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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 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 maintain the Distinguished Visitors Programme, under which eminent personalities from abroad are invited to India and Indian experts are sent abroad to deliver lectures on issues of mutual interest;
- \* To establish and maintain Chairs for Indian Studies in universities abroad;
- \* Presentation of books, audio-visual material, 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 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 8645.87 Lakhs as Grant-in-Aid from the Ministry of External Affairs for the year 2008-2009.

## II. Highlights of the Year 2008-2009

- To commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Council organised the *XVI International Students Cultural Festival* on 18th December 2008 .
- The Council organised a programme in collaboration with Delhi University Students Union (DUSU) to celebrate International Cultural Exchange Programme "Rainbow" organised by the the Foreign Students Association 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. Hosney Mubarak, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, at a special ceremony held at "Kamal Mahal", ITC Hotel Maurya, on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.
- India celebrated 2009 as the "Year of India in Russia" which was jointly inaugurated by Dr. Karan Singh, President, ICCR and Mr. Zhukov, Dy. Prime Minister from Russia. The inaugural event was a seamless blending of all the major Classical Dance forms of India, performed by 8 different groups.

## Activities of the Council

### i) Scholarship and Welfare of International Students

The Council administered approximately 1350 scholarships during 2008-09 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.

Activities of the Scholarship Section include:-

- (1) **Orientation programme**: An Orientation programme for the 20 IFS probationers of the 2007 batch was organized by the Council from 28th April to 2nd May 2008. Lectures / lecture-cum-demonstrations/visits to Museums, Galleries and Historical places were arranged for them. Lectures were delivered by eminent personalities on traditional & Indian culture, art.
- (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 cultures. The Council organized the *XVI International Students Cultural Festival* on 18th

December 2008 at Siri Fort Auditorium, Khel Gaon, New Delhi. This Festival was also celebrated in other cities of India and abroad.

- (3) **Sumptuary Allowance**: The Council released Sumptuary Allowance to International Students Advisors of various Universities where a considerable number of ICCR scholars are studying, to allow them to look after the welfare of these scholars.
- (4) **ATM Cards**: The Council has issued ATM Cards through ICICI bank to each scholar studying in Delhi to facilitate the scholar's access to his/her scholarship dues from the desired ATM Machine. The payments due to scholars are being sent to their ICICI bank accounts.
- (5) **Setting up of Inter-Ministerial Committee**: Pursuant to the meeting taken by the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister of India on 15th April, 2008 on the issue of treatment of foreign students in India, an Inter-Ministerial Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of DG, ICCR.
- (6) **Summer/Winter Camps**: The Council organized five summer camps during May-June 2008 and ten winter camps during December-January 2009 for the benefit of the Foreign Students.

Details of the scholarship schemes administered / handled by the International Scholarship Division during 2008-09, along with slots allotted under each scheme and its utilization, are given at **Annexure-I**.

## **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 attaching great importance to the implementation of its programmes & activities in South Asia. The Council is



presently maintaining 22 Cultural Centres in Cairo (Egypt), Berlin (Germany), Port Louis (Mauritius), Paramaribo (Suriname), Georgetown (Guyana), Jakarta (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), 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).

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

### **iii) Chairs of Indian Studies abroad**

Council is maintaining 20 Chairs of Indian Studies in universities 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 Council's existing Chairs encompass the fields of Hindi, Sanskrit, Tamil, Modern Indian History, Indian Economy and 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 (Kyrghyzstan), Tashkent (Uzbekistan), Brussels (Belgium), Durban (South Africa) and Jalalabad (Afghanistan) .

In addition to above, the Council is also maintaining 12 Rotating short term Chairs in the following Universities: (a) Sanskrit and Buddhist Studies in Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia); (b) Indian Literature in Pennsylvania (USA); (c) Indian Studies in 6 Universities in Germany; (d) Indian Economy at Science Po, Paris, (France); (e) Indian Studies at Witswatersrand University, Johannesburg, (South

Africa); (f) Humanities & Social Sciences at Shenzhen University, Guangzhou (China); and (g) Humanities & Social Sciences at Tel- Aviv University, Tel-Aviv.

Details are given at **Annexure-III**

#### **iv) Conferences and Seminars**

During the year 2008-09, the Council collaborated with several organizations for holding major international seminars in India. These included the 4th International Seminar on Indo-Thai Historical & Cultural Linkages titled "Reflections on Indo-Thai Historical and Contemporary Cultural Relations" at Thammasat University, Bangkok in association with the Royal Thai Embassy, New Delhi & Indian Embassy, Bangkok. This 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 93 groups to present varied forms of Indian dance, music and other performing arts abroad. The performances rendered by them included classical, contemporary, tribal and folk art forms. Priority was accorded to 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**

### **Africa Festival**

On behalf of MEA, the Council organized contemporary & folk dance & music performances by groups from African countries viz. Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and India, to coincide with India-Africa Partnership Summit held in New Delhi during April 2008. The performances were held at Purana Quila on 6-7 April 2008. An abbreviated version of the performances was presented at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

### **Year of Russia in India**

To mark the Year of Russia in India, the Council, as a nodal agency, was entrusted with the task of receiving cultural troupes from Russia. The groups presented various events including ballet, theatre, musical circus shows, choirs, mime, etc. In this context, the Council received a 265-member group for the Gala opening (inauguration) of the event. The group gave public performance at Purana Quila, New Delhi on 12 Feb 2008. The Council received 14 cultural groups from Russia, consisting of more than 800 artistes, which gave public performances in various cities of India. The Closing Ceremony of the year-long Festival was held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008, with the performance of the 63-member 'Stars of Russian Ballet', at Sirifort Auditorium, New Delhi.

The Council hosted 52 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 its empanelled artistes under its 'Retrospective' and 'Horizon' series. The Retrospective series is meant for senior artistes who have already been sponsored abroad for performances, while the Horizon series showcases upcoming 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 Festival of Indian Classical Dance by foreign artistes resident in India.

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 2008-09 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 the world.

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

## x) Festivals of India

### Festival of India in Russia

The Council organised "Year of India in Russia". The Year of India in Russia was inaugurated by Dr. Karan Singh, President, ICCR and H.E. Mr. Alexander Zhukov, Dy. Prime Minister of Russia, on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009 at the New Bolshoi Theatre, Moscow.

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 Quarterlies), "Gagananchal" (Hindi Quarterly), "Papeles de la India" (Spanish, bi-annual), "Rencontre Avec L' Inde" (French bi-annual) and "Thaqafat-ul-Hind" (Arabic Quarterly).

## **xii) Exhibitions**

An important aspect of the Council's work is projection of India abroad, not only through its rich cultural heritage but also through its 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.

**The Council sent five major exhibitions overseas:-**

- Exhibition Entitled "Celebrating Women-Amrita Shergil Revisited" to Prague, Astana, Kiev, Seoul
- Exhibition of "Women by Women" Algeria
- "SAARC Paintings Exhibition" to Nepal, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh
- "The Murals of India" to Egypt
- Exhibition "Dolls & Dresses" to Prague

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 1995 was conferred by Hon'ble President of India on H.E. Mr. Hosney Mubarak, the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt, at a special ceremony held at "Kamal Mahal" , ITC Hotel Maurya on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.

#### **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 Monographs 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 Statutory Bodies of the Council is given at **Annexure- XII- XIII-XIV.**

The Council's Regional Offices continue to function in Bangalore, Chandigarh, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Thiruvananthapuram, Jaipur, Pune, Varanasi, Shillong, Cuttack and Guwahati . 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 list of ICCR Regional Offices is in **Annexure-XV**



## xv) Accounts

The Council received Rs. 8645.87 lakhs as Grant-in-Aid from the Ministry of External Affairs for the year 2008-09 and Rs. 103.72 lakhs as receipts from other sources. The actual expenditure during the year 2008-09 was Rs.8827.98 lakhs. The head-wise expenditure is as given below:

S.No.	Appropriate Head	Actual Expenditure (Figure in Lakhs) 2008-09
A.	General Activities Revenue Accounts	
1.	Incoming and Outgoing Visitors and Delegations	1329.32
2.	Cultural Performances of ICCR	96.66
3.	Audio-Visual Recordings, Digitization, Website designing	8.45
4.	Seminars/Symposia/conferences/Lectures/SIS	50.01
5.	International Students Divisions	2299.75
6.	Exhibitions	118.23
7.	Presentation of Books and Art Objects	29.75
8.	Publications	71.30
9.	Libraries	25.69
10.	Nehru Award Secretariat	52.63
11.	Multi Media	8.42
12.	Festival of India	255.64
B.	Projects Abroad	
1.	Cultural Centres Abroad	2533.77
2.	Chairs/Centres of Indian Studies	456.20
C.	Fixed Charges	
1.	Meeting of GA and GB and other Committees	10.17

S.No.	Appropriate Head	Actual Expenditure (Figure in Lakhs)
2.	Establishment of Central and Regional Offices	964.11
3.	Office Expenses and Misc.	489.30
D.	Capital Expenditure	
1.	Building	3.54
2.	Air conditioners/Furniture/Fixtures/Vehicles/Computers	25.04
3.	ICA Building and Jinnah House	-
		8827.98

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	Expenditure (Figure in Lakhs)
1.	Ministry of External Affairs Visitors/Delegations/Scholarships	1603.50	2081.62
2.	MOIA	-	0.0005
3.	Ministry of Finance (Scholarships TCS Colombo Plan)	40.69	29.45
4.	Propagation of Hindi Abroad	75.00	31.18
5.	Foreign Culture Centres in India (British Libraries)	688.31	552.44
Total		2407.50	2694.6905

The office of Director General of Audit, Central Revenue, New Delhi has conducted the audit of the accounts of the Council for the year **2008-09**

**Details of Scholarships**

SL. No.	SCHEME	SLOT	UTILIZED
1	GCSS		
2	Bangladesh Scholarship Scheme	493	300
3	Sri Lanka Scholarship Scheme	100	65
4.	Mauritius Scholarship Scheme	60	56
4	ICCR Scholarship Scheme	30	14
5	Cultural Exchange Programme	100	45
6	Commonwealth Scholarship/ Fellowship Plan	325	120
	<b>OTHER SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>31</b>
1	Africa Day	1	1
2	CRAFT Instructors	10	--
3	Aneurin Bevan	1	--
4	Dadoo Naicker	1	--
5	Silver Jubilee	1	--
	<b>AGENCY WORK</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>53</b>
1	Aid to Maldives	20	18
2	SAARC Chair/Fellowship Scheme	21	02
3	Ayush Scholarship for BIMSTEC Member Countries	15	08
4	Mekong Ganga Co-operation Scholarship Scheme	50	29
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1340</b>	<b>742</b>

**LIST OF INDIAN CULTURAL CENTRES**

- | <u>Sr.No.</u> | <u>Name of Centre</u>                                                         |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01.           | Jawaharlal Nehru Cultural Centre<br>Moscow, Russia                            |
| 02.           | Mahatma Gandhi Centre for Indian<br>Culture, Cairo, Egypt                     |
| 03.           | Indira Gandhi Centre for Indian<br>Culture, Phoenix, Mauritius                |
| 04.           | Indian Cultural Centre<br>Georgetown, Guyana                                  |
| 05.           | Indian Cultural Centre<br>Paramaribo, Suriname                                |
| 06.           | Jawaharlal Nehru Indian Cultural<br>Centre, Jakarta, Indonesia                |
| 07.           | Mahatma Gandhi Indian Cultural<br>Centre, Port of Spain, Trinidad &<br>Tobago |
| 08.           | The Nehru Centre<br>London, United Kingdom                                    |
| 09.           | The Tagore Centre<br>Berlin, Germany                                          |
| 10.           | Indian Cultural Centre<br>Astana, Kazakhstan                                  |
| 11.           | Indian Cultural Centre<br>Tashkent, Uzbekistan                                |
| 12.           | Indian Cultural Centre<br>Johannesburg, South Africa                          |

