

# **SANSKRITI**

**A festival of India's August Intangible Cultural Heritage  
Organised by Ministry of Culture, Government of India  
(25-29 December, 2014)**

Ministry of Culture, Government of India with the collaboration of all its constituent autonomous bodies is organising a festival "Sanskriti" at Varanasi from 25-29 December 2014 which will be inaugurated by Honourable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on 25<sup>th</sup> December at Swatantrata Bhawan, Kashi Hindu Vishwavidyalaya, Varanasi. This event is remarkable as Government of India is proposing Varanasi to be developed as a Sacred, Clean and Beautiful Intangible Cultural Heritage City model of India. In this festival "Sanskriti", artists and intellectuals from all over India will participate in this festival being organised at the venues in the campus of Kashi Hindu Vishwavidyalaya, Gyan Prahah and Sarnath.

At 11.00 am the festival "Sanskriti" will be inaugurated by honourable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi at Swatantrata Bhawan. This festival will be organised with the collaboration of the constituent autonomous bodies; Sangeet Natak Akademi, Sahitya Akademi, Lalit Kala Akademi, National School of Drama, Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts, Centre for Cultural Research and Training, Central Himalayan Cultural Training Institution, Central Buddhist Study Centre, Tibetan Study Central University and Nav Nalanda Mahavihar and they will present diverse cultural expressions of country during the festival which will be presented in the campus of Kashi Hindu Vishwavidyalaya, Gyan Prahah, National Archive of India and Sarnath.

Book and art exhibitions, multilingual literature reading, poetry sessions, seminar, documentary shows, folk, traditional and classical music, dance and drama presentations will be the attractions of this festival for the spectators of Varanasi to enjoy the representative expressions of the cultural diversity of India. Shri Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari, Kamlesh Dutt Tripathi, Manoj Das, Kashinath Singh, Gynandrapati etc. will enlighten the august spectators of Varanasi. Other eminent poets and writers from other Indian languages will be participating in the festival.

In this festival many documentaries on the Veda recitation traditions, Ganga: from Mukhba to Gangotri a divine journey, Tana Bhagat of Jharkhand, Puraliya Chhau and Bishmupur Mrinmandir of West Bengal to be named a few. There will be a workshop with the childrens and teachers of Varanasi on the theme of Cleanliness, Equality, Drug Addiction, Women and Child rights. There will be an art exhibition also.

In this festival Rajan-Sajan Mishra(vocal), Pandit Krishna Ram Chaudhary (Sahnai), Sunayna Hazarilal (Kathak), Shahid Parvez Khan (Sitar), Ram Shankar (Quawali) and Chakri and Gilas dance (J&K), Purulia Chhau (WB), Ankia Naat

(Assam), Mayurbhanj Chhau (Odissa), Tamasha (Maharashtra), Damodar Hota (Vocal), Sharmishta Mukharjee (Kathak presentation : Story of Varanasi), Rasan Chauki (Madhubani, Bihar), Ramlakhan tiwari (Alha, UP) and Nautanki by Santosh Kumar and Party will be the attractions of the festival. national Archive of India will be putting an exhibition on "Buddha Charika" at sarnath Campus.