

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3999
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

Gyan Bharatam Mission

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the primary objectives of ‘Gyan Bharatam Mission’;
- (a) the details of the plan formulated under the Mission to leverage digital technologies like virtual museums, online archives etc.; and
- (b) the details of the financial outlay of the said Mission for the current financial year 2025-26 across the country, State/UT-wise, particularly in Himachal Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) The primary objectives of the Gyan Bharatam Mission are as follows:

1. To identify all Indian manuscripts.
2. To collect metadata and prepare a comprehensive list of manuscripts preserved by institutions and individuals.
3. To ensure the proper conservation of rare and important manuscripts.
4. To implement a standardized framework for the scientific preservation and conservation of manuscripts held by institutions and individuals.
5. To create a National Digital Repository (NDR) for all identified manuscripts.
6. To facilitate monetization for the benefit of the custodians of the identified manuscripts.
7. To publish selected manuscripts for the wider dissemination of knowledge.
8. To provide controlled access to manuscripts in the National Digital Repository (NDR) for research, translation, publication, and other scholarly activities under a monetization model.

9. To establish a physical storage facility for rare and important manuscripts using long-term archival materials such as archival paper, plastic imaging, wafer-fiche, etc.

(b) The mission aims to use digital tools like virtual museums, online archives, and a National Digital Repository (NDR) to digitize and showcase Indian Manuscripts. Technologies such as AI, cloud platforms, and mobile apps will enable easy access, research, translation, and monetization, while ensuring preservation and wider dissemination of knowledge.

(c) The financial outlay as per BE 2025-26 is Rs. 60 crores for the Mission. However, there is no State-wise allocation being made against Himachal Pradesh.
