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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, 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 maintain the Distinguished Visitors Programme, under which eminent personalities from abroad are invited to India and experts from home are sent abroad to deliver lectures on issues of mutual interest;
- * To establish and maintain Chairs for Indian Studies abroad;
- * The presentation of books, audio-visual material, art objects and musical instruments at institutions abroad;
- * To provide the Secretariat for the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding; Organization of the annual Maulana Azad Memorial Lecture and the Maulana Azad Essay Competition;
- * The publication of books and journals for distribution in India and abroad;
- * The Maintenance of Indian Cultural Centres abroad;
- * The maintenance of a well-stocked library and the manuscripts of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad;
- * The digitization of rare manuscripts;
- * Awarding of Library Fellowships, and;
- * To undertake projects on behalf of the Ministry of External Affairs.

The activities of the Council are decided and approved by its Governing Body.

The Council received Rs 7670.73 Lakhs as Grant-in-Aid from the Ministry of External Affairs for the year 2007-2008.

II. Highlights of the Year 2007-2008

- To commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Council organised the *XV International Students Cultural Festival* on 20th December 2007 .
- The Council organised a programme in collaboration with Delhi University Students Union (DUSU) to celebrate Foreign Students Association International Cultural Exchange Programme "*Rainbow*" on 21st February, 2008 . Shri Anand Sharma, Minister of State for External Affairs was the Chief Guest on the occasion.
- The Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding for the year 2006 was conferred by Hon'ble President of India on H.E. Mr. Luiz Inacio da Siliva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil at a special ceremony held at Diwan-I-Am , Taj Mahal Hotel on 4th June 2007.
- The Council published a special issue of its Hindi Quarterly "*Gagananchal* " for "8th World Hindi Conference 2007", in New York, which was released by Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Shri Anand Sharma on 13th July 2007.
- ICCR organized for the first time an ambitious SAARC Cultural Festival on the margins of the 14th SAARC Summit in New Delhi. The Festival includes Folklore and Theatre, a Food Festival, a Fashion Show, an Exhibition of Textiles and Handicrafts, an Exhibition of Photographs and a Photo Exhibition of the SAARC Car Rally.

Activities of the Council

i) Scholarship and Welfare of International Students

The Council administered approximately 1350 scholarships during 2007-08 under various schemes for foreign students to pursue under-graduate, post-graduate 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. Following an announcement made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in 2005, the Council is also responsible for implementing a special scheme for Afghan students whereby 500 slots are provided to Afghanistan on an annual basis. The activities include:

(1) **Orientation programme**: An Orientation programme for the 20 IFS probationers of the 2006 batch was organized by the Council from 9th to 13th April 2007. Lectures / lecture-cum-demonstrations/sight-seeing to Museums, Galleries and Historical places were arranged for them. Lectures were delivered by eminent personalities on traditional & modern culture, art and contemporary Indian arts.

(2) **International Students Festival**: To commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the First Education Minister of Independent India and the Founder President of the ICCR, an "***International Students Festival***" called "***Friendship Through Culture***" is organized every year by the Council. The International Students community has always participated enthusiastically in this event by depicting representative aspects of their respective countries' cultures. The Council organised the *XV International Students Cultural Festival* on 20th December 2007 at Azad Bhavan, I.P. Estate, New Delhi. This Festival was also celebrated in other cities of India and abroad.

Cultural Centres in Kabul (Afghanistan) and Kathmandu (Nepal) in 2007-08. The Council is presently maintaining 20 Cultural Centres in Cairo (Egypt), Berlin (Germany), Port Louis (Mauritius), Paramaribo (Suriname), Georgetown (Guyana), Jakarta (Indonesia), Moscow (Russian Federation), London (U.K.), Almaty, (Kazakhstan), Tashkent, (Uzbekistan), Durban and Johannesburg (South Africa), Port of Spain (Trinidad & Tobago), Colombo (Sri Lanka), Dushanbe (Tajikistan), Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia), Suva (Fiji), Tokyo (Japan), Kathmandu (Nepal) and Kabul (Afghanistan) as well as 2 sub-Centres at Bali (Indonesia) and Lautoka (Fiji). The Council is also funding the Music & Dance Academy at Dhaka (Bangladesh) and a proposal to open a new center is being pursued. The Council also maintains Chairs of Indian Studies in various Universities and institutions abroad.

Details of Indian Cultural Centres are given at **Annexure-II**

iii) Chairs of Indian Studies abroad

Presently the Council is maintaining 20 Chairs of Indian Studies abroad to teach Indian languages and other subjects under the bilateral Cultural exchange programmes, Scheme of Propagation of Hindi Abroad and Council's own programme.

The Chairs being currently maintained encompass the fields of Hindi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Modern Indian History, Indian Civilization and are in functioning in Paramaribo (Suriname) Budapest, (Hungary), Moscow (Russia), Seoul, (South Korea), Warsaw, (Poland), Port of Spain (Trinidad & Tobago), Sofia (Bulgaria), Bucharest (Romania), Beijing (China), Madrid (Spain), Ankara,(Turkey) Bangkok (Thailand), Paris (France), Osh (Kyrgyzstan),Tashkent(Uzbekistan), Brussels (Belgium), Durban(South Africa) and Jalalabad (Afghanistan) .

The Council is also maintaining 8 Rotating short term Chairs in the fields of Sanskrit and Buddhist Studies in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia) Indian Literature in

Pennsylvania (USA), Indian Studies in 3 Universities in Germany, Indian Economy at Science Po, Paris, (France), Indian Studies at Witswatersrand University, Johannesburg, (South Africa) and Humanities at Shenzhen University, Guangzhou (China).

Details are given at **Annexure-III**

iv) Conferences and Seminars

During the year 2007-08, the Council collaborated with several organizations for major international seminars in India. These included the Interfaith Harmony Conclave, which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, as well as the SAARC Literary Conference to mark the 14th SAARC Summit in New Delhi. The collaboration offered by ICCR was in tune with its policy to support important conferences and seminars involving significant foreign participation.

The break up of financial assistance released by the ICCR to various Universities/NGOs is at **Annexure-IV**

v) Outgoing Cultural Delegations

The Council sponsored 64 groups to present varied forms of Indian dance and music abroad. The performance rendered by them included classical, contemporary, tribal and folk art forms. Priority was accorded for participation in major cultural festivals so as to generate greater interest in Indian cultural strengths and accomplishments.

Details are given in **Annexure-V**

vi) Incoming Cultural Delegations and Cultural Performances in India

FIRST EVER SAARC CULTURAL FESTIVAL

One of the major new activities of the Council was to organize a series of unique performances under the "SAARC Cultural Festival" held on the margins of the 14th SAARC Summit in New Delhi. This included a Festival of Folklore and Theatre, a Food Festival, a Fashion Show, an Exhibition of Textiles and Handicrafts, an Exhibition of Photographs and a Photo Exhibition of the SAARC Car Rally. In addition, leading artists from the SAARC countries were invited to Jaisalmer in December 2006 and an Exhibition of their paintings was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India during the SAARC Summit. A highlight of the SAARC Cultural Festival was the Fusion Bands event in New Delhi, which attracted huge audiences, especially the young. A special achievement of this Festival was that all SAARC countries participated in all the events.

The Council hosted 33 groups of performing artistes from abroad. These groups performed in several cities of India. With a view to providing a platform to talented and upcoming artists in India itself, the Council also organized the performances of the artistes empanelled with it under its 'Retrospective' and 'Horizon' series. The Retrospective series is meant for artistes who have already been sponsored abroad for performances and the Horizon series is meant for those artistes who are yet to be sponsored. In addition, the Council organized special events, such as the Sufi Music Festival at Srinagar, the Malhar Festival, the Festival of Music and Dance and, The Sprit of Tanjore – A Festival of Dance and Music.

Details of incoming cultural groups and of major festivals sponsored by the Council are given in **Annexure- VI**

vii) Foreign Cultural Centres

The Council continued to administer the British Council Libraries and coordinate the activities of the Foreign Cultural Centres in India.

viii) Distinguished Visitors Programme

Under this programme, the Council invites writers, scholars, intellectuals, opinion-makers, academics, artistes, etc., from abroad to expose them to the various facets of Indian life and society. The distinguished visitors found this programme extremely useful and expressed their desire to visit India again. Some of the important persons who visited under DVP included Rev. Jesse Jackson from USA, and Mr. Amadou Mahatar, Former DG, UNESCO from Senegal.

Details of Incoming Visitors to India during the year 2006-07 are given in **Annexure-VII**

ix) Outgoing Visitors

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 76 eminent scholars to various parts of world.

Details of Outgoing Distinguished Visitors are given in **Annexure-VIII**

x) Festivals of India

Festival of India in Japan

The Council organized "India-Japan Friendship Year-2007". The Festival of India in Japan was inaugurated by both the Prime Ministers of India and Japan on 14th December, 2006. A joint logo was also launched by them. The Festival of India in Japan broadly comprised of Exhibitions, Film Festival, Fashion Show, Food Festivals, Seminars and Performing Arts Group. From April, 2007 to December, 2007, the Council sponsored 19 performing art groups to Japan who also visited other countries in East and South Eastern Region.

Festival of India in Israel

To mark the 15th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Israel, as well as to celebrate the 60th anniversary of India's Independence, the Festival "Incredible India", was celebrated in Israel. The event was the first of its kind to take place in Israel.

The Council sponsored a 9-member composite group of Kavita Dwibedi (Odissi) and Purbayan Chatterjee (Sitar) for participation in the above festival.

As part of their chain tour, the group also visited Greece, Jordan, Egypt, Croatia and Malta, during which the group participated in the Jerash Festival in Jordan from 26-30 July 2007 and Corfu Festival in Greece from 23-26 July 2007.

FIRST IBSA DANCE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

An MoU on cultural cooperation was recently signed between three countries i.e. India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA). As per the MoU, the First IBSA Dance and Music Festival was organised in Brazil from 26-29 October, 2007 where performing art groups from all the three countries participated. The

Council sponsored a 14-Member Contemporary Dance group of "Sadhya" to Brazil for participation in the festival.

