

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-515
ANSWERED ON- 23/07/2026

PROMOTION OF TRIBAL AND FOLK-ART FORMS

515. SHRI NATHWANI PARIMAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of specific steps taken by Government during the last 5 years to document, preserve, and promote the distinct tribal and folk-art forms of Jharkhand, including Sohrai and Khovar paintings, and dance forms like Chhau, Jhumar, and Paika; and
- (b) the details of financial assistance provided and utilized through the Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) during the last three years for organizing cultural festivals, workshops and exhibitions aimed at showcasing Jharkhand's rich heritage at national and international forums, year-wise and segment-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) Government of India has set up Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC) at Kolkata to promote, protect & preserve various forms of folk/ tribal arts of its member States including the State of Jharkhand. EZCC organizes various cultural activities & programmes on regular basis in its member States including Jharkhand for which they engage folk/ tribal artists including the artists from Jharkhand. These artists also include practitioners of Sohrai & Khovar paintings as well as performers of Chhau, Jhumar and Paika dance forms. The details of such programmes are at **Annexure**. EZCC has also documented Shori-Kohvar Art form of Jharkhand and Ganadebata Birsa in the years 2021-22 & 2023-24 respectively.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India administers a scheme "Support to Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)" under which financial support is extended to 29 Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) in States/Union Territories (UTs) including the State of Jharkhand to strengthen Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) in their infrastructural needs including the development of Tribal Museums/ Tribal Freedom Fighters Museums (TFFMs), research & documentation activities, training & capacity building programmes, organization of tribal festivals/yatras for promotion of unique cultural heritage and for promoting tourism and organisation of exchange visits by tribes etc. so that the tribal culture practices, languages and rituals are preserved and disseminated.

(b) Jharkhand is the member State of EZCC and the grant-in-aid provided to EZCC to organize various cultural programmes and activities during the last three years are as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Funds utilized (Rs. in lakh)
i.	2023-24	897.14
ii.	2024-25	1145.48
iii.	2025-26	1333.00

The funds utilized by EZCC to showcase Jharkhand's rich heritage at national during the last three years are as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Funds utilized (Rs. in lakh)
i.	2023-24	13.59
ii.	2024-25	30.47
iii.	2025-26	162.28

The details of funds allocated and disbursed by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India for preservation of Jharkhand's tribal art, craft and culture during the last three years are as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Funds released (Rs. in lakh)	Funds utilized (Rs. in lakh)
i.	2023-24	417.03	417.03
ii.	2024-25	200.00	200.00
iii.	2025-26	200.00	200.00

ANNEXURE**Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 515
for 23.07.2026**

Details of cultural programmes/ activities organized by EZCC during the last five (05) years

2021-22

Sl. No.	Name of the programme/ activity	Date	Venue
1	Online Lok Sanskriti Utsav of Jharkhand	19 May, 2021	Online
2	Online Lok Sanskriti Utsav of Jharkhand- Part-II	06 June, 2021	Online
3	Online Lok Sanskriti Utsav of Jharkhand- Part-III	19 June, 2021	Online
4	International Day of Yoga	21 June, 2021	Birsha Munda Park, Ranchi
5	Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat (EBSB)	6 July, 2021	Online
6	Tribal Painting Workshop of Jharkhand	22 Aug - 02 Sept, 2021	Srijani, Shilpagram, Santiniketan
7	Online Lok Sanskriti Utsav of Jharkhand - Part - IV	28 Aug, 2021	Online
8	Tribal Painting Workshop of Jharkhand	08-19 Sept, 2021	Aikatan, Salt Lake, Kolkata
9	Tribal Handicraft Workshop	29 Sept - 05 Oct, 2021	Ranchi, Jharkhand
10	Classical Dance Workshop	30 Sept - 06 Oct, 2021	Ranchi, Jharkhand
11	Paika Folk Dance Workshop	01-07 Oct, 2021	Khunti, Jharkhand
12	Ek Bharat Shrest Bharat (EBSB)	31 Oct, 2022	Online
13	Cultural Programme at Baidanath Dham (Jyotirlinga)	05 Nov, 2021	Deoghar, Jharkhand
14	Chhau Chaupal - Chhau Dance Festival at Chandankiyare, Jharkhand	26-28 Dec, 2021	Chandankiyare, Jharkhand
15	Kherwar Folk Dance Workshop	14-20 Feb, 2022	Latehar, Jharkhand
16	Maal Pahariya Folk Dance Festival	17-23 Feb, 2022	Pakur, Jharkhand
17	Sor Pahariya Folk Dance Workshop	18-24 Feb, 2022	Pakur, Jharkhand
18	Drama Workshop on Freedom Fighter - Sidhu-Kanhu	19-25 Feb, 2022	Sahenganj, Jharkhand
19	Theatre Workshop	21-27 Feb, 2022	Dhanbad, Jharkhand
20	Ek Bharat Shrest Bharat (EBSB)	25-27 Feb, 2022	Ranchi, Jharkhand

