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What is Project Mausam? 39 Countries Identified Under Project 'Mausam' (Important) (Download PDF)

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Project 'Mausam' is the initiative of Ministry of Culture to be implemented by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as the nodal agency with research support of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and National Museum as associate bodies.



Image of Project Mausam

Project Objectives

- Explores Indian Ocean 'world' and collect archaeological and historical research to document the diversity of cultural, commercial, and religious interactions in the Indian Ocean.
- Inscribe places and sites identified under Project Mausam as trans-national nomination for inscription on UNESCO's World Heritage List.
- Position India at two levels:
 - At macro-level re-connect and re-establish communications between countries of the Indian Ocean world enhancing understanding of cultural values and concerns

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- At micro-level, understand national cultures in their regional maritime milieu.
- 39 countries identified under Project Mausam put attention on cultural routes and maritime landscapes linking different parts of the Indian Ocean littoral and connecting the coastal centers to their hinterlands.
- Understand how the shared knowledge systems and ideas spread along these routes and affected both coastal centers, and large parts of the environs.
- Rekindle long-lost ties across nations of the Indian Ocean 'world' and forge new avenues of cooperation and exchange- in African, Arab, and Asian-world.

Project Implementation

- Approved for Rs. 150, 244, 502 for 2015 - 16 and 2016 - 17 from which Rs. 23, 94, 600 is utilized upto March, 2017.
- Series of lectures and workshop organized to train the personnel involved.
- Indian Mission abroad in selected countries will identify appropriate experts for dialogue and potential sites.

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