Details of the Festivals of India & Orientation Grants give are in **Annexure-IX & X**

xi) Publications

The Council has an ambitious publication programme, which has grown over the years. The Council brings out six journals in five different languages namely, "Indian Horizons" and "Africa Quarterly" (both English Quarterly), "Gagananchal" (Hindi Quarterly), "Papeles de la India" (Spanish, bi-annual), "Rencontre Avec L' Inde" (French bi-annual) and "Thaqafat-ul-Hind" (Arabic Quarterly).

The Council published an special issue of the Hindi Quarterly "Gagananchal " for the "8th World Hindi Conference 2007" in New York, which was released by Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Shri Anand Sharma on 13th July, 2007.

The Council also published two books entitled the "World Hindi Directory" and "Chetna ka Aatmsangharsh" to coincide with the 8th World Hindi Conference. Besides, ICCR has also published books entitled "Journey of a Legend - Maulana Abul Kalam Azad" in (English edition) and "Munshi Premchand" in Hindi, English and Urdu.

The Council also released the book entitled "Gadar ke 150 Saal" by Dr. Karan Singh, President of ICCR on 17th September 2007 .

The Council participated in the XIIIth Delhi Book Fair from 1-9th September 2007 and in the New Delhi World Book Fair 2008 from 2 -10 Feb, 2008 organized by NBT.

xii) Exhibitions

An important aspect of the Council's work is projection of India abroad, not only to promote India's rich cultural heritage but also her contemporary achievements. The Council regularly sponsors exhibitions of India's contemporary and traditional arts in major festivals and art events abroad.

Under the bilateral cultural exchange programmes with other countries and under its own programme of activities, ICCR sponsors exhibitions of Indian art and crafts to foreign countries and receives exhibitions from abroad for expositions in India.

On the occasion of the observance of the first International Day of Non-Violence at the United Nations on October 2, 2007, ICCR has put up a photographic exhibition titled "Gandhi and Global Non-Violent Awakening" from October 2-12, 2007 at the United Nations Headquarters. Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Chairperson of UPA inaugurated the exhibition on 2nd October 2007.

In addition, the Council has an ongoing programme of presenting busts and statues of great Indian leaders for ceremonial installation in other countries.

Details are given at **Annexure-XI**

xiii) AWARDS

The Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding

The Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding for the year 2006 was conferred by Hon'ble President of India on H.E. Mr. Luiz Inacio da Siliva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil at a special ceremony held at Diwan-I-Am , Taj Mahal Hotel on 4th June 2007.

xiv) Library

The personal collection of books and manuscripts bequeathed by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Founder President of the Council, forms the core of the ICCR Library. A catalogue of the manuscripts and personal books of Maulana Azad has been printed in book form in three languages - Arabic, Urdu and Persian. The Council also undertook an exercise to preserve the rare manuscripts available with it. Over the decades, the library has grown manifold and presently has more than 50,000 volumes.

The ICCR LIBRARY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME:

Five candidates received the award during 2007-08 to prepare research Monograph on the following topics:

1. Institutions Established by Maulana Azad: A critical study
2. Maulana Azad's Literary works and their Message

xv) Administration

The list of list of Statutory Bodies of the Council is given at **Annexure- XII- XIII-XIV.**

The Regional Offices continue to function in Bangalore, Chandigarh, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Thiruvananthapuram and Jaipur. 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 logistic facilities to incoming and outgoing cultural delegations & the Council's distinguished visitors.

During the year 2007-08, the Council also opened two new Regional Offices in Pune and Varanasi. Efforts are being made to open new Regional Offices in Shillong, Cuttack and Guwahati in line with recommendations of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs.

The list of ICCR Regional Offices is in **Annexure-XV**

xv) Accounts

The Council received Rs. 7670.73 lakhs as Grant-in-Aid from the Ministry of External Affairs for the year 2007-08 and Rs. 92.89 lakhs as receipts from other sources. The actual expenditure during the year 2007-08 was Rs.7741.98 lakhs. The head-wise expenditure is as given below:

S.No.	Appropriate Head	Actual Expenditure (Figure in Lakhs) 2007-08
A.	General Activities Revenue Accounts	
1.	Incoming and Outgoing Visitors and Delegations	1257.48
2.	Cultural Performances of ICCR	126.98
3.	Audio-Visual Recordings, Digitization, Website designing	0.34
4.	Seminars/Symposia/conferences/Lectures/SIS	48.52
5.	International Students Divisions	2149.36
6.	Exhibitions	164.14
7.	Presentation of Books and Art Objects	31.18
8.	Publications	108.78
9.	Libraries	16.11
10.	Nehru Award Secretariat	38.84
11.	Multi Media	41.66
12.	Festival of India	317.32
B.	Projects Abroad	
1.	Cultural Centres Abroad	2090.47
2.	Chairs/Centres of Indian Studies	256.38
C.	Fixed Charges	
1.	Meeting of GA and GB and other Committees	11.41

S.No.	Appropriate Head	Actual Expenditure (Figure in Lakhs)
2.	Establishment of Central and Regional Offices	558.71
3.	Office Expenses and Misc.	450.84
D.	Capital Expenditure	
1.	Building	37.74
2.	Air conditioners/Furniture/Fixtures/Vehicles/Computers	34.98
3.	ICA Building and Jinnah House	0.74
		7741.98

In addition to general activities, the Council also carried out various Agency works on behalf of other departments, details of which are as given below:

S.No.	Name of the Department	Receipt (Figure in Lakhs)	Expenditure (Figure in Lakhs)
1.	Ministry of External Affairs Visitors/Delegations/Scholarships	2023.72	1371.41
2.	MOIA	27.48	22.39
3.	Ministry of Finance (Scholarships TCS Colombo Plan)	55.70	27.28
4.	Propagation of Hindi Abroad	0.00	16.79
5.	Foreign Culture Centres in India (British Libraries)	1103.42	887.84
Total		3210.32	2325.71

The office of Director General of Audit, Central Revenue, New Delhi has conducted the audit of the accounts of the Council for the year 2007-08

Details of Scholarships

SL. No.	SCHEME	SLOT	UTILIZED
1 ✓	GCSS	477	216
2	Bangladesh Scholarship Scheme	100	89
3	Sri Lanka Scholarship Scheme	60	46
4 ✓	Mauritius Scholarship Scheme	30	16
5	ICCR Scholarship Scheme	100	46
6 ✓	Cultural Exchange Programme	325	153
7 ✓	Commonwealth Scholarship/ Fellowship Plan	49	31
	OTHER SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME		
1 ✓	Africa Day	1	1
2	CRAFT Instructors	10	4
3	Aneurin Bevan	1	--
4	Dadoo Naicker	1	1
5	Silver Jubilee	64	22
	AGENCY WORK		
1	Aid to Maldives	20	20
2	SAARC Chair/Fellowship Scheme	19	5
3 ✓	Special Scholarship Scheme for Mauritian National (TCD Division MEA)	03	03
4 ✓	Ayush Scholarship for BIMSTEC Member Countries (6 countries) 5 slots each without airfare in Indian system of Medicine such as Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha & Homeopathy commence from 2006-07 A.Y. i) Thailand 5 ii) Bangladesh 5 ii) Nepal 5 iii) Sri Lanka 5 iv) Bhutan 5 vi) Myanmar 5	30	09
5	Silver Jubilee	32	25
6	TCS of Colombo Plan	6	6
7	Mekong Ganga Co-operation Scholarship Scheme	50	12
	Total	1378	705

LIST OF INDIAN CULTURAL CENTRES

Sr.No. Name of Centre

01. Jawaharlal Nehru Cultural Centre
Moscow, Russia
02. Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Indian
Culture, Cairo, Egypt
03. Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian
Culture, Phoenix, Mauritius
04. Indian Cultural Centre
Georgetown, Guyana
05. Indian Cultural Centre
Paramaribo, Suriname
06. Jawaharlal Nehru Indian Cultural
Centre, Jakarta, Indonesia
07. Mahatma Gandhi Indian Cultural
Centre, Port of Spain, Trinidad &
Tobago
08. The Nehru Centre
London, United Kingdom
09. The Tagore Centre
Berlin, Germany
10. Indian Cultural Centre
Almaty, Kazakhstan
11. Indian Cultural Centre
Tashkent, Uzbekistan
12. Indian Cultural Centre
Johannesburg, South Africa

13. Indian Cultural Centre
Durban, South Africa
14. Indian Cultural Centre
Colombo, Sri Lanka
15. Indian Cultural Centre
Dushanbe, Tajikstan
16. Indian Cultural Centre
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
17. Indian Cultural Centre
Suva, Fiji
18. Indian Cultural Centre
Tokyo, Japan
19. Indian Culture Centre
Kabul, Afghanistan
20. Indian Culture Centre
Kathmandu, Nepal

Sub-Centres

01. Sub-Centre, Bali, Indonesia
02. Sub-Centre, Lautoka, Fiji

**VISITING PROFESSORS DEPUTED AT CHAIRS OF
INDIAN STUDIES ABROAD**

S.No.	Country Chairs of Hindi	Name of Professors	Tenure & Date of Joining	University
1	Poland	Dr.(Smt)Ramkali Saraf Visiting Prof. of Hindi	2 years 19.02.07 to 18.02.09	Warsaw University Warsaw, Poland
2.	Hungary	Dr. Pramod Kumar Sharma Visiting Prof. of Hindi	2 years 18.01.2008 to 18.01.2011	(ELTE) Eotvos Lorand University,Budap est Hungary
3.	Bulgaria	Dr. Satyakam Visiting Prof. of Hindi	2 years 4.10.2006 to 3.10.2008	Sofia University, Sofia,Bulgaria
4.	South Korea	Dr.Mudliar Pratibha Ramachandra Visiting Associate Prof of Hindi	2years+9months 7.11.05 to 31.08.2008	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, South Korea
5.	Romania	Dr. Sheelu Agrawal, Hindi Teacher	2+1 years 07.09.05 to 05.09.2008	Bucharest University Bucharest,Roma nia
6.	Turkey	Dr. Shakeela Khanam Visiting Associate, Professor of Hindi	2 years 15.09.06 to 14.09.2008	Ankara University Ankara ,Turkey
7.	Belgium	Dr. V.Krishna Visiting Prof. of Hindi	2 years 12.09.07 to 12.09.2009	State University of Ghent, Brussels, Belgium
8.	China	Dr. Ravi Ranjan Visiting Professor of Hindi	2years+9months 2.11.05 to	Peking University Beijing,China

