

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 431
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2026**

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AND EXPANSION OF SPOCS

***431. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:
DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The present status of implementation of the Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS), including number and category of Science Centres, Innovation Hubs and Digital Planetariums established so far, State/UT-wise including Palghar district and Sidhi Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (b) the details of the financial outlay approved and funds released under the Scheme during the last three financial years, including support extended to tribal dominated districts like Palghar in Maharashtra, North-Eastern and other underserved regions;
- (c) whether any new Science Cities or Centres have been sanctioned or are under development, State/UT-wise, including the State of Rajasthan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including proposed locations across the country, State/UT-wise and timelines for completion; and
- (e) the details of measurable outcomes achieved under the Scheme in terms of public outreach, student participation and promotion of scientific temper since it has been launched?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE & TOURISM
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

(a)to(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *431 FOR REPLY ON 23.03.2026 REGARDING
IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AND EXPANSION OF SPOCS**

(a): The Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS), introduced in 2017 by the Government of India, brought a unified approach to science outreach by merging two earlier initiatives— Science Cities Scheme, aimed at developing and upgrading Science Cities and Science Centres and the SPICES (Scheme for Promoting Innovation, Creativity and Engagement in Science), which focused on establishing Innovation Hubs to promote innovation and creativity among youth. With this integration, all such activities were consolidated under SPoCS to streamline implementation through the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM). The scheme was further revised in 2021, with a key enhancement being the inclusion of Digital Planetariums to modernize science communication and expand digital engagement.

The list of Science Cities, Science Centres, Innovation Hubs and Digital Planetarium established so far is given at **Annexure-A**.

(b): The details of the financial outlay approved and funds released under the scheme during the last three financial years are given at **Annexure-B**.

(c)&(d): The list of ongoing projects undertaken by NCSM under SPoCS is given at **Annexure-C**.

(e): Science Cities/Centres/Innovation Hubs/Planetariums aim to promote scientific awareness and temper among the public through an engaging, non-formal learning approach. Since inception, these Centres have made science accessible and relevant to everyday life, encouraging active participation of students and general visitors through interactive exhibits, educational activities, and outreach programmes, thereby fostering a culture of curiosity and learning across all sections of society. Details of measurable outcomes achieved during last 5 years is given at **Annexure-D**. The data of the last five years indicates a steady increase in footfall, reflecting growing interest and outreach of the Scheme.

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The details of the Science Cities/Centres established so far under the Scheme (State/UT-wise)

Sl. No.	Located in State/UT	Science Centers/Museums	Year of Establishment (Date of Inauguration)
1.	A & N Island	Science Centre, Port Blair	May 30, 2003
2.	Mizoram	Mizoram Science Centre, Aizawl	July 26, 2003
3.	Nagaland	Nagaland Science Centre, Dimapur	September 14, 2004
4.	Manipur	Manipur Science Centre, Manipur	May 18, 2005
5.	Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh Science Centre, Itanagar	Dec 3, 2005
6.	Meghalaya	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya	February 27, 2006
7.	Sikkim	Sikkim Science Centre, Gangtok	February 22, 2008
8.	West Bengal	Sub-Regional Science Centres, Kalimpong	October 2, 2008
9.	Maharashtra	Sub-Regional Science Centre, Solapur	February 14, 2010
10.		Pimpri Chinchwad Science Centre, Pune	February 8, 2013
11.	Jharkhand	Regional Science Centre, Ranchi	November 29, 2010
12.	Chhattisgarh	Chhattisgarh Science Centre, Raipur	July 13, 2012
13.	Rajasthan	Regional Science Centre, Jaipur	December 29, 2012
14.		Sub Regional Science Centre, Jodhpur	August 17, 2013
15.	Assam	Jorhat Science Centre & Planetarium	July 6, 2013
16.	Tamilnadu	Regional Science Centre, Coimbatore	May 6, 2013
17.	Karnataka	Dharwad Regional Science Centre	February 27, 2012
18.		Regional Science Centre, Pilikula, Mangalore	October 01, 2014
19.	Puducherry	Dr. Abdul Kalam Science Centre & Planetarium, Puducherry	May 03, 2015
20.	Odisha	Bargarh Science Centre, Bargarh	January 21, 2020
21.	Tripura	Udaipur Science Centre, Tripura	February 28, 2021
22.	Kerala	Regional Science Centre, Kottayam	July 3, 2025
23.	Bihar	Bodhgaya Science Centre, Bodhgaya	July 20, 2023
24.	Uttarakhand	Regional Science Centre, Dehradun	Feb 03, 2016
25.		Manaskhand Science Centre, Almora	March 10, 2024
26.	Himachal Pradesh	Palampur Science Centre, Palampur	May 14, 2022
27.	Andhra Pradesh	Swami Jnanananda Regional Science Centre, Rajamahendravaram	June 26, 2025
28.	Assam	Science City, Guwahati (First Phase)	March 10, 2026

