

### South Asia Sub-Regional Meeting of NGOs on Safeguarding #IntangibleCulturalHeritage for #SustainableDevelopment



We organised the 2016 South Asia Sub-Regional Meeting of NGOs on Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage for Sustainable development from August 25-27 at Goa in collaboration with the International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia Pacific Region (ICHCAP), UNESCO New Delhi and the Directorate of Art and Culture, Government of Goa. Representatives from 30 non government organizations from India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka got together for the Meeting.

### Navigating Solutions for #AirQuality in #Kolkata



An analysis by the WHO has revealed that over 90% of the world is breathing poor quality air. Kolkata has been active on the issue since long with strong civil society movement, strictures from the court, executive action and a strong anti pollution lobby. For developing a comprehensive action plan with participation from Government, Academicians, Chambers, Consulates, Business, Civil Society, Medical Practitioners, Media, we collaborated with the Global Change Programme of Jadavpur University and the U.S. Consulate of Kolkata to organise a workshop on September 15, 2016 followed by a round table on September 24, 2016.

### # YouthLedAction for Positive Change



Agency of youth is being developed as a key strategy for promoting the value of education and rights of children. Adolescents are being trained on communication and advocacy for social change and equitable access to services for education, health, nutrition, sanitation and protection. Youth meets reaching out to 800-1000 adolescents are being organised at block levels in West Bengal as platforms for strengthening their voice.

### #BorakArtSeries2016#Penang#Malaysia



Syantani Raychaudhuri, General Manager – Communications was invited by MyPAA to deliver the key note address at Borak Arts Series 2016 at Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia. We shared our experience of using culture as an instrument for ushering social changes at the grassroots through socio-economic empowerment of the marginalized communities.

### #EducationTranscendingBorders, Philippines



Niloy Basu, General Manager – Operations and Suman Das, Programme Manager participated in the 3rd Malikhaing Guro International Conference at Los Banos, Philippines. They shared our experience of developing community led cultural tourism in the villages of West Bengal. Suman demonstrated in a workshop how we use theatre to develop heritage management skills.

### #DutchDeltaSounds Festival & #WorldMusicFestival, Copenhagen



Delivering the keynote address 'From Delta to Delta: Magic in Roots' at Dutch Delta Sounds on 2016, Amitava Bhattacharya, Founder Director, banglanatak dot com, drew a parallel between the liberal and multicultural communities living in the deltas of Netherland and Bengal. Amitava said "All delta lands are magic boxes of indigenous knowledge. Let us move together". He along with Debalina Bhowmick, coordinator of our MusiCal initiative, also participated at the World Music Festival, Copenhagen.

### #MusicaMundo, Brasil



We participated in Musica Mundo, the international music meeting organized in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Amitava shared about our MusiCal initiative for developing music entrepreneurship to foster creative economy.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Festival of the Kantha Embroidery artists: Nanoor, Birbhum: Oct 14-16 2016**
- Festival of the Wooden Mask making: Kushmundi, Dakshin Dinajpur: Oct 21-23 2016**
- Festival of the Terracotta artists: Panchmura, Bankura: Nov 4-6 2016**
- Festival of the Patachitra painters: Pingla, Paschim Medinipur: Nov 11-13 2016**
- Festival of the Baul-Fakiri singers: Gorbhanga, Nadia: Nov 18-20 2016**
- Theatre Festival at Tepantar, Bardhaman: Nov 25-27 2016**
- Festival of the Chau Mask making artists: Charida, Purulia: Dec 16-18 2016**
- Festival of the Chau –Jhumur artists: Bamnia, Purulia: Dec 22-28 2016**