2022-23

Sl. No.	Name of the programme/ activity	Date	Venue
1	Tribal Painting Workshops	8-14 Dec, 2022	Dr. Ram Dayal Munda Kala Bhawan, Ranchi
2	Classical Music Workshop	18-24 Dec, 2022	Jhawahar Kala

			Mandir, Mecon, Ranchi
3	Poetry Conference	20 Dec, 2022	Sate Museum, Hotwar, Ranchi, Jharkhand
4	Sanskritik Utsav (Traditional Music & Dance Festival) on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav	4-5 Jan, 2023	DSA, Auditorium, Kharsawan, Jharkhand
5	Udaan III Deoghar RUNATHON	19 March, 2023	Deoghar, Jharkhand

2023-24

Sl. No.	Name of the programme/ activity	Date	Venue
1	International Yoga Day – Yoga for VasudhaivaKutumbakam	21June, 2023	South Railway Colony, Ground, Ranchi, Jharkhand
2	Classical Dance & Music Festival	3July, 2023	Parinay Vatika, Deoghar, Jharkhand
3	Folk Festival	3-4Sept, 2023	Rashiknagar, Gram Panchayat Ground, EastSinghbhum, Jharkahnd
4	Amrit Kalash Yatra	28 Sept - 13 Oct, 2023	Jharkhand
5	Amrit Kalash Yatra under Meri Maati Mera Desh	03-14 Oct, 2023	Jharkhand
6	Three day workshop on Kathak Dance	5-7 Nov, 2023	Village Pathra, District Dumka, Jharkhand

2024-25

Sl. No.	Name of the programme/ activity	Date	Venue
1	Two daysPalamu Tribal Folk Dance Festival	25-26July, 2024	Manika High School Campus Manika, Jharkhand
2	Two daysKolahan Folk Dance Festival 2024	28-29July, 2024	Art and Culture Bhawan, Harigutu Tongri, Chaibasa, Jharkhand
3	Har Ghar Tiranga campaign	9-15Aug, 2024	20 venues in West Bengal, 10 venues in Bihar and 10 venues in Jharkhand
4	Cultural programme related to the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna- Grameen on the visit of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India	15 Sept, 2024	Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
5	Swachh Bharat Cultural Fest	3Oct, 2024	Tata Steel Jubilee Park, Jharkhand Chandil Dam and Jharkhand Rankini Mandir, Jharkhand

6	Vanishing and Endangered Folk Art Festival	14 Oct, 2024	CM School of Excellence, Kanke, Ranchi, Jharkhand
7	Chhau Festival – 2024	18-19 Oct, 2024	Chhau Auditorium, Kharsawan, Jharkhand
8	Vanishing and Endangered Folk Art Festival	25Oct, 2024	CM School of Excellence, Kanke, Ranchi, Jharkhand
9	Vanishing & Endangered Folk Art Festival	19 Nov, 2024	S.P.G. Mission Girls High School, Chaibasa, Jharkhand
10	Vanishing & Endangered Folk Art Festival	30 Nov, 2024	District C M School of Excellence, Dumka, Jharkhand
11	Octave 2025 (Festival of the North East)	25-27 March, 2025	Singhbhum Sports Association ground Chaibasa, Jharkhand

2025-26

Sl. No.	Name of the programme/ activity	Date	Venue
1	SwachhataPakhwada 2026	18 April, 2025	KharsawanGarh Raaj Palace, Dist-SeraikellaKharsawan, Jharkhand
2	Guru Shishya Parampara Scheme 2025-26	17 May, 2025	Samudaik Bhavan, Dumardon, Bero, Ranchi, Jharkhand
3	Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign	2-15 Aug, 2025	Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal
4	Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme	8Sept, 2025	State Museum Auditorium, Ranchi, Jharkhand
5	Lok Darshan (Festival of Folk and Tribal Arts of Jharkhand)	19-20 Nov, 2025	NetarhatAwasiya Vidyalaya Auditorium, Netarhat, Jharkhand
6	77th Republic Day of India - Kharsa, a traditional folk dance troupe from Jharkhand	26 Jan, 2026	Kartavya Path, New Delhi
7	Jharkhand Folk Song Workshop	24-26 Feb, 2026	Milani, Bistupur, J Road, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
