie University	Berlin	Contemporary India Studies
22.	Germany	Leibniz University of Hanover	Hanover	Contemporary Indian Studies
23.	Germany	University of Tuebingen	Tuebingen	Traditional Indian Theatre
24.	Germany	University of Gottingen	Gottingen	Bengali Literature & Culture
25.	Hungary	ELTE University	Budapest	Hindi
26.	Indonesia	Mahendradatta University	Bali	Sanskrit
27.	Indonesia	Gadja Madah University	Jakarta	Contemporary Indian Studies
28.	Ireland	Dublin City University	Dublin	Indian Studies
29.	Italy	La Sapienza University of Rome	Rome	Modern Indian History
30.	Israel	Tel Aviv University	Tel Aviv	Indian Studies
31.	Japan	University of Tokyo	Tokyo	Humanities & Social Sciences
32.	Japan	Ryukoku University	Kyoto	Humanities & Social Sciences
33.	Lithuania	Mykolas Romeris University	Vilnius	Indian Studies
34.	Mauritius	Mahatma Gandhi Institute	Moka	Sanskrit & Indian Philosophy
35.	Nepal	Tribhuvan University	Kathmandu	Political Science & International Relations
36.	Nepal	Pokhara University	Pokhara	Business Studies
37.	Netherlands	Leiden University	Leiden	Contemporary Indian Studies
38.	New Zealand	Victoria University of Wellington	Wellington	International Relations & Indian Foreign Policy
39.	Nigeria	Lagos Business School	Abuja	Indian Financial Management
40.	Poland	Warsaw University	Warsaw	Hindi
41.	Poland	Warsaw University	Warsaw	Tamil
42.	Poland	Jagiellonian University	Krakow	Tamil

43.	Republic of Korea	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies	Seoul	Indian Studies
44.	Russia	Russian State University of Humanities	Moscow	Contemporary Indian Studies
45.	Singapore	National University of Singapore	Singapore	Indian Studies
46.	Spain	Valladolid University	Valladolid	Hindi
47.	Sweden	University of Gothenburg	Gothenburg	Contemporary Indian Studies
48.	Sweden	Uppsala University	Uppsala	Contemporary Indian Studies
49.	Switzerland	University of Lausanne	Lausanne	Hindi
50.	Taiwan	National Cheng Chi University	Taipei	Indian Studies
51.	Thailand	Silpakorn University	Bangkok	Sanskrit
52.	Trinidad & Tobago	University of West Indies	Port of Spain	Contemporary Indian Studies
53.	Turkey	Ankara University	Ankara	Hindi
54.	UK	King's College	London	Indian Studies
55.	UK	Edinburgh Napier University	Edinburgh	Tagore Studies
56.	UK	University of Edinburgh	Edinburgh	Contemporary Indian Studies
57.	USA	James Madison University	Harrisonburg	Indian Studies
58.	USA	Georgetown University, Washington DC	Washington DC	Indian Society & Culture
59.	Uzbekistan	University of World Economy & Diplomacy	Tashkent	International Relations
60.	Vietnam	University of Social Sciences & Humanities	Ho Chi Minh City	Contemporary Indian Studies
61.	India #	Jawaharlal Nehru University	New Delhi	Nelson Mandela Chair of African Studies
62.	India #	Indian Agricultural Research Institute	New Delhi	SAARC Chair
63.	Sri Lanka #	University of Colombo	Colombo	Contemporary Indian Studies
64.	Trinidad & Tobago **	University of West Indies	Port of Spain	Hindi

65.	Hungary †	ELTE University	Budapest	Tagore Research Fellowship
66.	Russia †	Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences	Moscow	Mahatma Gandhi Chair
67.	UK †	Sanskrit@St. James	London	Promotion of Sanskrit & CIE Sanskrit Exams
68.	USA †	Carnegie Endowment for International Peace	Washington DC	India Component of South Asia Programme

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SCHOOL LEVEL HINDI TEACHER POSITIONS

Sr. No.	Country	University/Institute	City
1.	Armenia	Yerevan State Linguistic University	Yerevan
2.	Bangladesh	Indira Gandhi Indian Cultural Centre	Dhaka
3.	China	Guangdong University of Foreign Studies	Guangdong
4.	China	Shanghai International Studies University	Shanghai
5.	Russia	Jawaharlal Nehru Cultural Centre	Moscow
6.	Sri Lanka	Indian Cultural Centre	Colombo
7.	Surinam	Indian Cultural Centre	Paramaribo
8.	Turkmenistan	Turkmen National Institute of World Languages	Ashgabat
9.	Thailand	Pridi Banomyong International College, Thammasat University	Bangkok

**CONFERENCE & SEMINAR
(April 2015-March 2016)**

Organized the following International conferences/ seminars (7 in total):

1. International Conference on ‘Shared Heritage as New Variable in the Indo-Korean Relations: Historicising the Legend of Princess of Ayodhya and its Legacy’: An international seminar on the topic, ‘Shared Heritage as New Variable in the Indo-Korean Relations: Historicising the Legend of Princess of Ayodhya and its Legacy’ was organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in collaboration with the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi, from 14 to 15 July, 2015. The two-day seminar organized at IIC, New Delhi, was attended by seven delegates from Korea (RoK) and nine from India.

2. Bhagavad Gita and its Contemporary Relevance: A two day conference on ‘Bhagavad Gita and its Contemporary Relevance’ was organized at Nehru Centre, London, from 24 – 25 September, 2015.

3. Rishi Sufi Traditions of Kashmir: ICCR organized a 3 days International conference on Rishi-Sufi traditions of Kashmir, in collaboration with Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir and J& K Academy of Art, Culture & Languages from October 25-27, 2015 at Gandhi Bhawan, University of Kashmir. The conference was inaugurated by the Shri N. N. Vohra, Hon’ble Governor, Jammu & Kashmir.

4. Sanskrit and Indological Studies in India, Russia and Neighboring Countries: Past, Present and Future: ICCR in collaboration with Russian State University for the Humanities (RSUH) organized an international conference in Moscow from October 28-29, 2015. H.E. P.S. Raghavan, Ambassador of India to Russia inaugurated the conference on October 27, 2015 which was also attended by Prof. E.I. Pivovarov, Rector RSUH. The conference had participation of 6 scholars from India, 4 scholars from Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan and 11 scholars from various cities of Russia.

5. International Conference of Indologists – 2015: A three-day International Conference of Indologists – 2015 was organized at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi from 21 – 23, November 2015. Twenty one participants from abroad and seven Indian participants attended the Conference which was inaugurated by Honourable President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee. The inaugural function held in prestigious Durbar Hall of the Rashtrapati Bhavan, was also attended by Honourable Minister for External Affairs, Smt. Sushma Swaraj, President, ICCR, Prof. Lokesh Chandra, Former President, ICCR, Dr. Karan Singh, officials from Embassies and High Commissions of different countries, besides scholars and academicians of repute.

In the inauguration ceremony, first Distinguished Indologist Award was presented to eminent German Indologist, Prof. Heinrich Freiherr Von Stietencron by the Honourable President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee.