13. Indian Cultural Centre  
Durban, South Africa
14. Indian Cultural Centre  
Colombo, Sri Lanka
15. Indian Cultural Centre  
Dushanbe, Tajikistan
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
21. Indian Culture Centre  
Beijing, China

**Sub-Centres**

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

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

S. No	Country	Name of Professor/Teacher	Tenure & Date of Joining	University/ Institution
1	Poland	Dr. Ramkali Saraf Professor	2 Years 19.02.07 to 18.6.09	Warsaw University, Warsaw
2.	Hungary	Dr. Pramod Kumar Sharma Professor	2 Years 18.01.08 to 18.01.10	Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest
3.	Bulgaria	Dr. Gobind Prasad, Professor	2 Years 09.01.09 to 08.01.11	Sofia University, Sofia
4.	South-Korea	On Hold		Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul
5.	Romania	Smt. Usha Kiran Sood Teacher	2 Years 27.02.09 to 26.02.11	Bucharest University Bucharest
6.	Turkey	Dr. Susheela Thomas Professor	2 Years 12.11.08 to 11.11.10	Ankara University Ankara
7.	Belgium	Dr. V. Krishna Professor	2 Years 12.09.07 to 12.09.09	State University of Ghent, Brussels
8.	China	Dr. Devendra Shukla Professor	2 Years 10.02.09 to 09.02.11	Peking University Beijing
9.	Spain	Dr. Vijay Kumaran C.P.V. Professor	2 Years 09.07.07 to 08.07.09	University of Valladolid Valladolid
10.	Trinidad & Tobago	Dr. Durga Prasad Singh Professor	2 Years 28.09.07 to 27.09.09	University of West Indies, Port of Spain

### Propagation of Hindi abroad (Agency Work KHS)

11.	Russia	Dr. Shishir Kumar Pandey Professor	2 Years 27.10.08 to 26.10.10	JNCC, EOI Moscow
12.	Suriname	Smt. Sandhya Sharma Teacher	2 Years 23.11.08 to 22.11.10	Indian Cultural Centre Paramaribo

### Hindi Chair under ITEC terms (Agency Work MEA)

13.	Afghanistan	Dr. K.G. Kapoor Teacher	1 Year 28.09.07 to 27.09.08 27.9.09	Nangarhar University, Jalalabad
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14.	Thailand	Dr. Prativa Manjiri Rath Professor	2 Years 04.06.08 to 03.06.10	Silpakorn University, Bangkok,
15.	France	Prof. Achyutanand Dash Professor	To join in Sept.'2009	Sorbonne Nouvelle University, Paris

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16.	Poland	Dr. G. Balasubramanian Professor	To join in Sept.'2009	Warsaw University Warsaw
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### MODERN INDIAN HISTORY, CIVILIZATION & SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS

17.	Trinidad & Tobago	Dr. Ratan Lal Hangloo Professor	2 Years 08.09.07 to 08.09.09	University of West Indies, Port of Spain,
18.	Kyrghystan	Dr. G.K. Basu Professor	2 Years 15.09.07 to 14.09.09	Osh State University Osh,

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19.	Uzbekistan		Sept.'2009	University of World Economy & Diplomacy Tashkent,
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**PEACE STUDIES**

20.	South- Africa	Dr. M. S. John, Professor Gandhi Luthuli Chair for Peace Studies	2 Years 15.7.08 to 14.07.10	University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, Durban,
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**Chairs on Short Term Basis**

S. No.	Country	Name of Professor & Subject	Tenure	University/ Institution
1.	U.S.A.	Prof. Ramkaran Sharma <b>Indian Literature</b>	21.01.09 to 15.05.09	University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
2.	Mongolia	Prof. R.K. Mishra <b>Sanskrit &amp; Buddhist Studies</b>	15.02.09 to June' 09	National University of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar
3.	France	Prof. Errol D'Souza <b>Indian Economy</b>	20.02.09 to 15.06.09	Science Po, Paris
4.	Germany	Prof. Surinder Aggarwal <b>Geography/ Environment</b>	April'09 to July'09	University of Koln, Cologne,
5.	Germany	Prof. D.R. Purohit <b>Indology</b>	April'09 to July'09	Ruprecht- Karl's University of Heidelberg
6.	Germany	Dr. K Chinnappa Gowda <b>Indology &amp; South Asian Studies</b>	11.11.08 to 12.03.09	Julius Maximilians University of Wartburg
7.	Germany	Prof. Sunil Kanwar <b>Economics</b>	April'09 to July'09	George-August University of Gottington
8	Germany	Prof. G. C. Tripathi <b>Indology</b>	April'09 to July'09	Philipps University of Marburg



9.	Germany	Prof. Ramprasad Sengupta <b>Economics &amp; Political Science</b>	April'09 to July'09	University of Hamburg
10.	South Africa	Replacement is under process <b>Social Sciences</b>	Sept. 2009 to Feb. 2010	Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg.
11	China	Replacement is under process <b>Humanities &amp; Social Sciences</b>	Sept. 2009 to Feb. 2010	Shenzhen University, Guangzhou
12.	Israel	Prof. Amrit Srinivasan <b>Humanities &amp; Social Sciences</b>	16.03.09 to July'09	Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv

## Proposals Implemented

- Punjab University, Patiala organized an International Conference on "Punjabi" from 28 April – 5 May 2008. Council assisted the event by financial assistance.
- Council organized 4<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Indo-Thai Historical & Cultural Linkages titled "Reflections on Indo-Thai Historical and Contemporary Cultural Relations" at Thammasat University, Bangkok during 7-9<sup>th</sup> July, 2008, in association with Royal Thai Embassy, Delhi and Indian Embassy, Bangkok. Eminent scholars from India and Thailand participated in the Seminar.
- Council organized an Indo-Israel Colloquium at India International Centre, New Delhi and Kolkata from 8- 15<sup>th</sup> Sept., 2008. The eloquent deliberations were made during one day Colloquium and was attended by eminent scholars, film makers, journalists, artists, curators, and authors from India and Israel.
- Council assisted University of Delhi to organize International Psychoanalytic Conference on "Hatred Culture of Violence : Its Clinical and Social Manifestations" during 11-13 Sept, 2008 at IIC, New Delhi, attended by foreign participants, professionals and university students.
- To commemorate century celebrations of Alain Danielou, Council assisted Alain Danielou India Committee to organize an International Seminar on "Indian Art & Music" A Critical Survey of Alain Danielou's works" during Sept., 2008 and arranged exhibition at RTC Kolkata.
- Council facilitated participation of Shri Shashi Tharoor , an eminent author at Literary Festival at Kovalam , Kerala from 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2008, organized by NOCTILUCENT
- Asia Project, India International Center, New Delhi, organized an International Conference on "New Discoveries about Buddhism in Western Central Asia" from Sept., 29-4<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2008 Council facilitated the visit of two scholars from Afghansitan, and Uzbekistan.
- Council assisted Bharat Kala Bhavan and Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi to organize three day International Seminar on "Kushana Glory : Contemporary challenges" during Oct., 2008 . Visit of 3 archaeologists was sponsored.

- Council assisted Deptt. of English, Osmania University, Hyderabad to mark the World wide celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Publication of the noted Nigerian writer Chinua Achebe's first novel " Things fall Apart" in Oct., 2008.
- Council assisted Ahimsa Trust, New Delhi to organize an International Buddhist Conclave entitled "Path of Awakening" from 20-29<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2008 at Varanasi, Bodhgaya, Sarnath, Rajgir, Nalanda.
- Council participated with Indian Institute of Technology , Delhi to organize an International Literary Seminar from 21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2008, at Delhi.
- Council . organized Colombian Cultural Week in Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai in association with Embassy of Colombia in New Delhi from 21-26<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2008 .
- The Medieval History Society, Center for Historical Studies JNU, New Delhi organizes a lecture on "Medieval Studies in any area of Discipline and any Region of the World" during Nov., 2008, Council provides assistance to the Centre by arranging the trip of the speaker.
- Council assisted Zakir Hussain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU, to organize an International Conference of International Association of Historians of Asia (IAHA) during 14-17 Nov. 2008-09.
- IDAPRYAL, an association of Professors in Russian language organized an International Conference "A Window into Russia: Art & Society in the XXI th Century" from 2-4<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2008. Council co-sponsored the event.
- Council assisted INTACH by providing airfare to the participants from SAARC countries to organize an International Conference on –"Asian Regional Cooperation Conference on Conservation of Art and Heritage Education" from 2-4<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2008.
- Siyahi, an NGO conducting consultancies a literature and languages, organized an International Seminar on "Mantles of Myths" from 13-15<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2008 at Jaipur. Council supported this event by providing financial assistance.
- Council assisted. World Poetry Festival , Kolkata to organize an International Bengali Poetry Festival, during 24-26<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2009.
- Council assisted Gandhi Bhavan, University of Delhi to organize International Seminar on Hind Swaraj: 100 Years and After" on 11-13<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2009.

- Council assisted Department of Indo-Tibetan Studies, Visva-Bharti University, Shantiketan, West Bengal to organize an International Seminar on "Where the World Meets in a Nest" on 3-5 Dec., 2008 at Shanti Niketan. .
- Council along with Habart Foundation organized an International Seminar on " South Asian Art- Present Scenario & Future Vision" at India International Centre on 26, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2009. Eminent artists, art historians and curators from India and SAARC region deliberated on the on current issues of art
- Council assisted Modern Asian Art Network to organize 7<sup>th</sup> International Asian Art Architecture Network Conference on 23-25<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2009 at India International Centre, New Delhi.
- Council assisted Society for Indian Ocean studies , New Delhi to organize an International Conference on "Culture Trade and Development in Southeast Asia and India's responses" on 12-14<sup>th</sup> March ., 2009
- Council assisted the Centre of Russian Studies, School of Language Literature and Culture Studies, JNU, to organize an International Seminar on remembering Chingiz Aitmatov on the theme " Socialistic Realism to Global Humanism" on 25-27<sup>th</sup> March, 2009 . The proceedings have been published.
- Council assisted FICCI to organize an International Symposium on "Museum of the Future" at Kolkata on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2009.

