

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MAUSCRIPT OF SARVAMOOOL GRANTH
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the researchers of the Rochester Institute of Technology have protected the rare manuscripts of "Sarvamool Granth" written in Sanskrit in the 12th Century on palm leaves by the philosopher, Madhavacharya;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government have also protected such other rare Sanskrit manuscripts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The researchers of Rochester Institute of Technology have digitally restored the text of Sarvamool Granth, a 700 year old sacred text. The text of Sarvamool Granth is attributed to the philosopher-saint Madhavacharya.

(c) & (d) The National Mission for Manuscripts, under the Ministry of culture , has imitated a project on digitization under which 4500 manuscripts, including rare Sanskrit manuscripts, (approximately 7 lakh pages) have been digitized. These are :

- (1) Vaishnava manuscripts of Majuli Islands (1500 manuscripts)
- (2) Sanskrit manuscripts of Iqbal Library (1000 manuscripts)
- (3) Manuscripts from Orissa State Museum (1200 manuscripts)
- (4) Kutiyattam manuscripts of Kerala (200 manuscripts)
- (5) Manuscripts on Siddha of Madras University (600 manuscripts)