



Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Kolkata

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Report of Activities for the month of August 2020

As the Covid – 19 Pandemic restrictions continued, most programmes in August were held on-line. EZCC was able to reach out to 2478 folk, tribal and upcoming classical artistes during the month.

On-line Bihar Folk Festival – 02.08.2020 to 09.08.2020

Folk Dances and Music of Bihar was presented in the 7-day on-line Folk Festival.

On-line Sherpa Dance and Music Festival – 04.08.2020

An on-line Sherpa Dance and Music Festival was brought to the viewers of EZCC from Namchi, Sikkim.

Puppet Theatre – 09.08.2020

Two Puppet Theatres, one by Dolls Theatre, Kolkata and the other by Tripura Puppet Theatre, Agartala, were presented on-line. Both the shows had a large viewership.

On-line Folk Song Workshop – 05-08.2020 to 16.08.2020

An on-line Folk Song Workshop on the folk song genres of undivided Bengal was held from 05.08.2020 to 16.08.2020. Conducted by celebrated folk singer Amit Saha, the on-line workshop had 20 participants.

On-line Dance and Music Festival – 10.08.2020

On-line Dance and Music Festival (Phase I) was held on 10.08.2020. Folk and classical dance and music forms of all the member states was presented at this festival.

Lok Sanskriti Utsav (Jharkhand) – 10.08.2020

Folk art forms of Jharkhand were presented at the Lok Sanskriti Utsav (Jharkhand) on 10.08.2020.

Lok Sanskriti Utsav (Assam) – 11.08.2020 to 17.08.2020

Folk and tribal dances and music of Assam were presented in the Phase III and IV of the Lok Sanskriti Utsav (Assam).

Lok Sanskriti Utsav (West Bengal) – 11.08.2020 to 17.08.2020

Phase V and VII of the Lok Sanskriti Utsav (West Bengal) featuring folk dances and music of the state was held on 11.08.2020.

On-line Natya Utsav – 12.08.2020 to 14.08.2020

An on-line Natya Utsav with folk theatre groups of Odisha was held from 12.08.2020 to 14.08.2020. Several rural folk theatre groups participated in the event.

Chhau connect – 15.08.2020 to 22.08.2020

Mayurbhanj Chhau, one of the three forms of Chhau dance in Eastern India, was presented at Chhau Connect held in collaboration with Lok Chhanda Cultural Unit, West Bengal and Chhauni, Odisha. All the 45 Chhau artistes who participated in the event were Baripada, in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha.



Kolkata Theatre Festival – 20.08.2020 to 26.08.2020

35 theatre groups put up one act plays in the Phase II & III of the Kolkata Theatre Festival. This Festival is a signature event of EZCC, which due to the current situation was held on-line this year.

Virtual Painting & Sculpture Exhibition – 22.08.2020 to 31.08.2020

An on-line virtual Painting and Sculpture exhibition with work from painters and sculptors from across the country was held in collaboration with Indian National Forum of Art & Culture, Kolkata.



On-line Nritya Utsav – 24.08.2020 to 26.08.2020

Classical and Folk dance forms from all the member states of EZCC was presented at the Nritya Utsav, held from 24.08.2020 to 26.08.2020.

Webinars

3 webinars were held in the month of August 2020.

a) Baishe Sravan – 08.08.2020

The death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore was observed through a programme of music and dance along with talks by Tagore Scholars on 08.08.2020. Singers and dancers from different parts of the globe participated.

b) Rabindra Natya and Rabindra Nritya – 09.08.2020

Scholars and experts on the dance and dance theatres of Rabindranath Tagore participated in the webinar. The exchange of ideas was free flowing and several

unknown aspects about Rabindranath's preferred dance forms and dance theatre presentations came up in the discussion.

c) Namami Mate – 15.08.2020

Tribute was paid to our Motherland through discussion interspersed with music and singing on Independence Day

Workshops

Two workshops were held in August 2020

Alpana Workshop – 11.08.2020 to 25.08.2020

Alpana, the floor art of Bengal, was done in a workshop at Srijani Shilpagram, Santiniketan, to decorate the cluster of Bengal huts.



Batik Workshop – 18.08.2020 to 01.09.2020

Batik, the art of printing was brought to India from Java, Indonesia, by Rabindranath Tagore. Batik, thus, has a special connect with Bengal. A Batik workshop was held in Kolkata, where beautiful pieces of art were created.


