

Government of Jammu and Kashmir,  
Department of Culture,  
J&K Civil Secretariat, Jammu/Srinagar.

Subject:- Introduction of "Scheme for revival, restoration, preservation and maintenance of Architecture and Heritage in Jammu and Kashmir".

Reference:- Administrative Council's decision No.17/3/2020 dated 29-01-2020.

Government Order No. 25 - JK(Cul) of 2021.

Dated: 01-07-2021.

Sanction is hereby accorded to the introduction of the "Scheme for revival, restoration, preservation and maintenance of Architecture and Heritage in Jammu and Kashmir", as per annexure to this Government Order, for its implementation, with immediate effect.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-

( Sarmad Hafeez ), IAS,  
Secretary to the Government,  
Department of Culture.


No.Cul/Arch/37/2019

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**“Scheme for revival, restoration, preservation and maintenance of Architecture and Heritage in Jammu and Kashmir”.**

In J&K, each temple and shrine is embodiment of a unique/mystical saga that takes them beyond the level of just mere architecture or a combination of bricks and walls, to the spiritual and inner enlightenment levels.

Inspite of having such a strong significance, it is a sad reality that some of these shrines and temples are battling today for their existence and identity. It is important to protect and preserve this cultural and religious heritage, for reasons ranging from education to historical, research to desire, to reinforce a sense of identity.

 In order to ensure restoration, revival, preservation and maintenance of these shrines, the “Scheme for revival, restoration, preservation and maintenance of Architecture and Heritage in Jammu and Kashmir”, is introduced.

**OBJECTIVES :**

The objectives of the Scheme are :


- to identify the sacred places and heritage sites requiring intervention.
- to carry out their revival/restoration/renovation work.
- to ensure protection and longevity of these places.
- to promote restoration wherever damage has occurred to these places.

## **IMPLEMENTATION :**

The Scheme shall be implemented in the following manner :-

### **District level Coordination-cum-Implementation Committees :**

There shall be District Level Coordination-cum-Implementation Committees headed by the District Development Commissioner of the concerned District having following members:-



1.	Additional Deputy Commissioner.
2.	Superintendent Engineer, Public Works (R&B).
3.	Deputy Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums of the respective Division.
4.	Representative of Director Tourism of the respective Division (not below the rank of Deputy Director).
5.	Chief Education Officer.
6.	District Statistics and Evaluation Officer.


The job of these Committees would be:-

- To conduct the heritage census and survey of the shrines, temples and other religious & historic monuments in coordination with the Directorate of Archives, Archaeology and Museums, for their restoration, revival, preservation and maintenance, after such activity is approved by the Executive Committee.
- To ascertain need and necessity of revival/ restoration and renovation of sacred religious assets, historic monuments and facilitate and coordinate such restoration, revival, preservation and maintenance work.
- To collect/receive funds and give grants for fulfilment of the objectives of the Society.
- To prioritize & propose steps for protection & longevity of identified sacred and heritage structures and suggest steps for restoration wherever any damage has occurred and also formulate & finalize



appropriate Action Plans for this purpose and for the approval of Executive Committee.


- e) To restore to original position, the designated heritage/sacred structure or place, sticking to same building material and workmanship, as per the approved Action Plan.
- f) To upgrade the infrastructure at these places of worship and heritage monuments and develop the land appurtenant to the sites and their surroundings, in consultation with stakeholders, as per the approved Action Plan.
- g) To monitor & supervise the execution & restoration works in close consultation with Management or Trust of religious place/ heritage monuments, wherever in place.
- h) To report the progress to the Executive Committee on quarterly basis.

 Since there are a number of such places which require intervention, the revival/restoration/ renovation work of these sacred places could be taken up in a phased manner. The criteria for identification shall be their antiquity, importance from religious, cultural & heritage point of view, footfall of pilgrims and local importance.

Services of Government agencies like District/Divisional Administration and Department of Tourism, PW(R&B) Department would also be required to be roped in wherever required & necessary.

