

National Culture Fund

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About National Culture Fund:

- It was set up as a Trust on 28th November, 1996 under the **Charitable Endowment Act, 1890** with a view to mobilize extra resources through Public Private Partnerships (PPP) towards promoting, protecting and

preserving India's tangible & intangible cultural heritage.

- **Objectives of NCF**

- To administer and apply the Fund for conservation, maintenance, promotion, protection, preservation and up-gradation of monuments protected or otherwise;
- To impart training and facilitate development of a cadre of specialists and cultural administrators
- To facilitate in providing additional space in existing museums & construct new museums to accommodate or create new & special galleries.
- Documentation of cultural expressions and forms that have lost their relevance in contemporary scenario and are either fading out or facing extinction.

- **Features**

- It is managed and **administered through a Governing Council** chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of Culture and has a maximum strength of 25 members to decide the policies.
 - An Executive Committee headed by Secretary (Culture) and has a maximum strength of 11 Members, to execute those policies.
 - Donations to the National Culture Fund are eligible for **100% tax benefit** under Section 80G (ii) of the **Income Tax Act, 1961**.
 - NCF's activities are covered under Schedule VII No. (v) of the Companies Act, 2013 as valid receptacle of **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** contribution under: – Protection of national heritage, art and culture including restoration of buildings and sites of historical importance and works of art; setting up public libraries; promotion and development of traditional arts and handicrafts.”
 - Annual Accounts are audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.
- NCF can receive **donations from Corporates, PSUs, Trusts and Individuals** for maintenance and preservation of Centrally Protected monuments/ cultural projects through NCF. All donors/sponsors have the responsibility to comply with the terms & conditions of the MoU agreed for any particular project.
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Q1: What is Intangible cultural heritage?

Intangible cultural heritage means the practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, skills – as well as the instruments, objects, artefacts and cultural spaces associated with them that communities, groups and, in some cases, individuals recognize as a part of their cultural heritage.

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