

F. No. 14/1/2021-C&M-(Part-I)

Government of India

Ministry of Culture

Vigyan Bhawan Annexe,
New Delhi dated 16th June' 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: **Continuation of Centenary and Anniversary Celebrations Scheme for financial year 2026-27 to 2030-31 i.e. upto 31st March, 2031-regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to inform that Hon'ble Finance Minister has approved the continuation of "Centenary and Anniversary Celebrations Scheme" for Financial year from **2026-27 to 2030-31** i.e. upto 31st March, 2031 with an outlay of Rs. 750.00 Crores as detailed below:

Name of Scheme	Financial Years									
	2026-27		2027-28		2028-29		2029-30		2030-31	
	(Rs. Crores)	In	(Rs. Crores)	In	(Rs. Crores)	In	(Rs. Crores)	In	(Rs. Crores)	In
Centenary and Anniversary Celebrations Scheme	150		150		150		150		150	

2. The Centenary and Anniversary Celebrations Scheme guidelines, approved by Hon'ble Culture Minister is also enclosed for information.

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CC to:

1. PS to HCM
2. PSO to Secretary (Culture)
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Guidelines for "Centenaries and Anniversaries Scheme"

1. Objective

Centenaries and Anniversaries Scheme has been launched to commemorate centenaries and special anniversaries such as 50th/75th/100th/125th/150th/175th/200th/225th/250th/275th/300th/325th/350th etc. of eminent personalities and events of historical importance of the country. This scheme is looked after by C&M Division of Ministry of Culture, Government of India

2. Title

This Scheme is known as "**Centenaries and Anniversaries Scheme**".

3. Scope of the Scheme

The scope of the Scheme is to identify the Commemoration of eminent personalities and events of historical importance as well as of National importance through requests received from central Government/state Governments/ Autonomous organizations/NGOs/individuals and other organizations as well as also through suggestions/discussions held at the NC/HLC/EC/NIC meetings.

4. Nodal Institutions (Participating Institutions)

I. The Scheme covers the institutions/organizations concerned with the organizing the Events and Programs by the Government of India/ State and UT Governments/autonomous organizations and NGOs in connection with approved commemorations.

II. National Implementation Committee (constituted with approval of PMO), decides the commemorations to be celebrated. Further, to formulate policies and plan various activities under the scheme, National Committee / High Level Committee / Executive Committee for any commemoration is constituted by the Government.

III. Ministry of Culture has powers to include activities under approved commemoration with the approval of the competent authority. Ministry of Culture is the Nodal Ministry to take up commemorative activities under the scheme.

5. Constitution of Committees under the scheme

I. Ministry of Culture Government of India proposes to the Office of Prime Minister for constitution of a specific Committee "National Implementation Committee (NIC)" for approving the commemoration of special anniversaries such as 50th/75th/100th/125th/150th/175th etc. of eminent personalities and events of historical importance to the country during ensuing years. PMO approves the constitution of Committee (NIC) and the committee so constituted (NIC) is empowered to take decisions for undertaking specific commemorations for celebration.

II. Further, PMO also approves for constitution of appropriate committee viz National Committee/High Level Committee etc. for a particular commemoration which inter alia give directions to chalk out the plans, policies and undertake the Events and Programs in connection with the specific commemoration during the period. Normally, National Committee/High Level Committee is headed by Prime Minister and National Implementation Committee are headed by Hon'ble Home Minister.

- III. Cabinet and State Ministers of Ministries/Departments of Central Government, Chief Ministers of states/ Governors/senior officials of central and state Governments, states representative, eminent personalities in different fields are nominated as members on these Committees.
- IV. Events and Programs as well as Major Activities for a commemoration are considered/approved 'In Principle' by these Committees. However, financial approval is accorded by Competent Authority as per GFR after detailed examination of each Events and Programs as well as Major Activities proposal subsequently.

