

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 45
ANSWERED ON 06.02.2025

PROMOTION OF GOTIPUA DANCE OF ODISHA

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by Government to preserve and promote the traditional Gotipua dance of Odisha, which is an integral part of the State's cultural heritage;
- (b) whether Government has any financial assistance schemes or support programmes for Gotipua dance troupes, artists and performers in Odisha to sustain and promote this ancient dance form; and
- (c) the manner in which Government is planning to ensure that Gotipua dance receives more national and international exposure and the platforms or events being organized to showcase this dance form?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 45 FOR REPLY ON 06.02.2025 REGARDING PROMOTION OF GOTIPUA DANCE OF ODISHA ASKED BY SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ

(a) & (b): To preserve and promote the traditional dances of Odisha including Gotipua Dance, the Government of India has set up Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC) at Kolkata. Odisha is a member State of EZCC, Kolkata which engages folk artists including the artists of Gotipua Dance for cultural programmes, activities & festivals. These artists showcase their talents in these programmes for which they are provided honorarium, TA/DA, boarding & lodging and local transport to enable them to earn their livelihood.

During 2021-22, 01 Junior and 01 Senior Fellowship in the field of Gotipua Dance have been provided by Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India.

(c): The Gotipua Dancers have always been an integral part of all 14 Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsavs held from 2015 onwards in various parts of the country. During the last three years, EZCC has organized Gotipua Dance Festival from 24-26 April 2022; 23-25 April 2023 and 8-10 September, 2024 at Raghurajpur, Puri, Odisha and has also made a documentary on Gotipua Dances of Odisha.

Recently, EZCC has sponsored Gotipua Dance troupes in prestigious programmes like MahaKumbh at Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh; Parakram Divas at Barabati Fort, Cuttack, Odisha held from 23-26 January, 2025 and Purbanchaliya Lok Mahotsav held from 14-17 December, 2024 at Shilpagram, Santiniketan, West Bengal.

CCRT has also organized 'Teen Diwasiya Amrit Kaal Ka Gantantra Utsav' on 25th January, 2023 in Delhi where Scholars from Odisha presented Gotipua Dance performance.

Ministry of Culture implements a scheme titled "Global Engagement Scheme" to promote India's rich cultural heritage and enhance India's image in the global arena in a concerted manner. Under this scheme, artists are deputed for performing in the Festivals of India abroad. Currently, 49 artists/groups are empanelled from Odisha, including 13 Folk Artists/Groups. So far, 7 groups/artists from Odisha have performed in Festivals of India in 70 events abroad.
