

4 Missions of Ministry of Culture- National Mission on Monuments (Important) (Download PDF)

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Ministry of Culture has 4 important Missions namely, National Mission on Monuments & Antiquities (NMMA), National Mission on Manuscripts, National Mission on Libraries & Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission. Details are given below.

Image of National Mission on Monuments & Antiquities

Objectives of NMMA

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- Documentation and creation of suitable database on built heritage and sites for information and dissemination to planners, researchers etc. and for better management of such cultural resources.
- Documentation of all Antiquities in the form of registered antiquities, catalogued antiquities with central as well as state governments, private museums and collections, universities, etc. in a uniform format
- Promote awareness and sensitize people on benefits of preserving the historical and cultural aspects of built heritage, sites, and antiquities.
- Provide training facility and capacity building to the concerned state departments, local bodies, NGOs, universities, museums, local communities etc.
- Develop synergy between institutions like Archaeological Survey of India, State Departments, and NGOs.

Expected Output of NMMA

- National Register on Built Heritage & Sites
- National Register on Antiquities

National Mission on Manuscripts (NMM)

- National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM) was established in 2003 for five years subsequently extended twice.
- Mandates identifying, documenting, conserving, and making accessible manuscript heritage of India.
- Reclaim the inheritance in manuscripts, often in a poor state of preservation.
- It works through a network of 100 centers and 350 sub-centers.

Importance of NMM

- India is the largest repository of manuscripts in the world and forerunner in conservation efforts.
- National Mission for Manuscripts is first national level comprehensive initiative in the world aimed to conserve manuscripts and disseminate their knowledge.

National Mission on Libraries

- National Mission on Libraries (NML) aims to use public libraries to make India a knowledge-based society by revamping the Public Library System & Services, and providing digital content based services.

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- Raja Rammohan Roy Library Foundation is nodal agency for administrative, logistic, planning and budgeting purposes.
- The Scheme has the following four components:
 - Creation of National Virtual Library (NVL),
 - Setting up of NML Model Libraries,
 - Quantitative & Qualitative Survey,
 - Capacity Building for library professionals.

Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission

- Government of India constituted a Gandhi Heritage Sites (GHS) Panel in April, 2006.
- Based on the recommendation the “Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission” with a fixed term of 5 years was created in 2013.
- Mandates to preserve the identified sites and supervise, guide and assist in conservation initiatives, maintenance or preservation initiatives and the creation of a database of tangible, literary, and visual heritage associated with Gandhi.

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