**The details of the Innovation Hubs that have been established so far under the Scheme
(State/UT-wise)**

Sl. No.	Located in State/UT	Innovation Hub (Location/Name of the Centre)	Year of Establishment (Date of Inauguration)
1.	Delhi	National Science Centre, Delhi	23 rd January, 2014
2.	Assam	Regional Science Centre, Guwahati	4 th February, 2014
3.		Jorhat Science Centre & Planetarium, Jorhat	Inaugurated on 15 th August, 2022.
4.	Maharashtra	Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai	24 th February, 2014
5.		Raman Science Centre & Planetarium, Nagpur	14 th February, 2017
6.		BVB's Muktangan Exploratory Science Centre, Pune	28 th February, 2018
7.		Solapur Science Centre, Solapur	18 th February, 2022
8.	West Bengal	Birla Industrial & Technological Museum, Kolkata	23 rd August, 2013
9.		Bardhaman Science Centre, Bardhaman	10 th July, 2015
10.		Kalimpong Science Centre, Kalimpong	25 th February, 2017
11.		North Bengal Science Centre, Siliguri	16 th February, 2018
12.		Digha Science Centre & National Science Camp, Digha	26 th February, 2019
13.		District Science Centre, Purulia	17 th December, 2019
14.	Kerala	Regional Science Centre & Planetarium, Calicut	1 st October, 2015
15.		Kerala State Science & Technology Museum, Trivandrum	17 th February, 2016
16.	Uttar Pradesh	Regional Science City, Lucknow	4 th January, 2016
17.	Uttarakhand	Regional Science Centre, Dehradun	3 rd February, 2016
18.		Manaskhand Science Centre, Almora	10 th March, 2024
19.	Andhra Pradesh	Agastya International Foundation, Kuppam	23 rd February, 2016
20.		Regional Science Centre, Tirupati	21 st May, 2017
21.		Science Centre at Rajahmundry	26 th June, 2025
22.	Tamilnadu	Tamilnadu Science & Technology Centre, Chennai	5 th August, 2016
23.		District Science Centre, Tirunelveli	6 th September, 2017
24.		Regional Science Centre, Coimbatore	28 th October, 2021
25.		Anna Science Centre, Trichi	28 th October, 2021
26.	Bihar	Shrikrishna Science Centre, Patna	6 th November, 2016
27.		Sub-Regional Science Centre, Bodhgaya	20 th July, 2023.
28.	Rajasthan	Birla Science Centre, Pilani	11 th April, 2017
29.		Sub-Regional Science Centre, Udaipur, Rajasthan	Completed and ready for inauguration

Sl. No.	Located in State/UT	Innovation Hub (Location/Name of the Centre)	Year of Establishment (Date of Inauguration)
30.		Sub-Regional Science Centre, Jodhpur	Completed and ready for inauguration
31.		Regional Science Centre, Jaipur	23 rd September, 2024
32.	Karnataka	Visvesvaraya Industrial & Technological Museum, Bengaluru	5 th December, 2013
33.		District Science Centre, Gulbarga	29 th June, 2017
34.		Pilikula Regional Science Centre, Mangaluru	7 th March, 2024
35.	Madhya Pradesh	Regional Science Centre, Bhopal	1 st September, 2017
36.	Punjab	Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala	30 th November, 2017
37.	Gujarat	Vikram A Sarabhai Community Science Centre, Ahmedabad	27 th March, 2018
38.		District Science Centre, Dharampur	26 th October, 2018
39.	Meghalaya	Shillong Science Centre, Shillong	14 th June, 2019
40.	Nagaland	Nagaland Science Centre, Dimapur	28 th September, 2018
41.	Odisha	Regional Science Centre, Bhubaneswar	11 th July, 2018
42.	Sikkim	Sikkim Science Centre, Gangtok	20 th November, 2020
43.	Tripura	Sukanta Academy, Agartala	9 th October, 2021
44.	Mizoram	Mizoram Science Centre, Aizawl	11 th September, 2018
45.	Arunachal Pradesh	Arunachal Pradesh Science Centre, Itanagar	8 th December, 2018
46.	Manipur	Manipur Science Centre, Imphal	16 th March, 2020
47.	Goa	Goa Science Centre, Panaji	1 st July, 2019
48.	Himachal Pradesh	Palampur Science Centre, Palampur	14 th May, 2022
49.	Puducherry	Dr. Abdul Kalam Science Centre & Planetarium, Puducherry	18 th May, 2022
50.	A & N Islands	Science Centre, Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair)	24 th October, 2024
51.	Jharkhand	Regional Science Centre, Ranchi	18 th February, 2025
52.	Telangana	Regional Science Centre, Warangal	22 nd December, 2025
53.	Kerala	Regional Science Centre, Chalakudy	2 nd March, 2026

