

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

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KALAKSHETRAS IN ASSAM

1271. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Kalakshetras or centres to highlight cultural heritage have been established in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the timeline of completion of construction, start of operation of such centres, the funds allotted/dispersed for the same, the area allotted and occupied for such centres and the manner in which the area has been used; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government plans to showcase the heritage of Assam in any other manner?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) to (c) The Regional Centres of Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA), Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT) are already functioning in Assam.

The Guwahati Regional Centre of CCRT was started in 2008 to further promote CCRT's mandate of linking education with culture, in the North East Region.

Two Centres of Sangeet Natak Akademi are established in Guwahati: Sattriya Kendra, and a Regional Centre, both started in 2008.

Sattriya Kendra promotes and preserves Sattriya art form of Assam, introduced by Sankardeva 500 years ago, while the Regional Centre promotes all the performing arts tradition of North East India.

The Regional Centre of IGNCA started in 2017 with a mandate to inter-alia study the different aspects of culture of the various communities and tribes of North East India particularly relating to their history, oral traditions, livelihood, wisdom, traditions, cosmology, world views and customs etc.

The details of funds released by the Ministry of Culture to CCRT, IGNCA, and SNA in the last three years may be found in Annexure.

The North East Zonal Cultural Centre of the Ministry of Culture has also established its Shilpgram (Crafts Village), at Panjabari, Guwahati hosting crafts melas, exhibitions, and artisan stalls for traditional craftsmen and weavers, as well as to host cultural festivals.

A 5 bigha land also has been acquired from the Government of Assam at a cost of 4.01 crore for Regional Hub of Akademies in Assam.

Annexure

Funds Released to Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA), Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT)

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Organisation Name	Released 2022–2023	Released 2023–2024	Released 2024-2025
1	SNA	6810.50	7105.00	12099.00
2	CCRT	2495.00	2595.00	2366.00
3	IGNCA	22977.82	10910.00	7410.00