

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2088**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2023

**SCHEMES/PROGRAMMES TO PROMOTE CULTURE OF UNITY**

2088 SHRI SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) the major schemes/programmes run by the Ministry;
- (b) the details of the steps taken/programmes run by the Ministry to promote the culture of unity among Indians in the last five years;
- (c) the details of the steps taken/programmes run by the Ministry to promote the inter-state cultural exchange among general people and youth of various States/UTs in the last five years; and
- (d) the year-wise and scheme/programme-wise details of the funds released to each State/UT in the last five years?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN  
REGION  
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(a) to (c): The major schemes/programmes run by the Ministry of Culture for preservation, conservation and promotion of ancient cultural heritage both tangible and intangible art and culture are as under:-

1. Centenaries and Anniversaries Scheme
2. Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana
3. Development of Museums
4. Development of Libraries
5. Global Engagement
6. National Mission on Manuscripts
7. National Mission on Cultural Mapping and Roadmap

All these activities are implemented through a network of two attached offices, seven subordinate offices and thirty four autonomous organizations.

In order to protect, promote and preserve various forms of folk art throughout the country, Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur conduct a number of activities viz. cultural

programmes, seminars, workshops, exhibitions and craft fairs on regular basis in their member States. Further, Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsavs (RSMs) are organized in the country through these ZCCs and since 2015, the Ministry has organized 14 RSMs up till now, in addition to three Zonal Level RSMs at Kota, Pune and Delhi. These RSMs are making the people aware about cultural heritage and ancient cultural values of the country, also reconnecting the new generation with our culture and to showcase to the country & the world India's soft power of unity in diversity.

(d) No State/UT-wise funds are released by the Ministry of Culture. However, details of funds released by the Ministry for various schemes/programmes in the last five years are as under:-

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Name of Schemes	Funds Released					
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 upto 14.12.23
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Central Sector Schemes:</b>							
1	Centenaries and Anniversaries Scheme	15647.87	10270.18	7942.56	12563.45	36312.74	16917.51
2	Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana	20154.75	16413.05	12240.26	15646.40	21375.91	10347.86
3	Development of Museums	6891.45	12040.54	13302.79	14271.82	14232.03	3040.02
4	Development of Libraries	2736.60	0.00	0.00	152.16	1898.97	469.24
5	Global Engagement	2011.50	1140.20	612.12	986.28	1296.43	2003.40
6	National Mission on Manuscripts	887.40	333.33	368.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	National Mission on Cultural Mapping and Roadmap					1903.90	1106.68
	<b>Total-Central Sector Schemes.</b>	<b>48329.57</b>	<b>40197.30</b>	<b>34466.33</b>	<b>43620.11</b>	<b>77019.98</b>	<b>33884.71</b>

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