



Adarsh Smarak Scheme

Recently, the **Union Ministry of Culture** has released its **100-day agenda** which also includes digging rainwater harvesting pits at **over 100 major monuments** covered under the **Adarsh Smarak scheme**.

- The other initiatives include installing big screens and audio systems at two dozen spots where a large number of devotees gather for prayers or aarti, rolling out 25 science museums on wheels to reach out to rural students.

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- The scheme was launched in **2014** for providing **improved visitor amenities**, especially for the physically challenged.
- The scheme comes under the **Ministry of Culture**.
- A total of **100 Monuments** protected by the [Archaeological Survey of India \(ASI\)](#) are being developed and maintained as Adarsh Monuments under the scheme.
- The **civic amenities** are being augmented at these sites.

Objectives of the Scheme

- To make monument **visitor friendly**.
- To **upgrade/provide washrooms**, drinking water, signages, **cafeteria, and wi-fi facility**.
- To provide **interpretation and audio-video centers**.
- To **streamline wastewater and garbage disposal** and a rainwater harvesting system.
- To make the monument **accessible to differently-abled**.
- To implement [Swachh Bharat Abhiyan](#).

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