

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in any of the eligible activities enumerated in Schedule VII of the Act. CSR is a Board driven process and the Board of the company is empowered to plan, decide, execute and monitor the CSR activities of the company based on the recommendation of its CSR committee. The Government does not issue any directions to Corporates to spend in any particular area or activity. Item no. (iii) of Schedule VII enlists "measures for reducing inequalities faced by socially and economically backward groups;" as one of the eligible CSR activities. The entire CSR architecture is disclosure based and CSR mandated companies are required to file details of CSR expenditure annually in MCA21 registry. On the basis of filings made by the Companies in the MCA 21 registry, the total amount spent for CSR under the head "Socio-Economic Inequality" during the financial years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 are given below:

(In ₹ Crores)

Development Sector	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
Socio-Economic Inequalities	39.04	77.97	148.01	134.70

(Data upto 30.06.2019) [Source: National CSR Data Portal]

150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

‡176. SHRI AJAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the main programmes being organised by the Department of Culture on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi;

(b) the details of the programmes to be organised in Madhya Pradesh out of these programmes, region -wise; and

(c) whether any special budget has been proposed for these programmes, if so, the details of the proposed budget, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) Ministries and Departments of Government of India, State Governments, Civil Societies and other Institutions have undertaken a number of activities since 2.10.2018 both in India and abroad. The details of activities taken up by Ministry of Culture are given in the Statement (*See* below).

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(b) A number of activities have been organized by various Ministries and Departments of Government of India across the country including Madhya Pradesh. Some of the major activities organized by the Ministry in Madhya Pradesh are as under:

- (i) Gram Swaraj pad yatra in different districts of Madhya Pradesh in which Culture Minister participated.
- (ii) Skill development programme in Vidisha district.
- (iii) Gandhi katha in Bhopal, Ujjain and Indore.
- (iv) Play titled "Bharat Bhagya Vidhata" in Damoh.
- (v) Artist workshop on weaving traditions at Bhopal.
- (vi) Drawing competition programme on "Remembering Mahatma Gandhi" at Bhopal.
- (vii) Painting exhibition at Bhopal.
- (viii) Kathak Parv at Ujjain.
- (ix) Mobile science exhibition on Gandhi in aspirational districts of MP.

(c) A sum of ₹ 150 crore had been allocated for activities under 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi during the year 2018-19. However, State-wise allocation of fund had not been made. No fund has been allocated for the commemoration during 2019-20.

Statement

*Important activities undertaken by Ministry of Culture for commemoration of
150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi*

Major activities

1. An interactive portal Gandhi.gov.in has been set up and was launched on 18.9.2018.
2. Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated National Salt Satyagraha Memorial at Dandi on 30.01.2019.
3. All tableaux in Republic Day parade, 2019 were Gandhi themed.
4. 3 core Gandhian sites namely, Noakhali in Bangladesh, Hindi Prachar Sabha, Chennai and Gandhi Smarak Museum, Barrackpore renovated.

International outreach

5. Participated in art exhibition at Venice Biennale. Indian pavilion was rated among the top 5 pavillions Nandlal Bose's 'Haripura Panels' made at Gandhi's behest depicting the life in Indian villages, was top attraction in the Biennale.
6. Facilitated organisation of Gandhi katha in 31 countries.
7. Participated in Jerusalem Biennale on 11th October, 2019 with an exhibition titled "Experiments with Truth".
8. Staged a dance drama 'Shanti Sutra' at Pretoria, Durban, Johannesburg, South Africa as part of Festival of India from 22-28 September, 2019.
9. Dance, Drama " Ba-Bapu" by Ms. Sonal Mansingh as part of Festival of India at Durban, Cape Town, Johannesburg and Pretoria during 22-28 September, 2019.

Other activities

10. Pad yatra, rallies, nukkad natak, lectures, prabhat pheris, sarva dharm sabha organised.
11. Value creation camp comprising shramdaan, yoga, theatre, organic farming for 1118 school children organised at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat.
12. Gandhi Parv organised from 02.10.2018 to 07.10.2018 at Delhi. Activities such as folk songs, storytelling, sculpture, behrupiya, puppet shows, theatre workshop, classical music concert (ragas composed on Gandhi Ji), craft workshop, khadi exhibition were organised.
13. More than 100 shows of plays on Gandhi staged across the country by different institutions of the Ministry.
14. Jaipur House in NGMA renovated and Upendra Maharathi's "Shaswat; The Eternal Seeker" as the inaugural exhibition organised.
15. Organized painting exhibition on Gandhi titled "Bapu Through The Eyes of Artists" from 02.10.2019 to 30.11.2019.
16. Exhibition of Chhaganlal Jadhav, a satyagrahi and artist who participated in Dandi Yatra was organised.
17. 4-day Kala Sanskriti Sangam on Gandhian Philosophy on Charkha organised at Delhi - 451 artists participated from across the country.

18. A number of festivals of music, dance, puppetry, calligraphy, mask making, rangoli and folk and tribal arts organised across the country
19. Ministry of Culture and Doordarshan produced a video of Vaishnava Jana -instrumental folk version.
20. Lectures, seminars, debates, kavi goshti organised by Sahitya Akademi.
21. Government of India released a commemorative coin of ₹ 150 denomination on 02.10.2019.

Proposed future activities

22. AR/VR shows at Gandhi Darshan. An 8 meter dome theatre has been set up.
23. Digital interactive exhibition set up at Gandhi Smriti, New Delhi. It is proposed to set up similar digital exhibitions at 16 other locations.
24. Gandhipedia project launched with the objective to disseminate Gandhian ideology through social media by Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning based automatic intelligent twitter bot.

Establishment of new Science museums

†177. SHRIMATI KANTA KARDAM: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to open new Science museums in the country;
- (b) if so, details thereof, State-wise and place-wise; and
- (c) the fund estimated to be spent on the same and by when the said Science museums would be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Various Science Centres/Cities in the country are set up by National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous organization under purview of Ministry of Culture, under the Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS).

State-wise and place-wise Science Centres and Cities being set up by National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) along with estimated expenditure and proposed date of inauguration is given in the Statement.

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