9.	Spain	Dr. Vijay Kumaran C.P.V. Visiting Prof. Of Hindi	2 years 09.07.07 to 08.07.2009	University of Valladolid, Valladolid, Spain
10.	Trinidad & Tobago	Dr. Durga Prashad Singh Associate Prof. of Hindi	2 years 28.09.2007 to 27.09.2009	University of West Indies, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago

Propagation of Hindi Abroad on behalf of Central Hindi Institute (Agency Work)

11.	Russia	Dr. R.S.Sarraju Associate Prof. of Hindi	2+1 years 5.10.05 to 03.10.2008	JNCC,EOI Moscow,Russia
12.	Suriname	Smt. Kanta Rani Nanduru Hindi Teacher	2+1 years 05.09.2005 to 03.09.2008	Indian Cultural Cen tre, Paramaribo, Surina m

Hindi Chair under ITEC terms

13.	Afghanistan	Dr. K.G.Kapoor Hindi Teacher	1 year 28.09.2007 to 27.09.2008	Nanghar University, Jalalabad, Afghanistan
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Chairs of Sanskrit

14.	Thailand	Dr. Prativa Manjiri Rath Visiting Professor of Sanskrit	2 years 4.6.2008 to 3.6.2010	Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand
15	France		2+1 years 24.02.06 to 23.02.2009	Sorbonne Nouve lle University, Paris, France

16.	Poland	Dr. A. Mariapan Visiting Prof. of Tamil	2 years 27.09.07 to 25.09.09	Warsaw Univer sity Warsaw, Poland
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Chairs of Modern History Civilization & South Asian Affairs

17.	Trinidad & Tobago	Dr. Ratan Lal Hangloo Visiting Prof. of Modern Indian History & South Asian Affairs	2 years 08.09.2007 to 08.09.2009	University of West Indies, Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago
18.	Kyrghystan	Dr. G.K. Basu Visiting Prof. of Political Science/International relations and world economy and diplomacy	2years 15.09.2007 to 14.09.2009	Osh State University, Osh, Kyrghystan

Chairs of International Relations Diplomacy and International law

19.	Uzbekistan	Dr. Smt. Jyotsna Bakshi Visiting Associate Prof. for Indian Chair	2 +1 years 28.04.2006 to 24.04.2009	University of World Economy & Diplo macy, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
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20	South Africa	Gandhi Luthuli Chair for Peace Studies (Designated Dr.M.S.John, visiting Prof of Peace Studies)	Likely to join in last week of June, 2008	University of Kwazulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa
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Chairs of Contemporary Indian Studies

21.	Mauritius	Associate Professor	Under Process	Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka, Mauritius
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Chairs on short term basis

1.	U.S.A.	Vacant	Under process for replacement	University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA
2.	Mongolia	Visiting Prof. of Buddhist Studies Dr.R.K.Mishra Visiting Prof. of Sanskrit	28.02.2008 22 June, 2008	National University of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
3.	France	Dr. Amitabh Kundu Chair of Indian Economy (Institut'd Etudes politiques De Paris)	28.02.2008 June 2008	Science Po, Paris France
4.	Germany	Vacant	Replacement under Consideration	Heidelberg University Heidelberg, Germany
5.	Germany	Vacant	Replacement under Consideration	Martin Luther University Halle Wittenberg, Germany
6.	Germany	Vacant	Under Process	Hamburg University, Hamburg, Germany
7.	Germany	Vacant	Replacement under Consideration	Humbolt University, Berlin, Germany
8.	Germany	Vacant	Replacement under Consideration	Mainz University/ Johannes, Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany

Proposal Implemented

- Assisted Forum of SAARC Writers and Literature (FOSWAL), New Delhi for organizing 19th SAARC Literary Conference held on 3-4th April, 07 at IIC, New Delhi
Rs. 15.00 lakhs

- Assisted Interfaith Harmony Foundation of India, New Delhi for organizing South Asia Interfaith harmony Conclave held at Jawahar Bhavan, New Delhi on 21-22nd April, 07. It was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.
Rs. 10.00 lakhs
 - **(Rs. 5.00 lakhs paid during 2006-07)**
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- Assisted Kritya Foundation, Trivandrum for organizing International Poetry Festival at Trivandrum from 20-23 July, 07
Rs. 1.00 lakh

- Assisted Iran Society , Kolkata for organizing the Millenary of Maulana Jallaluddin Rumi at Kolkata from 25-27 Aug., 2007.
Rs. 93475/-

- Assisted Association of Writers and Illustrators for Children (AWIC) to organize an International Seminar on Storytelling to promote peace, Cultural Integration and the Reading Habit in Children" during Sept., 17-19, 2007.
Rs. 88000/-

- Assisted IILM, Jaipur to organize International Conference on " Economics of Non-violence: Cultural Values and Ethics" held at Udaipur during 1-3rd Nov., 2007
Rs. 2.00 lakhs

- Assisted Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi to organize an International Conference on " 1857 Revolt" during November, 2007.
Rs. 38917/-

- Assisted Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi to organize International Conference on " Satyagraha Centenary" during 13-19th Nov., 2007.
Rs. 1.5 lakhs

Conference on "The messenger of Love, Peace and Unity" of Jalaluddin Rumi from 17-21st Nov., 2007

Rs. 1.00 lakhs

- Assisted IIC, Asia Project, Smt. Kapila Vatsyayan to organize Seminar on the Theme : Indigo-Plant, Process, Product, Politics " held at IIC, New Delhi from 29 Nov.,—1st Dec., 2007 .

Rs. 1,33,140/-

- International conference by DELNET on Library and Information Networking(NACLIN 2007) during 20-23 Nov., 2007

Rs. 1.00 lakh

- Assisted INTACH to organize 12th International Conference of "National Trusts and related Conservation Organizations" during 3-5th Dec., 2007.

Rs. 431,247/-

- Assisted K.J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies, Mumbai to organise an Internatioanl Conference on "Buddhist Culture in Asia- Unity in Diversity" Buddhist Studies during 11-12th January, 2008.

Rs. 2.00 lakhs

- Assited Allahabad Museum, Allahabad I to organize an International Seminar " India and Southeast Asia- Shared Cultural Heritage " during 10-12th Jan., 2008.

Rs. 2.00 lakhs

- Assisted Jaipur Virasat Foudnation, Jaipur to organize Jaipur Literature Festival during 23-27th January, 2008 at Jaipur

Rs. 2.62 lakhs

- Assisted Siyahi to organize an International Conference on " Translating Bharat Languages Globalization the Right to be Read" during 20-22/01/2008 at Jaipur.

Rs. 2.00 lakhs

- Assisted International Bengali Poetry Festival, Kolkata to organize " World Literary Festival during 23-25th January, 2008 held in Kolkata

Rs. 1.00 lakh

- Assisted Deptt. of Buddhist Studies, University of Delhi to organize an International conference on " Sangiti: Perspectives and Prospects" during 7-9th Feb., 2008.

Rs. 1.00 lakh

- Assisted Gandhi Antarashtriya Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha Nagpur to organize an International seminar on "Gandhi: Hindi & World Literataure & Cultural Identity" during 14-18th Feb., 2008

Rs. 1,43,000/-

Knowledge Repository. Cross Sectoral Collaborations New Delhi on 08 Feb., 2008.

Rs. 1.00 lakh

- Assisted Sahitya Akedemy to organize an International Seminar on "Swaraj in Literature: Decolonization, Social Justice & Cultural Identity" during 22-24 Feb., 2008.

Rs. 2.12 lakhs

- Assisted JNU, New Delhi to organize an International Conference on "Narrating Nations: A Dialogue of Cultures" during 3-5th March, 2008

Rs. 65,000/-

- Assisted Deptt. of Persian, AMU, Aligarh to organize an International Seminar on " Persian" during 13-15/03/2008

Rs. 1.00 lakh

- Assisted Emabssy of India, Uzbekistan to organize an International Seminar on "Central Aisa-India Diaologue:Building a Partnership on the foundation of Rich Cultural and Historical Heritage" held in Tashkent on March 14-15, 2008

Rs. 3.00 lakhs

Total Rs. 54.16 lakhs

Outgoing Cultural Delegations

S.No	Country	Name of Group	Period	Particulars of the visit
1.	Canada	* 8 travel grants to Carnatic Music (Vocal/ Instrument) groups to (i) Shri Guruvayur Dorai (Mridangam)x 2, (ii)Shri M.Chandrashekar (Violinist)x2, (iii)Ms.Lakshmi Rangarajan (Vocal) x2, (iv) Ms. S. Sowmya (Vocal) x2, Chennai	3-4-2007 to 5-6-2007	To participate in the Thyagaraja Festival in Cleveland, organized by the Bhairvi Fine Arts
2.	DPR Korea China	12-member U.P. Folk Dance group of Radhe Biraj Lok Kala Samiti led by Shri Mohan Singh, Uttar Pradesh	9-4-2007 to 21-4-2007	To participate in the April Spring Friendship Arts Festival in DPR Korea and to give performances in China
3.	Russia	5-member Bharatnatyam Dance group led by Ms. Rama Vaidyanathan, Delhi	12-4-2007 to 18-4-2007	To participate in the 60 th Anniversary of the Diplomatic Relations between Russia and India
4.	Russia Germany	4-member Santoor group led by Shri Tarun	12-4-2007 to 2-5-2007	To participate in the 60 th

