

DIGITISATION OF MANUSCRIPTS (GYAN BHARATAM MISSION)

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Gyan Bharatam Mission, announced during Union Budget 2025-26, is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Culture (MoC), Government of India to undertake manuscripts related activities under various components including survey and registration of manuscripts, building robust technology infrastructure and partnership, documentation, conservation, digitization, publication of manuscripts and capacity building & research. More than 8 lakh digitized manuscripts in different formats such as DVD, HDD, microfilms are available across the country. These digitized manuscripts are being reformatted as **per Gyan Bharatam Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)**, out of these 1.29 lakh manuscripts are accessible to the public on the **National Digital Repository (NDR)**.

In addition, National Manuscript Survey has been launched on 16th March, 2026 for identification, documenting and creating a comprehensive national database of manuscripts available with institutions, private individuals, scholars, mutts, temples, libraries and other repositories and data of more than 12.97 lakh manuscripts has been already reported so far. During financial year 2025-26, a total of Rs.13.29 crore has been utilized as on 15th March, 2026. This Mission has been mandated to establish a nation-wide network of Cluster Centers (CCs) and Independent Centers (ICs) across the country. A list of CCs/ICs onboarded so far is as follows:

Cluster Centres		
S. No.	State	Organization Name
1	Assam	Dept. of Sanskrit, Assam University, Silchar
2	Bihar	Nava Nalanda Mahavihar, Nalanda
3	Delhi	University Library Jamia Hamdard
4		Central Sanskrit University
5	Gujarat	Shruta Ratnakara, Ahmedabad
6		Oriental Institute, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara

7	Himachal Pradesh	Himachal State Museum, Shimla
8	J & K	Dept. of Persian, University of Kashmir, Srinagar
9		Shasvat Art Gallery, Jammu
10	Karnataka	Sanskriti Foundation, Mysuru
11		Oriental Research Institute, Mysuru
12		Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru
13	Kerala	Oriental Research Institute & Manuscript Library, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
14	Ladakh	Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh
15	Manipur	Manipur State Archives
16	Madhya Pradesh	Department of Sanskrit, Dr. Hari Singh Gour University, Sagar
17	Maharashtra	Kavi Kulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Nagpur
18		Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune
19	Odisha	SARASVATI Bhadrak
20		Department of Sanskrit, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar
21	Rajasthan	Rajasthan Sanskrit Academy, Jaipur
22		Vishwa Gurudeep Ashram Shodh Sansthan, Jaipur
23	Sikkim	Namgyal Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok
24	Telangana	Telangana State Archives & Research Institute, Hyderabad
25	Uttar Pradesh	Vrindavan Research Institute, Vrindavan
26	Uttarakhand	Shri Laxmidhar Acharya Chakradhar Joshi Vidyamandir Shodh Sansthan, Nakshatra Vedhshala, Devprayag
27		University of Patanjali

28	West Bengal	The Asiatic Society, Kolkata
Independent Centres		
1	Andhra Pradesh	Sanatan Jeevan Trust, Tirupati
2	Bihar	Khuda Baksh Oriental Public Library, Patna
3		Bodh Gaya Math, Gaya
4	Gujarat	Adhyatma Parivar Trust, Surat
5	Haryana	Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra
6	Karnataka	Tara Prakashan Vedic Library & Research Centre, Bengaluru
7	Kerala	Sevadhi Museum & Ideological Research Institute, Kottayam
8		Chinmaya International Foundation, Ernakulam
9	Maharashtra	Anandashram Samsthan, Pune
10		Bharat Itihas Sanshodhak Mandal Sadashiv Peth, Pune
11	Madhya Pradesh	Anekant Gyan Mandir, Bina
12		Scindia Oriental Research Institute, Ujjain
13	Rajasthan	Abhay Jain Granthalaya, Bikaner
14		Rajasthan Oriental Research Institute, Jodhpur
15		Padmashri Narayan Das Pandulipi Shodh Sansthan, Jaipur
16	Uttar Pradesh	Nagari Pracharini Sabha, Varanasi
17		Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Prayagraj
18	West Bengal	University of Kolkata

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

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