6. International Seminar on ‘Indo-Vietnam Cultural relations: Retrospect and Prospects’ was held at ICCR, Azad Bhavan, New Delhi – 2, from February, 20 – 21, 2016

7. International Roma Conference and Cultural Festival was organized in collaboration with Indian Council for International Cooperation at ICCR, Azad Bhavan, New Delhi – 2, from February 12 – 14, 2016

Sponsored the following Conferences and Seminars (18 in total):

1. Financial assistance to Institute of Asian Studies, Chennai for organizing a seminar on Bodhidharma in Chennai, from 13 – 14 August, 2015
2. Assistance to our Mission in Cambodia for organizing an international conference on ‘Indo-Cambodian relations through Buddhism’.
3. Collaborated with Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla in organising an International conference on Soft power, ‘The Many Forms of Soft Power: India and the World’ during September 14-16, 2015.
4. Financial Assistance to Centre for Human values and Ethics, guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University for the International Conference on “Identity Assertions and Conflicts in South Asia” during November 2-4, 2015.
5. Financial Assistance to given to Kalinga Lanka Foundation for organizing a seminar on ‘Exploring Socio-Economic Linkages Between Eastern India and Sri Lanka to Expedite Strategic Partnership’, held in Bhubaneswar, from 6 – 7 November. 2015
6. Provided financial assistance to Rock Art Society of India for organizing International Conference on ‘Buddhist Monasteries of South Asia & China’, held from December 7 – 9, 2015.
7. Seminar on ‘Indian Wisdom: Panchatantra-Kalilah wa Dimnah; Tradition, History and Culture’ , organized by Deptt. of Arabic, University of Delhi, from January 27 – 29, 2016
8. Proposal for financial assistance from IGNOU for organizing an international seminar on ‘Ethnicity and Development in South Asia: Issues and Challenges’, from 21 – 22 January, 2016
9. Seminar on ‘Indian Values in Asia’, Vietnam, sponsored the translation and publication of the proceedings
10. Supported a seminar on ‘Maulana Abul Kalam Azad: Vision and Relevance’ organized by Maulana Azad Academy at Azad Bhawan, 26 - 27 March, 2016
11. Seminar on ‘Acculturation: Religion, Society and Language in Shivaji College, DU, held from February 17 – 18, 2016

12. Supported FOSWAI SAARC Festival of Literature, February 2016, held in New Delhi
13. International conference on 'Gandhi and the Contemporary World' from Gandhi Study Circle, Dr. Zakir Hussain College, University of Delhi, from February 24 – 25, 2016.
14. Supported Depart. Of Persian, DU for organizing an international conference on Indo-Persian culture
15. Supported Savitribai Phule Pune University for organizing a conference on 'Buddhist Narratives: In loving memory of the Late Prof. Michael Hahn'
16. International Seminar on 'Evolving Geopolitics in the Indian Ocean', organized by Society for Indian Ocean Studies, New Delhi, from March 18 – 19, 2016
17. Supported organizing a conference on 'In the Mirror of Dharma: Indian Culture (Bhartiyata) through the Ages' in Bulgaria, from February 29-March 1, 2016
18. National Seminar on 'Contemporary Trends in Modern Arabic Literature', held in JNU, March 28 – 29, 2016

Annexure-VIII**OUTGOING VISITORS (OVP) – 2015-16**

<u>S. No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Name of the visitor</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
1.	USA	Prof. Nivedita Menon, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	1 - 10 April, 2015	Participate in the ICCR Indo-American lecture at the University of California, Berkeley at San Francisco
2-3.	Canada	(i) Dr. Harish Chander Narang, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and (ii) Ms. Geetanjali Shree, Hindi Writer from Paris for the sector Paris/Toronto/Delhi	15 – 17 May, 2015	Participate in the Festival of Literature and the Arts (FSALA) Toronto
4.	Thailand	Dr. Biswajit Mohapatra, Asstt. Professor, North Eastern Hill University, NEHU, Shillong.	3 – 5 August, 2015	Participate in the International conference on ASEAN Studies 2 Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok
5-6.	U. K.	(i) Prof. Syed Saif Mahmood from Delhi and (ii) Prof. Syed Khalid Qadri from Hyderabad	21 – 23 August, 2015	Participate in the 3 rd Seminar in the series, 'Ghalib Rediscovered', in the light of recent findings on his life and works
7-11.	Bhutan	(i) Shri Arunesh Kumar Mani (ii) Shri Arvind Kumar Gupta (iii) Shri Devkant Pandey (iv) Shri Manoj Kumar Singh and (v) Shri Ajit Dubey	19 – 22 August, 2015	Participate in Antarashtriya Bhojpuri Mahotsav in Mauritius
12.	U. K.	Shri Tarlocha Singh, Member of Parliament from Haryana	17 – 26 October, 2015	Participate in Tongues on Fire Limited – London Asian Film Festival as a speaker
13–16	U.K.	Mrs. Anita Sharma, (ii) Ms. Suman Dubey, (iii) Shri Rajesh Jain and (iv) Shri Pratap Fauzdar	18 – 29 November, 2015	Participate in the 'Virat Hindi Kavi Sammelan' being organized at different venues in the U.K.
17.	Mauritius	Prof. S. M. Anwar Alam, Centre of Indian Languages, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	25 – 29 November, 2015	Participate in the World Urdu Conference in Mauritius, organized by Urdu Speaking Union with support of High Commission of India, Mauritius
18.	Sri Lanka	Ms. Lamneivah Sittlou, Ph. D. Scholar of Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies,	11 – 15 December, 2015	To attend as a delegate to the 5 th South Asian Youth Conference in Colombo

		Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi		
19.	Japan	Dr. Reba Som, Senior Fellow, ICCR	12 – 13 December, 2015	To participation in the Fourth International congress of Bengal Studies 2015 in Tokyo
20.	France	Dr. Raj S. Dhankar, Vice- Chancellor, Ansal University, Gurgaon, Haryana	14 – 15 December, 2015	To attending 'Paris Financial Management Conference – 2015' in Paris, France
21.	USA	Prof. Indra Nath Choudhury, 183 Tagore Park, Delhi	16 – 19 December, 2015	To attending a Conference on "Relearning to be Human for Global Times: Challenges and Opportunities" at Boston College, USA
22.	Germany	Dr. Anurag Sharma, Lecturer in English, Govt. College, Kekri, Ajmer (Rajasthan)	3 – 6 February, 2016	To attending Suva Conference "Sowing the Roots: The poetry of Satendra Nandan" at University of South Pacific, Suva.
23.	Germany	Shri Saurav Agarwal, KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	14 – 19 March, 2016	To attending World Business Dialogue to be held in Cologne, Germany
24.	Morocco	Dr. Mamta G. Sagar, Poet/Playwright, Translator and academic from Bangalore	17 – 25 March, 2016	To participation in the 4 th edition of Safi International Forum of Poetry and international seminar 'Poetry and Translation' at Safi (Casablanca)

Academic Visitors Programme (AVP)

The Council invited the following Eminent Academicians since 1st April, 2015:

1. Prof. (Ms.) Danuta Stasik, Director of Indology Department, University of Warsaw, Poland visited India under ICCR AVP from 7 – 16 September, 2015.
2. Dr. Carlos Juan Moneta, UNTREF University, Argentina visited India from 20 – 29 September, 2015.
3. Prof. (Ms.) Ida Rochani, Professor of Cultural Sciences, University of Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta (Indonesia) visited India from 15 – 24 October, 2015.
4. Prof. Josephat Stephen Itika, Acting Vice-Chancellor, Mzube University of Tanzania visited India from 27th October to 4th November, 2015.
5. Dr. (Ms.) Laura G. Yerekeshava, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Central & South Asian Studies, Institute of Oriental Studies, Al-Farabi University, Almaty visited major universities in Delhi and Bangaluru from 1-10 December 2015.
6. Dr. Mario Kozah, Assistant Professor in the Centre for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES), Islamic Studies at the American University of Lebanon visited India from January 14 – 21, 2016
7. Dr. Michael Zimmermann, Department for Indian and Tibetan Studies, Head of Department Numata Center for Buddhist Studies, University of Hamburg visited from Feb 21 – 29, 2016
8. Prof. Domenico Amirante, Professor of Italian and Comparative Public Law, Faculty of Political Studies, University of Naples II visited India Feb 28 to March 8, 2016
9. Dr. Lenart Skof, Distinguished Slovenian Professor of Philosophy, University of Primorska, Slovenia, visited from March 9 – 18, 2016
10. Dr. Aruna Gopinath, an eminent historian, academician, scholar and Bharatnatyam dancer, visited from March 16 – 25, 2016
11. Dasho Rinzin Rinzin, Former Member of National Council of Bhutan, the Parliament of Bhutan, Thimphu, Bhutan and Member of Parliament (Senator); chairperson, Environment and Natural Resources Committee of Bhutan, visited India from March 27 – April 6, 2016

Bust/ Statue

(April 2015 to March 2016)

- i. 5 statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Kyrgyzstan, Netherland, Haiti, Mongolia, San Francisco
- ii. 5 bust of Mahatma Gandhi at Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, to 1 each bust of Tagore to Tajikistan, Argentina, Sri Lanka,
- iii. 1 bust each of B R Ambedkar to Australia, Azerbaijan, Hungary,
- iv. 1 bust each of Lal Bahadur Shastri to Uzbekistan, Dr. Abul Kalam Azad to Sri Lanka, Aryabhatta to France, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose to Singapore and Malaysia.