6. Funding for Projects

- I. Once the Commemoration is approved by National Implementation Committee, all the Proposals related with Events and Programs as well as Major Activities, received for financial assistance under the commemoration will be considered and approved as per the Standard operating Procedure approved by Hon'ble Culture Minister. Thereafter, the fund will be released as per financial approval of competent authority in accordance with DFPR as well as with the concurrence of IFD.
- II. The Proposals related with Events and Programs as well as Major Activities, received for financial assistance under the approved commemoration, which come within mandate of this Ministry, will be funded by Ministry of Culture out of Grant-in-Aid (General) as allocated under Centenaries & Anniversaries Scheme.
- III. In case Events and Programs as well as activities are concerned/related to other Ministries/Departments, those Ministries/Departments are supposed to meet the expenditure in this regard from their allocation of fund.
- IV. Amount of grant-in-aid is the approved cost or the actual cost in completion of the Events/Programs/Activities whichever is less.
- V. The number of instalments and amount therefor for each instalment is as under:
 - A. Proposals related with Events and Programs received from central Government/state Governments/ Autonomous organizations:
 - i. First instalment of 75% of grant-in-aid can be released after the completion of all formalities for sanction of funds as per approved SoP.
 - ii. The balance 25% of grant-in-aid can be released only after the completion of Events/Programs and after completing all the formalities for sanction of funds as per approved SoP.
 - B. Proposals related with Events and Programs received from NGOs/individuals and other organizations:
 - i. First instalment of grant-in-aid of 60% can be released after the completion of all formalities for sanction of funds as per approved SoP.
 - ii. The balance 40% of grant-in-aid can be released only after the completion of Events/Programs and after completing all formalities for sanction of funds as per approved SoP.
- VI. Proposals involving infrastructure works, permanent construction, civil works or other capital projects shall not ordinarily be considered under the Centenaries and Anniversaries Celebration Scheme as it has been subsumed under the newly proposed Scheme known as "DESH" under the Ministry of Culture.

7. The sanction letter should include the following terms and conditions: -

- I. The grant shall not be utilized for any purpose other than the purpose for which it is released,
- II. A separate account for the grant shall be maintained which shall be open to inspection by the Ministry of Culture and audit both by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India under the provision of CAG(DCP) Act, 1971 and Internal Audit by CCA/PAO of this Ministry whenever the institution is called upon to do so,
- III. The organization will economize the expenditure to the extent possible and follow GFR provisions and codal formalities for undertaking the Events and Programs/Activities wherever needed,
- IV. The audited accounts and Utilization Certificate (duly signed by an authorized officer) to the effect that the amount has been utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned will be furnished by the Auditors to the Trust/Society which in turn submit the UC to Ministry of Culture at the earliest possible and in any case within 3 months from the date of release of the First Instalment.
- V. Accordingly, the release of Second/Final Instalment in this regard will be considered only after receipt of UC, expenditure statement, vouchers etc. for the total expenditure incurred. The UC for the financial year shall be duly signed and approved by a Chartered Accountant/Statutory Auditor to the effect that amount has been utilized for the purpose it is sanctioned.
- VI. In case of Government institutions and autonomous institutions subsequent instalments can be released on receipt of utilization certificate and audited expenditure statement duly signed by their accounting authorities or Head of Institution Audited accounts duly certified by Comptroller and Auditor General may be accepted later on after completion of programs/activities.
- VII. Release of grant shall be made based on balances available in Public Financial Management System (PFMS) as per Expenditure- Advance-Transfer (EAT) module data for the grantee organization,
- VIII. The grantee organization is mandatorily required to register itself on PFMS of Ministry of Finance (<http://pfms.nic.in>) creating vender(s)/beneficiary(ies) in PFMS in FAT module so that further payments to the vender(s)/beneficiary(ies) are made by the organization through PFMS in their Aadhar Seeded Account,
- IX. The organization/institution shall display the information that the Events/Program has been funded by Ministry of Culture, Government of India, etc.
- X. In case of non-utilization of released funds, the grantee institution shall refund the unutilized funds along with interest at the rate of 10 percent.

8. List of documents to be attached with the Proposals related with Events and Programs received for Financial Assistance.

