Museum Grant Scheme

Why in News?

Recently, the Union Minister for Culture and Tourism in Lok Sabha mentioned about the top 10 states receiving maximum amount of grants under Museum Grant Scheme during the last 5 years.

- It is a *financial assistance scheme* for development and management of museums in India.
- **Launched in** – ***2013***, by the Ministry of Culture.
- **Objectives** – To *set up new Museums* at the regional, state and district level.
- To *strengthen & modernize* the existing museums.
- To *digitize art objects* in the museums across the country for making their images/catalogues available over the website and
- To improve capacity building of Museum professionals.
- **Scope** – It provides financial assistance under different categories.

Scope under Museum Grant Scheme
• Museums having collections of Antiquities, Numismatics, Paintings, Ethnological collections, Folk art and others including Art & Crafts, Textiles, Stamps etc. • Online Virtual Museums displaying objects in any or all of the above disciplines. • Theme based Museums. • Virtual Experiential Museums (VEM). • Projects of National Importance.

> ***Museums*** *are a repository of a nation's culture as they connect the past with the present and the future. They conserve artefacts and other objects of artistic, cultural, historical, or scientific importance and makes them available for public viewing through exhibits.*

- **Coverage** – It covers Museums managed by
  - Central Government
  - State Governments
  - Societies
  - Autonomous bodies
  - Public Sector Undertakings
  - Local Bodies
  - Trusts
- **3 components for funding**
  - Development and Establishment of Museums at the regional, state and District level

    - Digitization of Museum Collections
    - Capacity building and training of Museum Professionals
- **Monitoring** - The museums granted financial assistance under the scheme would be required to send *yearly footfall in the museums for 5 years* after the completion of the project.

References

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