

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2119
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2026**

Status of SPoCS

2119 Dr. Dharmasthala Veerendra Heggade:

Will the Minister of **Culture** be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of implementation of the Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS), including the number and category of Science Centres, Innovation Hubs and Digital Planetariums established, so far, State/UT-wise as on 31.03.2026;
- (b) the details of financial outlay approved and funds released under the scheme during the last three financial years;
- (c) the details of ongoing projects undertaken by National Council of Science Museum (NCSM) under SPoCS and;
- (d) the details of measurable outcomes achieved under the Scheme in terms of public outreach, student participation and promotion of scientific temper since it has been launched?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE & TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

(a) The National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an autonomous body under Ministry of Culture, serves as the nodal agency for implementation of Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS). This scheme is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, aimed at fostering scientific temper and awareness across the country for the public in general and students in particular also to portray the growth of science and technology and their application in industry and human welfare and to create, inculcate and sustain a general awareness amongst the people. The scheme supports the establishment of Science Cities, Science Centres, Innovation Hubs, and Digital Planetariums in various regions.

The list of such Science Centres, Innovation Hubs and Digital Planetarium established so far, under SPoCS is given in **Annexure-A**.

(b) The actual expenditure incurred by NCSM during last 3(three) financial years under SPoCS is shown in table below:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl no.	Scheme name		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS)	Approved allocation	6150.00	2000.00	11767.75
2		Fund released	4217.00	1866.95	11757.75

(c) The list of ongoing projects undertaken by NCSM under SPoCS is given in **Annexure-B**.

(d) These Science Centres conduct science-based educational activities, exhibitions, demonstrations, innovation programmes and outreach initiatives aimed at promoting scientific temper and encouraging student participation. As on 31.03.2026, a total of 1,68,55,110 visitors including students have visited the Science Centres established under the Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS).

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.2119 to be answered on 06 August, 2026 regarding 'Status of SPoCS'

**The details of the Science Centres that have been established under the Scheme for
Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) initiatives
(State-wise)**

Sl. No.	Located in State/UT	Science Centers/Museums	Year of Establishment
1.	A & N Island	Science Centre, Port Blair	May 30, 2003
2.	Mizoram	Mizoram Science Centre, Aizwal	July 26, 2003
3.	Nagaland	Nagaland Science Centre, Dimapur	September 14, 2004
4.	Manipur	Manipur Science Centre, Manipur	May 18, 2005
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh Science Centre, Itanagar	Dec 3, 2005
6.	Meghalaya	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya	February 27, 2006
7.	Sikkim	Sikkim Science Centre, Gangtok	February 22, 2008
8.	West Bengal	Sub-Regional Science Centres, Kalimpong	October 2, 2008
9.	Maharashtra	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Solapur	February 14, 2010
10.		Pimpri Chinchwad Science Centre, Pune	February 8, 2013
11.	Jharkhand	Regional Science Centre, Ranchi	November 29, 2010
12.	Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh Science Centre, Raipur	July 13, 2012
13.	Rajasthan	Regional Science Centre, Jaipur	December 29, 2012
14.		Sub Regional Science Centre, Jodhpur	August 17, 2013
15.	Assam	Jorhat Science Centre & Planetarium	July 6, 2013
16.	Tamilnadu	Regional Science Centre, Coimbatore	May 6, 2013
17.	Karnataka	Dharwad Regional Science Centre	February 27, 2012
18.		Regional Science Centre, Pilikula, Mangalore	October 01, 2014
19.	Puducherry	Dr. Abdul Kalam Science Centre & Planetarium, Puducherry	May 03, 2015
20.	Odisha	Bargarh Science Centre, Bargarh	January 21, 2020
21.	Tripura	Udaipur Science Centre, Tripura	February 28, 2021
22.	Kerala	Regional Science Centre, Kottayam	July 3, 2025
23.	Bihar	Bodhgaya Science Centre, Bodhgaya	July 20, 2023
24.	Uttarakhand	Regional Science Centre, Dehradun	Feb 03, 2016
25.		Manaskhand Science Centre, Almora	March 10, 2024
26.	Himachal Pradesh	Palampur Science Centre, Palampur	May 14, 2022
27.	Andhra Pradesh	Swami Jnannanda Regional Science Centre, Rajamahendravaram	June 26, 2025
28.	Assam	Science City, Guwahati (First Phase)	March 10, 2026

