

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1301
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

10th BRICS CULTURE MINISTERS' MEETING

1301#. Smt. Ramilaben Becharbhai Bara:
Smt. Dharmshila Gupta:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the ministry has taken any steps towards implementing the Joint declaration approved at the 10th BRICS Culture Ministers Meeting;
- (b) The countries with which bilateral agreements have been signed following discussions during the meeting;
- (c) Whether the ministry has prepared any action plan to integrate traditional knowledge systems into climate adaptation strategies as discussed in the meeting; and
- (d) If so, major steps taken being taken to achieve these objectives?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting is a vital platform for promoting mutual understanding, cultural exchange, and other collaborative initiatives in the culture sector. Having adopted the Declaration of the 10th BRICS Culture Ministers Meeting, India is committed to cultural diplomacy, heritage conservation, and people-to-people exchanges amongst the BRICS nations through cooperation/exchange in the fields of Arts, Museum & Galleries, Cultural Heritage, Archives, Literature, puppetry, various arts forms and dance forms, Theater etc.

(b): No bilateral agreements are signed following the discussions in the 10th BRICS Culture Ministers Meeting held in Brasilia, Brazil on 26 May, 2025. However, Hon'ble Minister of Culture held bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Brazil, South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on the sidelines of the BRICS Culture Ministers Meeting. India maintains bilateral cultural relations with all BRICS Nations through bilateral Culture

Exchange Programmes for strengthening cooperation in the fields of museums, theatre, literature, libraries, art galleries, etc.

(c) & (d): India supports integration of culture into climate adaptation framework by integrating indigenous knowledge and traditional practices into contemporary climate strategies that would unlock sustainable, low-impact solutions that have been refined over generations—from indigenous water management systems and climate-responsive vernacular architecture to environmentally friendly artisanal crafts.

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