- I. Copies of the audited statement of accounts of the organization for the last three years.
- II. Latest Annual Report/Activity Report approved for the last three years.
- III. Certificate as per rule 230(1) GFR 2017 in the prescribed proforma regarding non receipt of grant for the same purpose from any other institution under the Govt. of India
- IV. Utilization certificate along with annexure as per new GFR 2017 of previous grant/grants if any
- V. Authorization letter for sending grant directly into Bank

- VI. Copy of the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of the Organization/Rules and Bye laws of the Society/Trust, as the case may be.
- VII. Copy of the Registration Certificate
- VIII. Copy of registration number of the NGO-Partnership System (NGO-PS) under DARPAN portal of Niti Aayog at <http://ngo.india.gov.in>
- IX. The Private Institution/ NGO should be registered under PFMS portal of Ministry of Finance and should have registration number issued by concerned authority.

9. Monitoring of progress of activities/projects

- I. Progress of projects/activities are to be monitored based on report submitted by the concerned grantee organization (along with photograph/video clip), media coverage report.
- II. The progress of Event and Program held as well as activities conducted under commemoration(s) can also be reviewed by National Committee/ High Level Committee/National Implementation Committee at its meetings.

10. Alteration in Program cost

Once Program cost is approved and fund is released, grantee institution cannot revise Program cost without the consent of this Ministry. In any case the Program cost is to be revised due to unavoidable circumstances with the approval of Ministry of Culture. financial liability of Ministry of Culture will remain unaltered as approved in the original Program. Additional expenditure in Program cost due to any reasons, will have to be met by the concerned Organization.

11. Duration of completion of Program/Events

About conducting activities (cultural etc.), the event is held as per scheduled date and time and at pre-planned location/City. Any alteration of time, date and location/City(with justified reason) require prior approval of Ministry of Culture. Efforts should be made for completion of all the activities under approved Proposal within the stipulated timeline as per approved SoP.

12. Advertisement and Publicity Expenses

For ensuring high Janbhagidari and spreading of awareness as well as messages regarding the Commemoration, the Events are to be organized by C&M Division of Ministry of Culture. Further, the awareness is also to be amplified through the various forms of media also e.g. Print Media (through Newspaper Advertisements), social media, Digital Media as well as Online Platforms etc. The expenses will be met from the budgetary allocation under relevant object head "Advertisement & Publicity" of 'Centenaries & Anniversaries Scheme' Head of this Ministry's Demand for Grants.

13. Expenses under Professional Services/TA/Miscellaneous Expenditure/ Office Expenses etc.

TA/Miscellaneous Expenditure/Office Expenses etc. in connection with meetings/day to day office work relating to commemoration activities in C&M Division of Ministry of Culture will be met from the budgetary allocation under relevant object head of 'Centenaries & Anniversaries Scheme' Head of this Ministry's Demand for Grants.

14. Checklist for examining the case for referring to IFD for concurrence for sanction of projects and for release of funds [As per Annexure-A].

Annexure-A

Checklist for examining the case and to refer to IFD for concurrence

Sl. No.	Information/documents required for sanction of financial assistance	Whether received or not (Yes/No/NA)	Remarks
1.	Name, registration number and complete address of the organization		
2.	Copy of registration certificate under Society Act or as Trust and Memorandum of Association		
3.	Total sanctioned amount/proposed sanctioned amount		
4.	Amount of funds has already been released as earlier instalment(s) in this regard		
5.	Amount proposed to be released in the instant case		
6.	Permanent Account Number		
7.	Details of Proposal in brief (Not more than 150 words)		
8.	Synopsis of the Proposal (to be annexed)		
9.	Date of Proposed Program		
10.	Name of Commemoration under which the Proposal has been submitted		
11.	Audited Statement of Accounts and Utilization certificates in respect of earlier grants sanctioned by the Ministry of Culture or other Ministries on earlier occasions		
12.	Last three years' receipt and payment account and balance sheet with auditor's certificate		
13.	Whether duly filled in indemnity bond (as per format) has been enclosed		
14.	Whether duly filled in bank authorization letter (as per format) has been enclosed		
15.	Whether duly filled in resolution (as per format) has been enclosed		
16.	Unique I.D. of Niti Aayog under NGO Partnership System has been indicated		
17.	Whether PFMS compliance report is enclosed indicating that the organization has implemented the EAT Module		
18.	Whether the utilization certificate in proper format has been received (if proposal is for Second instalment)		
19.	Availability of funds under the proper budget head to meet the expenditure in the instant case		
20.	Whether provision of GFR/rules & instructions of MoF/codal formalities have been complied with.		