

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2627
ANSWERED ON 09.03.2026

ORGANISING CULTURAL FESTIVALS IN BADAUN

†2627. SHRI ADITYA YADAV:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that cultural festivals, public awareness campaigns and art workshops are not being organised in Badaun district of Uttar Pradesh, depriving citizens of opportunities to celebrate traditions, encourage local talent and strengthen community identity while national programmes boast of such events in many States;
- (b) if so, the details of the festivals, workshops, public awareness campaigns, funds released and monitoring reports approved in the said district along with action taken by the Government against the officials responsible for not including the district despite repeated announcements; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c) The Government of India has set up North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC) at Prayagraj (Uttar Pradesh) to protect, promote and preserve various forms of folk art and cultural of its member States including Badaun district of Uttar Pradesh. NCZCC organizes various cultural festivals/activities/programmes, public awareness campaigns and art workshops in its member States including the State of Uttar Pradesh on regular basis for which artists are engaged by NCZCC. Honorarium, TA/DA, boarding & lodging, local transport etc. are paid to these artists.

NCZCC organizes a number of programmes in various districts of its member States as approved by its Programme Committee. Details of major programmes organized by NCZCC in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years are at **Annexure**.

The grant-in-aid released to NCZCC to organize various cultural programmes and activities in its member States during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Year	Amount released
i.	2022-23	301.51
ii.	2023-24	3553.24
iii.	2024-25	3227.66

At National level, Ministry of Culture organizes Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsavs (RSMs) through its Zonal Cultural Centres (autonomous organizations under Ministry of Culture) where a large number of folk & tribal artists throughout the country including Uttar Pradesh are engaged to showcase their talents. Till date, 14 RSMs and 04 Zonal Level RSMs have been organized by the Ministry of Culture across the country.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2627 for 09.03.2026

Details of major programmes organized by NCZCC in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years

2023-24

Sl. No.	Name of the programme	No. of artists participated	Amount paid to the artists (in Rs.)
i.	Kaushambi Mahotsav	47	82,800.00
ii.	Ganga Mahotsav	12	25,000.00
iii.	Kila Aur Kahaniya	90	2,505,000.00
iv.	Pandit Chandra Shekhar Azad Jayanti Samaroh	35	40,000.00
v.	Kargil Diwas	78	1,050,000.00
vi.	Ganga Sanskriti Yatra	22	1,050,000.00
vii.	Maharishi Valmiki Jayanti	6	10,000.00
viii.	Uttarakhand Mahotsav	20	109,000.00
ix.	Antarrashtriya Janjatiya Gaurav Divas	30	96,000.00
x.	Jashn-e-Qawwali	30	250,000.00
xi.	Kashi Tamil Sangamam-2	676	7,296,894.00
xii.	Kashi Telugu Sangamam	88	833,444.00

2024-25

Sl. No.	Name of the programme	No. of artists participated	Amount paid to the artists (in Rs.)
i.	Chalo Man Ganga Yamuna Teer	470	4,256,554.00
ii.	Sanskar Bharti Prayagraj Magh Mela	35	104,000.00
iii.	Markandey Mahotsav	28	4,843,380.00
iv.	Sanskritik Sandhya Varshikotsav	6	20,000.00
v.	Rashtriya Ramayan Mela	22	48,416.00
vi.	Deshaj Lok Sanskritik Parv	30	101,780.00
vii.	Ganga Sanskriti Yatra	46	18,669.00
viii.	Kajri Utsav	39	110,000.00
ix.	Dev Deepawali Utsav	6	25,000.00
x.	Rashtriya Ramayan Mela	10	55,000.00
xi.	Gangotri Se Ganga Sagar	5	25,000.00
xii.	Veer Bal Diwas	41	14,500.00
xiii.	Kalagram Manch, Mahakumbh	8500	295,382,477.00
xiv.	Kashi Tamil Sangamam	44	16,791,909.00
xv.	52nd Rashtriya Ramayan Mela	7	35,000.00

2025-26

Sl. No.	Name of the programme	No. of artists participated	Amount paid to the artists (in Rs.)
i.	Tiranga Yatra for Operation Sindoor	250	17,966.00
ii.	Ganga Sanskriti Yatra	103	390,000.00
iii.	International Yoga Day	300	183,000.00
iv.	Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat	33	280,500.00
v.	Har Ghar Tiranga	607	318,740.00

vi.	Sewa Parv Painting Workshop	3350	4,820,000.00
vii.	Dev Deepawali	45	62,000.00
viii.	Rashtriya Shilp Mela	432	3,123,665.00
ix.	Kashi Tamil Sangamam 4.0	601	1,262,200.00
x.	100 th Anniversary Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh	6	25,000.00
xi.	Ameer Khushro Janmotsav	10	175,000.00
xii.	Birsa Munda 150 th Jayanti	49	627,300.00