	Poland & Lithuania	Bhattacharya, West Bengal		Anniversary of the Diplomatic Relations between Russia and India and to give performances in other countries
5.	Zimbabwe	5-member Kathak dance group led by Ms. Prachi Shah, Maharashtra	1-5-2007 to 6-5-2007	To participate in the Harare International Festival
6.	Guyana Suriname Trinidad & Tobago Jamaica	10-member "Surangmaya" Bhojपुरी group led by Dr. Pushpa Prasad, Bihar	9-5-2007 to 7-6-2007	To participate in Indian Arrival Day's Function
7.	Bhutan	6-member U.P Folk Music group led by Dr. Archana Bhargava, Uttar Pradesh	14-5-2007 to 21-5-2007	To participate on the occasion of "Dantak Raising Day"
8.	South Africa Botswana Namibia & Mauritius	5-member Carnatic Vocal group led by Shri Palai C.K. Ramachandran, Kerala	16-5-2007 to 6-6-2007	To participate in the Thyagaraja Festival in Durban and to give cultural performances in the region
9.	China & Japan	23-member Kathak group (Dance Drama) led by Ms. Shovana Narayan,	28-5-2007 to 9-6-2007	To give cultural performances

		Delhi		
10.	Bangladesh	8-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Kiran Segal, Delhi	3-6-2007 to 12-6-2007	To give cultural performances
11.	Yemen & Bahrain	5-member Bharatnatyam Dance group led by Ms Aarti Shankar, Delhi	13-6-2007 to 22-6-2007	To give cultural performances
12.	Canada	2 travel grants to Hindustani Vocal group led by Ms. Sangeeta Bandopadhyay, West Bengal	15-6-2007 to 25-8-2007	To give cultural performances
13.	Austria	15-Travel Grants to Children Choir group	16-6-2007 to 26-6-2007	To participate in Voice for Global Understanding and World Peace
14.	Brazil	1-Travel grant to Shri Nanda Kumaran Nair, Koodiyattam, Kerala	20-7-2007 to 29-7-2007	To participate in the annual event of traditional cultures
15.	Zambia Malawi Kenya Mauritius &	12-member Manipuri Martial Arts group of Panthoibi Thangta-Jagoi Sindam Shanglen led by Shri Laishram Raju Singh, Manipur	27-6-2007 to 17-7-2007	To give cultural performances
16.	Tanzania	5-member Baul group led by Shri Adhar Kshyapa Bual,	27-6-2007 to 4-7-2007	To participate in the Zanzibar International Film

		West Bengal		Festival
17.	South Africa	10-member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Ms. Vanaja Uday, Andhra Pradesh	29-6-2007 to 16-7-2007	To participate in the Grahamstone Festival
18.	USA & Canada	3-travel grant to Bharatnatyam Dance group led by Ms. Geeta Chandran, Delhi	8-7-2007 to 23-7-2007	To give cultural performances
19.	Spain Poland & Germany	(i) 6-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Divya and Ms. Daksha Upreti, Delhi (ii) 10-member Musical Ensemble group led by Pandit Amarnath, Delhi	4-7-2007 to 24-7-2007	To participate in the Days of Indian Cultural in connection with the 60 th Anniversary of India's Independence
20.	France	5- travel grant to Abhinaya Theatre Research Centre, Kerala	6-7-2007 to 22-7-2007	To participate in the Festival Villeneuve Scene
21.	USA	4-travel grants to Hindustani Vocal group led by Ms. Durga Jasraj, Maharashtra	1-7-2007 to 9-7-2007	To celebrate the 60 th Anniversary of India's Independence
22.	Sri Lanka	8-member Odissi dance group led by Ms. Bindu Juneja, Madhya Pradesh	13-8-2007 to 18-8-2007	To celebrate the 60 th Anniversary of India's Independence

23.	Bhutan	12-member Kathak Dance group of Kathak Kendra, Delhi	13-8-2007 to 21-8-2007	To celebrate the 60 th Anniversary of India's Independence
24.	Nepal	4-member Flute group led by Pt. Ronu Majumdar, Maharashtra	13-8-2007 to 17-8-2007	To celebrate the 60 th Anniversary of India's Independence
25.	Afghanistan	6-member Light Classical group led by Shri Satish Babbar, Delhi	15-8-2007 to 17-8-2007	To celebrate the 60 th Anniversary of India's Independence
26.	Oman Yemen Bahrain Saudi Arabia & Qatar	8-member Qawwali group led by Shri Mohd. Warsi, Uttar Pradesh	14-8-2007 to 6-9-2007	To celebrate the 60 th Anniversary of India's Independence
27.	Russia Tajikistan Uzbekistan & Kazakhstan	8-member Manipur dance & Marshal Art group led by Shri N. Umakanta Singh, Manipur	13-8-2007 to 7-9-2007	To celebrate the 60 th Anniversary of India's Independence
28.	Germany & Russia	3-member Sitar group led by Ms. Meera Prasad, Delhi	13-8-2007 to 27-8-2007	To celebrate the 60 th Anniversary of India's Independence
29.	Ghana Nigeria & Abuja	5-member Kathak dance group led by Ms. Shikha Khare, Delhi	21-8-2007 to 4-9-2007	To give cultural performances
30.	Denmark	12-member Rajasthani	13-8-2007 to	To give cultural

	Slovak Republic Germany & Sweden	Dance group led by Shri Butte Khan, Mangnihar, Rajasthan	6-9-2007		performances
31.	USA	4- travel grant to Manipuri Dance group led by Ms. Darshana Jhaveri, Gujarat	23-8-2007 18-9-2007	to	To give cultural performances
32.	South Africa & Germany	8-member Hindustani Contemporary Vocal group "Mrigya" led by Shri Rajat Kakkar, Delhi	26-8-2007 13-9-2007	to	To participate in the Arts Alive Festival
33.	U.K. & Germany	5-travel grant to (UK) to Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Rekha Tandon, Orissa	6-9-2007 13-9-2007	to	To give cultural performances
34.	France	4-travel grant to Manipuri dance group led by Ms. Bimbawati Devi, West Bengal	4-9-2007 11-9-2007	to	To participate in the National Museum of Art Guimet
35.	Thailand	8-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Pallabi De, West Bengal	10-9-2007 13-9-2007	to	To participate in the Bangkok International Festival of Dance & Music
36.	Thailand	5-member Percussion group "Stree Shakti" led by Ms. Anuradha Paul, Maharashtra	10-9-2007 13-9-2007	to	To participate in the Bangkok International Festival of Dance & Music
37.	Greece &	9-member Mime Theatre	27-9-2007	to	To participate in

	Czech Republic	group led by Shri Jogesh Dutta, West Bengal	5-10-2007	the Mime Festival to be held in Kilkis
38.	South Africa & Mauritius	8-member Puppet group led by Shri Dadi Padumjee, Delhi	20-9-2007 to 9-10-2007	To participate in the Art Alive Festival in South Africa
39.	South Korea	17-member Theatre group led by Shri K.N.Panickar, Kerala	1-10-2007 to 16-10-2007	To participate in Festival Theatre
40.	Estonia Sweden Finland & Slovenia	2-member Sarod group led by Shri Mukesh Sharma, Delhi	5-10-2007 to 14-10-2007	To give cultural Performances for Diplomatic Notes Series
41.	Bhutan	10-member Rajasthani Music & Dance group led by Ms. Champa Sapera, Rajasthan	10-10-2007 to 19-10-2007	To participate in the Imraat Raising Day Celebrations
42.	USA	1-Travel grant to Kumkum Lal, (Odissi) Delhi	14-10-2007 to 18-11-2007	To give cultural Performances
43.	Germany Spain Hungary & Poland	5-member Kathak dance group led by Ms. Pragati Sood, Delhi	15-10-2007 to 12-11-2007	To participate in the Deutsche-Indische Gesellschaft Chain Tour
44.	South Africa Mexico &	6-member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Ms.	15-10-2007 to 12-11-2007	To participate in the IBSA & Fiesta

	Venezuela	Swathi Somnath, Andhra Pradesh		De Octubre
45.	Australia New Zealand Fiji	12-member Folk Dance group led by Shri D. Keshavanath, Andhra Pradesh	19-10-2007 to 17-11-2007	To participate in Diwali Celebrations in New Zealand
46.	South Africa Kenya & Gaborone	6-member Light Classical group led by Khan Brothers, Delhi	19-10-2007 to 28-10-2007	To give cultural Performances
47.	Mauritius Kenya Ethiopia & Botswana	12-member Bihu Dance group led by Shri Hitesh Deka, Assam	29-10-2007 to 27-11-2007	To give cultural Performances
48.	Bahrain Yemen & Oman	4-member Ghazal Singer group led by Ms. Radhika Chopra, Delhi	27-10-2007 to 6-11-2007	To give cultural Performances
49.	Pakistan	5-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Sharmistha Mukherjee, Delhi	22-11-2007 to 28-11-2007	To give cultural Performances
50.	Spain	6 Travel grant to Dolls Theatre group led by Shri Sudip Gupta, West Bengal	22-11-2007 to 2-12-2007	To participate in the Tolosa Puppet Festival
51.	France U.S.A	Shri Sarwar Hussain (Sarangi), Madhya Pradesh	22-11-2007 to 5-12-2007	To give Performances during Melody for Dialogue Among Civilizations (UNESCO)
52.	Egypt Sudan Lebanon Syria	10-member Bharatnatyam Dance group led by Ms. Jayalakshmi Eshwar,	22-11-2007 to 12-12-2007	To give Performances

