

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2472
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025

PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL FOLK ARTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the efforts made/being made by the Government to promote all types of traditional folk arts (including those of Scheduled Castes/Tribes/Backward Classes) in the country;
- (b) whether a festival of these arts is being organised in Uttar Pradesh for this purpose;
- (c) if so, the details of the funds allocated and utilised for each district of Uttar Pradesh including Baghpat Lok Sabha Constituency during the last five years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to organize festivals of these arts in other districts of Uttar Pradesh including Baghpat district in the coming years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) To protect, promote and preserve various forms of traditional folk arts (including those of Scheduled Castes/Tribes/Backward Classes) throughout the country, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. These ZCCs organize various cultural activities and programmes on regular basis in their member States.

(b) & (c) North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC), Prayagraj located at Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh), an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture, organizes various cultural festivals/ programmes relating to these arts on regular basis in its member States including the State of Uttar Pradesh. Some of the key programmes include the Kashi Tamil Sangamam, Kalagram set up during Maha Kumbh-2025, Rashtriya Shilp Mela, Chalo Man Ganga Teer etc. No State/District/Constituency wise funds are allocated for the purpose. However, grant-in-aid released to NCZCC, Prayagraj during the last five years and the current year is as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Amount released (Rs. in lakh)
i.	2020-21	448.04
ii.	2021-22	984.70
iii.	2022-23	301.51
iv.	2023-24	3553.24
v.	2024-25	3227.66
vii.	2025-26 (as on date)	799.17

(d) & (e) NCZCC organizes various cultural festivals/ programmes in its member States including the State of Uttar Pradesh as per their Programme Calendar of events approved by the Programme Committee.
