

**EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME ON CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS FOR THE YEARS
2017-2020**

The Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus,

Desirous of strengthening and developing friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries and their peoples on the basis of the Cultural Agreement concluded at New Delhi on 24th October 1980, between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus.

Have agreed on the following Programme of Cultural and Educational Cooperation for the period **2017-2020**.

I. EDUCATION

PRIMARY EDUCATION

1. The Parties shall exchange books, publications and audiovisuals for enhancing the knowledge of their respective cultures and educational system and methods.
2. The Parties agreed that all initiatives in the field of school education shall be communicated through diplomatic channels by the relevant Ministries of the two countries.
3. Both Parties agree to take up any other activity of mutual interest to be finalized through diplomatic channels.

SECONDARY GENERAL AND SECONDARY TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

4. Both Parties shall exchange textbooks, publications and audio-visual materials in the field of Secondary General and Secondary Technical and Vocational Education.
5. Both Parties agree to take up any other activity of mutual interest to be finalized through diplomatic channels.
6. Both Parties shall exchange experts for the study of each other system of Vocational Education and Training.

PROMOTION OF LANGUAGE

7. The Parties shall promote the study of their respective languages and cultures in each country.
8. The parties shall encourage exchange of lecturers of Greek language and literature and of Hindi languages and literature as well as other Indian languages, as mutually decided. The Parties shall cooperate in the preparation of books and audio visual aids designed for the teaching of Hindi and Greek.
9. The Parties shall promote exchange of university professors for the teaching of Sanskrit and Greek and for specific areas of Indian and Greek studies.

HIGHER EDUCATION

10. During the term of this programme the two Parties shall encourage the establishment and development of direct collaboration between the public and private Universities of Cyprus, research institution, other interested institutions of higher education and the relevant Institutions of India as regards to the exchange of researchers, academic personnel, students, as well as the exchange of information regarding research programmes, publications, teaching methods, curricula etc.
11. The Parties during the term of this Programme shall exchange one university professor for a period of seven days to deliver lectures, exchange information on researches and participate in other academic activities to be carried out in each other's country.
12. Both Parties shall exchange one scholar every year for a period up to seven days in the field of social sciences and also organize two joint seminars on topics of mutual interest during the validity of the agreement.
13. The Parties shall encourage cooperation between the public and private Universities of Cyprus, research Institutions of Cyprus, other interested institutions of higher education and the relevant Institutions of India in fields of mutual interest, especially in the field of technology, particularly nanotechnology of the respective institutions of the contracting parties.
14. The Parties shall encourage the following projects:
 - (a) Support for scientists who visit other country in connection shall their research activity.
 - (b) Joint seminars or symposia on topics of mutual interest, to be held alternately in Cyprus and India.

15. The two Parties shall encourage the establishment of mechanism for the exchange of Information and consultation on their respective higher education systems, required to define the equivalence of their respective higher education systems, required to define the equivalence and / or correspondence of the contents of vocational and academic qualifications awarded.

16. The two Parties shall encourage the development and signing of an agreement for the mutual recognition of titles of study awarded by recognized Institutions of higher education in India and in the Republic of Cyprus.

17. The Parties shall exchange information and documents to facilitate their corresponding competent agencies in the recognition of the equivalence of diplomas, certificates and other academic titles, in accordance with the rules and laws in force in each country.

18. Both Parties agree to take up any other activity of mutual interest to be finalized through diplomatic channels.

JOINT WORKING GROUP

19. The Parties shall establish Joint Working Group to implement this Programme. The Joint Working Group shall be chaired, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus by a representative of the Ministry of Education and Culture, and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of India, by a representative of the Department of Secondary & Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource, Development, along with the participation of representatives of the other agencies of the parties, as appropriate. The joint Working Group shall meet alternately in India and Cyprus as mutually determined by the Parties, to review the implementation of this Programme.

II. ART AND CULTURE

20. The two Parties shall encourage the exchange of archaeologists, conservators and other specialists, including theatre experts such as stage directors, designers, actors, etc.

21. The two Parties shall encourage the exchange of experiences, information and scientific publications related to archaeological research, the conservation and the promotion of archaeological sites and ancient monument, as well as to issues concerning Archaeological and Ethnographical Museums.

22. The two Parties shall encourage the exchange of experts, experiences, information concerning the measure for the rescue and conservation of the cultural heritage and the illicit trade of stolen antiquities and cultural goods in general.

23. The two Parties shall encourage the exchange or organization of archaeological exhibitions of mutual interest.

24. The National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi shall send the following publications to an institution in Cyprus dealing with Contemporary Art:

I. 12 Reproductions and 50 slides of work of India Contemporary Artists

II. 9 Monographs published by National Gallery of Modern Art, namely

(a) A Handbook of Bengal School.