Outgoing Cultural Delegation

S. N O.	COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED	NAME OF THE GROUP	DATE	PURPOSE OF VISIT	REMARKS
1-2.	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan Tajikistan	10-member composite group :  (i) 5-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Prerana Shrimali, Delhi  (ii) 5-member Popular Music group led by Ms. Padmini Roy, Maharashtra	6 - 23 April 2008	To coincide with the visit of the Vice President of India to Kazakhstan and to participate in the three "Tea Festivals" and to give cultural performances in the region	
3.	South Africa Lesotho	3-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Dr. Anitha Shanmugnathan, Tamilnadu	11 - 30 April 2008	To give cultural performance	
4.	USA	Four travel grants to Hindustani Vocal group led by Dr. Shanno Khurana, Delhi	15 - 28 April 2008	To perform at the Yale University To coincide with the major international	

				conference on the early art and religion of South Asia	
5.	Guyana, Jamaica Trinidad & Tobago Suriname	9-member Bhojpuri & UP Folk Dance group led by Ms. Manjula Diwakar, Uttar Pradesh	25 April – 9 June 2008	To participate in the celebrations of Indian Arrival Day and 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Council & Indian Heritage Day in Jamaica	
6.	Germany. Poland Lithuania Belgium	9-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Uma Sharma, Delhi	21 May – 10 June 2008	To participate in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> India Festival in Germany	
7- 8.	Turkey Syria	9-member Composite group (i) 6 – member Bharatnatyam Dance group led by Ms. Prathibha Prahlad, Delhi  (ii) 3 – member Sitar group led by Shri Prateek Chaudhary, Delhi	25 May- 15 June 2008	To participate in the Izmir Festival in Turkey and the Arab Cultural Festival in Syria	
9.	Hungry Germany France	Ten travel grants to the Choir group "Capital	31 May – 14 June 2008	To give cultural performances	

		City Minstrel (CCM)" led by Ms. Sharmila B.Livingston, Maharashtra			
10.	Ivory Cost Nigeria Gambia Ethiopia	8-member Bharatanatyam Dance group of Ganesa Natyalaya led by Ms. Saroja Vaidyanathan, Delhi	1 – 18 June 2008	To give cultural performances	
11.	U.K.	Shri Birendra Rongong (Sitar) Shri Solomon Daniel (Tabla ) (local artistes)	11 – 13 June, 2008	To perform in the India Business Forum in Scotland (the Council paid only performance fees for two performances)	
12.	Bosnia& Herzegovina Hungary Germany Spain	10-member Rajasthani Folk Dance & Music group led by Shri Nek Mohammad, Rajasthan	18 June – 2 July 2008	To participate in the First International Folk Festival "Dukat" in Bosnia and Herzegovina and to give performances in the region	

13.	South Africa Seychelles	5-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Paramita Maitra, West Bengal	20 June – 11 July 2008	To participate at the National Arts Festival. Grahamstown , South Africa	
14.	Indonesia	12-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms. Usha Venketeswaran, Karnataka	20 - 22 June 2008	To participate in the Bali Art Festival	
15.	France Switzerland	10-member Rajasthani Folk Dance group led by Shri Esak Khan, Rajasthan	3 July - 25 August, 2008	To participate in the “Festival de Montignac” in France and also to participate in the Indian Summer Festival in Switzerland	
16.	Germany	Ten travel grants to Choir group of Stop-Gaps Cultural Academy, Maharashtra	10 – 23 July, 2008	To participate in the prestigious 7 <sup>th</sup> Choir Competition	



17.	U.K.	Four travel grants to Theatre group "The Company Theatre" led by Shri Atul Kumar, Maharashtra	16 - 25 July 2008	To participate in the International Youth Theatre Festival "Contacting the World" in Manchester
18.	U.K.	One travel grant to Ms. Manjari Chandrasekhar, Bharatnatyam Dancer, Tamilnadu	16 - 28 July 2008	To teach at "Dance - India" - The International Summer Dance School
19.	Italy	Two travel grants to Ms. Lovely Sharma (Sitar), Uttar Pradesh & Shri Debasis Chakraborty (Guitar), Uttar Pradesh	18 - 24 July 2008	To participate in the "World Conference - Music at all Ages" organized by the International Society for Music Education (ISME)
20-21.	Israel Malta Tunisia Egypt	8-member composite group ; - (i) 5-member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Ms. Vyjayanti Kashi, Karnataka  (ii) 3 - member	21 July - 17 August 2008	To participate in the Karmiel Festival in Israel and to participate in the Tunis Festival in Tunis

		Violin group led by Ms. Anupriya Deotale, Delhi			
22.	Italy Greece Libya	8-member Kathakali group of Shri N.Raman Kutty, Delhi	21 July - 7 August 2008	To give cultural performances	
23.	Sri Lanka	10-member Kalaripayattu group of CVN Kalari led by Shri Anil Kumar, Kerala	27 July - 3 August	To participate in the SAARC Cultural Festival	
24-25-26.	USA	<p>Eleven T.G. to Cultural Delegation:</p> <p>(i) 4-member Delhi Panchvadyam Sangam led by Shri C Kunhiraman, Delhi</p> <p>(ii) 2-member Theyyam Dance group of Shri Chandu Panikar, Kerala</p> <p>(iii) 5-member Panchvadyam group of</p>	30 July - 5 August 2008	To participate in the "25 <sup>th</sup> Year Jubilee Convention of Fokana (Federation of Kerala Association of North America)" and to give cultural performances	

		Karayadam Chandramarar, Kerala			
27.	Hungary Switzerland	12-member Madhya Pradesh Folk Dance group of Shri Ram Sahay Pandey, Madhya Pradesh	01 - 25 August, 2008	To participate in the Gyongyos Festival in Hungary and to participate in the India Summer Festival in Switzerland	
28.	Yemen Oman	12-member Bhangra group of Punjab Cultural Society led by Shri Ravinder Singh Ranguwal, Punjab	4 - 16 August 2008	To give cultural performances on the occasion of India's Independence Day	
29- 30.	Bahrain Qatar Oman	10-member composite group (i) 5-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Jyoti Shrivastava, Delhi  (ii) 5-member Vocal group led by Pandit Dina Nath Mishra, West Bengal	7 - 16 August, 2008	To give cultural performances on the occasion of India's Independence Day	

31.	Maldives	7-member Mohiniattam Dance group led by Ms. Vinitha Nedugadi, Kerala	13 – 16 August, 2008	To give cultural performance on the occasion of India's Independence Day	
32.	Bhutan	10-member Odissi Dance group led by Guru Ramani Ranjan Jena, Orissa	12 – 20 August, 2008	To give cultural performances on the occasion of India's Independence Day	
33.	Singapore	12-member Akhada Marshal Art group led by Shri Bhagwan Das Raikwar, Madhya Pradesh	14 – 25 August, 2008	To participate in the Janamasthami Celebrations	
34.	Nepal	4-member Sitar group led by Ustad Shujaat Khan, Delhi	17 – 19 August, 2008	To give cultural performances on the occasion of India's Independence Day	
35.	Bangladesh	Three travel grants to Shri Rudra Prasad Sen Gupta (Theatre), West Bengal	18 – 23 August, 2008	To participate in the commemoration of the 59 <sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Theatre	The Council provided performance fee for one performance and bus fare for the

				artiste and teacher "Selim Al Deen"	sector Kolkata / Dhaka /Kolkata for 13 artistes
36.	USA	Five travel grants to Ms. Rama Vaidyanathan (Bharatanatyam), Delhi	26 August – 13 October, 2008	To give cultural performances	
37.	USA	Nine Travel Grant to Yakshgana group led by Sri Soorya Narayana Panjaje, Karanataka	28 August – 1 September, 2008	To participate in the 5 <sup>th</sup> AKKA World Kannada Conference 2008 in Chicago	
38.	Hungary Belgium Spain Cuba Dominican Republic Mexico	10-member Rajasthani Folk Dance group "Living Arts" led by Shri Madan Lal, Rajasthan	9 September – 29 October, 2008	To participate in the International Trade Fair in Belgium, Barcelona Festival in Spain, Cervantino Festival in Mexico and to give cultural performances in the other countries	
39-40.	USA	(i) Ten travel grants to	16 - 25 September	To participate in the Dance	

		Bharatnatyam Dance group led by Prof. C.V. Chander-Shekhar, Tamilnadu (ii) Eight travel grants to Kuchipudi Dance group led by Guru Vempati Chinna Satyam, Tamilnadu	2008	Festival of India 2008	
41.	Hong Kong Japan Russia South Korea	6-member Contemporary Music group led by Shri Raghu Dixit, Karnataka	17 September – 5 October, 2008	To participate in the "Music Beyond Border" project presented on Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) Radio 4 in Hong Kong	
42.	Spain	12-member Siddi Goma group led by Shri Allarakha Mukindo, Gujarat	21 – 28 September, 2008	To participate in the Barcelona Festival	
43.	Germany	6-member Contemporary Dance group led by Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, Delhi	30 September – 12 October, 2008	DIG Chain Tour organized by Deutsche-Indische Gesellschaft	

44.	Sri Lanka	5-member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Ms. Deepika Reddy, Hyderabad	3 - 9 October, 2008	To participate in the Navaratiri Festival Celebrations
45-46.	Vietnam Japan	9-member Composite group:- (i) 6-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Dipanwita Singha Roy and Shri Michael Freddy, Delhi  (ii) 3-member Sitar group led by Shri Syed Alvi, Delhi	3 - 29 October, 2008	To participate in the Namaste India Festival in Japan
47-48-49.	France	<b>Three travel grants to :</b>  (i) Shri Vedavalli Ramaswamy, Karnataka  (ii) Shri Srikantan Rudrapatna Krishnasastry, Karnataka	4 - 5 October, 2008	To participate in the Thyagaraja Festival

		(iii) Shri Ramakanth Rudrapatna Srikantan, Karnataka			
50.	Germany	2 travel grants to Shri Nirmal Mandal (Tabla Player) and Shri Ballu Khan, Delhi	6 - 11 October, 2008	To give cultural performances at the invitation of Max Planck Institution	
51-55.	Thailand	34-member Composite Dance group : -  (1) 6-member Kathak Dance group of Kathak Kendra, Delhi  (2) 9-member Odissi Dance group of Ms. Madhavi Mudgal Delhi  (3) 6-member Manipuri Dance group of Ms. Charu Mathur, Delhi  (4) 6-member Bharatnatyam Dance group of Ms. Geeta	9-12 October 2008	To present "Sanskriti" Glimpses of Classical Dances of India in the 10 <sup>th</sup> International Festival of Dance and Music in Bangkok	



		Chandran, Delhi  (5) 6-member Kathakali Dance group of International Center for Kathakali, Delhi  and one technician			
56.	France	6-member "Nadaka Group" (a troupe of Indian and International artistes) from Auroville Foundation, Tamilnadu	9 - 11 October, 2008	To participate in the 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Auroville at UNESCO	
57.	New Zealand Australia Malaysia	12-member Bihu Dance group of "Natraj Gosthi" led by Shri Mukut Bora, Assam	9 October - 3 November, 2008	To participate in the Diwali Festival - 2008	
58-59.	Tanzania South Africa Zambia Malawi Namibia	(i) 7-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Ranjana Gauhar, Delhi and Shri Ashok Kumar Ghoshal (Orissa)  (ii) 4-member Vichitra Veena	18 October - 5 November, 2008	To give cultural performances	

		group led by Dr. Mustafa Raza, Delhi			
60.	Canada	One travel grant to Shri Prattyush Banerjee (Sarod), West Bengal	20 October – 2 November, 2008	To participate in Annual Music Festival 2008	
61.	USA (T.G.) Trinidad & Tobago	6-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms. Priyadarshini Govind, Tamilnadu	21 October – 26 November 2008	To give cultural performances	
62.	Zimbabwe Lesotho South Africa	12-member Gujarati Folk Dance group of "Panghat Performing Arts" led by Shri Chaitanya Dave, Gujarat	22 October – 5 November, 2008	To participate in the Diwali Celebrations in Harare and "India Day" celebration in Lesotho	
63.	Pakistan	3 travel grants to Hindustani Vocal group of Shri Iqbal Ahmed Khan, Delhi	23 - 27 October, 2008	To participate in the All Pakistani Music Conference (APMC) In Lahore	
64-65.	Mauritius Reunion Islands	(i) 5-member Bhojpuri group led by Ms. Deep Mala Mohan, Delhi	26 October – 10 November 2008	To give cultural performances	

