

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1214
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026**

Manuscript Clusters and Partner Institutions under Gyan Bharatam Initiative

1214. Shri B K Parthasarathi:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number and list of manuscript clusters and partner institutions identified under the Gyan Bharatam Initiative, along with the criteria adopted for their selection, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of manuscripts identified, digitised, conserved and restored under the Initiative, including manuscripts catalogued and made publicly accessible, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of the funds sanctioned, released and utilised under the said Initiative, State/UT and year-wise, since its inception;
- (d) the details of the measures taken to preserve, digitise and promote Telugu-language manuscripts, including details of partner institutions, projects supported and manuscripts covered in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to expand the network of manuscript clusters and digitisation facilities, particularly for regional language manuscripts and if so, the details thereof along with timeline for implementation?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Gyan Bharatam Mission (GBM) has been mandated to establish a nation-wide network of Cluster Centers (CCs) and Independent Centers (ICs) across the country. These institutions have been selected based on prescribed criteria, including the size and significance of manuscript collections, institutional capacity, availability of qualified manpower and infrastructure, regional representation, and experience in manuscript-related activities. A list of CCs/ICs onboarded so far is at annexure.

(b) National Manuscript Survey was launched in March, 2026 across all States and Union Territories of the country to identify and document manuscript holdings, repositories and custodians representing diverse languages and scripts. During the survey, more than 1.19 crore manuscripts have been reported. The total number of digitized manuscripts available across the country is over 8 lakh, out of which, more than 3.90 lakh manuscripts are available on Gyan Bharatam portal at present for public access in view mode.

(c) The year-wise budget sanctioned and allocated under GBM is as hereunder:

Financial Year	Sanctioned Budget (In Cr.)	Actual Expenditure (In Cr.)
2024-25	3.50	2.63
2025-26	15.00	14.25
2026-27	60.00	4.48

(d) Gyan Bharatam, is a Pan-India initiative covering cataloguing, conservation, digitization and publication of manuscripts identified across the country. For effective implementation, a framework of Cluster Centres and Independent Centres has been envisaged. These centres are provided financial assistance in form of grant-in-aid to undertake manuscript related activities as elaborated above. The list of onboarded centers in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana is at annexure.

(e) Gyan Bharatam envisages the identification, documentation, conservation, digitisation, research, publication and dissemination of India's manuscript heritage irrespective of script, language, dialect, tradition, community or geographical location. Eligible repositories having manuscripts are considered for onboarding with GBM in accordance with the Mission guidelines, subject to physical verification, institutional readiness and availability of resources, funds etc.

Annexure

S. No.	State/UT	Organisation	Centre Type
1	Assam	Dept. of Sanskrit, Assam University, Silchar	Cluster
2	Bihar	Nava Nalanda Mahavihar, Nalanda	Cluster
3	Delhi	University Library Jamia Hamdard	Cluster
4	Delhi	Central Sanskrit University	Cluster
5	Gujarat	Shruta Ratnakara, Ahmedabad	Cluster
6	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal State Museum, Shimla	Cluster
7	J & K	Dept. of Persian, University of Kashmir, Srinagar	Cluster
8	J & K	Shasvat Art Gallery Jammu	Cluster
9	Karnataka	Sanskriti Foundation, Mysuru	Cluster
10	Karnataka	Oriental Research Institute, Mysuru	Cluster
11	Karnataka	Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru	Cluster
12	Kerala	Oriental Research Institute & Manuscript Library, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram	Cluster
13	Ladakh	Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh	Cluster
14	Madhya Pradesh	Department of Sanskrit, Dr. Hari Singh Gour University, Sagar	Cluster
15	Maharashtra	Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune, Maharashtra	Cluster
16	Maharashtra	Kavikulguru Kalidas University, Maharashtra	Cluster
17	Gujarat	Oriental Institute, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara	Cluster
18	Manipur	Manipur State Archives, Imphal	Cluster
19	Odisha	SARASVATI Bhadrak	Cluster
20	Odisha	Department of Sanskrit, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar	Cluster
21	Rajasthan	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur	Cluster
22	Rajasthan	Vishwa Gurudeep Ashram Shodh Sansthan, Jaipur	Cluster
23	Sikkim	Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok	Cluster
24	Telangana	Telangana State Archives & Research Institute, Hyderabad	Cluster
25	Uttar Pradesh	Vrindavan Research Institute	Cluster
26	Uttarakhand	Shri Laxmidhar Acharya Chakradhar Joshi Vidyamandir Shodh Sansthan, Nakshatra Vedhshala, Devprayag	Cluster
27	Uttarakhand	University of Patanjali	Cluster
28	West Bengal	The Asiatic Society, Kolkata	Cluster
29	Haryana	Kurukshetra University, Thanesar, Kurukshetra, Haryana	Cluster
30	Andhra Pradesh	Sanatan Jeevan Trust, Tirupati	Independent
31	Bihar	Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna	Independent
32	Bihar	Shri Shankaracharya Math, Bodh Gaya	Independent
33	Gujarat	Adhyatma Parivar Trust, Surat	Independent
34	J&K	Sri Maharaja Ranbir Singh Sanskrit Research Institute, Jammu	Independent
35	Karnataka	Tara Prakashan Vedic Library & Research Centre, Bangaluru	Independent
36	Kerala	Sevathi Museum & Ideological Research Institute, Kottayam	Independent
37	Kerala	Chinmaya International Foundation, Ernakulam	Independent
38	Madhya Pradesh	Anekant Gyan Mandir Bina	Independent
39	Madhya Pradesh	Scindia Oriental Research Institute, Ujjain	Independent
40	Maharashtra	Anandashram Samstha, Pune	Independent
41	Maharashtra	BHARAT ITIHAS SANSHODHAK MANDAL, Pune	Independent
42	Rajasthan	Rajasthan Oriental Research Institute, Jodhpur, Rajasthan	Independent
43	Rajasthan	Abhay Jain Granthalaya, Bikaner	Independent
44	Rajasthan	Padmashri Narayan Das Pandulipi Shodh Sansthan, Jaipur	Independent
45	Uttar Pradesh	Nagari Pracharini Sabha, Varanasi	Independent
46	Uttar Pradesh	Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayagraj	Independent
47	West Bengal	University of Kolkata	Independent