	Libya	Delhi		
53.	Myanmar	6-member Qawwali group led by Shri Abdul Hamid Sabri, Delhi	25-12-2007 to 31-12-2007	To participate in the Urs Festival
54.	Sri Lanka	Travel grant to 'Sadhya' group led by Shri Santosh Nair & Party	9-01-2008 to 11-01-2008	To give cultural performances
55.	Nepal	14-member Charkula Art Academy Brij Lok Geet Manch led by Shri Murari Lal Sharma, Uttar Pradesh	23-01-2008 to 27-01-2008	To participate in the Republic Day celebrations
56.	Sri Lanka (Co-sponsored)	26-member Theatre group led by Shri Rattan Thiyam, Manipur	26-1-2008 to 1-2-2008	To participate in the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Neelam Tiruchelvam
57.	Lao PDR Indonesia Thailand Japan Malaysia & Vietnam	5-member Odissi dance group led by Ms. Lipsa Dash, West Bengal	16-02-2008 to 10-03-2008	To give cultural performances
58.	New Zealand	5-Travel grant to Dr. N. Ramani (Carnatic Flute), Tamil Nadu	March 2008	To participate in the "Spirit of India" Festival
59.	Mauritius South Africa Lusaka Zambia &	7-member Bhajan Group Led by Agnihotri Bandhus, Uttar Pradesh	27-02-2008 to 31-03-2008	To give cultural performance

	Zimbabwe			
60.	Czech Republic Slovakia Bosnia Herzegovina Germany Poland Ljubania Croatia & Serbia	5-member Mohiniattam Dance group led by Dr. Deepti Omchery Bhalla, Delhi	2-03-2008 to 16-04-2008	To give cultural performance
61	Afghanistan	7-member Talaash Band group led by Shri Ritesh Ranjan Sahai, Maharashtra	17-03-2008 to 29-03-2008	To participate in the Mazaar-e-Sharif Festival
62.	USA	3-travel grant to Ms. Aruna Sairam, Tamil Nadu	12-03-2008 to 27-05-2008	To give cultural performances
63.	USA	5-travel grant to Carnatic Music (Vocal / Instrument), (i) Smt. Nirmala Sundra Rajan (Vocal) (ii) Smt. Subhashini Paratha Sarathy (Vocal) alongwith 3 accompanists, Chennai	20-03-2008 to 30-05-2008	To participate in the Sant Thayagraja Festival,

INCOMING CULTURAL DELEGATIONS

S.No.	Name of the artistes/Delegations	Country	Period	Performances held in
1.	SAARC cultural Week events at Sirifort Auditorium	Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Maldives	30 March - 4 April,07	Delhi
2.	11-member Idan Raichel Musical Group	Israel	9-15 April,07	Delhi, Kolkata & Mumbai
3.	10-member Dance & Music group	Azerbaijan	14-22 April,07	Delhi, Lucknow, Haridwar
4.	3-member Music Troup (flute & bass)	Mexico	21-26 April,07	Delhi, Kolkata
5.	Begum Fareeda Khanum	Pakistan	27 June - 7 July,07	Delhi, Srinagar
6.	"Tannoura Sufi (Darwish)" Music and Dance Group	Egypt	27 June - 7 July, 07	Delhi, Srinagar, Bhopal
7.	Adil Barki, Sufi & Contemporary Singer	Pakistan	28 June - 7 July,07	Delhi, Srinagar
8.	10-member Rasika dance Academy to present Indian Classicial, folk and Modern Dance	Mauritius	2-12 July,07	Delhi, Lucknow, Jaipur, Chandigarh
9.	Concert of String Quartet 'Altra Volta'	Poland	29 August,07	Delhi

10.	An evening of traditional dance, music and songs	Vietnam	16-23 Sept.,07	Delhi & Mumbai
11.	Kaladharmi Baag (Rita Ganguli) for organising Jamal-e-Begum Akhtar Four-day International Ghazal Festival	Pakistan, Iran & Bangladesh	4-7 Oct., 07	Delhi
12.	30-member group Sema Ceremony by musicians and "Whirling Dervishes"	Turkey	9 Oct, 07	Delhi
13.	A Concert of Kazakh and Indian folk and classical dances by the Centre of Indian classical dance, Almaty-Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan	16 Oct., 07	Delhi
14.	A Ghazal evening by Runa Laila (Bangladesh) and Tahira Syed (Pakistan) in collaboration with Indian Women's Press Corps	Bangladesh Pakistan	20 Oct., 07	Delhi
15.	18-Member Reda Folkloric Dance and Music	Egypt	22-28 Oct,07	Delhi, Srinagar & Mumbai
16.	A Ghazal evening by Abida Parveen	Pakistan	27 Oct.,07	Delhi
17.	7-member Nacho Blanco's Flamenco troupe	Spain	14-17 Nov.07	Delhi, Kolkata & Bangalore
18.	23-member music & dance troupe	South Korea	17-26 Nov., 07	Mumbai, Delhi & Chennai

19.	SAARC Cultural Festival:-	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	30 Nov-2 Dec., 2007	Delhi
	1. SAARC Fusion Band "Sounds of SAARC"		30 Nov-2 Dec., 2007	
	2. Exhibition of photographs from SAARC countries of SAARC Car Rally		3 Dec.,07	
	3. Lunch hosted by Dr. Karan Singh, President, ICCR for School/University teachers & students of SAARC Countries		4 Dec.,07	
	4. SAARC Folklore and Theatre Festival organised by FOSWAL		5-9 Dec.,07	
	5. SAARC Food Festival at Ashok Hotel		6-9 Dec.,07	
	6. SAARC Museum of Textiles and Handicrafts		7 Dec.,07	
	7. SAARC Fashion Show at Kamal Mahal, Hotel Maurya Sheraton		7 Dec.,07	
	8. Seminar on Folklore Festival at IIC		7-9 Dec.,07	
	9. Handlooms and Handicrafts/Textiles Exhibitions	7 Dec.-6 March,07		

20.	9-member 'Night Peace Modern Dance	Slovak Republic	13-21 Dec, 2007	Varanasi, Delhi & Chandigarh
21.	14-member Dance & Music Troupe	Sri Lanka	16-23 Dec.,07	Delhi, Jaipur, Chennai
22.	Sabo Modern Dance troupe	Uzbekistan	17-27 Dec.,07	Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bhopal
23.	Ms Runa Laila at Annual Cultural Festival	Bangladesh	29-31 Dec.,07	Shantiniketan, Kolkata
24.	10-Member dance & music troupe	Mauritius	6-18 January,08	Delhi, Mumbai, Jammu
25.	265-member Gala concert to mark the opening of 'Year of Russia in India'	Russia	8-13 February,08	Delhi
26.	55-member Pyatnitsky State Academic Russian Folk Choir	Russia	8-16 Feb.,08	Delhi, Kolkata
27.	45-member Indian Austrian Children Choir	Austrian	8-15 Feb, 08	Agra, Jaipur, Delhi
28.	15-member Dance-drama based on Bhojpuri by troupe	Mauritius	18-24 February,08	Patna, Banaras, Delhi
29.	10-Member AL-Tannura Traditional Troupe	Egypt	18-27 February,08	Kanpur, Jammu & Delhi
30.	40-member troupe - Wanderers from Rajasthan by International Dance Theatre	Netherland	12 March,08	Delhi
31.	17-member 'Aquarium Rock N Roll Band' by Boris Grebenshchikov - Year of Russia in India 2008	Russia	14 March,08	Delhi
32.	35-member Yarmarka by vocal trio 'Relikt'	Russia	23 March,08	Delhi
33.	25-member Concert of Singers	Finland	27 March,08	Delhi

INDIAN CULTURAL PROGRAMME

S.No.	Name of the Programmes/Style	Style	Date of performance
1	Haji Mohd. Idris and Mohd. Ilyas (Qawwal)	To participate in the South Asia Interfaith Harmony Conclave – 2007 being organized by Interfaith Harmony Foundation	21 April, 2007
2.	Chand Afzal (Qawwal)	To participate in the Sufi Festival at Srinagar	3 July, 2007
3.	Perna Shrimali (Kathak on Sufi Poetry)	To participate in the Sufi Festival at Srinagar)	4 July, 2007
4.	Rita Ganguly (Light classical vocal)	To participate in the Sufi Festival at Srinagar	5 July, 2007

Malhaar Festival (6-8 August,07)

5.	Ms Sharmishta Mukherjee (Kathak)	To participate in the Malhaar Festival at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi	6 Aug..07
6.	Madhup Mudgal(Vocal) Gurinder Harnam Singh (Vocal)	To participate in the Malhaar Festival at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi	7 August,07
7.	Sh. T R Dhandapany (Percussion) Sh. G S Rajan (Flute)	To participate in the Malhaar Festival at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi	8 August,07

8.	Geeta Chandran (Bharatnatyam)	Performance prior to the banquet being hosted by Hon'ble Lok Sabha Speaker in honour of visiting delegation at Ganga Hall, Shagrila Hotel, New Delhi	16 August,07
9.	Priya Venkataram (Bharatnatyam)	Lec -Dem in honour of diplomats from ASEAN countries	17 August,07
10.	Nek Mohammed	Rajasthani – Folk from Jodhpur	25 August,07 BHEL, Haridwar
11.	Padma Bhusan Javed Akhtar, Padma Vibushan Pandit Jasraj, Padma Vibhushan Pandit Hariprasad Chaurisia, Padmashri U. Shrinivas, Pandit Bhawani Shankar, Pandit Vijay Ghate and Shri S V Ramani	An Extravanganza of Poetry and Music, to celebrate 60 th year of Independence and pay tribute to the National Flag "Tiranga" at Siri Fort Auditorium, Khel Gaon, New Delhi	31 August,07
12.	Jagjit Singh	Ghazal at Balyogi Auditorium	11 Sept.,07
13.	Karuna Shankar	Magician, Vice-President House	13 Sept.,07
14.	Naurang Lal	Puppet show President House	13 Sept.,07
15.	Ms Arunima Kumar	Kuchpudi Dance	20 Sept.,07
16.	Piyoosha-Kailash Anuj	Devotional Recital On Elder's Day	1 Oct.,07
17.	Jammu & Kashmir Festival	Folk songs, dance & music of Kashmir	17-18 Oct.,07
18.	Smt. Saroja Vaidyanathan	Bharatnatyam dance performance	31 Oct.,07
19.	Ms Mahua Shankar(Kathak) Bhangra group led by Sukhawinder Singh	In honour of Parliamenarians from the US, European Parliament and UK at Taj Mansingh	24 Oct.,07