OUTGOING CULTURAL DELEGATIONS**April 2015 – March 2016**

S.No.	Country	Name of the group	Dates	Purpose	Remarks
1.	France	09 travel grants to Kathakali group of Kalamandalam Balasubramanian, Kerala	01-07 April, 2015	For participation at the Kathakali nightlong performance being organized by the Centre Mandapa, France	
2.	Singapore	23 Travel grants to Kalakshetra group of Ms. Priyadarshini Govind, Tamil Nadu	10-13 April, 2015	To participate at the Annual Festival of Singapore India Fine Arts Society (SIFA)	
3.	France	02 travel grants to Shri Kaushik Bhattacharya, West Bengal	10-15 April, 2015	To give cultural performances at the invitation of Ganapati Association, Bordeaux, France	
4.	Cambodia	10-member Madhya Pradesh Folk group "Nepanagar Jagrity Kala Kendra" led by Shri Mukesh Darbar, Madhya Pradesh	12 – 17 April, 2015	To participate in the International Youth Cultural Festival and the Annual Angkor Sankranta in Cambodia	
5.	Spain (15-20 April) Serbia (20 – 23 April)	03-member Rudra Veena group led by Dr. Jayanta Kumar Das, West Bengal	15 – 23 April, 2015	For participation at the " Cultural Week" in Spain and to give cultural performances in Serbia	

6.	Singapore	10-member Theatre group of Amritsar Natak Kala Kendra led by Dr. Areet Kaur, Punjab	17-19 April, 2015	For participation at the Annual Baishakhi Mela in Singapore	
7.	Egypt (17 – 25 April) Tunisia (26 – 29 April) UAE (29 April – 2 May) Kuwait (2 – 6 May)	11-member Bhangra group “Lok Rang Cultural Club” led by Shri Sandeep Kumar Kheeva, Punjab	17 April – 06 May, 2015	For participation at the International Festival of Drums and Traditional Arts in Cairo and to give cultural performances in other countries	
8.	Bhutan	04-member Rock Band group “Sifar” led by Shri Amit Yadav, Delhi	17 – 20 April, 2015	To perform during the celebrations of the Dantak Raising Day Celebrations	
9.	Mauritius	10 travel grants to All India Deaf arts and Cultural Society, Madhya Pradesh	23 – 29 April, 2015	To give cultural performances at the invitation of Federation of Disabled People’s Organization, Mauritius	
10.	Seychelles (24-28 April) Zimbabwe(28 April-4 May) Kenya(4 – 8 May)	12-member Gujarati folk group “Shree Vasuki Sanskruti” led by Shri Yogesh Prabhudas Patdiya, Gujarat	24 April – 08 May, 2015	For participation at the Harare International Festival of the Arts (HIFA) at Harare	
11.	Singapore	08-member Panchavadyam group led by Shri Balussery Krisnadas, Kerala	30 April-11 May, 2015	To perform for the opening of the Indian Heritage Centre (IHC) in Singapore	
12.	Russia	24-member Kathak group of KADAMB led by Ms. Kumudini Lakhia, Gujarat	09-13 May, 2015	To perform at the “Namaste Russia” Festival	

13.	China (Shanghai)	05-member Rajasthani Music group led by Shri Yaar Mohd. Delhi	15 – 17 May, 2015	To give cultural performance to coincide with the VVIP visit	
14.	Serbia	01 travel grant to Ms. Rachael MacBean, Director, Rahales Little Theatre, West Bengal	15-24 May, 2015	To present a paper and to participate in an International Festival in Sbotica, Serbia	
15.	Serbia	05-member Puppet Theatre group 'Katkatha' led by Ms. Anurupa Roy, Delhi	17-24 May, 2015	To participate at the 22 nd International Festival of Children's Theaters	
16.	Japan	04-member Violin group led by Shri R. Sridhar, Delhi	17 – 24 May, 2015	To participate at the Commemorative Lecture Series at Todaji Temple	
17.	UAE (18-22 May) Beirut (22 – 27 May) Algeria (27 May- 3 June)	04-member Puppet group of Nori Art and Puppetry Centre led by Ms. Ratnamala Nori, Andhra Pradesh	18 May – 03 June, 2015	To give cultural performances	
18.	Sweden	Shri Durjay Bhowmik (Tabla) x 1, Delhi	20 – 27 May, 2015	To perform at the "Namaste Stockholm" Festival	
19.	Tanzania (20 – 26 May) Uganda (26 – 28 May) South Africa (28 May – 7 June) Mauritius (8 – 10 June)	06-member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Ms. Prateeksha Kashi, Karnataka	20 May – 10 June, 2015	To participate in the Phoenix Fair in South Africa and to give cultural performances in Mauritius under CEP	
20.	Trinidad & Tobago (25 May – 04 June) Guyana (04 – 09 June)	09-member UP Folk group "Shri JiBrijMewatLok Kala ManchDeeg" led by Shri JitendraParashar, Uttar Pradesh	25 May – 09 June, 2015	To participate at the Indian Arrival Day Function	

21.	Algeria	07-member Rajasthani Folk group Led by Ms. GulabiSapera, Rajasthan	25 May – 02 June, 2015	To perform at the Algerian International Trade Fair	
22.	Sri Lanka	06-member Manipuri Dance group led by Shri Lokendrajeet Singh and Ms. Akhan Lakshmi Devi, Manipur	30 May – 07 June, 2015	To give cultural performances in Kandy, Habantota and other cities of Sri Lanka	
23.	China (7-15 June) Hong Kong (15– 17 June)	03-member Hindustani Classical Vocal group led by Shri Sarathi Chatterjee, Delhi	07 – 17 June, 2015	For participation at the Chaiti Festival in Shanghai and to give cultural performances in Hong Kong	
24.	UK (10 – 19 June) Bulgaria (19 June – 1 July) Greece (1 – 6 July)	05-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Swati Wangnoo Tiwari, Delhi	10 June – 06 July, 2015	To participate at the Glasgow Mela in UK, to perform on the occasion of International Yoga Day in Bulgaria and to participate at the “Bollywood and Multicultural Dance Festival” in Athens	
25.	South Korea (11-14) China (Guangzhou) (14-23 June)	10-member Contemporary Dance group led by Ms. Ananda Shankar, Andhra Pradesh	11- 23 June, 2015	To participate in the Busan International Dance Festival in South Korea and China to participate at the India China Yoga Festival	
26.	USA	03 Travel grants to Pt. Vikku Vinayakram (Percussion), Tamilnadu	15 – 26 June 2015	To participate at the “Eye on India” (Teamwork)	
27.	Australia (17 – 22 June) Indonesia (22- 26 June)	06-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Nandini Ghosal,	17 – 28 June, 2015	To participate in the India@Mindil Festival in Perth, to participate in the Bali Art	

	Philippines (26-28June)	West Bengal		Jogjakarta Art Festival and Borobudhur International Festival in Indonesia and to give cultural performances in Philippines	
28.	Russia	10-mmember Chhau group of National Institute of Chhau and Folk Dances led by Shri Vivek Kishore, Delhi	21-28 June, 2015	To participate in the Russian Summer Festival and International Festival of Folklore and Trade in Russia	
29.	France	04 travel grants to Ms. Prasanna Ramaswamy (Theatre), Tamilnadu	24 – 30 June, 2015	To give Dance Theatre Performances titled “Rythme of Light”	
30.	Brazil	One travel grant to Dr. Sucheta Bhide Chapekar (Bharatanatyam), Maharashtra	24 June – 18 July, 2015	To participate at the Winter Festival in Brazil	
31.	Thailand	29-member Theatre group of Jnana Pravaha University, Uttar Pradesh	27-30 June, 2015	To give cultural performance during the World Sanskrit Conference in Thailand	
32.	Japan	Kala Utsav	June, 2015	The Council provided financial support as performance fees to the Japanese artists for Indian Classical Dance performances in Japan	
33.	Germany (3-6 July) Netherlands (06-10 July) Portugal (10-14 July)	03-member Sarod group led by Shri Basant Kabra, Rajasthan	03 – 14 July, 2015	To participate at the Tanz and Folk Festival (TFF) Rudostadt 2015 in Germany and to give cultural performances in	

