

Requirement of cultural troupes/artists for events hosted in India

The High Commission of India in Pretoria invites participation of South African national cultural troupes / artists in the State-hosted festivals and other iconic cultural events that are set to take place across different cities in India during the FY 2026-27.

The Government of India will provide local hospitality inclusive of accommodation, meals, as well as intercity and local transportation for the participating groups, alongside all costs for the presentation of programmes including venues, technical and publicity for the festivals or cultural events. The participating artist or groups will have to bear their own international travel, medical insurance and performance fees, if any.

The call for applications is under the auspices of the following State-hosted festivals:

SI No.	Programme	Tentative cities	Tentative dates	Type of Event	Genre of artists/ cultural troupes proposed for participation
(I)	International Ramayana Mela	Bhopal & Chitrakoot, Madhya Pradesh	12 – 19 October 2026	Annual Ramayana Festival hosted by the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh around the time of Dussehra	Ramayana Performing Art groups
(ii)	International Kullu Dussehra Festival	Kullu Valley, Himachal Pradesh	21 – 27 October 2026	Annual Festival of the Kullu Valley (H.P) hosted by the State Govt of Himachal Pradesh during Dussehra	Preferably Folk Dance-Music groups
(iii)	Delhi International Arts Festival (DIAF)	New Delhi	27 November to 6 December 2026	Annual Festival held across various iconic venues in Delhi celebrating global and Indian performing arts, visual arts and cultural heritage	Preferably Dance- Music groups

(iv)	Tansen Samaroh	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh	14 – 19 December 2026	Annual Classical Music Festival hosted by the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh in Gwalior in honor of the legendary Hindustani Classical Musician, Pandit Tansen	Foreign Musicians trained in Indian Classical Music & Instruments
(v)	Sunderban Krishti Mela O Loko Sanskriti Utsav	Sundarbans, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal	20 – 29 December 2026	A prominent Cultural Festival held annually in the month of December in the Sundarbans region of West Bengal	Preferably Dance-Music groups
(vi)	Khajuraho Dance Festival	Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh	20 – 26 February 2027	Annual Dance Festival hosted by the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh at the UNESCO world heritage site of Khajuraho temple	Foreign Dance artists trained in Indian Classical Dances

All applicants are required to send their details inclusive of their group / artist profile, number of participants (male/female), technical requirements relating to the stage, light-sound and high resolution photographs, video/ YouTube links of the proposed performances to the following email addresses: edu.pretoria@mea.gov.in and copy to sscons.pretoria@mea.gov.in.