

Memorandum of Understanding

between

**The Indian Council for Cultural Relations
(hereinafter referred to as "ICCR")**

and

**The French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development
(hereinafter referred to as "signatories")**

For implementation of

**Festival of India in France – "Namaste France" in 2016
and
Festival of France in India – "Bonjour India" in 2017**

1. In pursuance of the Agreement concerning cultural, scientific and technical cooperation between the government of the French Republic and the Government of India, signed on 7th June, 1966;
2. And in accordance with the joint statement by the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra MODI and the President of France, Mr. François HOLLANDE on the 25th January 2015, by which the Leaders recalled the utmost importance of culture for the mutual understanding of their two nations;
3. And taking into account the cultural exchange programme between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of India for the years 2016-2018, signed in New Delhi, on the 25th January, 2016;
4. Agree to undertake the Indian Cultural Festival "Namaste France" (September-November 2016) and the Festival of France in India "Bonjour India" (first semester 2017) with the aim to further strengthening of cultural relations and cooperation between the two countries in the fields of culture, education and scientific research.
5. Both sides have mutually agreed to nominate a representative of Embassy of India in France and of the Institut Français to organize Namaste France 2016 in France and a representative of the ICCR and the Embassy of France in India, New Delhi to facilitate organizing of the Bonjour India 2017 in India. Representatives from other concerned cultural institutions from both sides can be invited by the concerned nodal institutions to assist.
6. The Festivals will include performances by leading cultural troupes and individual performers of different styles and genres, holding of exhibitions, film festivals, food festivals, seminars, round tables and other cultural activities with the participation of artists and cultural experts, well-known contemporary

writers, musicians, film directors, visual and other artists from both the countries.

7. The Indian Council for Cultural Relations will request the Ministry of External Affairs to facilitate the issue of gratis visas for performers, artists, and French delegates, arrange, wherever possible, international airport liaison for group of artists, facilitate cargo clearance for major exhibitions as well as inter-state clearance for cargo transport, facilitating advertisements, assist in obtaining permissions for outdoor performances and shows and in securing venues in cities where ICCR has offices for performances and exhibitions, without any financial liability, on the basis of reciprocity.
8. The French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development will facilitate the issue of gratis visas for performers, artists, and Indian delegates, arrange, wherever possible, international airport liaison for group of artists, facilitate cargo clearance for major exhibitions as well as inter-state clearance for cargo transport, facilitating advertisements, assist in obtaining permissions for outdoor performances and shows and in securing venues in cities where Institut Français has offices for performances and exhibitions, without any financial liability, on the basis of reciprocity.
9. Both sides will agree that the video and audio recording of the performances can be made only for purpose of information coverage.
10. The declaration of intent is not an International Treaty and does not create obligations regulated by international Law.
11. This declaration of intent is signed on 25th January 2016 at New Delhi in two originals each in the English and Hindi languages.



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