

**CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
FOR THE YEARS 2019 – 2021**

The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Latvia and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of India (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and separately as a "Party");

DESIRING to strengthen the friendly links between the Parties so as to deepen cultural relations between them;

Have agreed on the following Cultural Exchange Programme (hereinafter - Programme) for the period **2019-2021**;

Article 1

Music and Dance

The Parties shall exchange music and dance ensembles and/or individual performing artists including classical and folk troupes for a period not exceeding 10 days each on mutually agreed terms.

Article 2

Theatre

- 1) The Parties shall encourage and facilitate exchange of theatre performances in both countries and participation in local and international theatre festivals on mutually agreed terms.
- 2) The Parties shall exchange theatre journals and publications on a reciprocal basis between the two countries on mutually agreed terms.

Article 3

Exhibitions, Seminars and Conferences

- 1) The Parties shall exchange contemporary and modern art exhibitions between the two countries on a reciprocal basis on mutually agreed terms.
- 2) The Parties will invite experts from the other Party to participate in international seminars, symposiums, conferences, camps, residencies etc. on culture and arts on mutually agreed terms.

Article 4

Cultural Heritage

- 1) The Parties shall support cooperation in the field of protection, conservation and promotion of the cultural heritage of both countries.
- 2) The Parties shall exchange one expert each in the field of protection and conservation of ancient monuments and archaeological sites, art objects and development of archaeological site museums for a two-week period on mutually agreed terms.

Article 5

Archives

- 1) The Parties shall promote exchange of information and documentation concerning the history of Latvia in the archives of India and the history of India in the archives of Latvia, as well as copies of documents (digital copies) of interest to both Parties in order to replenish their respective collections. Modalities will be worked out through mutual consultations.
- 2) The Parties shall exchange experts for a period of one week in each case, in the field of records management, archives administration and conservation of records, digitization and digital preservation of records.

Article 6

Library

- 1) The Parties shall exchange publications and other reading materials of mutual interest on a reciprocal basis.
- 2) The Parties shall assist in exchange of visits of library experts reciprocally with a view to promote library activities between both countries.

Article 7

Museums

- 1) The National Museums of the Parties shall exchange exhibitions, museum exhibits and museum personnel. Exhibitions may also be organized jointly by the respective museums.
- 2) The Parties shall encourage exchange of the museum's personnel/experts including curators, deputy curators, research officers, assistant curators, conservators for a period of four weeks to share knowledge and expertise in the respective fields.
- 3) The Parties shall exchange standard art publications.

Article 8

Literature

- 1) The parties shall exchange one delegation of writers on a reciprocal basis.

- 2) The Parties shall promote the translation of literary works of famous writers and poets of both countries.

Article 9

Research and Documentation

The Parties shall facilitate:

- 1) Study of the artistic heritage, folklore/folk traditions and narrative forms.
- 2) Devising creative activities for cognitive and skill development for students.
- 3) Exploring possibilities of developing educational activities at art academies, museums and educational institutions for children.
- 4) Development of audio-visual and printed educational materials for students and teachers to have a better understanding of tangible and intangible art forms of both countries.
- 5) Documentation of the arts, museum objects and production of cultural resources of both countries.

Article 10

Science Museums/Centres

The Parties shall exchange one senior level science museum communication professional to study science centres / museums and non-formal science education programmes on reciprocal basis. The duration of the visit will be one week.

Article 11

Festivals

The Parties shall conduct festivals in each other's country, which shall include exchange of tours of performing arts groups from each Party. The details of these tours and other activities included shall be developed on the basis of reciprocity.

Article 12

Films and Media

- 1) The Parties shall encourage exchange of knowledge in the field of media literacy and media professionalism between their national broadcasting organizations.
- 2) The Parties shall invite each other to their International Film Festivals.
- 3) The Parties shall encourage cooperation in film production and film production services.

Article 13

General and Financial Provisions

- 1) All activities and exchanges realized in accordance with this Programme shall be implemented in accordance with the national laws and regulations of each country.
- 2) The Parties agree that all initiatives mentioned in this Programme shall be carried out within the limits of the funds allocated in their respective annual budgets.

3) All provisions, activities and the implementation details of this Programme shall be mutually communicated and agreed by the relevant institutions.

4) Exchange of individuals, delegations, exhibitions:

Each party shall send to the other party the bio-data (including languages spoken and proposed itinerary) at least 60 (sixty) days prior to the expected date of visit of the delegation or individuals selected under this Programme, and bio-data of performing groups at an exhibition four months in advance. The receiving Party shall confirm the acceptance of the proposal within thirty (30) days, or as soon as it is possible.

5) Exchange of exhibitions:

The sending Party shall bear costs of transportation of exhibition to and from capital of the receiving country. The way of covering the costs of transportation of exhibitions within the territory of the receiving country, in case they shall be organized in more than one town, shall be regulated by an agreement between the institutions concerned of the two contracting Parties.

The receiving Party shall bear costs of the organization of the exhibition, including costs of renting hall, security, technical assistance (storage facilities, installation arrangements, lighting, heating, dismantling and printing of publications, such as posters, catalogues and invitations). The receiving Party shall also provide publicity to the exhibition.

The sending Party shall bear costs of insurance of the exhibits during the transportation and the holding of the exhibitions.

In case of damage, the receiving Party shall supply the sending Party free-of-charge with complete documentations referring to the cause of damage, in order to facilitate the sending Party to claim damages from the Insurance Company. The receiving Party shall not be authorized to deal with the work of restoring damaged exhibits to their original shape or form without the consent of the sending Party.

The Parties in advance express their consent on the number of persons accompanying the exhibition and on the length of their stay.

The necessary information for the elaboration of the corresponding catalogue must be sent 90 (ninety) days prior to the inauguration date. The art exhibits must arrive at their destination 15 days before the opening of the exhibitions.

6) Exchange of materials:

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

7) Financial provisions will be adjusted on the basis of reciprocity, namely:

- The sending Party shall cover the international travel expenses of their delegations and shall ensure the covering transportation costs of special equipment.

- The receiving Party shall cover the costs of board, food and internal travel expenses, as well as other (emergency) expenses.
- Each individual and delegation shall be responsible for their own medical insurance.

8) Duration of the visits:

The sending Party shall provide international travel expenses in respect of their performing groups and delegations in case of visits for a period not exceeding two weeks. The receiving Party shall provide hospitality, which includes free board and lodging, and internal travel expenses. This is applicable in respect of both Parties.

Article 14

Miscellaneous

Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation, application or implementation of this Programme shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiations between the Parties.

The provisions of this Programme shall not preclude the Parties from mutually agreeing on other arrangements which they may deem desirable.

The Parties may modify this Programme in writing upon their mutual consent.

This Programme shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force until 31 December 2021.

Either Party may terminate this Programme by giving written notice to the other Party 6 (six) months in advance. The termination of this Programme shall not prejudice the completion of any on-going projects under this Programme unless the Parties decide otherwise.

Done and signed in Riga on 20 August in two originals each in Latvian, Hindi and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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