				Netherlands and Portugal	
34.	Ecuador (07-20 July) Colombia (20-22 July) Panama (22-25 July)	08-member Rajasthani Folk group led by Shri Bundu Khan Langa (Rajasthan)	07 – 25 July, 2015	To participate at the “Days of India” in Guayaquil (Ecuador) and to give cultural performances in Colombia and Panama	
35.	Mozambique(14-17 July) Tanzania (17 – 24 July) Uganda (24 – 26 July) Rwanda (26 – 28 July)	10-member Goan Folk group led by Shri Evaristo Cirilo Goes, Goa	14 – 28 July, 2015	To participate at the Zanzibar International Film Festival in Zanzibar (Tanzania) and to give cultural performances in Mozambique, Uganda and Rwanda	
36.	Spain	02-member Santoor group led by Shri Sandeep Chatterjee (Chattopadhyay), West Bengal	15 – 23 July, 2015	For participation at the 10 th Anniversary of the Summer Courses of the Institute of Indology	The Council pay for performance fee and DA only
37.	Bhutan	14-member Bhangra group of “Raising Star Youth Club” led by Shri Harinder Pal Singh, Punjab	16-19 July 2015	To give cultural performances	The Council paid only for performance fee
38.	Ireland (17-19 July) UK (19 -22 July) Belgium (22 – 25 July) Italy (25 – 27 July)	04-member Madras String Quartet (Carnatic Instrumental) led by Shri Narasimhan Varahakshethram Srinivasa, Tamilnadu	17 – 27 July	To perform at the South Bank Centre at the invitation of Dhruv Arts in UK and to give cultural performances in Ireland, Belgium and Italy	
39.	Thailand	12-member Gujarati group “HalarLok Kala Kendra” led by	22 – 26 July 2015	To perform during the celebrations of the 100	

		Shri Jayendrasinh Chandrasinh Jadeja, Gujarat		Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Surat Thani in the Southern Part of Thailand and Surat, Gujarat	
40.	Jordan (24 – 27 July) Palestine (27- 29 July) Egypt(29 July- 4 August) Qatar (04 – 07 August)	05-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Prachee Sudhir Shah, Maharashtra	24 July – 07 August, 2015	To participate in the Jerash Festival, Jordan and to give cultural performances in Palestine, Egypt and Qatar	
41.	Suriname (26 – 30 July) Trinidad & Tobago (30 July – 05 August)	06-member Qawwali group led by Ms. Geeta Singh, Uttar Pradesh	26 July – 05 August 2015	To give cultural performances in Trinidad & Tobago and Suriname	
42.	France	06 travel grants to Shri Santanu Das “Kalyani Kalamandalam – Theatre”, West Bengal	26 July – 31 August	To participate in the joint collaboration production with CREA (a theatre group of France) on the epic “Ramayana”	
43.	Iran	06-member Qawwali group “Majid Ikhlas Husain Qawwal Group” - led by Shri Majid Husain, Uttar Pradesh	27 -31 July 2015	To participate in Indian Cultural Week in Iran	
44.	Australia	03 travel grants to Shri Kaivalyakumar (Hindustani Vocal), Maharashtra	29 July – 12 August, 2015	To participate at the “Spirit of India” Festival at the request of Natraj Cultural Centre	
45.	Australia	03 travel grants to Ms. JayanthiKumares h (Veena),	29 July – 08 August, 2015	To participate at the “Spirit of India” Festival at the request of	

		Karnataka		Natraj Cultural Centre	
46.	Mauritius (30 July – 04 August) Reunion Island (05-08 August) South Africa (08-14 August)	06-member Qawwali group “NizamiKhusroBaidu” led by Shri SaqlainNizami, Delhi	30 July – 14 August 2015	To give cultural performances in Mauritius and also in the region	
47.	Malaysia	06-member Bharatanatyam Dance group “Ellora-Centre for Performing Arts” led by Ms. Rema Shrikant, Gujarat	30 July – 04 August, 2015	To participate in the Annual Bharatanatyam Dance Festival	
48.	Sri Lanka	06-member Tabla (Percussion) group led by Pt. Subhen Chatterjee, West Bengal	10 – 15 August 2015	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Independence Day celebrations	
49.	Maldives	07-member Qawwali group led by Shri Haji Mohd Idris, Delhi	13 – 16 August 2015	To participate at the 50 th Anniversary celebrations of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between India – Maldives	
50.	Nepal	08-member Qawwali group led by Ms. Urmila Devi (ChanchalBharati), New Delhi	13- 15August 2015	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Independence Day celebrations	
51.	Bhutan	06-member Band group “North East Breeze” led by Shri RupamBhuyan, Assam	13-23 August 2015	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Independence Day celebration and Mountain Echos Festival	

52.	Russia	28-member Bollywood group led by Shri Sanjay Roy, Delhi	14 – 18 August, 2015	To give cultural performance at the “Namaste” Festival	
53.	Lao PDR (14 – 18 August) Fiji (18 – 27 August) Nauru (27 -30 August)	12-member Bollywood group “Ms. PenazMasani& Planets” led by Ms. PenazDoliMasani, Maharashtra	14-30 August 2015	To participate in the Hibiscus and Friendly North Festival in Fiji and to give cultural performance in the region	
54.	Mauritius	25-member Ramayana group of Shriram Bharatia Kala Kendra “SBKK” led by Shri Sharda Prasad Mishra, Delhi	20 -25 August 2015	To participate at the Ramayana Conference being organized by Ramayana Centre, Mauritius	
55.	Spain	03 Travel grants (i) Shri Subrata De (Sitar), Haryana (ii) Shri Nakul Prasad Mishra (Tabla), Gujarat (iii) Shri Khete Khan (Rajasthani folk), Rajasthan	22 August – 06 October 2015	To participate at the Flamenco India Project	
56.	Uzbekistan	05-member Light Classical Vocal group led by Shri Vajahat Hussain Khan, Maharashtra	25 – 31 August 2015	To participate at the 10 th International Music Festival “Sharq Taronalari”	
57.	Germany (27 – 30 August) Serbia (30 August – 04 September)	05-member Tabla Percussion group led by Shri Sadanand Naimpalli, Maharashtra	27 August – 04 September 2015	To perform at the Golden Jubilee of celebrations of Bharat Verein in Frankfurt and to give cultural performances in Serbia	

58.	Thailand	06-member Bhojpuri music group led by Shri Rakesh Chandra Srivastava, Uttar Pradesh	28 August – 07 September 2015	To give cultural performances	
59.	South Korea	09-member Bhangra dance group “Jugni Cultural and Youth” led by Shri Davinder Singh, Punjab	29 August -7 September 2015	To participate at the Silk Road Cultural Festival in Gyeongju, South Korea	
60.	Ghana (10 – 12 September) Burkina Faso (12-17 September) Nigeria (17-21 September)	08-member Rajasthani group led by Shri Vinod Nath Sapera, Rajasthan	10 – 21 September 2015	To give cultural performances	
61.	Sri Lanka	04-member Instrumental “Veena” group led by Ms. Revathy Krishnan, Tamil Nadu	09 – 12 September 2015	To participate in the Annual Nallur Festival	
62.	Japan	12-member Gujarati folk dance group “Natraj Kala Mandir” led by Shri Vinod F. Jaroli, Gujarat	13 September – 05 October 2015	To participate at the “Namaste India” festival	
63.	Russia	05-member Fusion band group “Soulmate” led by Shri Rudolph Wallang, Meghalaya	15 – 21 September , 2015	To give cultural performance at the “Namaste” Festival	
64.	Germany Czech Republic Hungary	04 travel grants to Ms. Pramita Mallick (Rabindra Sangeet), West Bengal	17 – 27 September 2015	To present her project “The Western Traveler”	

