

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 500**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2023

**INITIATIVES TO HARNESS POTENTIAL OF HERITAGE AND CULTURE**

500. SHRI K. R. SURESH REDDY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiatives to harness the potential of living heritage and cultural practices, position culture at the forefront of development and diplomacy dialogue, acknowledge its growing contribution to global Gross Domestic Product(GDP), and celebrate cultural diversity to renew multilateral cooperation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) If not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b) During the G20 Culture Working Group Meetings held under India's G20 Presidency, there were deliberations on harnessing the potential of living heritage and cultural practices, positioning culture at the forefront of development and diplomacy dialogue, acknowledging its growing contribution to global Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and celebrating cultural diversity to renew multilateral cooperation. The recommendations of the Culture Working Group culminated in the adoption of the outcome document, the Kashi Culture Pathway, some of which have also been reflected in the G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration.

(c) Does not arise.

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