The details of the Innovation Hubs that have been established under Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) initiatives (State-wise)

Sl. No.	Located in State/UT	Innovation Hub (Location/Name of the Centre)	Year of Establishment (Date of Inauguration)
1.	Delhi	National Science Centre, Delhi	23 rd January, 2014
2.	Assam	Regional Science Centre, Guwahati	4 th February, 2014
3.		Jorhat Science Centre & Planetarium, Jorhat	Inaugurated on 15 th August, 2022.
4.	Maharashtra	Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai	24 th February, 2014
5.		Raman Science Centre & Planetarium, Nagpur	14 th February, 2017
6.		BVB's Muktangan Exploratory Science Centre, Pune	28 th February, 2018
7.		Solapur Science Centre, Solapur	18 th February, 2022
8.	West Bengal	Birla Industrial & Technological Museum, Kolkata	23 rd August, 2013
9.		Bardhaman Science Centre, Bardhaman	10 th July, 2015
10.		Kalimpong Science Centre, Kalimpong	25 th February, 2017
11.		North Bengal Science Centre, Siliguri	16 th February, 2018
12.		Digha Science Centre & National Science Camp, Digha	26 th February, 2019
13.		District Science Centre, Purulia	17 th December, 2019
14.	Kerala	Regional Science Centre & Planetarium, Calicut	1 st October, 2015
15.		Kerala State Science & Technology Museum, Trivandrum	17 th February, 2016
16.	Uttar Pradesh	Regional Science City, Lucknow	4 th January, 2016
17.	Uttarakhand	Regional Science Centre, Dehradun	3 rd February, 2016
18.		Manaskhand Science Centre at Almora	10 th March, 2024
19.	Andhra Pradesh	Agastya International Foundation, Kuppam	23 rd February, 2016
20.		Regional Science Centre, Tirupati	21 st May, 2017
21.		Science Centre at Rajahmundry	26 th June, 2025
22.	Tamilnadu	Tamilnadu Science & Technology Centre, Chennai	5 th August, 2016
23.		District Science Centre, Tirunelveli	6 th September, 2017
24.		Regional Science Centre, Coimbatore	28 th October, 2021
25.		Anna Science Centre, Trichi	28 th October, 2021
26.	Bihar	Shrikrishna Science Centre, Patna	6 th November, 2016
27.		Sub-Regional Science Centre, Bodhgaya	20 th July, 2023.
28.	Rajasthan	Birla Science Centre, Pilani	11 th April, 2017
29.		Sub-Regional Science Centre, Udaipur, Rajasthan	Completed and ready for inauguration

Sl. No.	Located in State/UT	Innovation Hub (Location/Name of the Centre)	Year of Establishment (Date of Inauguration)
30.		Regional Science Centre, Jaipur	23 rd September, 2024
31.	Karnataka	Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum, Bangalore	5 th December, 2013
32.		District Science Centre, Gulbarga	29 th June, 2017
33.		Pilikula Regional Science Centre, Mangaluru	7 th March, 2024
34.	Madhya Pradesh	Regional Science Centre, Bhopal	1 st September, 2017
35.	Punjab	Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala	30 th November, 2017
36.	Gujarat	Vikram A Sarabhai Community Science Centre, Ahmedabad	27 th March, 2018
37.		District Science Centre, Dharampur	26 th October, 2018
38.	Meghalaya	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	14 th June, 2019
39.	Nagaland	Nagaland Science Centre, Dimapur	28 th September, 2018
40.	Odisha	Regional Science Centre, Bhubaneswar	11 th July, 2018
41.	Sikkim	Sikkim Science Centre, Gangtok	20 th November, 2020
42.	Tripura	Sukanta Academy, Agartala	9 th October, 2021
43.	Mizoram	Mizoram Science Centre, Aizawl	11 th September, 2018
44.	Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh Science Centre, Itanagar	8 th December, 2018
45.	Manipur	Manipur Science Centre, Imphal	16 th March, 2020
46.	Goa	Goa Science Centre, Panaji	1 st July, 2019
47.	Himachal Pradesh	Palampur Science Centre, Palampur	14 th May, 2022
48.	Puducherry	Dr. Abdul Kalam Science Centre & Planetarium, Puducherry	18 th May, 2022
49.	A & N Islands	Science Centre, Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair)	24 th October, 2024
50.	Telangana	Regional Science Centre, Warangal	22 nd December, 2025
51.	Kerala	Regional Science Centre, Chalakudy	2 nd March, 2026