The Action Plans formulated by these Committees will be approved by the Executive Committee composition of which is as under :-

1.	Chief Secretary.
2.	Financial Commissioner, Finance Department
3.	Administrative Secretary, Revenue Department
4.	Administrative Secretary, Tourism Department
5.	Divisional Commissioner, Jammu/Kashmir



6.	Administrative Secretary, Department of Culture
7.	Chief Architect
8.	Chief Town Planner
9.	Director Tourism, Jammu/Kashmir
10.	Director Archives, Archaeology & Museums
11.	DG/Director IRD/Director Planning, Department of Culture, J&K.
12.	Five experts to be nominated by the Government.

The Executive Committee could approve to undertake heritage census, resource/asset mapping of these shrines, temples and historic monuments/heritage sites, their engineering documentation and restoration, actual renovation and restoration based on its requirements alongwith augmenting infrastructure facilities of these assets and its branding and communication, education and Advocacy programmes, Academic and scholarly interventions in relation to these sacred places/heritage sites, strengthening the use of digital platform in respect of these sacred assets and heritage sites or any other activity as deemed fit by the Society concerning revival/restoration or preservation of that sacred places/heritage sites through appropriate mechanism which may also include hiring of consultancy services, through a transparent process. The Executive Committee may also undertake periodic review of the progress of District Level Coordination-cum-Implementation Committees.

As a number of Shrines and religious places/heritage sites are governed by various legislations or are managed by their trusts, which are involved in the upkeep and maintenance of these Shrines/religious places, the intervention by the Society shall be in addition and not in derogation of any law or legal framework for the time being in force with regard to management of that Shrine or religious place/heritage sites.

This Committee shall be serviced by the Department of Culture.

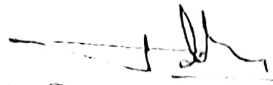
The Department of Culture shall audit or cause to be audited the funds provided for the purpose.

The Finance Department shall introduce the "Scheme for revival, restoration, preservation and maintenance of Architecture and Heritage in Jammu and Kashmir", in the Budget of the Department of Culture.

**Governing Body :**

In terms of the "Society for revival, restoration, preservation and maintenance of Architecture and Heritage in Jammu and Kashmir", created by the Department of Culture, for better coordination among various agencies of the Government, there shall be the following Governing Body to be headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister or by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor and shall comprise of :-

1.	Minister/Advisor (I/C Culture).
2.	Chief Secretary.
3.	Administrative Secretary, Finance Department.
4.	Administrative Secretary, Revenue.
5.	Administrative Secretary, Tourism.
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7.	Divisional Commissioners, Jammu/Kashmir.
8.	Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums (Chief Executive Officer).
9.	Five experts to be nominated by the Government.

  
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Subject:- Creation of "Society for revival, restoration, preservation and maintenance of Architecture and Heritage in J&K".

Reference:- Administrative Council decision No.17/3/2020 dated 29-01-2020.

Government Order No. 26 - JK(Cul) of 2021.  
Dated: 01-07-2021.

Sanction is hereby accorded to the creation of the "Society for revival, restoration, preservation and maintenance of Architecture and Heritage in J&K", with the Governing Body, Executive Committee and District level Coordination-cum-Implementation Committees, as per annexure to this Government Order.

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Annexure to Government Order No. 26 -JK(Cul) of 2021 dated  
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The "Society for revival, restoration, preservation and maintenance of Architecture and Heritage in Jammu and Kashmir", is created for implementation of the "Scheme for revival, restoration, preservation and maintenance of Architecture and Heritage in Jammu and Kashmir", introduced by the Department of Culture.

**Governing Body :-**

The Society shall have a Governing Body of officials and non-officials to be headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister or by the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor and shall comprise of:-

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**Executive Committee :-**

The Society shall have Executive Committee headed by Chief Secretary and comprising of the following members for approving Action Plans for restoration, revival, preservation and

	Deputy Director)
5.	Chief Education Officer
6.	District Statistics and Evaluation Officer.


The Society will develop expertise and capacity for discharging its functions and it will be a lean organisation as far as possible.

The Society shall have an initial Corpus Fund to be determined by the Department of Culture in consultation with the Finance Department, which shall be supported by annual grants under State budget.

The Society may raise donations also for the purposes it is established.

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The Society shall be registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The Director, Archives, Archaeology and Museums, J&K (Chief Executive Officer) shall initiate the process for registration of the Society.

  
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maintenance of shrines, temples, religious places and heritage structures, as are received from District level Coordination-cum-Implementation Committees:-

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