

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3074  
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2026

**DEVELOPMENT OF KITTUR FORT**

3074. SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of development of Kittur fort and the memorial of Rani Chennamma and Sangolli Rayanna in the Belagavi district, as a site of national importance;
- (b) the details of funds allocated for 'Kittur utsav' and other cultural events to commemorate the freedom struggle;
- (c) the measures taken to digitize the archives and documents related to Kittur rebellion against the British;
- (d) the status of proposal to set up a museum dedicated to the women freedom fighters of Karnataka in Kittur; and
- (e) the details of vision to promote the legacy of Rani Chennamma and Sangolli Rayanna at the national level?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The historic Chennamma Fort and Palace ruins in Chennamma Kittur Taluk of Belagavi District were declared a State Protected Monument in 1986 by the State of Karnataka.

The Kittur Rani Chennamma Memorial Government Museum was established by the Department of Archaeology, Museum and Heritage, Govt. of Karnataka in 1967 in the memory of Queen Chennamma inside the fort.

To develop the heritage sites of Kittur and its surroundings, the Government of Karnataka formed the Kittur Development Authority in 2012.

Various works are carried out by the department of Archaeology, Museum and Heritage, Government of Karnataka which includes developmental works at Chennamma Fort, landscaping inside Chennamma fort, conservation of Kittur fort, conservation of Palace in Kittur fort, conservation of Hanuman Temple in the premises of Chennamma Fort, theme park in the premises of Kittur fort, etc.

- (b) The Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage by the Govt. of Karnataka has allocated a grant of Rs 1 lakh for the year 2025-26 for the Heritage Walk and Heritage Cycling programs during the Kittur Festival.

- (c) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration.
- (d) The Kittur Rani Chennamma Memorial Government Museum was established by the Government of Karnataka in the year 1967 in the memory of Queen Chennamma inside the Kittur Fort of Chennamma.
- (e) Ministry of Culture, Government of India commemorated 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rani Chennamma's victory at Kittur from 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 to 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 by organising various events across India. Further, details of list of cultural events and grants released to organisations is given at **Annexure – I**.

A national-level symposium was organized by the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage by the Govt. of Karnataka in 2009 at the Institute of Kannada Research, Karnataka University. The research articles were compiled and a book titled "History and Culture of the Kittur State" (Kannada Language) (Kittur Samstanada Itihasa mattu Samkruthi-2021) was published in 2021 and is available for sale at a discounted price.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA  
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**Details of list of cultural events/grants released to organisations to commemorate 200<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of Rani Chennamma's victory at Kittur**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Institutions /Organizations</b>	<b>Name of the Commemoration</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Total Approved Amount (in Rs.)</b>
1.	Delhi Karnataka Sangha, New Delhi	200th Anniversary of Rani Chennamma's victory at Kittur - regarding.	For organizing a cultural event to celebrate the legacy of Rani Chennamma at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi on 24 <sup>th</sup> October, 2025 under the commemoration of 200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rani Chennamma's Victory of Kittur.	2700000
2.	Jahnavi Cultural Development Society, Gorthapalli Village, Bagepalli Talut-561207, Kolar District, Karnataka	200th Anniversary of Rani Chennamma's victory at Kittur - regarding.	For organizing cultural activities under 200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rani Chennamma's victory at Kittur - regarding.	200000
3.	Jan Kalyan Seva Samithi, Telangana	200th Birth Anniversary of Rani Chennamma's victory at Kittur.	For organizing various cultural activities i.e. Seminar/Musical Dance Drama by Expert Classical artists/Folk and Tribal Cultural Festival/Debates and Essay Competitions in inter schools/college students/Series of speeches by experts etc. during 21.4.2025 to 26.4.2025 under the approved commemoration of 200th Birth Anniversary of Rani Chennamma's victory at Kittur.	200000
4.	South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC), Thanjavur, Tamilnadu	200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rani Chennamma 's victory at Kittur.	For organizing 3 days seminar/commemorative lectures/essay writing competitions etc. under the approved commemoration of 200th Anniversary of Rani Chennamma 's victory at Kittur.	1800000

5.	Rural Development Youth Association, 13-29-S10-581, Bharathi Nelayam, Vivekananda Nagar, Korlagunta-Tirupathi-517501, Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh	200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rani Chennamma's victory at Kittur.	Project Proposal for Organizing the 200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chennamma's Victory at Kittur.	500000
6.	Stage India Performing Arts and Research Centre Kollam, Kerala No. 12, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, N.S.S Auditorium Building, Anandalalleswaram,(Near Collectorate), Kollam, Kerala, Pin 691013	200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rani Chennamma's victory at Kittur.	The national level commemoration of the 200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rani Chennamma's Victory at Kittur	1500000
7.	Chhattisgarh Sarvjan Vikash Samiti, New Bas Stan Parishar, Shop No. L 13, Rajnandgaon, Chhatisgarh	200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rani Chennamma's victory at Kittur.	3 Days celebration (11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025) Seminar/Cultural Programme etc. on the life of Rani Chennamma's victory of Kittur under 200th Anniversary of Rani Chennamma's victory of Kittur.	600000

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