

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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ART FORMS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has discovered any new forms of art in rural India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any steps to use various art forms to change traditional mindsets and address various social problems, such as female foeticide, casteism, dowry, AIDS awareness amongst others; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) & (b): Government of India through the South Central Zone Cultural Centre has recently noticed the discovery "Thalivadan" from Harshool Gram of Nasik District, Maharashtra, in the year 2011.

(c) & (d): the Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) have been undertaking programmes through various folk art forms to address social problems like female foeticide, casteism, dowry, AIDS awareness etc. Some of such programmes undertaken by ZCCs include:

- (i) Literacy Mission Programme
- (ii) Jan-Kerosene-Pariyojna
- (iii) Heart Care Awareness programme
- (iv) Anti-drug Awareness programme through street plays
- (v) UMANG-UDAN programme dedicated to children artistes with disabilities
- (vi) Staging of various plays like 'Sukhi Kukh' (based on female foeticide), 'Mitti Rudan Kare' (based on female foeticide) 'Aakhir Kab Tak' (based on National integration, brotherhood, against dowry system), ' Nukkad Nataks', 'Main Vee Turanga ' (based on female foeticide), 'Kiddar Nu Ja Rahe Haan Asi' (based on female foeticide), etc.
- (vii) Drug Abuse Day.

Similarly, National School of Drama, as a part of their workshops, stages small productions which address various social problems amongst people.