

CULTURAL HERITAGE AND TOURISM IN LESSER-KNOWN DESTINATIONS

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There are 3688 centrally protected monuments/sites under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the country. ASI undertakes conservation of these Monuments and sites as per the National Conservation Policy. The periodical condition assessments and day to day maintenance of these monuments and sites are carried out on regular basis as per the requirement and availability of resources.

The details of funds allocated and utilized for conservation and preservation of these monuments during the last five years, State-wise are given at Annexure-I.

The ASI undertakes conservation and preservation of centrally protected monuments, including lesser-known monuments. Visitor amenities such as pathways, signage, drinking water, toilets, benches, cultural notice board and site museums are developed, wherever feasible. ASI promotes heritage awareness through digital initiatives, cultural programmes, exhibitions, outreach programmes and dissemination of information on the occasion of World Heritage Day, World Heritage Week, Museum Day and other such type of occasions/events. ASI also conducts Seminars and workshops for students and scholars to impart a deeper knowledge on our vast cultural heritage.

Further, Ministry of Tourism promotes tourism destination and products of the country, in a holistic manner, including cultural and heritage tourism and lesser-known destinations. The promotions are undertaken through several initiatives such as organizing tourism promotional events, held in association with tourism stakeholders, digital promotion through social media handles in collaboration with social media influencers and showcasing the tourism destinations and products through the Incredible India Digital portal. Additionally, several stakeholder engagements are regionally organized by the India Tourism offices, to promote and raise awareness about these destinations, under the Dekho Apna Desh initiative.

There are 3688 monuments/sites under the care and maintenance of ASI, including lesser-known monuments. These sites are regularly inspected by the technical staff of ASI and the conservation, maintenance and development works are planned and executed based on the condition, priority and requirement of the monuments subject to the availability of resources.

The funds allocated and utilised in last five years are given at Annexure-I.

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

**DETAILS OF ALLOCATION & EXPENDITURE INCURRED FOR CONSERVATION,
PRESERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS
DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS.**

(Amount Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Circle	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
			Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expend
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra	19.35	19.35	21.27	21.15	23.52	23.52
		Jhansi	4.15	4.15	7.00	7.00	5.82	5.82
		Lucknow	10.44	10.44	19.03	19.03	16.93	16.93
		Sarnath	5.50	5.50	10.15	10.15	11.32	11.32
		Meerut	2.80	2.80	6.20	6.20	7.95	7.95
2.	Maharashtra	Aurangabad	8.00	7.99	18.70	18.70	26.80	26.80
		Mumbai	12.00	12.00	15.35	15.35	15.56	15.56
		Nagpur	4.50	4.50	5.00	4.99	10.18	10.18
3.	Karnataka	Bangalore	9.75	9.75	19.85	19.85	17.34	17.34
		Hampi	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	12.25	12.25
		Dharwad	7.32	7.32	10.08	10.08	9.57	9.57
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	11.50	11.50	14.90	14.90	17.22	17.22
		Jabalpur	4.75	4.75	8.00	8.00	9.27	9.27
5.	Odisha	Bhubaneswar /Puri	8.23	8.23	13.18	13.17	12.29	12.29
6.	West Bengal,	Kolkata (86)	7.67	7.57	10.16	10.16	9.10	9.10

7.	West Bengal, Sikkim	Raiganj	5.00	5.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00
8.	Tamil Nadu, Puducherry	Chennai	8.00	8.00	11.45	11.45	12.95	12.95
		Trichy	4.00	4.0	8.50	8.50	9.55	9.55
9.	Punjab	Chandigarh	1.50	1.50	6.53	6.53	11.00	11.00
	Haryana							
10.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	1.15	1.15	8.90	8.90	5.00	5.00
11.	Delhi (NCT)	Delhi	19.10	19.08	30.50	30.35	36.14	36.14
12.	Goa	Goa	7.00	7.00	10.45	10.45	9.90	9.90
13.	Assam	Guwahati	3.30	3.30	7.44	7.44	8.78	8.78
	Meghalaya							
	Nagaland							
	Arunachal Pradesh							
14.	Manipur	Aizawl	1.25	1.25	2.00	2.00	1.29	1.29
	Mizoram							
	Tripura							
15.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	7.53	7.53	10.28	10.28	12.75	12.75
		Jodhpur	4.50	4.50	7.65	7.65	10.65	10.65
16.	Telangana	Hyderabad	7.00	6.80	15.50	15.50	14.38	14.38
17.	Andhra Pradesh	Amravati	5.75	5.75	11.60	11.60	14.70	14.70

18.	Bihar	Patna	3.35	3.35	9.00	9.00	16.00	16.00
19.	Jammu & Kashmir (U.T)	Srinagar	2.55	2.55	6.11	6.03	7.17	7.17
20.	Ladakh (UT)	Mini Circle Leh	0.43	0.43	1.92	1.92	3.50	3.50
21.	Kerala	Thrissur	6.82	6.82	7.50	7.50	7.09	7.09
22.	Gujarat Daman & Diu (UT)	Vadodara	8.00	8.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00
	Gujarat	Rajkot	2.50	2.50	3.09	3.09	2.50	2.50
23.	Uttarakhand	Dehradun	3.75	3.75	4.85	4.85	5.42	5.42
24.	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	4.78	4.78	7.50	7.50	5.94	5.94
25.	Jharkhand	Ranchi	1.18	1.16	2.00	2.00	2.15	2.15
		Chemical Preservation (All India)	6.51	6.48	9.91	9.89	8.36	8.36
		Horticultural Activity (All India)	19.33	19.32	--	--	--	--
		DG Office	11.74	11.73	3.15	2.77	13.19	13.19
		Reserve	0.02	0.00	--	--	--	--
		Total	270.00	269.57	392.71	391.93	443.53	443.5