		(ii) 5-member Bharatanatyam Dance group led by Ms. Radhika Ganju, Delhi			
66.	Mexico City	One travel grant to Shri Akram Khan, Tabla Player, Delhi	29 October – 6 November, 2008	To participate in the Cedros Pan-American University International Music Festival	
67.	Oman Qatar UAE	5-member Ghazal group led by Ms. Anita Singhvi (Delhi) along with Shri Farouque Sheikh, Mumbai	30 October – 9 November, 2008	To give cultural performances based on "Shyari & Shayars"	
68.	Bangladesh	4-member Baul group led by Shri Madhusudan Das Baul, West Bengal	3 – 12 November, 2008	To give cultural performances	

69.	Afghanistan	6-member Qawaali group led by Shri Haider Buksh Warsi, Uttar Pradesh	3 - 13 November, 2008	To give cultural performances	
70.	USA	Five travel grants to Kudiyattam Dance group led by Shri Shivan Namboothiri and one travel grant to Ms. Shanta Serbjeet Singh (Critic)	6 - 16 November, 2008	To participate in the APPAN Festival and Symposium in New York	
71.	Germany	6-member Devotional group led by Shri Singh Bandhus, Delhi	11 - 18 November, 2008s	To commemorate the 300 years of Guru Granth Sahib	
72.	Lao PDR Indonesia Myanmar	5-member Puppet group led by Shri Suresh Dutta, West Bengal	12 - 28 November, 2008	To give performances on the Carnival of FICCI	
73- 74- 75.	Pakistan	(i) 12 travel grants to "Primetime Theatre Co." (Ms. Rupali Kataria), Maharashtra  (ii) 16 travel grants to "Qadir	13 - 23 November, 2008	To participate in the World Performing Arts Festival at the invitation of Rafi Peer Theatre Workshop	

		Ali Baig Theatre Foundation" led by Shri Mohammad Ali Baig, hyderabad			
		(iii) 10 travel grants to "Nritarutya" led by Ms. Mayuri Upadhya, Karnataka			
76.	Nigeria (Abuja)	12 Children and two teachers from Lagos	20 – 23 November, 2008	To participate in the Abuja Carnival	The Council is providing only internal travel cost for the sector Lagos / Abuja / Lagos amounting to Rs. 1,91,159/- Naira 4,80,000/-
77.	Myanmar	6-member Qawaali group of Ihsan Hussain and Adil Hussain, Hyderabad	22 – 26 December, 2008	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Oorash	
78.	Israel	Five travel grants to Kudyattam group of Madhu Margi, Kerala	6 – 12 January, 2009	To participate in the "Hebrew University Thepsis	

				Festival"	
79.	China	Shri Zunain Halim Khan (Sitar) with one Tabla player	21 – 24 January, 2009	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day	
80.	Bhutan	14-member Bhangra and Giddha group of Rangla Punjab led by Shri Ajay Kumar, Punjab	24 – 28 January, 2009	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day	
81.	Nepal	5-member Hindustani Vocal group led by Ms. Padma Talwarkar, Maharashtra	25 – 28 January, 2009	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day	
82.	Sri Lanka	Shubhra Bollywood Group led by Ms. Shubhra Anand Mohan Bhardwaj, Maharashtra	24 – 29 January, 2009	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day	
83.	Mauritius	5-member Devotional group led by Shri G.S. Mani, Tamil Nadu	30 January – 10 February, 2009	To participate in the Cavadee Celebrations	
84.	Bangladesh	5-member Vocal group of Dagar Brothers (Shri Nafees-ud-din	6- 12 February, 2009	To give cultural performances	

		Dagar & Anees-Ud-Din Dagar), Maharashtra			
85.	Spain	Shri Murad Ali (Sarangi), Delhi and Shri Arshad Khan (Tabla), Delhi	10 - 14 February, 2009	To participate in the ARCO International Art Fair	
86.	Mauritius	5-member Bhajan group led by Shri Bhuvanesh Mukul Komkali, Madhya Pradesh	15 - 24 February, 2009	To participate in the Shivratri Festival	
87.	Hungary Slovak Republic Slovenia Croatia Italy	10-member Kathak Dance group "Dhwani" led by Ms. Vaswati Mishra, Delhi	21 February - 18 March 2009	To participate in the Sarajevo Festival	
88-89.	Armenia	(i) 5-member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Dr. Madhuri Majumdar, West Bengal  (ii) 4 member Hindustani Vocal group led by Dr. Uma Garg, Delhi	10 - 30 March, 2008	To give cultural performances	
90-91.	Australia	(i) Three travel grants to Shri U	2 - 22 March 2009	To participate "2009 Spirit	

		Srinivas (Mandolin), Tamil Nadu  (ii) Three travel grants to Anuradha Kuber (Hindustani Vocal), Tamil Nadu		of India” concert tour programme at the invitation of Shri Mohindar Dhillon, President, Natraj Cultural Centre Inc., Australia	
92.	Indonesia South Korea	7-member Jazz group “Something Relevant” led by Shri Tanmay Bhattacharya	5-15 March, 2009	To participate in the Java Jazz Festival, 2009	
93.	USA	Five travel grants to Shri Prahlad Singh Tipaniya (Kabir Folk Singer), Madhya Pradesh	6 March – 11 May, 2009	To give cultural performances at the invitation of Ms. Linda Hess, Co- Director, Stanford University, USA	



**INCOMING CULTURAL DELEGATIONS**

S.No.	Name of the artistes/Delegations	Country	Period	Performances held in
1.	Ms Nahid Siddiqui and 5 accompanists	Pakistan,	1 April,08	Delhi

**AFRICA FESTIVAL**

2.	A tribute to Africa	Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Libya, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and India	29 March- 11 April,08	Delhi
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3.	15-member Flamenco Dance & Music by Compania Maria Pages	Spain	20-27 April,08	Delhi, Hyderabad & Mumbai
4.	20-member Academic Chamber Orchestra	Russia	20-25 April, 2008	Delhi & Bangalore

	"Music Viva" (under "Year of Russia in India-2008)			
5.	Choir performance by SIRIN (under "Year of Russia in india programme)	Russia	26-30 April,08	Delhi, Trivendrum
6.	60-member troupe "Days of Iranian Culture in India"	Iran	26 April – 7 May,08	Delhi, Mumbai
7.	49-member Phonograph Jazz Band & String troupe of Academic Chamber Orchestra Musica Viva	Russia	6-11 May,08	Delhi, Mumbai
8.	Ms Liel Kolet singer stage show at Mumbai to mark 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Israel	Israel	19-21 May,08	Mumbai
9.	15-member cultural troupe led by Bhabna to participate in the Inaugural Ceremony of RTC	Bangladesh	1-3 June,08	Kolkata
10.	Igor Moiseyev Ballet (The State Academic Ensemble of Popular Dance)	Russia	10-15 June,08	Delhi, Chandigarh
11.	13-member Sabo Modern . Dance (Navoiy) troupe to participate in Sufi	Uzbekistan	20-27 June,08	Srinagar, Delhi, Lucknow

	Festival at Srinagar			
12.	12-member Sufiana Music and Dance troupe to participate in Sufi Festival at Srinagar	Damascus (Syria)	21-27 June,08	Delhi, Lucknow
13.	32-member Ajoka Theatre group "Bullah" to participate in Sufi Festival at Srinagar	Pakistan	20-24 June,08	Srinagar
14.	11-member Amjad Farid Sabri & party to participate in Sufi Festival at Srinagar (Qawwali)	Pakistan	18-25 June,08	Delhi, Srinagar
15.	9-member Dance & Music troupe to participate in Sufi Festival at Srinagar	Egypt	16-23 June,08	Srinagar
16.	17-member Provincial Dances 'Ekaterinburg' Theatre performances Russia	Russia	12-19 September 2008	Delhi, Mumbai
17.	Shafqat Amanat Ali in collaboration with Music Today	Pakistan	22 Sept. 2008	RTC, Kolkata
18.	47-member Circus Musical Show Russia	Russia	23 Sept. -	Delhi, Kolkata

			1 October, 2008	
19.	11-member Dance & Music Troupe from Botswana	Botswana	24-30 Sept., 08	Mumbai, Delhi
20.	32-member Chongdong Theatre from South Korea	South Korea	3-7 Oct. 2008	Delhi, Mumbai
21.	33-member Russian Dance and Song in Modern Style	Russia	10-17 Oct. 2008	Pune, Bangalore, Mumbai
22.	Spanish Flamenco Dance(Logistical Support)	Spain	12 Oct. 08	Delhi
23.	16-member South African dancers (IBSA Festival)	South Africa	12-16 Oct. 2008	Delhi
24.	25-member Dance & Music group (IBSA Festival)	Brazil	9-15 Oct. 2008	Delhi
25.	32-member Dance & Music troupe from Tajikistan	Tajikistan	13-18 October, 2008	Bangalore, Delhi
26.	10-member Hungarian State Folk Ensemble	Hungary	13-24 Oct. 2008	Trivandrum, Chandigarh, Delhi
27.	6-member Musical troupe from Colombia	Colombia	21-26 Oct. 2008	Delhi, Chennai
28.	12-member	Pakistan	28 Oct.-	Delhi

	Qawwal troupe of Muhammad Zaman Zaki from Pakistan		1 Nov. 08	
29.	6-member Qadir Ali Baig Theatre Foundation from Pakistan	Pakistan	1-4 Nov. 2008	Hyderabad
30.	La Traviata Verdi in collaboration with Neemrana Foundation (Logical Support)	Spain	3-11 Nov. 2008	Delhi
31.	Italian Opera group in collaboration with Neemrana Foundation (Full Support)	Italy	13-17 Nov 2008	Kolkata
32.	29-member Slava Zaitsev Fashion Show Russia	Russia	4-10 Nov. 2008	Bangalore, Delhi
33.	6-member Valery & Gleb Comic Pantomime	Russia	12-19 Nov 2008	Chennai, Delhi
34.	30-member Chinese Acrobatic troupe	China	19-27 Nov 2008	Delhi, Kolkata
35.	Shuji Yamamoto, Japanese National, Disciple of Sarod Maestro Ustad Amjad Khan & Kathak recital by Silvia Risaliti Yamamoto	Japan	24 Nov.08	Delhi

36.	Alexander Red Army Choir & Dance Ensemble from Russia	Russia	25 Nov-5 Dec. 08	Delhi, Kolkata
37.	Closing Ceremony "Stars of Russian Ballet"	Russia	3-7 Dec. 2008	Delhi
38.	Arab League Cultural Festival	Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Palestine, Qatar, Syria, Yemen	4-7 Dec. 2008	Delhi
39.	4-member Ivanov's Ensemble of Soloists from Belarus	Belarus	22-25 Decemb er, 08	Kamani Auditorium New Delhi
40.	10-Member Cultural troupe led by Ms. Lata Pada, Artistic Director, Sampraday Dance Creation from Toronto,	Canada	18-22 Decemb er, 2008	Ahmedabad, Pune
41.	Female Baul Singer Kangalini Sufia	Bangladesh	23-24 Decemb er, 08	Ashok Theatre, New Delhi
42.	Mrs. Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya & Mr. Khairul-Anam Shakil	Bangladesh	25-29 Decemb er, 08	Jalpaiguri
43.	Bolshoi Theatre	Uzbekistan	3 January, 09	Siri Fort Auditorium, Delhi
44.	14-member Academic Opera & Ballet Theatre &	Armenia	26 Jan- 5 Feb. 09	Delhi (Satya Sai & Russian Culture Centre)

