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3. Parampara Mahotsav at Mumbai from 18th to 20th October, 2016
4. Puppetry Workshop at Mumbai from 2nd to 6th November, 2016
5. Children Theatre Workshop at Mumbai from 7th to 14th November, 2016
6. Natyotsav at Mumbai from 16th to 20th November, 2016
7. Kala Ghoda Arts Festival at Mumbai from 4th to 12th February, 2017
8. Yatra - Paschimalap at Sindhudurg District from 18th to 25th March, 2017: Eight talukas/tehsils covered viz. Kudal, Malwan, Vengurla, Kankavli, Vaibhavadi, Devgad, Dodamarg and Sawantwadi

2017-18:

1. Dhrupad Mahotsav at Juhu, Mumbai from 5th to 6th August, 2017
2. Prakruti Festival at Mumbai from 19th to 21st January, 2018
3. National Seminar and Parampara Mahotsav at Mumbai from 27th to 28th February, 2018

2018-19:

1. 3rd Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of AIIB: Cultural Programme at Mumbai from 25th June, 2018
2. Parampara Mahotsav at Mumbai from 22nd to 23rd December, 2018
3. Prakruti Festival at Mumbai at 18th to 20th January, 2019
4. Kalaghoda Arts Festival at Mumbai from 4th to 8th February, 2019
5. 11th National Vasant Natyotsav-2019 at Mumbai from 3rd to 8th March, 2019

**Filling of post of Assistant Archaeologist in
ASI without PGDA**

181. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Post Graduate Diploma in Archaeology (PGDA) of Institute of Archaeology (IA) was removed from recruitment rules for post of Assistant Archaeologist in ASI as essential and desirable qualification;

(b) whether changes made has affected the working of ASI since professionally trained candidates are not being inducted in ASI since 2006;

(c) if so, number of Assistant Archaeologist filled from amongst those having PGDA from IA, out of vacancies filled in the last five years; and

(d) the reasons for not restoring PGDA as essential qualification for the post of Assistant Archaeologists in ASI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Post Graduate Diploma in Archaeology (PGDA) of Institute of Archaeology (IA) was only a desirable qualification and not essential for the post of Assistant Archaeologist in Archaeological Survey of India in the recruitment rules notified in 2006. The same has been excluded from the revised rules notified in September, 2019.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The total number of vacancies of Assistant Archaeologist filled up during the last 05 years is 76, out of which 08 candidates are having Post-Graduate Diploma in Archaeology (PGDA) from Institute of Archaeology (IA).

(d) In view of reply to Part (a) above, does not arise.

Vacancy of Monuments Attendants in Maharashtra

182. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether watch and ward and day-to-day maintenance of monuments declared protected have been left upon to daily-wagers or contractual workers in Maharashtra because most of the regular posts are vacant;

(b) if so, the number of sanctioned and vacant posts of Monument Attendants/MTS for each of the protected monuments in Maharashtra, monument-wise;

(c) the reasons for keeping the posts vacant; and

(d) whether the strength of watch and ward staff is sufficient to ensure safety and security of protected monuments and if not, what action Government plans to take to strengthen watch and ward staff?