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(Rs. in lakh)

Details of financial outlay approved and funds utilized by NCSM under Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPoCS) during last three financial years (2022-23 to 2024-25)

Sl no.	Approved Financial Outlay FY 2022-23	Budget allocation (RE) in FY 2022-23	Project-wise Funds utilized in FY 2022-23	Approved Financial Outlay FY 2023-24	Budget allocation (RE) in FY 2023-24	Project-wise Funds utilized in FY 2023-24	Approved Financial Outlay FY 24-25	Budget allocation (RE) in FY 2024-25	Project-wise Funds utilized in FY 2024-25	Name of the Projects	State
1	4,080.00	2,220.00	611.50	6,150.00	6,120.00	100.00	6,300.00	2,000.00	140.00	Innovation Hubs	-
2			0.00			1,597.00			678.00	Science City, Dehradun	Uttarakhand
3			0.00			0.00			378.50	Science City, Guwahati	Assam
4			0.00			0.00			50.00	Science Centre (Cat-II), Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh
5			200.00			0.00			50.00	Science Centre (Cat-II), Ujjain	Madhya Pradesh
6			0.00			150.00			0.00	Science Centre (Cat-II), Ajmer	Rajasthan
7			100.00			0.00			0.00	Science Centre (Cat-II), Bikaner	Rajasthan

8			300.00			0.00			100.00	Science Centre (Cat-II), Srinagar, J&K	Jammu & Kashmir
9			0.00			150.00			0.00	Science Centre (Cat-II), Kota	Rajasthan
10			0.00			60.00			0.00	Digital Planetarium (Cat-II), Kota	Rajasthan
11			0.00			1,000.00			20.00	Science Centre (Cat-I), Hyderabad	Telangana
12			0.00			0.00			0.00	Science Centre (Cat-II), Namsai	Arunachal Pradesh
13			0.00			0.00			0.00	Digital Planetarium (Cat-II), Namsai	Arunachal Pradesh
14			0.00			0.00			0.00	Science Centre (Cat-II), Dirang	Arunachal Pradesh
15			0.00			0.00			0.00	Digital Planetarium (Cat-II), Dirang	Arunachal Pradesh
16			0.00			0.00			0.00	Science Centre (Cat-II), Shivamogga	Karnataka
17			0.00			0.00			185.00	Digital Planetarium (Cat-III),	Chattisgarh

									Dantewada	
18			270.00			0.00		0.00	Modernizati on of Sukanta Academy, Tripura	Tripura
19			0.00			0.00		0.00	Modernizati on of Regional Science Centre, Ranchi	Jharkhand
20			0.00			0.00		75.00	Modernizati on of Shillong Sc. Centre, Meghalaya	Meghalaya
21			130.00			0.00		50.00	Modernizati on of Nagaland Science Centre, Dimapur	Nagaland
22			0.00			0.00		0.00	Swami Jnanananda Regional Science Centre, Rajamahend ravaram	Andhra Pradesh
23			160.00			0.00		0.00	Science Centre, Almora	Uttarakhand
24			0.00			0.00		0.00	SRSC, Palampur	Himachal Pradesh

25			0.00			0.00			0.00	Science Centre, Ambala	Haryana
26			0.00			0.00			0.00	Modernization/Upgradation of Science City, Kolkata	West Bengal
27			0.00			0.00			0.00	SRSC, Kokrajhar	Assam
28			0.00			0.00			0.00	SRSC, Gaya	Bihar
29			0.00			530.00			0.00	For Various projects eg. Namsai, Dirang, Shivamogga	-
30			0.00			630.00			0.00	Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala	Punjab
	4,080.00	2,220.00	1,771.50	6,150.00	6,120.00	4,217.00	6,300.00	2,000.00	1,726.50		

