



Need For National Digital Preservation Policy

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National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) is digitizing unprotected monuments, sites & antiquities of the country as per the digitization policy of the NMMA. A depository of built heritage in the form of a user friendly mobile application named 'Indian Heritage' as a single access platform for protected monuments of national importance and sites has been launched in September 2023. This digital platform provides access to built heritage through features like high-resolution images, architectural details, and geo tagged locations of protected national monuments across states.

The Digitization is guided by the accepted and published policy of respective organisations. The Central Archaeological Library, ASI has already digitized 12,247 books and 10 lakh pages, falling outside the copyrighted materials domain.

Digitized materials of the Archaeological Survey of India are stored with the help of cloud services. The digital documentation initiative for monuments & antiquities of the ASI is currently ongoing. Librarians of the Archaeological Survey of India regularly take part in various training programmes.

This information was given by Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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