(b) A Handbook of Sculptures.

(c) A Handbook of Painting and Graphics.

(d) Selection from the collection of the National Gallery of Modern Art.

(e) Selected Expressionist Paintings from the Collection of the National Gallery of Modern Art.

(f) Selected Surrealist Paintings.

(g) Abanindranath Tagore.

(h) Rabindranath Tagore.

(i) Amrita Shergil.

In exchange, the National Gallery of Modern Art shall receive similar material from the State Gallery of Contemporary Cypriot Art.

25. The Parties shall encourage the exchange of experts (architects, archaeologists, conservators etc.) to study architectural monuments and their technique of conservation and preservation in their respective countries.

26. The Parties shall facilitate exchange of audio/video cassettes, photographs, slides and publications on performing arts and the exchange of live performances.

27. The Cypriot Party shall examine the possibility of participating in the 12th Triennial being organized by Lalit Kala Akademi. The Indian side shall receive one or two artists for a period of one week during the Triennial. The Cypriot side shall invite one or two Indian artists for a similar event.

28. The Parties shall encourage the exchange of experts in fields of dance, music, folk art and theatre for lectures/ demonstration/performance.

29. The Cypriot Party shall send performing folklore music, dance groups to participate in Indian festival and other events. The Indian side shall send performing folklore/ classical dance troupes to participate in the festival and other events in Cyprus.

30. Both Parties shall encourage the exchange of an exhibition of art and craft. Details shall be settled through diplomatic channels.

31. The Parties shall encourage the exchange of a visit of one or two experts between their Theatrical Organizations to study the achievements in the field of theatre in each other's country and to explore possibilities of exchange between the theatre communities of the two countries.

32. The Parties shall encourage co-operation between their respective sports authorities. Details shall be decided upon through direct contacts between the above mentioned authorities.

33. The Parties shall exchange information and material on all concerning youth.

34. The Parties shall extend invitations to each other for participation in their respective International Film Festival.

35. The Cypriot Party shall organize an India Film Week and the Indian side shall organize a Cyprus Film Week.

III. GENERAL AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

36. In case of sudden illness or accident, the receiving Party will secure medical care, free of charge, in National Health Service system to all persons under this Programme.

37. The sending party will bear the costs of travel to the Capital of the receiving country and of return travel.

38. The receiving Party will bear the costs on its own territory as arising from the agreed Programme of the visit.

39. Unless otherwise agreed on by the institutions concerned i.e. artistic agencies, the costs of artistic exchanges will be borne as follows:

a) The sending Party will bear the cost of transport both ways of stage equipment, films etc.

b) The receiving Party will bear the cost of organization of shows and performances including the cost of internal transport of stage equipment.

40. Unless otherwise agreed on between the institutions concerned, the cost of the exchange of exhibitions will be borne as follows:

a) The sending Party will bear the costs of transport of the exhibition to the first place of exhibition in the receiving country and on the way back. The first and the last place of the exhibition in case of India should be one of the three New Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata.

b) The receiving Party will bear the cost of organization of exhibition, its security and publicity/ advertising, printing the catalogue, posters etc.

- c) The sending Party will bear all the insurance expenses of the exhibition, while it is outside its national territory.
- d) In case of losses or damage of the exhibits, the receiving Party will supply the sending Party with complete documentation referring to the case in order to secure the claims from the insurance company.
- e) The damaged exhibits cannot be repaired without prior approval of the sending Party.
- f) The exhibition can be accompanied by one expert curator.
41. All costs of the exchange of publications, magazines and other materials as envisaged in this Programme shall be borne by the sending Institutions.
42. The present Programme does not preclude the carrying out of any other exchanges. Details will be worked out through diplomatic channels. The implementation of this Programme will be reviewed periodically by the Parties.
43. The Programme shall enter into force on the date of signing and be valid up to the end of December **2020**.

Done and signed in New Delhi on the 28th Day of April, **2017** in two originals each in English language.

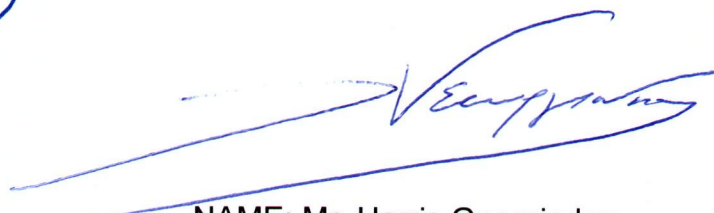
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