	Yerevan State Puppet Theatre			
45.	13-member Ismailia Dance troupe	Egypt	1-10 Feb. 2009	Delhi (Kamani), Suraj Kund Mela, Jaipur & Chandigarh
46.	Musical evening by Herbie Hancock, Stevie Wonder & George	America	16 Feb. 09	Delhi (Siri Fort)
47	South Asia Fusion Band (in collaboaration with Seher)	Bangladesh , Nepal, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Bhutan Afghanistan & India	20-22 Feb. 2009	Purana Qila, Delhi
48.	7-member Sufi Musical troupe	Afghanistan	20-23 Feb,09	Delhi (FICCI)
49.	Concert by Choir troupe, Vienna	Austria	9 March,0 9	Delhi (Kamani)
50.	A Piano Recital by Famous Pianist Gill Shohat	Israel	12 March, 09	Kolkata
51.	12-member Sega Dance & Music group from Mauritius	Mauritius	8-15 March, 09	Delhi & Chandigarh
52.	12-member Music & Dance groups from Nigeria	Nigeria	19-25 March, 09	Delhi & Jaipur

## INDIAN CULTURAL PROGRAMME

S.No.	Name of the Programmes/Style	Style	Date of performance
1.	Shri Rao Jayraman & Ms Vanashree Rao	Kuchipudi	9 April, 2008
	Shri Sukhvinder Singh & Group	Bhangra & Giddha	
2.	Ms Ranjana Gauhar & group 'Unbound Beats of India'	Odissi Dance	9-10 April,08
3.	Nek Mohd. & group	Rajasthani Folk Dance	15 April,08
4.	Ms Navina Jafa – Lec-dem	Kathak Dance	23 April,08

### A FESTIVAL OF INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE by foreign artistes resident in India

5.	Masako Ono Natalia Hildner	Odissi Kathak	26-28 May, 08
	Olena Laxmi Isabelle Anna	Kuchipudi Kathak	
	Kim Eun Jung Ms Nikalina Nikoleski	Kathak Bharatanatyam	

6.	Bhanusinger Padabali To participate in Inaugural Ceremony of RTC, Kolkata	Tagore Dance Drama	1-3 June,08
7.	7-member group from Assam 6-member group from Sikkim 8-member group from Nagaland 8-member group from	Folk Dance	1-3 June,08



	Mizoram to participate in Inaugural Ceremony of RTC, Kolkata		
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### **SUFI FESTIVAL at Srinagar**

8.	Radhika Chopra & group Meeta Vashist & group	Ghazal singer Sufi Dance Theatre	19-21 June,08
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### **Malhaar Festival**

9.	Pt. Ronu Majumdar Monisa Nayak	Flute Kathak	11 August,08
	Padmashri T.H. Vikku Vinayakram Kumud Diwan	Carnatic Music Percussion Classical Light Classical Vocal	12 August,08
	Ustad Eltaf Hussain Sarhang from Afghanistan Kohinoor Langa & Party	Vocal Classical Folk Rajasthani dance	13 August,08

10.	Dr. Francesca Cassio The Pianist Maestro UGO Bonessi	"Tagore Songs of Love and Devotion"	23 August, 08 (RTC Kolkata)
11.	Ms. Radhika Ganju Sehgal  Shri Kanwar Preet Singh	Bharatanatyam Dance Recital in honour of delegates of BIMSTEC Bhangra &	29 August, 08  29 August, 2008

		Giddha in honour of delegates of BIMSTEC	
12.	Shri Radhay Braj Lok Kala Samiti, Bharatpur	Rajasthani Folk dance	4 September 2008
13.	Ms. Aditi Mangaldas	Kathak dance in honour of Chinese Foreign Minister	8 September, 2008
14.	Ms. Sneha Chakradhar	Bharatanatyam dance	11 Sept. 08
15.	Mrs. Jayprabha Menon	Mohaniyattan dance in honour of Hon'ble President of India.	23 Sept. 08 Lucknow
16.	Attakkalari Dance group Bangalore	IBSA Festival and in honour of Hon'ble President of India.	14-15 Sept. 2008
17.	Pupperty performance by child artistes of the Kalakar Trust	Releasing a special issue of the Journal Indian Horizon	31 Oct. 08
18.	Ms. Naveena Jafa	Lec-dum in Kathak Style in honour of Foreign Diplomats	7 November, 2008
19.	Ms. Pragati Sood Anand	Kathak dance in honour of delegate organized by JNU	15 Nov., 08
20.	Ustad Eltaf Hussain	Light Classical Vocalist	20 Nov. 08 Pune
21.	Shri Sukhvinder Singh	Giddha &	21 Nov. 08

		Bhangra group	
22.	Shri Abhimanyu Lal	Kathak	22 Nov. 08
23.	Shri Rakesh Prasanna	Flute	22 Nov. 08
25.	Pro Helvetia, Swiss Art Council	Swiss dance performance	1-11 Dec, 08 Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai
26.	Ms. Shovana Narayan	JNU	5 Dec, 08
27.	Sanskriti Catalan Dictionary	Habit Centre	11 Dec. 08
28.	Music 4 Kids by Kids	Delhi, Satya Sai	16 Jan. 09
29.	Kanwar Preet & group	Food Festival, Ashok Hotel	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 09
30.	Sukhvinder Singh & group	Food Festival, Ashok Hotel	22-26 Jan. 09
31.	Rajasthani Folk Dance, Mohan Singh	Food Festival, Ashok Hotel	26 Jan. 09
32.	Timeless and Uncharted Seas (Aditi Mangal Das)	Kamani, Delhi	22-23 Jan. 09
33.	Musical events Drums	Delhi, Kamani	30 Jan. 09
34.	Nek Mohd. & group	Delhi	31 Jan., 09
35.	Anu Priya Deotal (Viole)	Delhi	31 Jan, 09
36.	Amir Khusro Centre for Music	Delhi, Kamani	10 Feb. 09
37.	Akram Khan (Percussion)	Delhi	12 Feb. 09
38.	Arushi Mudgal	Delhi, IIC	12 Feb., 09
39.	Geeta Chandran (Lect-dum)	Delhi, Azad Bhavan	12 Feb., 09
40.	Dance & Music (Sadhya Unit)	Delhi, FICCI	12 Feb., 09

41.	Dance & Music organized by Geeta Mela	Kanpur	17-21 Feb. 09
42.	Dance & Music Festival VASANTOSAVA	Delhi, Kamani	19-21 Feb., 09
43.	Geeta Chandran & groups	Delhi, Kamani	6 March, 09
44.	Mango Cherry Mix by Navtej Johar in collaboration with Hiroshi Miyamota from Japan	Delhi, Kamani	10 March, 09
45.	Shish Nath Saperia & party	Delhi, AIIMS	13 March, 09
46.	i) Kalbelia group from Rajasthan ii) 3-groups North East Zone (Shillong, Tripura & Guwahati)	Rashrapati Bhavan	16 March, 09
47.	Piyoosha Kailash Anuj	Delhi	24 March, 09

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT (2008-09)**

S.No.	Agency	Date	Amount
1.	Financial support to the Centre for the Arts, Kolkata organized a month long programme covering Art, Music, Film & Photography with participation of Bangladesh artistes.	March,08	Rs. 1,03,431/-
2.	Financial support to Bhartiya Sadan to organise an evening of Lambada Zouk Dancers of foreign participation from Brazil	17 April,08	Rs. 30,000/-
3.	Financial support to Neemrana Music Foundation, New Delhi for organizing "Carmen" of international participation from Paris.	18-20 April,08	Rs. 2,12,500/-
4.	Financial support to Rasaja Foundation to organise 'Mythologies Retold" a dance-drama at Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai and Mumbai for foreign diplomats.	April,08	Rs. 2,00,000/-

5.	Financial support to the West Bengal Dance Group Federation to organise International Dance Day at Kolkata by foreign artistes from U.K.	29 April,08	Rs.96,000/-
6.	Financial support to the All India Deaf Arts and Cultural Society to organise Cultural Festival of Hearing Impaired Artistes from Pakistan at Delhi for foreign diplomats.	May,2008	Rs. 2,40,000/-
7.	Financial support to the Embassy of Israel to organise a cultural programme of Ms Liel Kolet from Israel at Mumbai	May, 2008	Rs. 58,316/-
8.	Financial support to the South Asia Foundation organised International South Asian Film Festival at Goa from South Asian Countries.	27-30 June,08	Rs. 6.00 lakhs
9.	Financial support for organizing Cultural events based on the Play 'Mahabharata' (Karna), organized specially for diplomatic corps by Kaleidoscope, New Delhi.	31 July, 2008	Rs. 5.00 lakhs

10.	Financial support to the Udaharan, Institute Carvantes, Dept. of European Studies, University of Rajasthan organized a cultural event for foreign students residing in Rajasthan.	4 September, 08	Rs. 6,000/-
11.	Financial support to the University College of Medical Sciences and GTB Hospital, Delhi organized an event for foreign delegates.	24-25 September, 08	Rs.20,000/-
12.	Financial support to Organise First Kovalam International Literary Festival, Kovalam Beach, Thiruvananthapuram	6-8 October, 2008	Rs.40,000/-
13.	Financial support to the Founder Trustee, Weavers Studio Centre for the Arts, Kolkata for organizing on the "Life and Times of Begum Akhtar".	11 October, 2008	Rs.12,000/-
14.	Financial support to ALPANA (Sambhav) for organizing cultural events by foreign participation from SAARC Countries.	9 November, 2008	Rs. 2.00 Lakhs

15.	Financial support to Neemrana Foundation for organizing "La Traviata" by foreign artistes.	10 November, 08	Rs. 1,77,665/-
16.	Financial support to Japanese Film Festival, Chandigarh	13-18 November, 2008	Rs.25,000/-
17.	Financial support to Sopori Academy of Music for organizing (SaMaPa) for international dignitaries & diplomats.	15-16 November, 2008	Rs.5.00 lakhs
18.	Financial support to Ryan Foundation for organizing International Theatre Festival by foreign participation	27-30 November, 2008	Rs.3.00 lakhs
19.	Financial support to the Festival of Arts & Culture Haryana for organizing Cultural events for foreign diplomats, foreign media etc.	9-11 December, 2008	Rs. 50,000/-
20.	Financial support to Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, Chennai for organizing Ramayana Traditions by cultural troupe from abroad.	17-23 December, 2008	Rs. 1,00,000/-
21.	Financial support to	13 December,	Rs. 1,40,000/-



	Surabhi Foundation for sponsoring Indo-Pakistan, Brathorhood Festival by foreign artistes.	2008	
22.	Financial support to Shohan, Kolkata for organizing Theatre Festival by foreign artistes.	25-30 December, 2008	Rs. 50,000/-
23.	Financial support to organise "International Mumbai Festival-2009" by various troupes from abroad.	15-31 January, 2009	Rs.10,00,000/-
24.	Financial support to Ishra Puppet Theatre for organizing International Puppet Theatre Festival by foreign participation for diplomatic corps as well.	27 January – 5 Feb 2009	Rs. 1,50,000/-
25.	Financial support to Attakkalari Centre for Movement Arts, Bangalore for organizing Festival of Dance by foreign artistes.	6-16 February, 09	Rs. 1,50,000/-
26.	Financial support to Symbiosis Law School, Pune for organizing inter-collegiate International Cultural Festival.	13-15 February, 09	Rs. 1,00,000/-
27.	Financial support to	15 February, 09	Rs. 2,00,000/-

