

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1295
ANSWERED ON 11.12.2025

PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES

1295. SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to protect and conserve heritage monuments across the country
- (b) the details of conservation works undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Karnataka, particularly in Hampi and Pattadakal
- (c) whether Government has increased funding for scientific preservation of heritage sites;
- (d) the manner in which these initiatives would promote tourism and cultural awareness; and
- (e) the manner in which Government is ensuring that ASI conservation activities do not hinder tourism promotion and the measures in place to balance the two?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) There are 3685 centrally protected monuments/ sites under the jurisdiction of & Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the country including 506 nos. of
- (b) monuments/sites in Karnataka State. Conservation, preservation and maintenance of these centrally protected monuments and sites is a continuous process and is taken up as per the requirement and availability of resources subject to the National Policy for Conservation. The details of major conservation and preservation works undertaken/carried out in the last three years by ASI in Karnataka including in Hampi and Pattadakal are given in **Annexure-I**.
- (c) Government provides sufficient funds for scientific preservation of all centrally protected monuments/sites which are under the jurisdiction of ASI.
- (d) ASI organises many cultural programmes to promote awareness about the culture and & heritage on the occasion of World Heritage Day, World Heritage week. In addition,
- (e) visitor amenities have been provided at centrally protected monuments including all World Heritage and ticketed monuments to facilitate the tourists.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1295 FOR 11.12.2025.

The details of conservation and preservation works undertaken during the last three years by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Karnataka, including in Hampi and Pattadakal

2022-23

Sl. No.	Name of Monument	Conservation Works Undertaken
1.	Bhoganandishwara Temple at Nandi, District Chikkaballapura	Mending of stucco sculptures on Parapet wall of Kalyani
2.	Kolamma Temple at Kolar, District Kolar	Mending of stucco sculptures in the Garbhagriha
3.	Fort at Madhugiri, District Tumkur	Restoration of fallen Fortification wall (lower level)
4.	Musafirkhana and Honda at Santhebennur, District Davanagere	Repairs to Stucco structure, plastering, mending, pointing, resetting of steps, etc.
5.	Palace inside Fort Madikeri, District Coorg	Repairs to the roof of the Palace Re-plastering of the wall
6.	Fort at Devanahalli, District Bengaluru Rural	Restoration of rampart wall
7.	Ramalingeshwara temple at Avani, District Kolar	Restoration of Sikhara
8.	Someshwara Temple, Kolar, District Kolar	Reconstruction of the Cloister Mantapa
9.	Virupaksha Temple North side of Bazar at Hampi, District: Vijayanagara.	Earth work excavation for exposing the original working level, carefully dismantling and stocking of stone members for re-setting were taken up and the work is kept ongoing for the year 2023-24.
10.	Virupaksha Temple at South side of Bazar at Hampi, District: Vijayanagara	Earth work excavation for exposing the original working level, carefully dismantling and stocking of stone members for re-setting were taken up and the work is kept ongoing for the year 2023-24.
11.	The temple of Papnath at the south-east corner of the village, Pattadakal	Scientific Conservation And Preservation Of Papanatha Temple, Pattadakal, Bagalkot Dist.
12.	The temple of Sangameshwar to the north of Virupaxa's, Pattadakal	MR (CT&P) to interior of Sangameshwar Temple, Pattadakal, Bagalkot Dist.
13.	All Monuments, Pattadakal	Research proposal to identify the decay mechanism of sand stones from Group of Monuments, Pattadakal, Bagalkot Dist.
14.	Virupaksha Temple and Bazar	M.R.(C.T&P) to Mandapas adjacent to Main Entrance Tower of Lord Virupaksha Temple Complex, Hampi, Dist. Ballary **

2023-24

Sl. No.	Name of Monument	Conservation Works Undertaken
1.	Bhoganandishwara Temple at Nandi, District Chikkaballapura (Plate 1 and 2)	The conservation work of dismantling and resetting of the dislodged stone members of the stepped tank on the East side of the temple complex has been completed.
2.	Fort at Devanahalli, Bangalore Rural district (Plate 3)	The work of reconstruction of the fallen bastion on the north side of the fort at Devanahalli was completed.
3.	Seventeen Jaina Tombs at Moodibidri, Dakshina Kannada District (Plate 4)	The work of providing pathway around tombs by cleaning and pointing the existing stones and the damaged stones were replaced with the new laterite stones.
4.	Vindhyagiri, Shravanabelagola, Hassan District (Plate 5)	The work of arranging the scattered fallen stones and manual transportation of essential materials for the preparation of lime mortar from foothill to work spot for the reconstruction of the fallen fortification.