65.	Egypt	08-member Light Classical vocal group led by Shri GurinderHarnam Singh, Delhi	17 – 27 September 2015	To participate at the Samaa Festival in Egypt	
66.	South Africa (17-21 September) Kenya (22-26 September) Tanzania (26-28 September)	10-member Lavani Dance group “Jay Ganesh Lok Kala Manch” led by Shri RajendraKeshaw Badge, Maharashtra	17 – 28 September 2015	To give cultural performances	
67.	Spain (19 -25 September) Croatia (26 – 28 September)	08-member Chhau group led by Shri Anil Panchal, Delhi	19 – 28September 2015	To give cultural performances at India en Concierto in Spain	
68.	Maldives	11-member Contemporary Dance group led by Ms. Rekha Mehra, Delhi	24 – 28 September 2015	To give cultural performances	
69.	Sweden (02-11 October) UK (11-19 October)	06-member Hindustani Vocal group led by Dr. Soma Ghosh, Maharashtra	02 – 19 October 2015	To participate in the Stockholm Sangeet Conference in Sweden and to give cultural performances in UK	
70.	Zimbabwe (06-11October) Namibia (11-14 October)	12-member Bhangra & Gidda “Preeti& Party” group led by Ms. Preeti, Delhi	06-11 October 2015	To participate in Dusshera and Diwali celebrations in Zimbabwe	
71.	Mexico (09 – 20 October) Canada (20 – 25 October)	03-member Sarod group led by Shri Debanjan Bhattacharjee, West Bengal	09 – 25 October 2015	To participate at the Cerventino Festival in Mexico and give cultural performances in Canada	
72.	Bangladesh	08-member Yakshagana group led by Shri Nagaraja Joshi, Karnataka	10 – 17 October 2015	To give performances on the occasion of Deshehera celebrations	

73.	Russia (11-15 October) Turkmenistan (15-19 October) Kyrgyzstan (19 – 21 October)	10-member Contemporary Dance group of Natya Stem Dance group led by Ms. Madhu Natraj, Karnataka	11 – 21 October, 2015	To give cultural performance at the “Namaste” Festival	
74.	Peru (13-18 October) Costa Rica (18 – 21 October)	06-member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Ms. T. Reddy Laxmi, Delhi	13 – 21 October 2015	To give cultural performances	
75.	Netherlands	05-member Kathak dance group led by Ms. Sanjukta Sinha, Gujarat	14 – 18 October 2015	To participate in the Holland India Festival	
76.	New Zealand (16-27 October) Indonesia (27 October-02 November)	10-member Lavni group “Mudra Creation” led by Ms. Sugandha V Dhulap, Maharashtra	16 October – 02 November 2015	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Diwali celebrations	
77.	New Zealand	04-member Puppet group led by Shri MahipatKavi, Gujarat	16-27 October 2015	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Diwali celebrations	
78.	Australia (Sydney 22 – 27 October) Fiji (Suva from 27 -30 October) Nauru (30 October-01 November) Nadi (01 – 03 November) Melbourne (04 – 07 November)	08-member Rajasthani “Kalbeliya” Dance group “Prakash Kala Prashikshan Sansthan” led by Shri Pooran Nath Saper, Rajasthan	22 October – 16 November 2015	To participate at the Parramasala Festival in Sydney & Festival of Lights in Melbourne and to give cultural performances in Fiji	

	Sydney (08-11 November) Perth (11-16 November)				
79.	Australia	02 travel grants to Ms. Debapriya Adhikary (Hindustani Vocal), West Bengal	23 – 25 October 2015	To participate in the Parramasala Festival in Sydney	
80.	Germany (30 October- 16 November) Hungary & Bosnia (16 – 25 November)	08-member Bhangra group led by “Punjab Cultural Society Regd.” led by Shri Ravinder Singh Ranguwal, Punjab	30 October – 25 November 2015	To participate at the Deutsch-Indische Gesellschaft (DIG) Chain Tour	
81.	Maldives	07-member Band group “Karnatriix” led by Shri John Anthony, Kerala	30 October – 01 November 2015	To participate at the 50 th Anniversary of India-Maldives Diplomatic Relations	
82.	Algeria (31 October-05 November) Kuwait (05-10 November) Sudan (10-15 November) Egypt (15-21 November)	12-member Bhangra group led by Shri Daljit Singh, Punjab	31 October – 21 November 2015	To give cultural performances	
83.	Netherlands (12-16 November) Austria (16-19 November) Croatia (19-22 November) Montenegro (22-25 November)	03-member Flute group led by Pt. Nityanandan Haldipur, Maharashtra	12 - 25 November 2015	To participate in the Holland India Festival	
84.	Vietnam (13-19 November) Philippines (19-22 November)	05-member Krosswindz Band group led by Shri Vikramjeet Singh, West Bengal	13-22 November, 2015	To give cultural performances on Diwali celebration in Vietnam and to	

				give cultural performances in Philippines	
85.	Russia (15-21 November) Georgia (22-26 November)	25-member Composite group of Folk dance & music of Bharat arts folk academy led by Ms. Mangala Bhatt, Telangana 12-member Composite group of Folk dance & music of Bharat arts folk academy led by Ms. Mangala Bhatt, Telangana	16-26 November, 2015	To give cultural performance at the "Namaste" Festival	
86.	France & Italy	Financial Support of US\$ 1000 to Ms.SanjanaTewari (Kathak), Uttar Pradesh	21 – 28 November 2015	To attend UNESCO Conference in Paris and International conference in Rome	
87.	Oman (25 November-4 December) Ethiopia & Djibouti (4-8 December)	10-member Rajasthani folk group led by Shri Thane Khan, Rajasthan	25 November -8 December 2015	To give cultural performances	
88.	Serbia (29 November – 01 December) Spain (02-07 December)	05-member Bharatnayam Dance group led by Ms. Jotsana Jaganath, Tamil Nadu	29 November – 07 December 2015	To give cultural performances	
89.	Switzerland	01 Travel grant to Pt. Ravi Shankar Mishra (Kathak), Delhi	5 – 21 December 2015	To participate at India Festival	
90.	Thailand (6-9 December) Cambodia (9-13 December)	10-member Contemporary Dance group led by Ms. Rekha Mehra, Delhi	6 – 13 December 2015	To give cultural performances in honour of King's Birthday in Chiangmai,	

				Thailand and to participate at the Sea Festival in Cambodia	
91.	Mauritius	01 Travel grant to Sayyed Moinuddin Mohammad Hussain "Naatkhw an", Maharashtra	21 December 2015 – 10 January 2016	To participate in Id Ul Fitr in Mauritius	
92.	Spain (6-15 January) Belgium (15-19 January)	06-member Popular Music group led by Ms. Bindu Subramanian, Karnataka	06 – 19 January 2016	To give cultural performances	
93.	Mauritius	06-member Bhojpuri group led by Shri Ram Darsh Sharma, Uttar Pradesh	13-19 January 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Vishwa Hindi Diwas	
94.	Germany	08-member Rajasthani group led by Shri Sikander Langa, Rajasthan	14 -25 January 2016	To give cultural performances during "Carvan, Motor & Touristik (CMT)" event	
95.	Russia	10 Travel grants to Ability Unlimited Foundation led by Shri Seyyed Salauddin Pasha, New Delhi	22- 26 January 2016	To participate at the Russian "Proteart" International Festival	
96.	Thailand	11-Travel Grants to Dr. Harish Tiwari (Hindustani Vocal), Delhi	24 January – 03 February 2016	To participate at the International Dance & Music Festival	Council paid honorarium for 01 performance and DA for 01 day to 10-members and for 03 days to Ms. Sharanya Chandra

					during VVIP visit to Thailand
97.	Maldives	05-member Light Classical group led by Ms. Nila Sinha Roy, Delhi	24-27 January 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations	
98.	Seychelles	05-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Emelee Ghosh, West Bengal	25-27 January 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations	
99.	France (25-31 January) Russia (31 January – 06 February)	08-member Rajasthani group led by Shri BhikheKha, Rajathan	25 January - 06 February 2016	To participate in Cite de la Music in France and cultural performances in Russia	
100.	UK (Edinburgh 22-25 January) Hungary (25-29 January) Austria (29-31 January) Montenegro (31 January 03 February)	03-member Santoor group led by Dr. DhananjayDaitha nkar, Maharashtra	25 -29 January 2016	To participate in the “Days of India” in Slovenia and also to give cultural performances in the region	
101.	Beirut	07-member Contemporary Dance group “Ranan” led by Shri Vikramlyenger, West Bengal	25-30 January 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations	
102.	Netherlands (25-29 January) Spain (29 Jan. – 03 February)	08-member Kathakali dance group led by Shri K.M.Nandakumar an Nair, Kerala	25-29 January 2016	To give cultural performances in Netherlands and also in the region	
103.	South Africa (25-28 January) Botswana (28 January-01 February) Tanzania (1 – 4 February)	04-member Carnatic Vocal music group led by Shri M.K. Sankaran Namaboorthi, Kerala	25 January – 04 February 2016	To participate in Republic Day celebrations in South Africa and also in the region	