		Hotel (Diwane-e-Aam)	
20.	Rajasthani Folk Dance 'Living Arts'	In honour of 400 Indian and foreign delegates participating in the Conference at AIIMS	24 Oct.,07
21.	Lec-dem by Navina Jafa	In honour of foreign diplomats participating in 44 th Professional Course being organised by FSI, MEA	30 Oct.,07
22.	Ms Yamini Reddu (Kuchpudi)	IAW 34 th Triennial International Congress	31 st Oct.,07
23.	Ms Madan Bala Sidhu & group (Bhangra & Giddha)	On the occasion of Africa Nite At Ghana High Commission being organised by Algerian Embassy	17 th Nov.,07
24.	Ms Pushparani & group (Rajasthani Folk Dance)	On Farewell function at National Defence College being organised by the wives of the Faculty of National Defence College.	26 th Nov.,07
25.	Prateek Chaudhury (Sitar) and Kailash Sharma (Flute) (Agency work)	At Parliament Library Building in honour of 14-member delegation from Bahrain being organised by Lok Sabha Secretariat	28 th Nov.,07
26.	Sh. Rashid Mustafa (Tabla) Sh. Ghulam Sabir Khan (Sarangi)	At Hyderabad House in connection with delegates with India-EU Summit	30 th November, 07

SAARC CULTURAL EVENTS

27.	Madan Bala Sidhu & Suckwinder Singh (Bhangra)	For students from SAARC Member countries at ICCR lawns	4 Dec.,07
28.	Sh. Rajendra Prasanna (Shehnai)	At inauguration of 3-day SAARC Food Festival at Hotel Ashok	6 Dec.,07
29.	Pushupati Nath Arya (Flute)	On Second day of Food Festival	7 Dec.,07
30.	Langa Manganiyar (Rajasthani Folk)	On 3 rd day of Food Festival	8 Dec.,07
31.	Rajendra Prasanna (Flute)	Concluding of Food Festival	9 Dec.,07

32.	Ms Aditi Mangaldas (Solo Kathak)	On 12 th International Conference on National Trusts & Related Conservation Organisations	5 Dec.,07
33.	Play on Rumi	At Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road	17 Dec.,07
34.	Langa Manganiyar (Rajasthani Folk)	At IIC, Delhi	7 January,08
35.	Radhika Chopra (Ghazal)	Islamic Cultural Centre, Delhi	23 January,08
36.	The Vision of India	Sirifort, Delhi	29 January,08
37.	T R Dandapani (Percussion)	Suraj Kund Crafts Mela	6 February,08
38.	Modern dance performance 'Purushartha' by Attakkalari troupe	Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi	16 February,08

FINANCIAL SUPPORT (2007-08)

S.No.	Agency	Date	Amount
1.	'Kala Prakash', Varanasi for organizing 'Morning Thumri' by Mrs Susharita Gupta – Vocal	29 April,07	Rs. 24,000/-
2.	'Hungry Heart Festival Society' for organizing "Hungry Heart Festival" at New Delhi	5-6 May,07	Rs. 3,50,000/-
3.	'Legends of India', New Delhi for organizing Legends of India Festival by Farida Khanum of Pakistan	20 May,07	Rs. 90,000/-
4.	'Mulaqaat' a cultural & literary Society, New Delhi organized International Mushara in context with Releasing Ceremony of the book "Mera Safar" at New Delhi	1 June,07	Rs. 60,312/-
5.	'Impresario' New Delhi for organizing Shakespeare's theatrical work entitled "Romeo and Juliet"	16 June, 07	Rs. 1,00,000/-
6.	'Routes to Roots', New Delhi organised a musical concert by Adil Barki a renowned Pakistani Sufi Singer in Delhi	30 June,07	Rs. 5,00,000/-
7.	'Kriya'a Kerela based trust organised international Poetry Festival	20-23 July,07	Rs. 50,000/-

8.	Jashn-e-Bahar Trust organised Mushaira Jashn-e-Bahar at Sirifort auditorium	3 August,07	Rs. 3,00,000/-
9.	'Mushaira' organized by Jamia Milia Islamia (partly supported by the Council)	1-3 September,07	Rs. 84,970/-
10.	A guitar concert by Mr Jose Maria Vilchez Martinez from Spain at Bhai Temple (Logistic Support)	29 Sept.,07	Logistical support
11.	South Asia Foundation, New Delhi organised 2 nd South Asian Film Festival.	24-30 October, 2007	Rs. 2,00,000/-
12.	Jaipur Virasat Foundation organised Jodhpur Rajasthan International Folk Festival	25-29 October,07	Rs. 2,50,000/-
13.	Dance Performance by Alberto Huetoson at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi (Logistic Support)	10 November, 07	Logistical Support
14.	VC, Allahabad University hosted a theatrical performance of a play entitled 'Mistaken.....Annie Besant in India' by Vayu Naidu Theatre Company based in London at Allahabad	November,07	Rs. 50,000/-
15.	EU-Cultural Week organised during November, 07(Logistic Support)	24,27,28,29 Nov.,07	Logistical support
16.	South Asian Fraternity (NGO), New Delhi staged a play 'JISNE LAHORE NAHIN WAIKHIYA'.	5 December,07	Rs. 50,000/-
17.	The Italian Orchestra of Royal Theatre of Parma	10 th December,07	Rs. 1,00,000/-

	organized a performance of parma at Purana Quila by Italian Embassy		
18.	Hungarian Information and Cultural Centre, New Delhi organised a Piano Concert at Chandigarh	12 th December,07	Rs. 10,000/-
19.	Embassy of Israel, New Delhi organised a performance of a 20-member "SHALOM – NAMASTE ISRAEL ASHDOD" a folk group from Israel.	13 th December,07	Rs. 1,60,000/-
20.	Yatrik Theatre Group staged a play entitled 'Pushkin's Last Poem' by Achala Moulik.	23-24 December,07	Rs. 61,798/-
21.	British Council Division staged a play entitle 'Midsummer Night's Dream'.	5-24 January, 08	Rs. 5,00,000
22.	For SAMPAD workshop being held in Kolkata	6-20 January, 2008	Rs.5,00,000/-
23.	The Council gave partial support to Mumbai Festival -2008	17 January – 3 February,08	Rs.3,60,000/-
24.	Ms Divya Arora in association with the Council staged theatre production entitled 'Melody of love' at Delhi & Goa.	17 & 19 February,08	Rs. 50,000/-
25.	Impresario India, New Delhi organised 10 th National Festival of Choreographies.	14-16 March,08	Rs. 50,000/-
26.	Kala Prakash organised Gulab Bari Festival-2008 at Varanasi.	15 March,08	1,43,000/-

DISTINGUISHED / INCOMING VISITORS PROGRAMME

No.	Name	Country	Period of Visit
1.	Prof. Maurits Sabdar H Hassan Khan, Minister of Home Affairs	Suriname	
2.	5 students from Liceo Scientifico Statali Gandhi School, along with 2 faculty members	Italy	
3.	Prof. Gowher Rizvi, Director Ash Instt for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard University	USA	
4.	Mr.Onjik Musaev and his asst.	Turkmenistan	2-10 June 2007
5.	Michel Rocard and his spouse Mrs. Sylvie Rocard	France	25June-03July 2007
6.	15-member European delegation	EU	16-26 August 2007
7.	Prof. Theodor Abt of the Federal Instt of Technology, Zurich, accompanied by his daughter, Ms.Doris Abt	Switzerland	5-18 October 2007
8.	Prof.Malegapuru William Mokgoba, VC of UKZN, accompanied by his spouse and colleague Dr. Dasarath Chetty	South Africa	16-25 September 2007
9.	Ms. Cathrine Ann Jones Theatre personality	USA	2-10 November 2007
10.	Prof.Loyiso G Nongxa, VC of the University of Witwatersrand along with Deputy VC of the same University Dr. Yunus Ballim	South Africa (Johannesburg)	

11.	Rev. Jeese Jackson and his spouse Jacqueline Jackson	USA	15-22 November 2007
12.	Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati and 5 member delegation	Iran	24 Nov-02 December 2007
13.	Sandra Cioffi, MEP , accompanied by her husband Mr. Fedi Cioffi	Italy	27 De'07 to 04 Jan'08
14.	President Shirley Strum Kenny of Stony Brook University accompanied by her husband Mr. Robert Kenny and her asst Dr. Linda Merians and Mr. Harsh Bhasin, Ex Ambassador of India to USA	USA	13-22 January 2008
15.	Mr. Ahmed Kathrada and Ms. Barbara Hogan	South Africa	28 th January – 06 th February 2008
16.	Dr. Fritjof Capra and his daughter Ms. Juliette Capra	Berkley, USA	6-18 February 2008
17.	Mr. Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, former DG, UNESCO alongwith Dr. Doudou Diene	Senegal	1-4 March 2008
18.	Maldivian Students accompanied by their teachers	Maldives	15-22 March 2008.
19.	Dr. Munira Shahidi, Tajik Scholar	Tajikistan	18-23 March 2008
20..	Dr. Javier Garciadiego accompanied by Dr. Benjamin Preciado from Colegio de Mexico	Mexico	22 March to 02 April 2008

