

Resolution

Call for assistance in protection of livelihood and dignity of artists during the pandemic

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In this pandemic, social fabric has been kept uplifted by the best of Bhartiya values like innate spontaneous compassion, co-relation and seva. Writers and artists have played a major role for this sentiment to grow in the society.

Due to the cancellations and indefinite postponement of cultural activities and art performances artisans have suffered a lot, especially economic difficulties. These include artists, support staff working on and behind the stage, their technologists and assistants, folk and tribal artists. The status of sculptor-craftsmen is also grim. Economic uncertainty is the new normal for the arts sector for a long time to come.

In such testing times, many art based organizations and artists have come forward to help these needy artists. Sanskar Bharati also, has so far performed the duty of providing assistance to about 71,210 (seventy-one thousand two hundred and ten) artisans through the efforts of its provincial units located across Bharat.

This ABSS of Sanskar Bharti, deeply appreciates all the individuals, organizations and workers engaged in this Seva. The gathering also appreciates the efforts made by the central government, various state governments and local administration to help the artists. At the same time, given the uncertainty of the current situation, it is also felt that these efforts are not enough.

The Sadharan Sabha appeals to the government to increase the number of remunerative programs, online or direct, exhibitions, interviews, poetry recitation etc. so as to infuse fresh chance for economic cycle to begin in their lives. The government's endeavour to immediately release of all the long-pending grants, scholarships, fellowships etc. of artists and art institutions will also provide a big relief to the artisans of all levels and their self respect and dignity will also be protected.

The artists are the reflection of the traditional value system a Nation stands on. They are tasked with uplifting and guiding the society, and it is perfect time for the society at large to support them to help itself. It is also a call to all the non-governmental organizations and industry to plan to organise more and more art and culture based programs to replace the shadow of gloom caused by the pandemic with some spirit and enthusiasm across the country.

We have to bear in mind that every litterateur and artist is like a tree, which gives to the society many times of what it takes from the Earth. Compensation for several decades is not possible if it dries out. The ABSS believes that litterateurs and artists are preserving and promoting the cultural identity of their country through their Art. Hence in these testing times we call all to work and help generously to save the artists to help them stay afloat.

**Artists preserve Art
Art preserve Culture**