104.	Egypt (25 January-02 February) Jordan (02-06 February) Israel (06-12 February)	10-member Rajasthani group led by Shri Esak Khan, Rajasthan	25 January – 12 February 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations and give cultural performances in Jordan	
105.	Nepal	06-member Light Classical music group led by Ms. Anju Goyal, Delhi	25 – 27 January 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations	
106.	Bangladesh	04-member Shahnai group led by Shri Sanjeev Shankar and Ashwani Shankar, New Delhi	25-29 January 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations	
107.	Sri Lanka	04-member Sitar group led by Shri Purbayan Chatterjee, Maharashtra	25 – 28 January 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations	
108.	Vietnam (10-14 February) Japan (14-28 February)	10-member Manipuri group led by Shri Sinam Basu Singh, Manipur	10-28 February 2016	To give cultural performances in Vietnam and to participate in Sapporo Snow Festival in Japan	
109.	Egypt (14-24 Feb.) Tunisia (24-28 Feb.)	12-member Manipuri “Huyen Lallong Manipur Thang Ta Cultural Association” Shri Mutum Ibomcha Singh, Manipur	14-28 February 2016	To participate in the Aswan International Festival for Art & Culture	
110.	Lao PDR (19-23 Feb.) Cambodia (23-26 Feb.)	05-member Manipuri Classical Dance group led by Ms. Soibam Nandita Devi, Delhi	19-26 February 2016	To participate in a cultural festival at Vat Thou, A Shiva Temple	
111.	Mauritius (1-8 March) South Africa (8-14 March)	06-member Devotional music group “Vashishth Bandhu” led by Shri Rambhadra	1- 8 March 2016	To participate in Shivratri celebrations in Mauritius and also in the	

		Sharma, Uttar Pradesh		region	
112.	Indonesia	06-member Jazz group led by Shri Joseph Alvares, Maharashtra	3 - 6 March 2016	To participate in the Java Jazz Festival in Indonesia	
113.	Serbia (7 – 12 March) Spain (12-17 March)	02-member Instrumental “Guitar” group led by Shri Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Maharashtra	7 -17 March 2016	To participate in the Guitar Art Festival (GAF) in Serbia and Spain to perform on the occasion of 60 th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between India and Spain	
114.	Trinidad & Tobago (17-22 March) Suriname (22-27 March) Guyana (27-29 March)	06-member Light Classical & Devotional music group led by Shri Shri Rajesh Pandey, Delhi	17-29 March 2016	To cultural performances on the occasion of Shivaratri celebration in Trinidad & Tobago and also in the region	
115.	Iran (29 February – 03 March) UAE (03-07 March) Kuwait (07-11 March)	07-member Qawwali Group “Taj Musical group” led by Shri Imran Khan, Uttar Pradesh	29 February - 11 March 2016	To participate in Abu Dhabi Festival, UAE and also in the region	
116.	Venezuela (04-09 March) Peru (9 – 17 March)	03-member Santoor group led by Shri Bipul Kumar Ray, Delhi	4- 17 March 2016	To participate at the Highland Music Festival	
117.	Hungary (15-18 March) Croatia (18-21 March) Serbia (21-23 March)) UK (23-29 March)	06-member Stree Shakti group led by Ms. Anuradha Pal, Maharashtra	15-28 March, 2016	To give cultural performances	
118.	Zambia (24 to 28 March 2016)	12-member Gujarati group “Dandia Raas” led	24 – 31 March 2016	To participate in LICAF at Livingstone	

	South Sudan (28 to 31 March 2016)	by Shri Sindhav Karnabhai Bhayabhai, Gujarat			
119.	Singapore	10-member Folk dance group Siddhi Dhamal led by Ms. Rumanaben Chhotubhai Shaikh Siddi, Gujarat	26 March – 03 April 2016	To participate in the Indian Village Festival	
120.	China	12-member Punjabi folk dance and music group led by Shri Subhash Goyal and Ms. Anju Goyal, Delhi	26 – 31 March 2016	To give cultural performances during India Cultural Week	
121.	Portugal	15-member Rajasthani (Kalbeliya including Bollywood) dance group led by Shri Bhikhe Kha, Rajasthan	30 March – 08 April 2016	To give cultural performances at the Conrad Algarve Exhibition	

Cultural activities of Incoming Cultural Delegation during FY-2015-16

S No.	Name of the Artists/ Delegations	Country	Period	Performance held in
1.	10-member Odissi group "Sutra Foundation" led by Mr. Ramli Ibrahim	Malaysia	10-16 June, 2015	Delhi, Kolkata & Hyderabad
2.	6th edition of World Flute Festival in collaboration with Krishna Prerna Charitable Trust from 11-13 September, 2015 at Lotus Temple, New Delhi			
(i)	Both Miklos group (Guitar)	Hungary	-	Delhi
(ii)	Mr Kestutis Vaiginis and Group (Saxophone)	Lithuania	-	Delhi
(iii)	Puncha Lama (Flute) group	Japan	-	Delhi
(iv)	Murzina Natallia (Flute)	Belarus	-	Delhi
(v)	Mrs. Priska Comploi (Flute)	Switzerland	-	Delhi
(vi)	Pedro Bonet & Belen Gonzalez group	Spain	-	Delhi
3.	2nd edition of International Folk Dance & Music Festival from 16-18 October, 2015 at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi			
i)	12-member Morris group	U.K.	16-22 October, 2015	Delhi & Jammu
ii)	Eduardo Paniagua Duo Music group	Spain	16-22 October, 2015	Delhi & Jammu
iii)	7-member Bishkek Choreogr School	Kyrgyzstan	16-20 October, 2015	Delhi & Bhopal
iv)	6-member L G Zykina Group	Russia	17-21 October, 2015	Delhi & Bhopal
v)	9-member Ensemble Gil Ron Shama group	Israel	16-18 October, 2015	Delhi
vi)	7-member Claudia Sega Club group	Mauritius	17-21 October, 2015	Delhi, Chandigarh & Chennai
vii)	4- member Meshinda Group	Hungary	18-23 October, 2015	Delhi, Mysore & Bengaluru
viii)	12-member University of Kel group	Sri Lanka	18-24 October, 2015	Delhi, Chandigarh & Dushera Festival, Kullu
4.	Delhi International Arts Festival from 16 to 31 October, 2015 at New Delhi			
i)	15-member Cultural troupe	Egypt	15 th -19 th Oct., 2015	Delhi
ii)	10-member Cultural troupe	Taiwan	15 th to 18 th Oct, 2015	Delhi
iii)	6-member Cultural troupe	Portugal	18 th - 21 st Oct, 2015	Delhi
iv)	10-member Cultural troupe	Kyrgyzstan	19 th - 20 th Oct, 2015	Delhi
v)	8-member Cultural troupe	Israel	25 th -28 th Oct, 2015	Delhi
vi)	7-member Cultural troupe	Turkey	26 th - 28 th Oct, 2015	Delhi
vii)	7-member Cultural troupe	Indonesia	25 th - 28 th Oct, 2015	Delhi
viii)	6-member Cultural troupe	Mexico	28 th - 30 th Oct, 2015	Delhi
ix)	30-member Cultural troupe	China	28 th Oct to 1 st Nov., 2015	Delhi
x)	15-member Cultural troupe	U.K.	15 th to 21 st October, 2015	Delhi