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**Total Number of ongoing projects taken up by NCSM State-wise under the Scheme of
Govt. of India**

State	Ongoing/Approved Project	Expected completion timeline
Arunachal Pradesh	1. Science Centre (Category-II), Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh	February, 2029
	2. Digital Planetarium (Category-II), Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh	February, 2029
	3. Science Centre (Category-II), Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh	February, 2029
	4. Digital Planetarium (Category-II), Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh	February, 2029
Assam	1. Guwahati Science City, Assam (Phase-II)	September, 2026
	2. Kokrajhar Science Centre (Sub-Regional), Assam	September, 2026
Chandigarh	1. Science Centre (Category-II), Chandigarh(Approved Project)	Land yet to be finalised
	2. Digital Planetarium (Category-II), Chandigarh(Approved Project)	Land yet to be finalised
Chhattisgarh	1. Digital Planetarium (Category-III), Karli, Geedam, Dantewada	December, 2027
Haryana	1. Ambala Science Centre (Category-II), Haryana	August 2028
Jammu & Kashmir	1. Srinagar Science Centre (Category-II), Jammu & Kashmir	June, 2026
	2. Innovation Hub at Srinagar Science Centre, Jammu & Kashmir	June, 2026
Jharkhand	1. Upgradation/ Modernization of Regional Science Centre, Ranchi, Jharkhand	May, 2026
Karnataka	1. Shivamogga Science Centre (Category-II), Karnataka	February, 2028
	2. Science Centre (Category-III), Yadgiri, Karnataka	30 months from the date of issue of LOI.
	3. Science Centre (Category-II), Raichur, Karnataka	February, 2029
	4. Science Centre (Category-III), Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka	30 months from the date of issue of LOI.
	5. Digital Planetarium (Category-III), Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka	30 months from the date of issue of LOI.
	6. Innovation Hub at Regional Science	December, 2026

	Centre, Dharwad, Karnataka	
Madhya Pradesh	1. Ujjain Science Centre (Category-II), Madhya Pradesh	March, 2026
	2. Jabalpur Science Centre (Category-II), Madhya Pradesh	October, 2026
	3. Innovation Hub at Jabalpur Science Centre, Madhya Pradesh	October, 2026
Manipur	1. Modernization of Manipur Science Centre, Manipur	April, 2027
Meghalaya	1. Upgradation/ Modernization of Shillong Science Centre, Meghalaya	September 2026
Mizoram	1. Upgradation/ Modernization of Mizoram Science Centre, Aizawl, Mizoram	August, 2026
Nagaland	1. Modernization of Dimapur Science Centre, Nagaland	September 2026
Puducherry	1. Science Centre (Category-III), Thirunallar, Puducherry (Approved Project)	Land yet to be finalised
	2. Digital Planetarium (Category-III), Thirunallar, Puducherry (Approved Project)	Land yet to be finalised
Rajasthan	1. Ajmer Science Centre (Category-II), Rajasthan	July, 2027
	2. Kota Science Centre (Category-II), Rajasthan	July, 2027
	3. Digital Planetarium (Category-II), Kota, Rajasthan	July, 2027
	4. Udaipur Science Centre (Sub-Regional), Rajasthan	December 2026
	5. Bikaner Science Centre (Category-II), Rajasthan	June, 2026
	6. Digital Planetarium (Category-II), Jodhpur, Rajasthan	24 months from the date of issue of LOI.
	7. Digital Planetarium (Category-II), Udaipur, Rajasthan	24 months from the date of issue of LOI.
Telangana	1. Science Experience Centre (Category-I), Hyderabad, Telangana	July, 2029
Tripura	1. Up-gradation of Sukanta Academy, Agartala, Tripura	July, 2026
	2. Science City, Agartala, Tripura	August 2028
Uttarakhand	1. Dehradun Science City, Uttarakhand	June, 2029

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Details of measurable outcomes achieved during last 5 years

Year	Museum Visitors	Outreach Visitors	Total Visitors	Revenue Receipt (Rs. in Lakh)
2020-21	17,61,989	31,813	17,93,802	1774.27
2021-22	33,63,066	3,27,083	36,90,149	1966.99
2022-23	93,29,653	21,76,506	1,15,06,159	4377.43
2023-24	95,46,571	37,76,677	1,33,23,248	4535.34
2024-25	89,04,665	55,18,301	1,44,22,966	4782.18
2025-26 (Upto February, 2026)	85,67,422	40,88,251	1,26,55,673	4568.02