5.	Keshava Temple, Belur, Hassan District (Plate 6)	The painting work of the Gopura of the Keshava temple. Removal of Dead Lime Concrete from the roof of Cloister Mantapa & clearing the debris away from the site.
6.	Lakshmidēvi Temple, Nuggehalli, Hassan District (Plate 7)	The work of removing dead lime mortar from the roof of the antarala (ante-chamber) portion of the temple and relaying the fresh lime concrete from the stoppage of water leakage inside the monument. Installation of CC Camera.
7.	Fortress and Temples on the Hill at Fort Chitradurga, Chitradurga District (Plate 8)	The work of cleaning the ancient stucco figures of the Gopura of the Ekanatheshwari temple. The dead and deteriorated lime plaster was removed. The work of proper documentation, dismantling and reconstructing the bulged fort wall near Kasturirangappa Batheri with the help of chain pulley and derrick pole. The pointing work at the entrance at the fort wall.
8.	Palace inside the Fort and Large Masonary Elephant at Madikere, Coorg district (Plate 9)	In part of restoration work, plastering of the palace wall and wood repair work of the roof, windows, and doors.
9.	Kavaledurga Fort, Shimoga (Plate 10)	Vegetation cleaning
10.	Tipu Sultan Palace, Bangalore (Plate 11)	The painting work at Tipu sultan Palace. The work of installation of stone benches and dustbin.
11.	Manjarabad Fort, Hassan district (Plate 12)	Removal of huge vegetation on the fort wall and other area of the fort.
12.	Nageshvara and Channakeshava Temple, Mosale (Plate 13)	Removal of vegetation inside the monument.
13.	Walls Gate ways of Zanana Enclosure at Kamalapur (Minor Civil & Electrical Works)	The fallen portion of the enclose wall has been reconstructed as per the original by Collecting of fallen/collapsed Enclosure wall members and stocking the same for reuse, removal and restoration of enclosure wall with core filling in lime mortar etc., complete.
14.	Restoration of Virupaksha temple (revival of Ancient Pathway towards group of jaina temple) at Hampi	Carefully dismantled and re-set the pathway as per original by using old available and new stones.
15.	Virupaksha Temple North of bazar	The restoration of damaged dilapidated /out of plumb Mandapas and bazaar of North of Virupaksha Temple has been taken up and the work of carefully dismantling and re-setting the same by using old stone members as per original, work is kept ongoing for the year 2024-25.
16.	Virupaksha Temple South of bazar	The restoration of damaged dilapidated /out of plumb Mandapas and bazaar of South of Virupaksha Temple has been taken up and the work of carefully dismantling and re-setting the same by using old stone members as per original, work is kept ongoing for the year 2024-25.
17.	Bhimas Gate way near ganajitti Jain Temple at Kamalapur	The restoration of damaged dilapidated /out of plumb walls of the Gateway has been taken up by carefully dismantling and re-setting the same by using old stone members including core filling as per original has been completed.
18.	The temple of Sangameshwar to the north of Virupaxa's, Pattadakal	MR (CT&P) to interior of Sangameshwara Temple, Pattadakal, Bagalkot Dist.
19.	All Monuments, Pattadakal	Research proposal to identify the decay mechanism of sand stones from Group of Monuments, Pattadakal, Bagalkot Dist.

20.	The Jain temple included in the mission area about ¼ of a mile from the village on the west, Pattadakal	Scientific Treatment and Preservation of Jain Temple, Pattadakal, Bagalkot Dist.
21.	Virupaksha Temple and Bazar	Scientific Conservation of North Entrance Tower and Sub Shrines of Virupaksha Temple Complex, Hampi, Dist. Vijayanagara.
22.	Group of Monuments at Pattadakal. The temple of Papnath at the south-east corner of the village at Pattadakal Dist. Bagalkot.	Replacing of the broken hood stone and pointing with Lime mortar to arrest water leakage to the monument. Providing missing water spouts and parapet wall for easy flow of rain water. Consolidation of sub shrines, underground drainage work for diverting sewage water, etc.

2024-25

Sl. No.	Name of Monument	Conservation Works undertaken
1.	Virupaksha Temple North of bazar	The restoration of damaged dilapidated /out of plumb Mandapas and bazaar of North of Virupaksha Temple has been carried out by carefully dismantling the Mandapas and bazaar and re-setting the same as per original by using old stone members after strengthening the foundation work is Ongoing.
2.	Virupaksha Temple South of bazar	The restoration of damaged dilapidated /out of plumb Mandapas and bazaar of South of Virupaksha Temple has been carried out by carefully dismantling the Mandapas and bazaar and re-setting the same as per original by using old stone members after strengthening the foundation work is Ongoing.
3.	Sri Virupaksha Temple and Complex (Conservation of North Bazaar - Exposing the ancient pathway)	Removal of accumulated earth on the Northern side of the bazar and exposing the ancient pathway and stone pitching work is Ongoing.
4.	Sri Virupaksha Temple and Complex (Conservation of South Bazaar - Exposing the ancient pathway)	Removal of accumulated earth on the Southern side of the bazar and exposing the ancient pathway and stone pitching work is Ongoing.
5.	Virupaksha Temple and Complex (Conservation of Fallen Northern side Mandapa) at Hampi	Dismantling and reconstruction of fallen / semi fallen mandapas on priority basis to stop the further damage to the mandapas including providing foundation wall, flooring along with lime concrete work is Ongoing.
6.	All Monuments, Pattadakal	Research proposal to identify the decay mechanism of sand stones from Group of Monuments, Pattadakal, Bagalkot Dist.
7.	The Jain temple included in the mission area about ¼ of a mile from the village on the west, Pattadakal	Scientific Treatment and Preservation of Jain Temple, Pattadakal, Bagalkot Dist.