Outgoing Visitors Programme

S.No.	Name	Country	Period	Purpose
1.	Shri Dhurbjyoti Sarkar, Lecturer in English, Nabadwip Vidyasagar College, Kolkata West Bengal	South Africa	2-4 April 2007	To present a paper titled "Orality and a Literature Colonial Elite: The Case of Sri Ramakrishna Kathamrita'
2.	Dr M H Ilyas, Lecturer, Calicut University Calicut	Egypt	21-28 April 2007	To participate in the 4 th International Conference on Preserving Linguistics & Cultural Identity
3.	Dr Ravini Thakur, Reader, Deptt of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi	China	24-26 April 2007	To participate in the Conference on Chinese Association of South Asia Studies
4.	Shri P A Nazareth, Former Ambassador of India	Indonesia	14-20 May 2007	Participation in Centenary Celebrations of Gandhijis Satyagraha
5.	Ms Anuradha Chaturvedi, Assistant Professor, Department of Architectural Conservation, School of Planning & Architecture New Delhi	Havana	9-12 May 2007	For presenting a paper entitled "Urban Cultural Landscapes of Leh, Ladakh" at Universidad de Oriente, Santiage de Cuba, Cuba

6.	Ms Shormistha Panja, Head, Department of English, Uni. Of Delhi Delhi	Prague	16-21 May 2007	To participate in the Conference "Theatre Without Borders"
7.	6 Scholars (Prof Rana P B Singh, Varanasi Dr K V Ramesh, Bangalore Dr Samarendra Saraf, Bhopal Dr Anita Sharma, Kurukshetra University Prof Shree Krishan Sharma, Kurukshetra University Prof A P Jamkhedkar, Mumbai)	Thailand	24-27 May 2007	To participate in the Conference on Syncretism in South & South- East Asia Adoption and Adaptation
8.	Ms Poonam Chaudhary, Convener Sheikh Noor-ud-din Noorani Museum of Heritage & Reader, Deptt of History, University of Jammu Jammu	Italy	8-22 June 2007	To participate in Summer Course : on Diagnostic Imaging & Photo Documentation
9.	Shri Chander Prakash, Noted Sculptor, Jammu	Switzerland	13-23 June 2007	International Symposium of Sculptors
10.	Prof. Sachchidanand Sahai, former VC, Magadh University Bihar	Cambodia/ Thailand	22-25 June 2007	For his Book Release "Ta Prohm : A Glorious Era in Angkor Civilization"
11- 12.	a) Shri Sanjay Kumar, PhD Research Scholar, IIT, Delhi and b) Ms Sreedevi K Nair, Professor, NSS College for Women, Neeramankara, Trivandrum	UK	28 June – 1 July 2007	To participate in the International Conference on Theatre Translation and Adaptation

13.	Prof Parul Dave Mukherji, Dean School of Aesthetics, JNU New Delhi	Turkey	8-14 July 2007	To participate in the 17 th International Congress of Aesthetics in Turkey
14-15.	Ms Mamta M Kharote & Ms Shilpa Deoruharkar, Curators from Mumbai	Hungary	1 July to 9 August 2007	To participate in the 33 rd International Enamel Workshop
16.	Javed Akhtar, Poet/Writer Mumbai	USA	5-8 July 2007	To participate in the production TIRANGA
17.	Ms Nirmala Panikar, Mohiniattam Guru Trichur, Kerala	Mexico	6-16 July 2007	To assist her student in connection with 60 th Independence Day Celebration of India
18.	Shri C V Gopinath, Erudite Vedic Scholar New Delhi	UK	7 July – 25 August 2007	To make presentation on Vedas & Himalayas
19.	Dr. Giriraj Kumar, Secretary, Rock Art Society of India (RASI) Delhi	Bolivia	17-23 July 2007	To participate in the International Conference on Rock Art
20.	Prof Ali Fatimi, Lecturer, Allahabad University Allahabad	Germany	19-23 July 2007	To attend Mushaira (Poetry Recital) organized by Urdu Anuman in connection with the First War of Independence in 1857 and the Mushaira (Poetry Recital) dedicated to Bahadur Shah Zafar, the great Urdu Poet

21.	F S Ejaz, Editor-in-Chief, Insha Magazine, Kolkata	Mauritius	21-29 July 2007	To participate in Seminar/Workshop on Urdu Creative Writing Poetry
22.	Shri Amit Mehra, Photographer New Delhi	London (UK)	20 July – 3 August 2007	To participate in the Festival 'India Now' at the Trafalgar Square being organized by Greater London Authority (GLA)
23.	Prof Chander Mohan, Vice-President, International Comparative Literature Association New Delhi	Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)	24 July – 6 August 2007	To participate in the Conference of International Comparative Literature Association to be held at the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro
24.	Shri Chitta Ranjan Pradhan, Yoga Teacher Bhubaneshwar	Islamabad (Pakistan)	1-30 August 2007	To teach Yoga to Chaudhury Shujaat Hussain, President of the ruling party and a former Prime Minister of Pakistan. Besides Islamabad, Shri Pradhan also visited Lahore, Murree, Taxila, Punja Sahib and Kataraj.
25.	Dr Uma Garg, Professor, Faculty of Music, University of Delhi Delhi	Nairobi (Kenya)	3-6 August 2007	To participate in Kenya Music and Dance Competition as Adjudicator

26.	Shri Rituparno Ghosh, Film Maker Mumbai	Tel Aviv	16-23 August 2007	To participate in the Film Festival of India in connection with the 15 th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Israel.
27.	Shri M Ramalingam, Deaf Artist Chennai Tamilnadu	USA	16 August 17 December 2007	To participate in Artist in Residence & also display his art works at Gallaudet University, Washington
28.	Shri Keki Daruwala, Eminent Poet New Delhi	Bulgaria	23-28 August 2007	To participate in the International Struga Festival
29.	Ms Kiran Desai, Eminent Writer, USA	Indonesia	31 August – 2 Sep 2007	To participate in the International Literary Biennale (Komunitas Utan Kayu)
30.	Ms Mamang Dai, Eminent Writer Itanagar	Indonesia	31 August – 2 Sep 2007	To participate in the International Literary Biennale (Komunitas Utan Kayu)
31.	Ms Keka Majumdar, Choreographer & Dance Teacher, Kolkata	Greece	4-10 September 2007	To participate 21 st Dance Research Congress in Athens.
35.	Shri Prabul Kumar Basu, Secretary, Kolkata International Foundation for Arts Literature and Culture Kolkata	Japan	14-16 September 2007	To participate in the World Haiku Conference

36.	Shri Uday Prakash, Eminent Writer Jammu	Hungary	19-22 September 2007	To participate in the International Writers Festival
37- 40.	4 Kavis (Rajesh Reddy, Mumbai Sarita Sharma, Delhi Aalok Kumar Srivastava, Delhi Jamuna Prasad Upadhyay, Bikapur, M.P.	Birmingham, UK	19 Septmber – 1 October 2007	To participate in Hindi Diwas organized by UK Hindi Samiti
41- 42.	Mr Rajangam Rajanikanth and Shri M K K Gopinathan Nair from Chennai	Sri Lanka	19-25 September 2007	To participate in Writer's Workshop in Colombo organized by Ministry of Cultural Affair, GoSL, Colombo.
43- 48.	Prof Bharti Ray, Vice-President, ICCR Prof K T Ravindran, Delhi School of Planning and Architecture Prof Ravi Vasudevan, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies Prof Radhika Singha, Centre for Historical Studies, JNU Prof Upinder Singh, Deptt of History, University of Delhi Prof Brij Tankha, Deptt of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi	Japan	3-5 October 2007	To participate in Seminar on Contemporary India as a part of the India- Japan Friendship Year 2007
49.	Dr Shyam Singh Sashi	Mauritius	4-10 October 2007	To life and work of Manila Doctor and his contribution to the Indian Diaspora
50.	Dr Geeti Sen, Writer/Author	London, UK	11-21 October 2007	To complete research work on her book
51..	Shri Ashok Das, JS, MEA/DDG(P), ICCR	Spain	15-19 October 2007	India-Spain Dialogue Forum
52-	Prof Shahid Mahdi,	London, UK	22-26 October	To participate in

53.	Vice-President, ICCR and Prof Mushirul Hasan		2007	the Seminar on Sir Saiyyid Ahmad Khan.
54.	Ms Smita Agarwal Professor, English Deptt University of Allahabad Allahabad, U.P.	Oxford, UK	25-29 October 2007	To participate in 75 th Year Seymposium at Oxford University and present a paper on the Rasa Theory of Indian Sesthetics
55-56.	Shri Venkat Raman Singh Shyam & Shri Rajendra Baghel Tribal Artistes Madhya Pradesh	Scotland (UK)	7-11 November 2007	To attend the Inverness Film Festival
57.	Shri Sitakant Mahapatra, Eminent Poet Bhubaneshwar	Egypt	17-27 November 2007	To interact with Literary Forum in Egypt
58-59.	Prof Varyam Singh, Poet (Himachal) Prof Ganga Prasad Vimal, Poet (Hindi) Prof Manglesh Dabral, Poet (Oriya)	Japan	23-25 November 2007	To participate in the Conference Transcending Cultural Aestheticism Exploring Literary Exchanges
60.	Shri Salim Ghouse, Eminent Theatre/Film Personality	Lahore	26 November – 1 December 2007	To perform two plays "Yudh & Drau" and "Troubadour" for Lahore Festival
61.	Shri Goutam Das, Senior Lecturer, Deptt of Design (Ceramics), Kala Bhavan Visva Bharti University	Malaysia	11-14 December 2007	To participate in Asia Ceramics Network 2007
62.	Mr Chen Haosu, Chairman, Chinese Peoples Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)	China	20-22 December 2007	For signing of MOU
63-72.	10-member Delegation of All India Doctors led by Shri Puneet Goyal	China	12-21 January 2008	In commemo-ration of the 70 th anniversary of arrival of Indian Medical Mission

				to China
73.	Shri Ashok Das, JS/DDG(P), ICCR	South Africa	21-22 February 2008	To attend India-South Africa Joint Ministerial Meeting. The Indian delegation led by EAM.
74- 75.	Prof Gopi Chand Narang, President, Sahitya Akademi Prof Sadiq Rahman Kidwai, Secretary, Ghalib Institute	Pakistan	24-26 March 2008	To attend International Conference on 150 th anniversary of the War of Independence being organized by Sargodha University in Pakistan
76.	Hafiz Qari Mohammad Riyajudin	Mauritius	19-30 March 2008	To participate on the occasion of Eid-Mild-un-Nabi.

