

Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar Initiative

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The Central government has so far documented the cultural heritage of over 4.7 lakh villages under the 'Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar' (MGMD) initiative.

About Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar Initiative

- It is a pan-India initiative of the Ministry of Culture under **National Mission on Cultural Mapping** and was launched on 27th July 2023.
- It was launched **as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'**.
- The main objective of the project is to culturally map India's 6.5 lakh villages, spanning across all States and Union Territories, on a comprehensive virtual platform.
- The core idea behind this project is to **encourage appreciation for India's culture** and traditions, paving way for economic growth, social harmony, and artistic development in rural communities.
- It is aimed at mapping India's **intangible cultural assets**.

- The programme is being implemented by the **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)** under the National Mission on Cultural Mapping (NMCM).
- Under the MGMD, information is collected under seven broad categories as given below-
 - Arts and Crafts Village
 - Ecologically Oriented Village
 - Scholastic Village linked with Textual and Scriptural Traditions of India
 - Epic Village linked with Ramayana, Mahabharata and/or Puranic legends and oral epics
 - Historical Village linked with Local and National History
 - Architectural Heritage Village
 - Any other characteristic that may need highlighting such as fishing village, horticulture village, shepherding village etc.

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