

National Cultural Exchange Programme (NCEP)

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Aim of the programme

Exchange of artistes, musicians, performers and sculptors etc. between different regions within the country for the promotion of the rich cultural heritage of India.

Key features

- The programme can be termed as the lifeline of the Zonal Cultural Centers
- Under this scheme, **various festivals of performing arts, exhibitions, yatras etc are organized in member States.**
- Artists from other zones/states are invited to participate in these programmes.
- Participation of artists from the Zone in festivals held in other parts of the country are also facilitated.
- Zonal centres also participate in Major festivals happening in member States by arranging performances during these festivals where a large number of the audience get a chance to enjoy and understand art forms of other regions.
- These festivals provide an **opportunity to taste and understand the various cultures of our country.**
- This scheme is benefiting a large number of folk artists, musicians, artisans etc.