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NATIONAL SCHOOL OF DRAMA



(An Autonomous Institution under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India)

Press Release

Hon'ble Vice President to Award Diploma at the Convocation of National School of Drama

- *Hon'ble Minister of State, Culture & Tourism (I/C), Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Shri Arun Goel, former Chairman of the National School of Drama, Shri Chandrashekhara Kambara, eminent theatre personality and former director of National School of Drama, Shri Ratan Thiyam will also attend at the convocation ceremony.*
- *Acting Chairman, NSD Society, Dr. Arjun Deo Charan, and Director In-charge, National School of Drama, Shri Suresh Sharma, faculty member and other staff members will also be present.*
- *The convocation will be held on 5th August, 2019 at Abhimanch auditorium where diploma will be awarded to students who successfully completed their 3-year diploma at NSD between 2010 and 2019.*
- *The National School of Drama is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India and one of the topmost theatre schools in the world. Very recently, it also ranked 14th among the best film schools in the world by CEOWORLD Magazine of the USA.*

New Delhi, 2nd August, 2019: Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu will attend the convocation ceremony of the National School of Drama (NSD) on 5th August, 2019, to be held at Abhimanch auditorium at 5:00 pm. More than 200 students who completed their 3-year course at NSD between 2010 and 2019 will be awarded the diploma at the convocation.

Hon'ble Vice President will be the Chief Guest at the convocation in which other key dignitaries including hon'ble Minister of State Culture & Tourism (I/C), Shri Prahlad Singh Patel will be the Guest of Honour and Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Shri. Arun Goel will be present. Former Chairman of the National School of Drama Shri Chandrashekhara Kambara, eminent theatre personality and former director of National School of Drama, Shri Ratan Thiyam, the Special Guests, will also grace the occasion where Acting Chairman, NSD Society, Dr. Arjun Deo Charan and Director In-charge, National School of Drama, Shri Suresh Sharma will be present.

A total of 237 students will receive their diploma after completing the course of dramatic arts from the National School of Drama (NSD). NSD is foremost theatre training institutions in the world which has been recently ranked 14th among the best film schools in the world by CEOWORLD Magazine of the USA.

“We are extremely happy to be able to confer the diploma to their rightful owners in the gracious presence of Hon’ble Vice President. The continuous support that we received from the Ministry of Culture was crucial in providing world-class education to the students year after year. My best wishes are with the outgoing students, who I am sure will excel in all fields of theatre,” says **Shri Suresh Sharma, Director In-charge, National School of Drama (NSD)**.

“The convocation is a heartening development and some of the students who have endured a gap to get their diploma will finally meet a revered culmination. I am extremely thankful to the hon’ble Vice President who has agreed to take out time from his tight schedule,” says **Dr. Arjun Deo Charan, Acting Chairman, NSD Society**.

About National School of Drama (NSD)

Established in 1959, the National School of Drama is the only one of its kind in India and is an autonomous organization, fully financed by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. One of the foremost theatre training institution in the world, NSD was incepted under the aegis of the Sangeet Natak Akademi and became an independent entity in 1975. It offers a 3-year, full-time, residential training program in every aspect of theatre with a special focus on the practical implementation of theories. The enviable list of alumni and faculty members have ensured that the institution remains at the helm of performing arts – several theatre practitioners who passed from the prestigious institution, including playwrights, actors, directors, set and light designers and music directors, have enriched the Indian theatre and continue to do so. Apart from theatre, the artistic manifestations of NSD alumni have often left an indelible mark in other media as well. There are two performing wings of NSD – the Repertory Company and Theatre-in-Education Company (TiE) that started in 1964 and 1989, respectively. National School of Drama had been declared as deemed university by University Grant Commission in 2005. However, National School of Drama has requested the government to declare it as institute of national importance and therefore status of deemed university was not accepted.

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