5.	India Africa Forum Summit from 24 October to 5 November, 2015 at New Delhi			
(i)	9-member Cultural troupe	Ethiopia	24 th Oct. to 4 th Nov., 2015	Delhi, Guwahati & Vadodara
ii)	10-member Cultural troupe	Ghana	24 th Oct to 4 th November, 2015	Delhi & Vadodara
iii)	10-member cultural troupe	Uganada	24 th Oct to 5 th Nov., 2015	Delhi & Vadodara
iv)	8-member Cultural troupe	Zambia	24 th Oct to 4 th November, 2015	Delhi & Vadodara
v)	9-member Cultural troupe	Egypt	24 th to 31 st Oct, 2015	Delhi
6.	Mr. Pirai Vaca (guitarist)	Bolivia	3 rd Dec., 2015	New Delhi
7.	2nd edition of International Bhakti Festival from 7-9 December, 2015 at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi			
i)	22-member Ramayana Chanting group	Mauritius	6-13 December, 2015	Delhi, Dehradun & Chandigarh
ii)	14-member Devotional Group led by Shri Piyoosha Anuj	India (Delhi)	7 December, 2015	Delhi
iii)	6-member Lalon Sangeet Led by Ms. Farida Parveen	Bangladesh	7-16 December, 2015	Delhi, Ahmedabad, Pune & Jammu
iv)	6-member Devotional Dance group	Bhutan	8-14 December, 2015	Delhi, Trivandrum & Noida
8.	6th edition of International Dance and Music Festival from 18-20 January 2016 at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi			
i)	20 member Mani Puri Group, India	India	-	Delhi
ii)	7 Member Dance & Music group	Kyrgyzstan	17-24 January 2016	Delhi, Guwahati & Kolkata
iii)	5 Member dance presentation by "the Rainbow Island"	Mauritius	17-24 January 2016	Delhi, Lucknow & Allahabad
iv)	10-Member group "Arpeggio Creative Dance and Drama Academy"	Sri Lanka	16-23 January 2016	Goa, Delhi, & Jammu
v)	9-member Dance & Music group	South Africa	15 –21 January 2016	Bhopal & Delhi
vi)	7-Member Dance presentation by Tanjai Kamalaa Indira Dance school	Malaysia	17-23 January 2016	Chandigarh, Delhi & Bangalore
9.	14-Member band group	Maldives	1 st -10 th Feb. 2016	Gurgoan & Surajkund
10.	16-Memebr dance & Music group	Vietnam	30 th Jan. to 2 nd Feb. 2016	Gurgoan & Surajkund
11.	International Qawwali Festival "Taali Ho" in collaboration with Krishna Prerna Charitable Trust from 13 & 14 February 2016 at Ashok Hotel, Chankakyapuri, New Delhi			
(i)	7-member Fannah-Fi-Allah group	USA	12-15 Feb 2016	Delhi & Bhopal
(ii)	6-member Shye Ben Tzur	Israel	12-15 Feb 2016	Delhi & Bhopal

12.	3rd Edition of World Percussion Festival in collaboration with Krishna Prerna Charitable Trust from 5 & 6 March 2016 at Nehru Park, Chankakyapuri, New Delhi			
(i)	10-member group	Sri Lanka	4-11 March, 2016	Delhi & Mandi (participated in International Shiv Ratri Fair 2016 at Mandi)
(ii)	4-member group	Belgium	4-11 March, 2016	Delhi, Jammu & Goa
(iii)	5-member group	Russia	5-12 March, 2016	Delhi, Kolkata & Shillong
(iv)	9-member group	Indonesia	5 & 6 March, 2016	Delhi
13.	8-member Sufi Music group	Afghanistan	12-21 March, 2016	Bhubneshwar, Kolkata, Bhopal & Delhi
14.	3-member Jazz group	Italy	27 – 29 March 2016	Delhi & Goa
15	International Contemporary Dance from 29 to 31st March 2016 attempt by Team work Arts Pvt. Ltd. At Sri Ram Centre, Mandi House			
(i)	Candoco- group	U.K.		Delhi
(ii)	Walking (Gregory Stauffer)	Switzerland		Delhi

Indian Cultural Programme

April-March 2015-16

S.No.	Name of the Programmes / Style	Period	Style	Date of Performance
1.	Ms. Shirin Sen Gupta	16-18 April 2016 Kolkata	Classical Music (H)	17 th April, 2015
2.	Maulana Azad Play		Play	22 & 23 April 2015
3.	Ms. Jyotsna Jagannathan	23-25 April 2016 Chennai	Bharatanatyam (H)	24 th April 2015
4.	Ms. Vyshnavie	21 -23 May 2016 Bangalore	Odissi (H)	22 nd May 2015
5.	Ms. Shevanti Sanyal	NCR	Classical Music (H)	29 th May 2015
6.	Ms. Sruti Bandopadhyay	11-13 June 2016 Kolkata	Manipuri Dance (H)	12 June 2015
7.	Ms. Narthaki Natraj	25 – 27 June 2016 Chennai	Bharatanatyam (H)	26 June 2015
8.	Shri Vinod Kumar	Delhi	Ghazal (H)	10 July 2015
9.	Ms. Mahua Mukherjee	Delhi	Light Classical (H)	17 th July 2015
10.	Shri Ranjit Sen Gupta	6-8 August 2016 Kolkata	Sarod (H)	7 th August 2015
11.	Shillong Chamber Choir	18-20 August 2016	Choir	19 th August 2015 At ITC Morya Hotel
12.	Shri Sukhvinder Singh	Delhi	Folk dance and Music	19 th August 2015 At ITC Morya Hotel
13.	Ms. Sangita Gosain	20-22 August 2016 Kolkata	Classical Music (H)	21 st August 2015
14.	Ms. Shahnaz Bano	10-12 September 2016 Lucknow	Hindustani Music (H)	11 th September 2015
15.	Shri Koushik Bhattacharya	23-25 September 2016	Hindustani Vocal (H)	24 th September 2015
16.	Shri Shubhendra Roa	Delhi	Sitar	5 th October 2015 at Hyderabad House
17.	Nirtya (Sangeet Natak Academy)	Delhi	Dance and Music	21 st November 2015 at Rashtrapati Bhavan
18.	Shri Sukhvinder	Delhi	Folk dance	10 th December 2015 at ITC

	Singh & Foreign students		and Music	Morya Hotel
19.	Shri Subraa Dey	Delhi	Sitar	31 st December 2015
20.	10-member Shillong Choir group	Shillong From 16-18 Feb 2016	Music	17 th February 2016 at Taj Mansingh Hotel , Delhi
21	Shri Akram Khan	Delhi	Medley of Music group	18 th February 2016 at Oberoi Hotel, New Dlehi
22.	Ms. Priya Venkataram	Delhi	Medley of Music group	18 th February 2016 at Oberoi Hotel, New Dlehi
23.	Ms. Supriya Adhikari	Delhi	Light Music	19 th February, 2016 at Azad Bhavan, Lawns
24.	Ms. Anuradha Pal	Mumbai 7-9 March	Shri Sakti	8 th March 2016 at JNB, MEA on the occasion of International Women day
25.	Ms. Aruna Mohanty	Bhubaneswar 9-11 March	Odissi dance	10 th March 2016 at India Habitat Centre (RIS)
26.	Shri Surjeet Singh	Delhi	Folk	21 st March at Embassy of Afghanistan in New Delhi
27.	Ms. Rabinder Kaur	Delhi	Folk group	24 th March 2016 at MEA Complex on the occasion of Holi
28.	Shri Rohit Anand	Delhi	Flute	25 th March 2016 at Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi (CII)
29.	Shri Santosh Nair	Delhi	Medley dance	26 th March 2016 at Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi (CII)