	IILM Academy of Higher Learning, Jaipur for organizing International Fusion by foreign artistes.		
28.	Financial support to Alliance Francaise, Chandigarh for organizing Masaladosa (Mix of Indian Music & Jamaican Grooves)	26 February, 09	Rs. 16,000/-
29.	Financial support to Gulabbari, Kala Prakash, Varanasi for local foreign audience.	14 March, 2009	Rs. 96,000/-
30.	Financial support to Uravashi Dance, Music & Cultural Society for organizing dance ballet 'Mission Ekta' by participation of foreign artistes.	21 March, 2009	Rs. 35,000/-
31	The International Festival of Sacred Arts Delhi	20-26 February, 2009	Rs. 5,00,000/-
32.	Gandharva Mahavidhyalaya New Delhi	17-22 April, 09	Rs..2,75,980/-

**DISTINGUISHED / INCOMING VISITORS PROGRAMME**

1.	Mr Zhang Minyu, winner of the Tan Yushan Award 2007 (Single)	China	Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Varanasi, and Lucknow	To meet Hindi scholars, academician and dignitaries of various esteemed universities and institutions in India.	16-27 A 08
2.	Mr Christian Weiss, Gisela Bonn Awardee for the year 2007 and Publisher. (Single)	Germany	Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Trivandrum, Mumbai & Kolkata	To meet various publishers in India.	22 April May, 08
3.	Prince (Dr) Mangosuthu Buthelezi, President of the Inkatha Freedom Party (Two)	South Africa	Mumbai, Bangalore, Delhi & Agra	To meet scholars, academicians, dignitaries and politicians in India.	6-14 July
4.	Winner of Hindi Gyan Pratiyogita (11 students and 1 Teacher) (Twelve)	9 European countries	Delhi, Agra, Haridwar, Rishikesh, Dehradun and Lucknow	To meet Hindi scholars, academician and dignitaries of various esteemed universities and institutions in India.	10-21 Aug 2008
5.	Dr Hussein Soloman (Nelson Mandela Chair) (Single)	South Africa	Delhi	For three months study in JNU	4 Sept to 3 Dec, 2008
6.	His Holiness Van Thich Nhat Hanh (Two)	France	Delhi and Nagpur	To give lecture on Buddhism.	7-20 Oct, C
7.	Dr Ebrahim Janahi, President of the University of Bahrain accompanies by Dr Kathrin Bindon, Advisor (Two)	Bahrain	Delhi and Bangalore	To meet scholars, academician and dignitaries of various esteemed universities and institutions in India.	4-10 Oct, 2008
8.	Dr Martin Roth, Director General of the Dresden State Art collections, (Two)	Germany	Delhi, Kolkata, Ahmedabad and Mumbai	To meet scholars, academician and dignitaries of various esteemed universities and institutions in India.	12-19 Oct, 2008
9.	Mr Mirzoshohruh Asrori, Minister of Culture	Tajikistan	Delhi and Agra	To meet scholars, academician and dignitaries	13-18 Oct, 2008

	(Single)			of various esteemed universities and institutions in India.	
10.	Prof Konstantin Khudoley, Dean, School of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University (Single)	Russia	Delhi & Agra	To meet scholars, academician and dignitaries of various esteemed universities and institutions in India.	30 Oct to Nov, 2008
11.	Dr. Fareed Zakaria, Journalist, Columnist, Author, Editor, Commentator and Television Host (Single)	U.S.A.	Delhi	Deliver Nehru Memorial Lecture at Teen Murti House	16-19 Nov 2008
12.	Mrs. Pachisawat Sophie Tanapura and Ms. Vatchpreya Navachartkosit (Companion)	Bangkok	Mumbai, Delhi	To meet scholars, academician and person in the field of art and culture	11-20 Nov 2008
13.	Ms Mira Salganik And Mr. Alexandre Livergant (Two)	Moscow	Delhi, Agra, Hyderabad	To met publishers Director, Sahitya Akademi and personalities in the field of art and culture	7- 16 Dec 2008
14.	Mr. Francisco Javier Leon De La Riva (& Spouse Ms. Mercedes Rafael Santamaria), Mayor Of The City Of Valladolid (Two)	Valladolid	Delhi, Varanasi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad	To meet Mayor of Delhi, Director, AIIMS and other dignitaries	6-16 Dec 2008
15.	Prof. Stephen A Marglin, professor of Economics, Harvard University, USA	USA	Economy class air ticket US \$ 1684.77	Travel grant for the sector Boston-Delhi-Boston for delivering 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ravinder Kumar Memorial Lecture. Reference M/s Deshkal Society, New Delhi	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 20
16.	Dr. Martin Luther King III & Johnny Mack	USA	Delhi, Agra, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Chennai and Kolkata)	To commemorate the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of visit of Dr. Martin Luther King to India in 1959 and deliver Mualana Azad Memorial Lecture	13-26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2009
17.	Prof. Russell Botmen, Rector VC, University of Stellenbosch.	South Africa	Mumbai, Delhi, Mumbai	To meeting with DG, ICCR and Meeting with Vice-Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University.	14 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2009
18.	Mr. Akwasi Osei-Adjei,	Ghana	Delhi	To meet Indian dignitaries	20 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup>

	former Foreign Minister of Ghana				Feb 2009
19.	<b>Ms. Samia Nkrumah,</b> Member Of Parliament, And Daughter Of Kwame Nkrumah, Founder President Of Ghana	Ghana	Delhi	To meet Indian dignitaries	10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 March 20

## Outgoing Visitors Programme

S.No.	Name of the Scholar/Visitors	Country	Period	Purpose
1.	Shri Benoy K Behl	Around the World	5 April – 6 June 2008	To deliver Talks "The Murals of India" as well as showing a few of his films series "The Sculpture of India"
2.	Prof Scaria Zacharia, Writer, Kerala	Washington, USA	6-7 April 2008	To participate in a series of programme arranged in Washington-In DCJCC organized by the Library of Congress and Maryland University.
3.	Dr C S Biju, Research Scholar & Reader Deptt of English St. Thomas College	London, UK	10-24 April 2008	To participate in the Conference "British Asian Theatre: From Past to Present" being organized by University of Exeter Department of Drama.
4.	Shri Salman Khurshid, Former Member of Parliament, Delhi	London, UK	9-11 April 2008	To release of his book "150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 1857".
5.	Ms Kavita Nayar, Artist, Delhi	New York, USA	10-24 April 2008	To present a paper on Contemporary Indian Printmaking Scenario in Frank Museum of Arts, USA.
6.	Dr Pushpa V Pai, Formerly Head, Department of Applied	Crotia, Zagreb	21 April – 22 May 2008	To participate in the Philological Workshop on a

	Linguistic Analysis, Sir Nathibai Damodar Thakersay Women's University, Mumbai			comparative analysis of the "Verbal Lexeme" of Hindi and Croatian Languages being organized by the Faculty of Philosophy of Zagreb University.
7-12.	Prof Syed Shahid Mahdi, Vice-President, ICCR, New Delhi Prof A C Patankar, Eminent Writer and Poet, Mumbai Smt Rakshanda Jalil, Coordinator, Media and Culture, JMI, New Delhi Prof P K Abdul Aziz, VC, AMU, Aligarh Ms Mita Vashisth, Theatre Critic, Mumbai Prof Anwar Mozzam, Writer and Poet, Hyderabad	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	27 April – 2 May 2008	To participate in Indo-Saudi Civil Society Dialogue.
13-14.	Ms Kavita and Shri Vinod Nagpal, Eminent Theatre Critics, New Delhi	Romania	1-10 May 2008	To participate in International Shakespeare Festival.
15.	Dr. Nitish Sengupta, IAS (Retd), Ex- Member of Parliament, New Delhi	Dhaka, Bangladesh	6-8 May 2008	To participate in the Book Discussion Function on his book "Bengal Divided the Unmaking of the Nation 1905- 1971".
16.	Ms Bela Bhattacharya Professor & Head Department of Pali University of Kolkata	Hanoi, Vietnam	13-17 May 2008	To participate in- 5 <sup>th</sup> United Nations Day of Vesak (UNDV) International Conference "Buddhist Contribution to

				Building a Just, Democratic and Civil Society”
17.	Prof Gopi Chand Narang, Former President, Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi	New York, USA	16-18 May 2008	To participate in International Conference on the occasion of 150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1857 (First) War of Independence.
18-19.	Shri Ashok K Prabhakar & Shri Sheikh Rahman Ramzan, Bollywood Poster Painter, Mumbai	Valladolid, Spain	18 May – 2 June 2008	To participate in the workshops, performances and other cultural activities around the theme of Bollywood Cinema.
20.	Prof Humayun Zafar Zaidi, General Manager, Maktaba Jamia Limited, Publishers & Booksellers, New Delhi	London, UK	22 May – 4 June 2008	To participate in the Seminar on the life and times of the famous Urdu Writer Qurratul Ain Haider organized by SOAS Student Union, Urdu Society, School of Oriental and African Studies.
21.	Ms Peggy Mohan, Writer, Delhi	Port of Spain, Trinidad & Tobago	30 May – 30 June 2008	To participate in the Indian Arrival Day Celebrations and launch her book “Jahajin”.
22.	Ms Prem K Srivastava, Reader, Deptt of English Maharaja Agrasen College Delhi	London, UK	3-7 June 2008	To participate in the International Conference “Britishness, Identity and Citizenship – The View from Abroad” and present a paper entitled “British Popular Fiction in an Indian Classroom: A View from the



				Other" at University of Huddersfield.
23.	Ms Jaya Row, Eminent Writer/Poet, Mumbai	UK & USA	5 June – 7 July 2008	To deliver lectures on Bhagawad Geeta.
24.	Professor (Capt) Dr S Alam Former Vice-Chancellor Patna	Yerevan, Aremania	6-8 June 2008	To participate in the International Conference and present a paper entitled "Iran and the Caucasus" Unity and Diversity" at Arya International University and Caucasian Centre for Iranian Studies.
25.	Shri Ashish Sanyal General Secretary Indian Writers Association Kolkata	Sofia, Bulgaria	7-13 June 2008	To participate in the International Writers Meeting being organized by Union of Bulgaria.
26-28.	Shri Udayan, Vajpeyi, Poet, Bhopal Shri Sunil Gangopadhyay, Poet/Writer, USA Shri Sitanshu Yashashchandra, USA	Paris, France	18 June – 24 June 2008	To participate in the Poetry Festival.
29.	Ms Surekha Panandiker Convener, AWIC Children's Library Project Delhi	Seoul, South Korea	20-24 June 2008	To participate in the Exhibition on Children's Books.
30.	Ms Nasera Sharma, Writer Delhi	London, UK	25 June – 2 July 2008	To participate in the conference and receiving the International Hindi Literary Award.
31.	Dr S Rammohan, Adviser Finance Ministry of Railways Delhi	Orlando, USA	25 June – 2 July 2008	To participate in the International Conference on Vedic Heritage for Global Welfare of

