

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 265
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2018**

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

***265. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of zonal cultural centres operating in the country in each State, especially in UP and its Hathras region at present;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote cultural development programmes in various parts of the country including Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of existing cultural development programmes in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to further promote cultural development programmes in various parts of the country, especially in the said region of UP; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the culture of our country?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE**

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 265 FOR 6TH AUGUST, 2018

(a) To protect, promote & preserve various forms of folk art and culture throughout the country, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with their headquarters located at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. Uttar Pradesh is a member State of North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC), Allahabad.

(b) to (e) To promote cultural development programmes in various parts of the country, these ZCCs undertake various cultural activities and programmes in their member States including Uttar Pradesh. Each ZCC has a Programme Committee consisting of representatives from its member States, which approves their annual calendar of cultural activities to be carried out throughout the country. A statement indicating the details of various cultural activities/ programmes conducted by the NCZCC, Allahabad during the last 2 years in Uttar Pradesh is Annexed. Further, the Ministry organizes Cultural Development Programmes like Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsavs (RSMs) in the country including Uttar Pradesh to create awareness amongst the youth about India's rich cultural heritage. RSMs have been organized at New Delhi (November, 2015 and October, 2016), Varanasi (December, 2016), Bengaluru & Tawang (March, 2017), Gujarat (October, 2017), Karnataka (January, 2018) and Madhya Pradesh (February, 2018). Further, it has also been decided to organize seven (7) RSMs at Delhi, Maharashtra (Mumbai), West Bengal (Kolkata), Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Rajasthan during 2018-19. All the ZCCs as also other organizations under Ministry of Culture will participate in the upcoming Kumbh Mela at Allahabad.

Octave, a festival of the North East is organized by each of the 7 ZCCs to promote folk culture of the North Eastern States. For this purpose, artists of the North East region are engaged by the respective ZCC to showcase and project the rich cultural heritage of North East at Pan India level.

Apart from the above, these ZCCs also conduct workshops, seminars, exhibitions, cultural fairs etc. on regular basis all over India for promotion of Indian culture.

**Activities/ programmes organized by NCZCC, Allahabad in
Uttar Pradesh during 2016-17**

Sl. No.	Name of the activity/ programme	Date
1	Kavi Sammelan	Mar-16
2	Sanjhi Virasat	Apr-16
3	Cultural Program for Soldiers	May-16
4	Kavya Kumbh	May-16
5	Production oriented summer workshop	May/ June 2016
6	International Yoga Day	Jun-16
7	Cultural Program	Jun-16
8	Cultural Program	Jun-16
9	Greeshmotsav	Jun-16
10	Jagarnath Mahotsav	Jul-16
11	Cultural Program at Raj Bhawan	Aug-16
12	Kajri Mela	Aug-16
13	Foundation Day	Sep-16
14	Ramleela Mahotsav	Oct-16
15	Cultural Program (RPF)	Oct-16
16	Hanumat Janmotsav	Oct-16
17	Hansvahini Mahotsav	Oct-16
18	Ramayan Mela Shrigverpur	Oct-16
19	Antragini	Oct-16
20	Amethi Mahotsav	Oct-16
21	Kartik Poornima Mahotsav	Nov-16
22	Chitrakoot Mela	Nov-16
23	Kapil Vats Mahotsav	Dec-16
24	Chalo Man Ganga Jamuna Teer 2017	Jan-17
25	Utrani Mela	Jan-17
26	Cultural Program - IIIT	Feb-17
27	Cultural Program -Allahabad Museum	Feb-17
28	Ramayan Mela	Feb-17
29	Aanapur Varshik Mahotsav	Feb-17
30	Ganesh Utsav	Feb-17
31	Badayun Mahotsav	Feb-17
32	Om Grinag Dham Mahotsav	Feb-17
33	Shivratri Mela Ghusarnath Dham	Feb-17
34	Shivratri Mela Bhayharan Nath Dham	Feb-17
35	Shivratri Mela Belkhar Nath Dham	Feb-17
36	Gonda Mahotsav	Feb-17
37	Rashtriya Shilp Mela	Mar-17
38	Raj Gaddi Samaroh	Mar-17
39	Thithauli (Kavi Sammelan)	Mar-17
40	Mahakavi Nirala Kavi Sammelan	Mar-17
41	Chirag -E-Bismill Memorial Kavi Sammelan	Mar-17
42	Dhakadhak Kavi Sammelan	Mar-17
43	Cultural Program on the occasion of Holi	Mar-17
44	Bharat Dashmi Mela	Mar-17
45	Mahakaleshwar Mela	Mar-17
46	Shree Ram Rajyabhishek Samaroh	Apr-17
47	Cultural Program, NCR Railway	Apr-17

**Activities/ programmes organized by NCZCC, Allahabad in
Uttar Pradesh during 2017-18**

Sl. No.	Name of the activity/ programme	Date
1	Swatchta Pakhwada	April 2017
2	Yuva Mahotsav	May 2017
3	Nagrik Abhinandan Karykram (Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad)	May 2017
4	Anti Terrorism Day	May 2017
5	Masik Natya Yojna	May 2017
6	Production Oriented Summer Workshops	May/June 2017
7	Himadri Natya Samaroh	June 2017
8	Masik Natya Yojna	June 2017
9	International Yoga Day 2018	June 2017
10	Aam Mahotsav 2017	August 2017
11	Shree Krishna Janmashtami (ISKON, Allahabad)	August 2017
12	Shree Krishna Janmashtami (Police Line)	August 2017
13	Shree Krishna Janmashtami (PAC, Lucknow)	August 2017
14	Shree Krishna Janmashtami (ISKON, Lucknow)	August 2017
15	Vishwa Rakshabandhan Utsav Karykram	August 2017
16	Vridhavastha Mansik Swasthy Vibhag Sanskritik Sandhya Karykram	August 2017
17	Masik Natya Yojna	August 2017
18	Cultural evening at Raj Bhawan	August 2017
19	Sahitykar Sansad Kavi Sammelan	September 2017
20	Centenary Birth Anniversary Celebration of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay	September 2017
21	Swatchta Pakhwada	September/ October 2017
22	Masik Natyotsav	October 2017
23	Ekta Diwas – Celebration on the occasion of Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel	October 2017
24	Effervescence 2017	October 2017
25	Chitrakoot Mela	November 2017
26	Rashtriya Shilp Mela	December 2017
27	Chalo Man Ganga Jamuna Teer 2018	January 2018
28	Ras Banaras 2018	February 2018
29	Patharchatti Ramleela – Shri Ram Rajyabhishek	February 2018
30	Bharat Dashmi Mela	March 2018
31	Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Hon'ble President of France visit to Varanasi	March 2018
32	Rajgaddi Samaroh	March 2018
33	Sanskritik Sandhya – Holi Milan Samahroh	March 2018