"INDIA-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP YEAR – 2007"

S.No.	Name of the Group	Period	Country	Purpose
1.	6-member Kuchipudi Dance Group of Meenu Thakur	6-23 April 2007	Japan	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan
2.	6-member Mohiniattam Group of Neena Prasad	9-12 May 2007 12-21 May 2007 21 May – 1 June 2007	South Korea Malaysia/ Singapore Japan	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan
3.	6-member Odissi Dance Group of Masako Uno	19-25 July 2007	Japan	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan
4.	5-member Bharatanatyam Dance Group of Sreekala Bharath	19-27 July 2007 27 July – 2 August 2007 2-4 August 2007 4-6 August 2007	Japan Taiwan Thailand Myanmar	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan
5.	14-member Margi Kathakali Group	2-13 August 2007 13-17 August 2007 17-19 August 2007 19-25 August 2007	Japan South Korea Hongkong Indonesia	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan
6.	4-Ceramic Artistes	23-29 August 2007	Japan	To participate in the Tokoname

				International Ceramic Festival
7.	9-member Pop Music Group of Penaz Masani	9-16 August 2007 16-19 August 2007 19-23 August 2007 23-25 August 2007 25-29 August 2007 29-31 August 2007 31 August – 5 September 2007 5-7 September 2007 7-9 September 2007	Vietnam Lao PDR Thailand Indonesia Myanmar South Korea Japan Malaysia Singapore	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan
8.	10-member Odissi Dance Group of Meera Das	5-8 September 2007 8-11 September 2007 11-19 September 2007 19-22 September 2007 22-26 September 2007	Indonesia Philippines Japan Cambodia Mongolia	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan
9.	15-member Charkula Dance Academy led by Ms Pratibha Sharma	11 September – 1 October 2007 1-5 October 2007 5-13 October 2007	Japan Singapore Vietnam	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan
10.	6-member Sarangi Group of Ustad Sabri Khan	11-18 September 2007 18-24 September 2007	Japan China	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan

11.	10-member Contemporary Dance Group of Jayachandra Palazhy	16-21 September 2007 21-25 September 2007	China Japan	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan
12.	15-member Bhangra & Giddha Group led by Harvinder Singh Bajwa	21 September – 1 October 2007 1-14 October 2007 14-18 October 2007 18-23 October 2007	Japan South Korea Malaysia Taiwan	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan
13.	10-member Bharatanatyam Dance Group led by Yamini Krishnamurthy	28 September – 3 October 2007	Japan	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan
14.	3-member Sitar Group of Niladri Kumar	6-9 October 2007 9-15 October 2007	Singapore Japan	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan
15.	12-member Seraikella Chhau Group led by Gopal Dubey	5-21 October, 07 21-23 October, 07 23-28 October, 07 28-30 October, 07 31 October to 4 November, 07	Japan Vietnam Malaysia Laos China	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan
16.	5-member Odissi Dance Group led Sutapa Talukdar	17-19 October, 07 19-30 October, 07	Vietnam Japan	

17.	6-member Violin Group of L Subramaniam	13-20 November 2007 20-24 November 2007 24-26 November 2007 26-30 November 2007 30 November – 3 December 2007	Japan Singapore Hongkong China Malaysia	To participate in the Festival of India in Japan
18.	7-Member Indian Ocean Contemporary Group	3-7 December, 2007 7-10 December, 2007 10-14 December, 2007	Japan Vietnam China	
19.	25-Member Dance Drama Group led by Kumudini Lakhia	6-13 December, 07 13-15 December, 07 16-19 December, 07	Japan Singapore Jakarata	

ORIENTATION GRANT FROM APRIL 2007 TO MARCH 2008

S.No.	Name of the Scholar	Country	Dates of Visit	Purpose
1.	Dr Adjo Guebi, Professor of Anthropology & Social Science, University of Bokake	Ivory Coast	1 April - 1 May 2007	To intends to visit India for reséarch work
2.	Shri Azad Rahman Former DG of Bangladesh Shilpkala Academy	Bangladesh	August 2007 - October 2007	To research/work on life of Pandit Vishnu Bhatkahnde, a great musician from Maharashtra
3.	Mr Kalidas Karmakar, Artist/Sculptor	Bangladesh	September - December 2007	To research / activities in sculpture department in Kala Bhavan of Shantiniketan
4.	Mr V Sockalingam	Mauritius	October - December 2007	To learn Mridangam from Guru Balaji
5.	Dr Janusz Krzyzowski, Head of Warsaw branch of Indo-Polish Cultural Committee	Poland	December - February 2007	To attend Sangeet Sammelan Festival will be held in Gwalior

Details of Exhibitions

The Council sent four major exhibitions overseas:-

- Exhibition Entitled "Celebrating Women-Amrita Shergil Revisited" to Prague & Denmark.
- Exhibition of "Women by Women" to Poland, Algeria
- "SAARC Painting Exhibition" to Afghanistan.
- Photo Exhibition on "Religions of India" to London.

The Council sponsored several major exhibitions abroad:

- Solo Exhibition of Late Shri S L Parashar curated by Ms. Bela Sathi to The Nehru Centre (TNC), London from 16th to 20th April, 2007
- Painting Exhibition by Shri Naresh Kapuria to The Nehru Centre (TNC), London from 14th to 20th May, 2007.
- Painting Exhibition by Ms. Sangeet Gandhi to The Nehru Centre (TNC), London from 16th – 19th October 2007.
- Solo Exhibition by Ms. Papia Ghoshal to The Nehru Centre, London during February 2008.
- Painting Exhibition by Ms. Shuchi Khanna to Nehru Centre, London & Berlin from 11th – 15th February 2008 & 21st February to 6th March 2008.

- The ICCR organized an Exhibition of Photographs & Publication on the occasion of 8th World Hindi Conference held at New York during July 2007.

The Council supported visits of following artists for their exhibition abroad

- The Council provided travel grants to Shri Pablo Bartholomew, Shri Atul Bhalla & Ms. Gauri Gill for participating in the Photographic Exhibition titled "India: Public Places, Private Spaces" contemporary Photography and Video Art Newark Museum, New Jersey, USA during September 2007.
- The Council sent 8 Indian artists for the Exhibition, "Tiger by the Tail: Women artists of India Transforming Culture" in Brandeis University, USA during 2nd to 6th October 2007.
- The Council provided air passage to Shri Tirthankar Biswas for holding his painting Exhibition at the Nehru Centre, London
- The Council provided travel grant to Ms. Suman Gopinath artist from Bangalore for the sector Bangalore/Berne/Bangalore in connection with exhibition "HORN PLEASE": The Narrative in Contemporary Indian Art".
- The Council provided travel grant to Shri Krishan Ahuja artist from Delhi for the sector Delhi-Paris-Delhi for participating in the XIIIth Biennale to represent India.
- The Council provided airfreight to Ms. Urvashi Butalia for photo exhibition at the NC for the sector Delhi/London.

The ICCR organized Incoming & Local exhibitions:-

- The ICCR supported holding of an exhibition of Baby Manogna, an artist from Hyderabad, at ICCR Gallery in Hyderabad during 6th to 10th April 2007.
- The ICCR co-host an exhibition on "Shahjahanabad – a Journey through Old Delhi" curated by Shri Vikram Kalra, artist from New Delhi at India International Centre, New Delhi on 18th to 22nd April 2007.
- The ICCR co-hosted a Book launch of Pran Neville's Book "Marvels of Indian Painting – Rise and Demise of Company School" on 19th April 2007 at British Council, New Delhi.
- The Council organized Painting Exhibition of 20 leading painters from all SAARC countries and the paintings produced by them during the camp in Jaisalmer at Lalit Kala Akademi, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi from 2nd to 5th June 2007.
- The Council organized Photo Exhibition of Traditional Costumes and Jewellery "Vietnam Today" at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, from 17th – 23rd September 2007.
- The Council organized Exhibition of Contemporary Croatian Modern Arts by Croatian artists at Lalit Kala Akademi, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi from 26th September to 16th October 2007.

- The Council organized Mr. Lazaros Pandos' Painting Exhibition, a well-know painter from Thessaloniki (Greece) in association with Shri Jatin Das at All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society (AIFACS) from 16th to 27th October 2007.
- The Council organized Painting and Photo Exhibition by Egyptian artists at Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi from 19th to 24th October 2007.
- The Council organized Painting exhibition by 3 Surinamese Painters at Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi from 22nd October to 2nd November 2007.
- The Council organized Solo Art Exhibition by Shri Ranjit Das, a well-known Bangladeshi painter at ICCR's Gallery at Hyderabad from 10th to 19th October 2007 and Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi from 26th October to 2nd November 2007.
- The Council organized paintings exhibition of Her Highness Sharifah Hind Nasser from Amman, Jordan at Lalit Kala Akademi's Galleries No.5 & 6 from 21st to 27th November 2007.
- The Council organized a Solo Exhibition of Paintings by Ms. Papiya Ghoshal, a well-known painter from Kolkata from 1st to 5th February 2008 at All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society (AIFACS).
- the exhibition "INDIA PHOTO NOW" in collaboration with French Embassy, New Delhi for the sector Delhi/Kolkata/Mumbai.

- The Council provided financial support of Rs.18,500/- to Shri Paresh Choudhury towards organizing his exhibition at Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi.

The Commissioning of Busts and Statues

During the year 2007-08, the Council commissioned six busts of Mahatma Gandhi and three statues of Mahatma Gandhi whose details are as under:

Installation of Bust of Mahatma Gandhi

1. Hamburg, Germany
2. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
3. Naples, Rome (Italy)
4. Turin, Rome (Italy)
5. Berlin, Germany
6. Ottawa, Canada

Installation of Statue of Mahatma Gandhi

1. Wellington, New Zealand
2. Berne, Switzerland
3. Washington, USA

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