

CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

AND

THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

Guided by the provisions of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Lithuania on Cooperation in the Spheres of Culture, Science and Education, signed in New Delhi on 20 February 2001,

Seeking to further strengthen friendly relations and mutual understanding between the two States,

Have agreed to conclude this Cultural Exchange Programme (hereinafter referred to as "the Programme")

Article 1

The Parties shall promote exchange of information in the fields of culture and arts, as well as in the fields of publications and mass media.

The Parties shall encourage mutual participation of the representatives of cultural and arts institutions, bodies and organizations in competitions and festivals in the fields of music, theatre, cinema, dance and folklore, as well as exhibitions, book fairs, artistic projects, seminars, symposiums, conferences, residencies, and any other cultural events taking place in each other's States.

Article 2

The Parties shall support co-operation in the fields of protection, conservation and promotion of the cultural heritage of both countries. The Parties shall promote the visits to each other's States of experts in the fields of protection and conservation of historical monuments and archaeological sites, art objects and development of archaeological site museums, to participate in bilateral expert meetings or international seminars, symposiums, and conferences.

Article 3

The Parties shall support the initiatives of the institutions, bodies and organizations of both countries in the field of intangible cultural heritage and protection of historical memory, as well as initiatives to honour the memory of prominent figures in the history of relations of both countries in the territories of each other's States.

Article 4

The Parties shall promote the co-operation among the archives and archive experts of both countries, the exchange of information and digital copies of archival documents concerning the history of each other's States, as well as other archival documents of interest and importance to both Parties.

Both Parties shall promote the exchange of information between the archive experts by sharing experiences in the fields of archive management, administration, analogue and digital documents' preservation, and digitization.

Article 5

The Parties shall promote the co-operation of the libraries of both countries by exchanging publications and organizing the visits of library experts with the purpose of promoting the exchange of expertise related to library services.

Article 6

The Parties shall promote the co-operation of the museums, art galleries, museum experts, and exhibitions' curators of both countries in the fields of exchange of museum exhibits, exhibitions, collections, museum management and development of educational programmes.

The Parties shall seek to cooperate in lending the museum exhibits of each other's States for organizing exhibitions.

Organizational and financial terms of events shall be agreed directly between the relevant museums and/or art galleries.

Article 7

The Parties shall promote the co-operation of both countries in the field of literature; encourage the visits of writers, translators, publishers, translation and promotion of literary works in each other's States.

Article 8

The Parties shall promote the co-operation of both countries in the field of cultural education by sharing good practice, exchanging experts and educators and organizing joint activities and programmes.

Article 9

The Parties shall promote exchange of programmes of various cultural content in the two countries through their respective radio and TV organizations.

The Parties shall endeavour to strengthen relation between their national broadcasting organizations by exchange of programmes, professionals and by utilizing training expertise and facilities available in respective country.

The Parties will invite each other to its International Film Festivals.

Article 10

General and Financial Provisions

A. Exchange of individuals, delegations, exhibitions:

Every Party shall send to the other Party the bio-data (including languages spoken and proposed itinerary) at least two months in advance of the expected date of visit of the delegation or individuals selected under this Programme and bio-data of performing groups at an exhibition four months in advance. The receiving Party shall inform the other Party about agreeing to receive or postponing the date at least one month in advance.

B. Exchange of exhibitions:

Separate agreement shall be reached between the promoting Party and the receiving Party with regard to exhibition. The sending Party shall inform the receiving Party about the technical details of the proposed exhibition. The necessary information for the elaboration of the corresponding catalogue must be sent three month before the inauguration date. The art exhibits must arrive at their destination 15 days before the opening of the exhibition.

C. Exchange of materials:

Each Party shall have the right to use the materials exchanged in the fields of information, mass media in its own programmes and such materials should not be given by the receiving Party to a third Party.

D. Finances:

Institutions, bodies and organizations of both States shall participate in the events organised in each other's States based on resources available with them.

Terms of participation shall be agreed directly between the institutions, bodies and organizations interested in the events and the organizers.

Article 11

The Parties shall encourage cooperation in the areas covered by this Programme without prejudice to the legislation in force in the territories of their States.

Article 12

Any disputes arising from the interpretation or application of this Programme shall be settled amicably by the consultations between the Parties.


The Programme is not an international treaty within the meaning of the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, 1969 and shall not affect the rights and obligations of the Parties undertaken in accordance with the legislation and international obligations applicable on the territories of their States.

Any amendments to this Programme shall be made by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

The Programme shall become valid on the date of its signature and shall remain valid for a period of three (3) years. It shall be automatically renewed for the same subsequent periods, unless one of the Parties notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate the Programme six (6) months prior to the expiration date. The termination of this Programme shall not affect the activities and projects already in progress or executed.


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