**VISITS OF Eminent personalities hosted by ICCR under its
Distinguished Visitors' Programme during FY 2015-16**

1	Mr. Atis Lejins Member of Parliament and Chairperson of Indo-Latvian Friendship Parliamentary Committee	Latvia	Politics	3 rd to 12 th April, 2015
2	Shiekh Rashid Ghannouchi President of Ennahda Party, Tunisia accompanied by 11- member high power delegation	Tunisia	Politics	5 th to 8 th April, 2015
3	Shri Khil Raj Regmi Former Chief Justice of Nepal	Nepal	Law	1 st to 8 th October 2015
4	Prof. Clement K Sankat Pro Vice Chancellor and Campus Principal of St. Augustine Campus, The University of the West Indies, Trinidad & Tobago	Trinidad & Tobago	Vice Chancellor	31 st October to 10 th November 2015
5	H E Dr. Sam Nujoma Founding President of Namibia	Namibia	Politics	17 th to 22 nd November 2015
6	Mr. Rainer Horig Awardee for Gisela Bonn Award 2014	Germany	Awardee	5 th to 18 th January, 2016
7	i) Ms. Lusiana Bainivalu Fotofili Director Heritage and Arts, Ministry of Education	Fiji	Politics	7 th to 17 th February, 2016
8	ii) Ms. Meretui Ratunabuabua , Acting Director, Fiji Museum			
9	i) Hon. Sosefo Fe'ao Vakata , Minister for Internal Affairs	Tonga	Politics	7 th to 17 th February, 2016
10	ii) Ms. Elsie Fukofuka , Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade			
11	i) Hon. David Adeang , Minister of Justice	Nauru	Politics	7 th to 17 th February, 2016
12	ii) Mr. David Aingimea , Chairman of Eigigu Holding			
13	i) (Dr.) Mr. Take Kolisi Naseri Director General for the Ministry of Health	Samoa	Politics	7 th to 17 th February, 2016
14	ii) Mr. Hazelman Roger Francis Xavier , General Manager, National Kidney Foundation			
15	i) Hon. Pokotoa Ikiua Lalotoa Sipeli Minister for Social Services	Niue	Politics	7 th to 17 th February, 2016
16	ii) Mrs. Sapati Sipeli			
17	i) Sir Nagora Bogan , KBE, Chairman & CEO of in Touch Media Ltd.	Papua New Guinea	Media	7 th to 17 th February, 2016
18	ii) Ms. Janet Kakli Sape , Executive Director, PNG, Women in Business			
19	Mr. Joseph Atkin , Assistant Secretary (AG) for Asia Africa and Middle East Desk.	Solomon Island	Politics	7 th to 17 th February, 2016
20	Ms. Fionnuala Croke Director, Chester Beatty Library, Dublin	Dublin	Professor	22 nd to 28 th February, 2016

21	H.E. General Surayud Chulanout, Member of Privy Council and former Prime Minister of Thailand	Thailand	Politics	24 th to 29 th February, 2016
22	H.E. Mr. Oscar Puente Santiago Mayor of Valladolid Spain	Spain	Politics	8 th to 11 th March, 2016
23	5 Privy Council Members delegation Bhutan	Bhutan	Politics	12 th to 24 th March, 2016

EXHIBITIONS**April, 2015 - March, 2016****Outgoing Exhibitions**

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Name of the Exhibitions & Artists</u>	<u>Period of display</u>
1.	Spain	Religions of India by Shri Amit Mishra	April – July, 2015
2.	Tunisia	Monuments of India by Shri Kashinath Das	April – November, 2015
3.	Tunisia	Islamic Monuments of India by Shri Benoy K. Behl	April – November, 2015
4.	Slovenia	Digital Prints of Artwork of Tagore	May – October, 2015
5.	Tanzania	‘Kalpana – Masterpieces of Figurative Indian Contemporary Paintings’ by Anjolie Ela Menon	May – June, 2015
6.	Palestine	Islamic Monuments of India by Shri Benoy K. Behl	May – August, 2015
7.	Reunion Islands	Women by Women by Ms. Radhika Shrinagesh	August – November, 2015
8.	Hungary	Phulkaris	August – September, 2015
9.	Netherlands	Sari : The Magic of Indian Weaves by Smt. Rta Kapur Chishti	September – October, 2015
10.	Oman	Vastram – Splendid World of Indian Textile by Ms. Shelly Jyothi	October, 2015
11.	Spain	Stream of Consciousness by Shri Chandra Shekhar Jain	October – December, 2015
12.	China	Forms of Devotion curated by Smt. Sushma Bahl	November – December, 2015
13.	UK	Churches and Christian Culture of Goa by Shri Benoy K. Behl	14 December, 2015 – 4 th January, 2016
14.	Bulgaria	Religions of India by Shri Amit Mehra	January, 2016
15.	Slovenia	Phulkari	January, 2016
16.	Spain	Women by Women by Ms. Radhika Shrinagesh	January – December, 2016
17.	Turkey	Islamic Monuments of India by Shri Benoy K. Behl	January, 2016
18.	Turkey	Temples, Forts & Palaces : 2000 Years of Indian Architecture	January, 2016

Support Extended

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Support Extended to</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.	Consulate General of India, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	For commissioning the exhibition highlighting India's support to Vietnam during the War and President Ho Chi Minh and India connection
2.	Ms. Kusum Jain, Secretary General of Indo – Vietnam Solidarity Committee, Kolkata for the sector Kolkata – Ho Chi Minh City - Kolkata	To curate the exhibition highlighting India's support to Vietnam during the War and President Ho Chi Minh and India connection
3.	Ms. Bharti Dayal for the sector Delhi – Brussels – Delhi	To display her exhibition at Museum of Sacred Arts (MOSA), Belgium

Residency / Camp

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Name of the Residency</u>	<u>Period</u>
1.	India – China Women Artists Residency 'Maitri' at Shanghai, China (10-members)	24-30 October, 2015
2.	Art Residency in Portugal (6-members)	28 March – 4 th April, 2016

Incoming Exhibitions

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Displayed at</u>	<u>Name of the Exhibitions</u>	<u>Period of display</u>
1.	Delhi	'Roerich Pact. History and Modernity in collaboration with International Centre of the Roerichs, Moscow	May, 2015
2.	Delhi	Painting Exhibition of 6 painters from Vietnam	January, 2016

Exhibitions under Horizon Series

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Displayed at</u>	<u>Exhibition & Artist</u>	<u>Period of display</u>
1.	Azad Bhavan Art Gallery, Delhi	Painting Exhibition by Ms. Tabassum Malik, Delhi based artist	10 – 15 April, 2015
2.	Azad Bhavan, Art Gallery, Delhi	Painting Exhibition by Ms. Mukta Gupta, Jamshedpur based artist	17 – 22 April, 2015
3.	Azad Bhavan, Art Gallery, Delhi	Exhibition of Sculptures by Ameresh Kumar, Patna based artist	24 – 29 April, 2015
4.	Azad Bhavan, Art Gallery, Delhi	Photo Exhibition 'Zanskar – The Rainbow Mountain' by Ms. Usha Vohra, J&K based artist	12 – 17 June, 2015

5.	Bangalore	Maitri – Exhibition produced by the artists during India – China Women Artists Residency at Jaipur	15 – 25 May, 2015
6.	Chennai	Maitri – Exhibition produced by the artists during India – China Women Artists Residency at Jaipur	1 – 7 June, 2015
7.	Thiruvananthapuram	Maitri – Exhibition produced by the artists during India – China Women Artists Residency at Jaipur	10 – 15 June, 2015
8.	Goa	Maitri – Exhibition produced by the artists during India – China Women Artists Residency at Jaipur	20 – 30 June, 2015
9.	Hyderabad	Maitri – Exhibition produced by the artists during India – China Women Artists Residency at Jaipur	6 – 13 July, 2015
10.	Kolkata	Maitri – Exhibition produced by the artists during India – China Women Artists Residency at Jaipur	20 – 31 July, 2015
11.	Guwahati	Maitri – Exhibition produced by the artists during India – China Women Artists Residency at Jaipur	1 – 9 September, 2015
12.	Shillong	Maitri – Exhibition produced by the artists during India – China Women Artists Residency at Jaipur	14 – 18 September, 2015
13.	Pune	Maitri – Exhibition produced by the artists during India – China Women Artists Residency at Jaipur	31 October – 8 November, 2015
14.	Mumbai	Maitri – Exhibition produced by the artists during India – China Women Artists Residency at Jaipur	16 – 22 November, 2015

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