				Next Generation and present a paper being organized by World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES).
32.	Dr S K Pachauri IAS (Retd) Former Secretary to the GOI Delhi	Dublin, Ireland	29 June – 4 July 2008	To participate in the World Archaeological Congress and present a paper entitled “New Trends on Illicit Trafficking in Antiques-Recent Developments in India” and “Environmental Pollution and Saving the Taj Mahal”.
33.	Dr. Sunil Kothari Dance Historian and Critic New Delhi	Melbourne & Sydney, Australia	9 July – 1 August 2008	To participate in the World Dance Alliance Asia Pacific Conference and present a paper entitled “New Directions in Indian Dance”.
34.	Dr Utpal K Banerjee, Writer New Delhi	Brisbane, Australia	12-28 July 2008	To participate in the World Dance Alliance Asia Pacific Conference and present a paper entitled “Tagore’s Dance Evolution and Trans-cultural Horizon”.
35.	Dr. Ritu Soni Lecturer Guru Nanak Girls College Yamuna Nagar Haryana	Athens, Greece	22-24 July 2008	To participate in the International Conference and present a paper on “Critical Study of Versions of Ramayana”.
36.	Shri Manoj Kumar	Sydney,	23-26 July	To participate in

	Mishra Reader in English Regional Institute of Education, NCERT Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh	Australia	2008	the International Conference on "Literature and History".
37.	Dr. Mohd Sirajul Islam Reader Deptt of Phiosophy and Religion, Visva Bharti Kolkata	Seoul South Korea	24-30 July 2008	To participate in the Pre-World Philosophy Congress and the XXII World Philosophy Congress.
38-50.	13-Airtickets to Students of Lamdon Sr. Secondary School, Ladakh	Ulan Bator, Mongolia	25 July – 3 August 2008	To participate in the 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of International Children Centre Nairamdai (ICCN).
51.	Dr. Ira Banerjee Vocalist Delhi	Nairobi Kenya	5-13 August 2008	To adjudicate at the 2008 Kenya Music Festival and Oriental Music and Dance Competition
52.	Dr Shail Kumari Reader (Retd) Miranda House University of Delhi Delhi	Port Louis, Mauritius	8-10 August 2008	To participate in the International Ramayana Conference.
53.	Dr. Anasuya Bhowmik MA, Ph.D (Sanskrit) Kolkata	Zagreb, Croatia	11-16 August 2008	To participate in the 5 <sup>th</sup> Dubrovnik International Conference on Sanskrit Epics and Puranas.
54.	Prof P K Datta, Deptt of Political Science University of Delhi Delhi	Johannesburg South Africa	16-24 August 2008	To participate in the Centenary Celebration on 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2008 an historic event which took place on 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2008, when Mahatma Gandhi led a group of 2000 members of the Indian

				Community in Johannesburg in a protest against the newly introduced pass laws.
55.	Shri Anil Sharma Writer Delhi	London, UK	21 August – 1 September 2008	To participate in the Antar Rashtriya Kavi Sammelan and receiving the Vatayan Award 2008.
56-59.	Ms Sita Sagar Rathod, Poet, Delhi Dr Budhi Nath Mishra, Poet, Dehradun Ms Alka Singh, Poet, Delhi Shri Acharya Sarthi, Poet, Delhi	Birmingham, UK	21 August – 1 September 2008	To participate in the Antar Rashtriya Virat Kavi Sammelan 2008.
60.	Ms Teji Grover, Writer	Stockholm, Sweden	21 August – 21 September 2008	To participate in the International Poetry Festival and thereafter Indian Goteborg Book Fair
61.	Dr Aditi Ghosh Lecturer Department of Linguistics Kolkata University Kolkata	Ningbo, China	9-12 September 2008	To participate in the International Conference and present a paper entitled "Rendering Shakespeare in Bangla: A Study of the Translations of the Sonnets" being organized by University of Nottingham.
62-63.	Shri Shamshul Haque Shri M Haroon, Artists Secundarabad	Tokyo, Japan	10 September – 2 October 2008	To participate in Namaste India Festival being organized by Society to Promote India-Japan Cultural Relations (SPIJCR).
64-66.	Prof Khalid Jawed,	Virginia, USA	12-14	To participate in

	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi  Prof Mohammad Mahfooz Khan, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi  Prof Syed Muhammad Ashraf, Commissioner of Income Tax, New Delhi		September 2008	the Urdu Festival "Contemporary and Historical Facets of Urdu and Its Literature" at University of Virginia.
67.	Ms Bharati Ray, Vice-President, ICCR	Rome, Italy	14 September – 15 October 2008	To deliver lectures and visiting professorship in Roma-Luiss University.
68.	Ms Anita Nair Writer Bangalore	Stockholm, Sweden	24 September – 2 October 2008	To participate in the Goteborg Book Fair.
69.	Dr Sima De Reader & Head of English Department, NSN College Lucknow University Lucknow	Beijing, China	26-29 September 2008	To participating in the International Forum on English Literature and present a paper entitled "Focus on the contemporary Indian Society & Culture through the Indo-Anglian novelist Kamala Markandaya's psychic journey in Nectar in a Sieve".
70.	Prof Pramod K Nayar Lecturer University of Hyderabad Hyderabad	Ohio, USA	27 September – 12 October 2008	To deliver lectures on the topic "1857 Indian Revolution and Colonial and Post Colonial English Literature in India being organized the India Foundation.
71.	Shri Dhananjay Ghosal Writer and Scholar Kolkata	Prague, Czechoslovakia	7-14 October 2008	To deliver lectures on Folk Bengali Literature and Culture at Charles University.

72.	Mr Jayanto Banerjee, Hindustan Times, New Delhi	Algiers, Algeria	14-19 October 2008	To participate in the International Festival of Cartoons.
73.	Ms Tishani Doshi Writer Chennai	Jakarta, Indonesia	14-19 October 2008	To participate in the Ubud Writers and Readers Festival.
74.	Prof (Dr) Jairup Singh Vice-Chancellor Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	Berlin, Germany	12-14 October 2008	To participate in the events on the occasion of 300 years of Guru Granth Sahib.
75.	Ms Nuzhat Kazmi Deptt of Art History Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	Cairo, Egypt	19-23 October 2008	To participate in the International Conference on Fine Arts.
76-77.	Dr. Radha Raina and Ms Rashmi Doraiswamy Delhi	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	22-27 October 2008	To participate in the seminar "India and Kyrgyzstan – Interaction of Civilizations on the occasion of Indian Centre at Osh State University completed 10 years in 2007.
78.	Shri Uday Pratap Singh Member of Parliament Rajya Sabha New Delhi	Birmingham, UK	October 2008	To participate in the Poetry Festival being organized by Geetanjali Multilingual Literary Circle, UK.
79.	Ms Arundhati Subramaniam, Poet Mumbai	Accra, Ghana	3-8 November 2008	To participate in the 4 <sup>th</sup> PAWA World Poetry Festival on the occasion of "2008 International African Writers Day".
80.	Professor (Dr) Chander J Daswani New Delhi	Karachi, Pakistan	5-12 November 2008	To participate in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Shaikh Ayaz International Conference on Language and Literature.

81.	Prof Anvita Abbi JNU, New Delhi	Berlin, Germany	21-22 November 2008	To participate in the workshop on Hindi organized by Halle- Wittenberg University.
82.	Prof Meenakshi Khanna Reader in History I P College for Women Delhi	Washington, USA	22-25 November 2008	To participate in the International Conference "Dreams in Islamic Societies" being organized by the Middle East Studies Association.
83.	Shri Davendra Deepak Director Sahitya Akademi Bhopal	Mauritius	7-10 December 2008	To participate in Kavi Sammelan being organized by Hindi Union.
84.	Prof Ashis Nandy, New Delhi	San Francisco, USA	25 February- 24 March 2009	To participate in the artist-in- residence programme
85.	Sayed Yasin Ahmed Habibur, Naatkwan, Mumbai	Mauritius	9-17 March 2009	To participate in the Eid-Milad-un- Nabi.

**FESTIVAL OF INDIA IN SYRIA**

(7-18 October 2008)

SL. NO.	NAME OF THE GROUP	COUNTRIES VISITED
1.	7-MEMBER RAJASTHANI GROUP OF SH. SAMADEAR KHAN LANGA	SYRIA AND BEIRUT FROM 10 <sup>TH</sup> TO 18 <sup>TH</sup> OCT. 2008
2.	5-MEMBER SHEHANI GROUP OF SHRI DAYS SHANKAR	SYRIA AND BEIRUT FROM 10 <sup>TH</sup> OCT. TO 17 <sup>TH</sup> OCT. 2008
3.	12-MEMBER BHANGRA GROUP OF SHRI MAJOR SINGH	SYRIA FROM 07 <sup>TH</sup> OCT TO 18 <sup>TH</sup> OCT. 2008

**DAYS OF INDIAN CULTURE IN EGYPT**

(8-20 November 2008)

SL. NO.	NAME OF THE GROUP	COUNTRIES VISITED
1.	11-MEMBER RAJASTHANI GROUP OF MS. RAKHI POONAM SAPERA	EGYPT, ARGENTINA, CHILE, BRAZIL FROM 13 <sup>TH</sup> NOV. 2008 TO 08 <sup>TH</sup> DEC. 2008
2.	6-MEMBER KATHAK GROUP OF MS. MADHUMITA ROY + SH. SOUVIK CHAKRABORTY	ITALY, EGYPT, CHILE & BRAZIL FROM 10 <sup>TH</sup> NOV. TO 08 <sup>TH</sup> DEC. 2008
3.	6-MEMBER TAAL VAADYA KACHERI GROUP OF SHRI ANIL CHAUDHURY	EGYPT FROM 8-13 NOV. 2008
4.	12-MEMBER GROUP OF DANCE OF GOA	EGYPT, ETHOPIA, SUDAN FROM 27 <sup>TH</sup> OCT. TO 13 <sup>TH</sup> NOV. 2008



## **FESTIVAL OF INDIA IN NETHERLANDS**

(19-24 November 2008)

<b>SL. NO.</b>	<b>NAME OF THE GROUP</b>	<b>COUNTRIES VISITED</b>
1.	7-MEMBER BHAJAN GROUP OF SHRI ANUP JALOTA	NETHERLANDS FROM 19-24 NOV. 2008
2.	14-MEMBER KATHAK GROUP OF PANDIT BIRJU MAHARAJ	GERMANY, HUNGARY, POLAND, NETHERLANDS & SPAIN FROM 07 <sup>TH</sup> TO 25 <sup>TH</sup> NOV. 2008
3.	5-MEMBER CARNATIC VOCAL GROUP OF SHRI SANJAY SUBRAMANYAM	ITALY (MILAN), NETHERLANDS & SPAIN FROM 18 <sup>TH</sup> NOV. 24 <sup>TH</sup> NOV. 2008
4.	4-MEMBER HINDUSTANI VOCAL GROUP OF MS. ASHWINI BHIDE	NETHERLANDS & ITALY FROM 10 <sup>TH</sup> TO 15 <sup>TH</sup> NOV. 2008
5.	10-MEMBER ODISSI GROUP OF NRITYAGRAM	ITALY (MILAN), NETHERLANDS AND SPAIN FROM 16-28 NOV. 2008
6.	14-MEMBER KATHAKALI GROUP	NETHERLANDS & SPAIN FROM 11 <sup>TH</sup> NOV. TO 18 <sup>TH</sup> NOV. 2008

## **KING's CORNONATION CEREMONY IN BHUTAN**

(3-9 November 2008)

<b>SL. NO.</b>	<b>NAME OF THE GROUP</b>	<b>COUNTRIES VISITED</b>
1.	37-MEMBER GROUP OF SHRI ASTAD DEBOO	BHUTAN FROM 3 <sup>RD</sup> TO 9 <sup>TH</sup> NOV. 2008

## **FESTIVAL OF INDIA IN HUNGARY**

(28 November to 6 December 2008)

