

## **VI. Scheme for Sustaining the Living and Diverse Cultural Traditions of India**

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To provide sustenance to and showcase the richness of living and diverse cultural traditions of India, a Coordination Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary to PM. As a first step, the Committee has set up a Group under the convenership of Secretary (Culture) to suggest an overarching mechanism for mapping and documentation of India's valuable traditions in different eco-cultural zones. The Group is working on the subject will be making its recommendations in due course, whereupon the Coordination Committee will be expected to set up an inter-ministerial mechanism for a coordinated identification, documentation and preservation of the extensive and diverse range of India's traditional knowledge system and integrating its various dimensions.

It is proposed to set up a coordination mechanism on Intangible Cultural Heritage, i.e. the living and diverse cultural traditions of India, with the specific task of documentation through various media. It will be a national network centre on India's Intangible Cultural Heritage that will coordinate, network and synergize the efforts of different agencies and analogous organisations through sharing of knowledge and best practices. The Ministry of Culture will implement it as a central scheme.