

Report

IGNCA signed MOU with AICTE to initiate course on Cultural Informatics

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New Delhi – Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), an Autonomous Trust under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), a Statutory Body of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (established under the All India Council for Technical Education Act, 1987) have signed an MOU on 10.11.2016 for conducting a unique course on Cultural Informatics, first time in India. IGNCA has recognized the capabilities of digital media long back and established the Cultural Informatics Laboratory in 1994. The laboratory undertake projects to develop content exploration systems on themes related to Indian Arts to intensify Cultural Learning and visualisation. Multimedia projects on “Tanjavur Brihadisvara Temple” and “Gita Govinda” reflects the IGNCA’s vision to present the Indian Arts in its totality as well as on the platform suitable to attract the young generation.

The course will be conducted under the scheme titled “National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF)” of the AICTE which intends to provide competency based employability enhancement skills and education. Through this course an attempt will be made to attract our young generation towards India’s Traditional systems of knowledge.

Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary, IGNCA highlighting the importance of this event said “The categorization and compartmentalization of higher education has spoiled the holistic and broad vision of young and talented students. Through this initiative we will be able to connect some of the missing links, which may lead to revolutionise higher education in India. This is a giant leap in the higher education and people may realise this at a later date.”

Prof. Anil D. Sahashrabudhe, Chairman, AICTE said on this occasion; “Today is a Historic day when two apex institutions, one in the field of Indian Art and Cultural studies and another in the area of technology education, including management, hotel management, architecture and applied arts & crafts, signed an agreement to impart competency based training and education”.

The course will be started from July 2017 session. A presentation made on the structure of the course by Prof. Om Vikas is available at the IGNCA website (www.ignca.gov.in) for further details.