<b>SL. NO.</b>	<b>NAME OF THE GROUP</b>	<b>COUNTRIES VISITED</b>
1.	10-MEMBER RAJASTHANI GROUP OF SHRI ALLAH BACHYA	HUNGARY FROM 28 <sup>TH</sup> NOV. TO 06 <sup>TH</sup> DEC. 2008

## **FESTIVAL OF INDIA IN RUSSIA**

(29 March to 4 April 2009)

<b>L. NO.</b>	<b>NAME OF THE GROUP</b>	<b>COUNTRIES VISITED</b>
1.	5-MEMBER SHEHNAI GROUP OF SHRI ASHOK KUMAR CHAURASIA	RUSSIA AND PORTUGAL FROM 29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 7 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009
2.	8-MEMBER BHARATANATYAM GROUP OF MS REMA SHRIKANT	RUSSIA FROM 29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009
3.	8-MEMBER KATHAK GROUP OF MS VIDHA AND SHRI ABHIMANYU LAL	RUSSIA FROM 29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009
4.	12-MEMBER MANIPURI RAAS GROUP OF SHRI R K KHOGENDRA SINGH	RUSSIA FROM 29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009
5.	4-MEMBER HINDUSTANI FLUTE GROUP OF SHRI RONU MAJUMDAR	RUSSIA FROM 29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009
6.	8-MEMBER KUCHIPUDI GROUP OF MS DEEPIKA REDDY	RUSSIA FROM 29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009
7.	8-MEMBER MOHINIATTAM GROUP OF MS NEENA PRASAD	RUSSIA FROM 29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009
8.	7-MEMBER MRIGGAYA BAND GROUP OF SHRI RAJAT KAKKAR	RUSSIA FROM 29 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO 4 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009

ORIENTATION GRANT FROM APRIL 2008 TO MARCH 2009

S.No.	Name of the Scholar/Visitors	Country	Period	Purpose
1.	Ms Tatyana Kartashova	Russia	September- November 2008	To meet officials of SBKK for her book
2.	Mr Phillippe Falisse	Belgium	February- April 2008	In connection with working on a book that focuses on Flemish paintings and crystals of Val Saint-Lambert in Indian places and museums in Monuments.
3.	Mr Francesca Cassio	Italy	August- October 2008	To visit India for project of a scholarship & concert regarding the music of Tagore in the transcription of voice and piano made by Prof Alain Danielou.
4-5.	Ms Irina Iskorostenskaia and Ms Tatiana Nazarova	Russia	February- April 2009	To visit India for their research work on Music.
6.	Mr Andres Gracia Cuba	Spain	January- March 2009	To visit India for his research work on Indian Classical and Western Classical Music.
7-8.	Ms Silvia Marta Riggi and Ms Natalia Salgado	Argentina	November 2008- January 2009	To visit India for production of Documentary Film on Indian Classical Dances
9.	Mr Ramon Williams	Suriname	November 2008 - January 2009	To visit India for research wok on Indian Music.

## **Details of Exhibitions**

**The Council sent five major exhibitions overseas:-**

- Exhibition Entitled "Celebrating Women-Amrita Shergil Revisited" to Prague, Astana, Kiev, Seoul
- Exhibition of "Women by Women" Algeria
- "SAARC Paintings Exhibition" to Nepal, Sri Lanka & Bangladesh
- "The Murals of India" to Egypt
- Exhibition "Dolls & Dresses" to Prague

**The Council sponsored several major exhibitions abroad:**

- Solo Exhibition of Late Shri S L Parashar curated by Ms. Bela Sathi to Tagore Centre, Berlin, Germany from 13<sup>th</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 and provided airfare to Ms. Bela Sathi for the sector Delhi/Berlin/Delhi.
- Exhibition "Return to Roots" by 7 Indian Bengali artists to Dhaka, Bangladesh during 24<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008 and provided airfare & airfreight for the sector Kolkata/Dhaka/Kolkata.
- Solo Exhibition by Ms. Bharati Kapadia to Vienna, Austria during May 2008 and provided airfare & transportation of works to Ms. Kapadia for the sector Mumbai/Vienna/Mumbai. The exhibition hosted by the Sigmund Freud University (SFU) in Vienna.
- Painting Exhibition by Ms. Ranjeeta Kant to Nehru Centre, London and Berlin during June – July 2008 and provided airfare & airfreight charges for the sector Delhi/London/Berlin/Delhi.
- The Council provided Air passage to Ms. G S Bhavani for the sector Bangalore – Hanoi – Bangalore in connection with Paintings and Photo exhibition in Hanoi, Vietnam during 1<sup>st</sup> week of April 2008.

at Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR, Kolkata from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

- The Council provided the cost of airfare & airfreight charges to Ms. Ratnabali Kant Delhi based artist – Paintings & Sculpture Exhibition for the sector Delhi/London/Delhi during 27 – 30 January 2009.
- The Council provided the cost of airfreight & 6-air passage charges for sending Exhibition "Satyagraha" to participate in the ARCO International Festival in Madrid, Spain during 11<sup>th</sup> February to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009.
- The Council provided financial support to Delhi Blue Pottery Trust organized Exhibition International Terracotta Exhibition being organized during 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in abroad. The Council would be co-sponsor the event and would like to extend a support of Rs.4.00 lakhs to the events organized by Delhi Blue Pottery Trust.

#### **The ICCR organized Incoming & Local exhibitions:-**

- Exhibition of Photos, folk Dresses, Handicrafts & Books to mark the Days of Iranian Culture in India, being organizing by the Council and Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in collaboration with the National Museum, New Delhi & Mumbai from 30<sup>th</sup> April to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008.
- Painting Exhibition by Women Artists from Afghanistan, which included 42 works by 18 young women in the age group of 16 to 25. The Exhibition was held at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi from 9 – 14 September 2008 and from September 19 – 27, 2008 at Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR, Kolkata.
- Exhibition "KALPANA – Masterpieces of Figurative Indian Contemporary Paintings" curated by Ms. Anjolie Ela Menon held at Terrace Garden, Hotel Taj Mahal, New Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008.
- Exhibition, "History in the Making – Visual Archives" of Kulwant Roy curated by Aditya Arya and Sabeena Gadihoke held at Indira

Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi from 3 – 21 October 2008.

- Photo Exhibition, "Gabo the Writer" on Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Nobel Laureate from Colombia to celebrate Colombian Cultural Week in India at the Multi-purpose Hall, ICCR, Azad Bhavan, New Delhi from 6 – 11 October 2008 and 19 – 30 October 2008 at Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR, Kolkata.
- Photo exhibition " Days of Tajik Culture in India – 2008" and as a part of its celebrations a Photo Exhibition from 15 – 16 October 2008 at Kamani Auditorium, Copernicus Marg, New Delhi.
- Exhibition "Lost City" curated by Ms. Sadia Sayed a Visual Artist, New Delhi at India International Centre, New Delhi from 24<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008.
- The Year of Russia in India – 2008 Exhibition – FABERGE – Precious Jewellery of the Russian Empire (5 December 2008 to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2009) at National Museum, New Delhi.
- Solo Exhibition of Paintings by Mr. Abdus Shakoor Shah, an eminent artist of Bangladesh from 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society (AIFACS) Upper Gallery, Rafi Marg, New Delhi after display is over Delhi the above exhibition scheduled for RTC, Kolkata from 19 - 27 December 2008.
- Exhibition, "Shringara – Kamatantra" collection of Paintings by Jean-Claude MAYO & Paulic Sabine artists from Re-Union Island from 19<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009 at RTC, ICCR, kolkata and 19<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 at Lalit Kala Akademi, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi.
- Exhibition "Parade of Nations of the Russian Empire" from 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008 to 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at Rabindranath Tagore Center, ICCR, Kolkata.
- The Year of Russia in India in 2008 – Along the Banks of the Volga River Exhibition from 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 – 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009 at the Russian Centre of Science & Culture, 24 Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi.
- Paintings exhibition of "**Himalayan Mountains**" by Mr. Kouzui Shimoura, eminent Japanese artist in New Delhi from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at the All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society (AIFACS),

Rafi Marg, New Delhi. After its display is over in New Delhi the exhibition travel to ICCR's Rabindranath Tagore Centre, Kolkata for display from 12 – 20 February 2009.

- Exhibition "Slovak Contemporary Graphic Art" by 37 artists of the Slovak Republic from 13 – 20 February 2009 at **Mafi Ghar**, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, (IGNCA), Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi.
- The Council provided financial support to Shri Dipto Narayan Chatterjee to printing of catalogue and transportation of art work and airfare for the sector Delhi-Romania-London-Berlin-Delhi to put up his exhibition and also displayed his exhibition at Abanindranath Tagore Gallery of the Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR, Kolkata during 27<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009.
- Painting Exhibition by Ms. Elena Fedorovskaya, artist from Moscow from 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at Art Gallery No.2, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Art, (IGNCA), New Delhi and RTC, ICCR, Kolkata from 30<sup>th</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009.
- Solo Exhibition of Paintings & Sculptures by Ramita Bhaduri eminent artist from Kolkata from 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at Art Gallery No.2, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Art, (IGNCA), New Delhi.
- In association and support to Sanskriti Pratishthan, New Delhi for framing and print making charges for Photo exhibition of Mr. Benny outsh artist from Israel to be held at India International Centre Annexe, New Delhi from 26<sup>th</sup> December 2008 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2009.
- Solo Art Exhibition by Safiuddin Ahmed, eminent artists of Bangladesh from 23<sup>rd</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at RTC, ICCR, Kolkata.

### **The Commissioning of Busts and Statues**

- During the year 2008-09, the Council commissioned bust of Mahatma Gandhi at Cape Town, South Africa

- The Council provided airfreight to Smt. Shobha Deepak Singh for the sector Delhi/London in connection with Photo Exhibition to London from 19 – 24 May 2008.
- The Council provided travel grant to Mrs. Geetha Bhat, founder, Ms. Mousumi, De Co-founder of CEFRIA & Mrs. Gowri Chandrashekar artists from Bangalore for the sector Bangalore/Japan/Bangalore in connection with an exhibition and lecture-demonstration sessions on "Chittara Art" at the Fujinimiya Bunka Kaikan Art Gallery, Shzuoka, Japan during 11 – 14 August 2008.
- The Council provided the cost of packing & airfreight charges to Ms. Gauri Gill's Photographs Exhibition – "The Americans" in United States for the sector Mumbai/San Francisco/Mumbai during May – June 2008.
- The Council provided the cost of airfare & airfreight charges to Ms. Neelam Dhar's Exhibition "Abstract Paintings" for the sector Delhi/Muscat/Delhi during 16 – 21 August 2008.
- The Council provided the cost of airfreight & 3-air passages for sending Exhibition "Satyagraha" Literature Festival of Shared Histories – The Indian Experience in South Africa in connection with Celebrating India in South Africa 2008 during 23<sup>rd</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2008.
- The Council provided the cost of airfare to Ms. Nidhi curator in connection with her visit to Asian Department, Victoria & Albert Museum, London during 5 – 15 July 2008 for the sector Delhi/London/Delhi.
- The Council provided financial support to Shri Amit Pasricha, Photographers towards airfare for the sector Delhi/London/Delhi and framing of mounting of 16 artworks at Belgravia gallery, Mayfair, London on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008.
- The Council provided the cost of airfare & airfreight charges to Ms. Prabha Shah & Ms. Vandana Shourie renowned Delhi based artist - Exhibition "Abstract Paintings" for the sector Delhi/Muscat/Delhi during 1 – 7 November 2008.
- The Council Co-sponsor the events exhibition workshop of 3 Japanese artists with M/s Weavers Studio Resource Centre, Kolkata



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