

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5976
ANSWERED ON 30.03.2026

CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN LAKHIMPUR KHERI

†5976. SHRI UTKARSH VERMA MADHUR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has any proposal under consideration to declare the historical and mythological sites of Lakhimpur Kheri district, such as the Gola Gokarannath Temple and Devkali Temple, as monuments of national importance or undertake restoration thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering the establishment of a Regional Cultural Centre or a Tribal Museum in the said district to preserve the unique art, language and folk traditions of the Tharu Tribe of Kheri;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to integrate the prominent religious and cultural sites of Kheri into a 'Spiritual Circuit' under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme to provide global recognition to the local culture and heritage; and
- (d) the details of financial assistance provided to the local artists and cultural organizations of Kheri district under the 'Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana' during the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) At present, no such proposal is under consideration with Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to declare the historical and mythological sites of Lakhimpur Kheri such as the Gola Gokarannath Temple and Devkali Temple as monuments of national importance.
- (b) At present, no such proposal is under consideration.
- (c) Ministry of Tourism under its scheme called the “National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)” provides Financial Assistance to the State Governments and Union Territories Administration for development of Tourism Infrastructure at the Pre-Identified Pilgrimage destinations/ Heritage Cities. The process of identification adheres to the scheme's guidelines and involves consultation with the relevant State/UT, encompassing several factors. These factors include the prioritization of previously sanctioned projects for the concerned State/UTs.
- (d) Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojna (KSVY) consists various sub-components/schemes. Under the above schemes, financial assistance/ monthly assistance (For Veteran Artists) is provided to eligible cultural organizations/ individuals working in various art forms across the country including the state of Uttar Pradesh. There is no provision of state-wise/area-wise or specific art form related allocation of funds. The details of amount disbursed to the state of Uttar Pradesh under KSVY scheme during last three years is given at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5976 FOR 30.03.2026.

DETAILS OF NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES AND AMOUNT DISBURSED IN THE STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH

(Amount Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
		No. of Beneficiaries	Amount	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount
1.	Financial Assistance for Promotion of Guru Shishya Parampara (Repertory Grant)	57	293.9	107	438.32	70	502.02
2.	Financial Assistance to Cultural Organizations with National Presence	2	93.75	1	22.50	1	7.50
3.	Cultural Function and Production Grant	278	343.3	268	244.07	218	395.66
4.	Financial Assistance for Development of Buddhist/ Tibetan Culture and Art	27	195.28	11	44.15	34	236.27
5.	Financial assistance for construction of tagore cultural complexes (tcc)	0	0	1	369.57	0	0
6.	Scheme For the Award of Fellowship to Outstanding Persons in The Field of Culture	120	154.80	158	146.40	116	157.20
7.	Scheme for Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields	35	10.50	134	40.20	97	29.70
8.	Financial Assistance for Veteran Artists	58	15.46	82	67.24	109	80.46
9.	Financial Assistance for Allied Cultural Activities	-	-	-	-	2	120
