



Gyan Bharatam Mission and NMM

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The [Union Budget 2025-26](#) has introduced the 'Gyan Bharatam Mission', aimed at **surveying, documenting, and conserving India's vast manuscript heritage.**

- **Objective:** The initiative seeks to conserve over **one crore manuscripts** housed in academic institutions, museums, libraries, and private collections.
- **Budget Allocation:** To accommodate this new initiative, the budget allocation for the [National Manuscripts Mission \(NMM\)](#), has been increased from **Rs 3.5 crore to Rs 60 crore.**

National Manuscripts Mission (NMM):

- [NMM](#) was **launched by the Ministry of Culture in 2003** under the **Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA)**.
- It aims to **preserve and make accessible India's vast manuscript heritage.**
 - [IGNCA](#) was established in **1987** as an **autonomous institution for research, academic pursuit, and dissemination in the arts.**

Manuscript:

- A manuscript is a **handwritten composition** created on materials such as **paper, bark, cloth, metal, or palm leaf**, and it must be **at least 75 years old.**
- India holds an estimated **5 million manuscripts**, probably the largest collection in the world.

Read More: [Revival of National Mission for Manuscripts \(NMM\)](#), [National Mission for Manuscripts and National Culture Fund](#)

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