

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4023  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022**

**PRESERVATION OF KALARIPAYATTU**

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

- a) whether the Government has any scheme for preserving Kalaripayattu which is a martial art designed for the ancient battlefield (the word "Kalari" meaning "battlefield"), with weapons and combative techniques that are unique to India; and
- b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT  
OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(SHRI G.KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) & (b) In order to preserve and promote the rich and diverse Intangible Cultural Heritage of India, a scheme titled "Safeguarding the Intangible Cultural Heritage and Diverse Cultural Traditions of India" is being run by Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. However, there is no specific scheme for preserving 'Kalaripayattu' martial art. If a proposal is brought before the Ministry of Culture, we will consider it in terms of rules laid down for the same.