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Total Number of projects taken up by NCSM State-wise under the SPoCS Scheme of Govt. of India

State	Ongoing/Approved Project
Arunachal Pradesh	1. Science Centre (Category-II), Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh
	2. Digital Planetarium (Category-II), Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh
	3. Science Centre (Category-II), Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh
	4. Digital Planetarium (Category-II), Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh
Assam	1. Guwahati Science City, Assam (Phase-II)
	2. Kokrajhar Science Centre (Sub-Regional), Assam
Chandigarh	1. <i>Science Centre (Category-II), Chandigarh (Approved Project)</i>
	2. <i>Digital Planetarium (Category-II), Chandigarh (Approved Project)</i>
Chhattisgarh	1. Digital Planetarium (Category-III), Karli, Geedam, Dantewada
Haryana	1. Ambala Science Centre (Category-II), Haryana
Jammu & Kashmir	1. Srinagar Science Centre (Category-II), Jammu & Kashmir
	2. Innovation Hub at Srinagar Science Centre, Jammu & Kashmir
Jharkhand	1. Upgradation/ Modernization of Regional Science Centre, Ranchi, Jharkhand
Karnataka	1. Shivamogga Science Centre (Category-II), Karnataka
	2. Science Centre (Category-III), Yadgiri, Karnataka
	3. Science Centre (Category-II), Raichur, Karnataka
	4. Science Centre (Category-III), Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka
	5. Digital Planetarium (Category-III), Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka
	6. Innovation Hub at Regional Science Centre, Dharwad, Karnataka
Madhya Pradesh	1. Jabalpur Science Centre (Category-II), Madhya Pradesh
	2. Innovation Hub at Jabalpur Science Centre, Madhya Pradesh
Manipur	1. Modernization of Manipur Science Centre, Manipur
Meghalaya	1. Upgradation/ Modernization of Shillong Science Centre, Meghalaya
Mizoram	1. Upgradation/ Modernization of Mizoram Science Centre, Aizawl, Mizoram
Nagaland	1. Modernization of Dimapur Science Centre, Nagaland
Puducherry	1. <i>Science Centre (Category-III), Thirunallar, Puducherry (Approved Project)</i>
	2. <i>Digital Planetarium (Category-III), Thirunallar, Puducherry (Approved Project)</i>
Rajasthan	1. Ajmer Science Centre (Category-II), Rajasthan
	2. Kota Science Centre (Category-II), Rajasthan
	3. Digital Planetarium (Category-II), Kota, Rajasthan
	4. Udaipur Science Centre (Sub-Regional), Rajasthan
	5. Bikaner Science Centre (Category-II), Rajasthan
	6. Digital Planetarium (Category-II), Jodhpur, Rajasthan
	7. Digital Planetarium (Category-II), Udaipur, Rajasthan
Telangana	1. Science Experience Centre (Category-I), Hyderabad, Telangana
Tripura	1. Up-gradation of Sukanta Academy, Agartala, Tripura
	2. Science City, Agartala, Tripura
Uttarakhand	1. Dehradun Science City, Uttarakhand