

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1129
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024**

“MODERN ART MUSEUMS”

†1129.SMT. GENIBEN NAGAJI THAKOR:

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

- (a) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to promote modern art;
- (b) the details of the number of modern art museums being operated in the Gujarat State; and
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to set up a new Museum of Modern Art in the future?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Delhi a subordinate office under Ministry of Culture (MoC) Government of India, is India’s premier art institution for modern and contemporary Indian art, with the singular aim of promoting and preserving modern Indian art. It has two branches i.e. Bengaluru and Mumbai. The National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) in India plays a crucial role in promoting modern and contemporary art by providing a platform for artists, curators, and art enthusiasts. It has more than 17,000 works of modern art, both of Indian and foreign origin, covering a time span of over 160 years from approximately 1850 AD onwards.

National Gallery of Modern Art also provide a platform to organize regular exhibitions showcasing a wide variety of modern and contemporary Indian and international art. These exhibitions present the works of well-established artists as well as emerging talents. By featuring diverse artistic expressions and styles, the gallery introduces audiences to the evolving trends in modern art.

INTERNSHIP AT NGMA: To encourage students studying art and museum-related subjects and to provide them with professional training and career opportunities, NGMA offers on-the-job internships.

To further our core objective of knowledge dissemination, we offer passionate young professionals opportunities to work with our vast collection and gain exposure to key museological concepts. This initiative ensures that our experienced staff can mentor and train the next generation of museum professionals.

GUIDED TOUR VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME:

NGMA's educational imperatives of disseminating knowledge is held in the highest accord. To fulfil this vital aspect of our vision, we seek highly motivated and enthusiastic young volunteers to guide students, occasional dignitaries, and the general public through the museum. Our two-week training module is designed to equip volunteers with a strong foundation in NGMA's collection, Indian modern art in its socio-cultural context, the evolving role of museums in society, and various artmaking techniques.

Besides, Ministry of Culture, operates a Museum Grant Scheme under which financial assistance is provided for setting up new museum/development of existing museum by Central/State Governments and Public Sector Undertakings, Societies, Autonomous bodies, Local Bodies and Trust registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 at the regional, state and district level. Modern Art museums/galleries are also funded under this Scheme. The guidelines of the Museum Grant Scheme are available on the website of the Ministry at www.indiaculture.gov.in.

- (b) There is no Modern Art Museum under the administrative control of Ministry of Culture in the Gujarat State.
- (c) No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry.