

# GYAN BHARATAM SANKALP PATRA

Delhi Declaration on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025

We the manuscript custodians, academicians, scholars, conservators, digitization experts, language experts, script experts, persons connected with repositories, individual collectors, archaeologists, manuscriptologists, paleographers, technology experts, institutions related to archiving and all other people who care for the manuscript heritage of Bharat, assembled here in the *International Conference on Reclaiming India's Knowledge Legacy Through Manuscript Heritage*, after thorough deliberation and deep realization resolve to declare that:

Bharat is the land of the world's richest and most diverse manuscript heritage, embodying the wisdom of thousands of years across philosophy, science, literature, arts, spirituality, and many other subjects. These manuscripts, inscribed on palm-leaf, birch-bark, cloth, handmade paper, and other such materials represent the living memory of the nation and the foundation of its civilizational identity.

In the spirit of **Viksit Bharat 2047**, we resolve to join the movement of GYAN BHARATAM to preserve, digitize, and disseminate this vast treasure, making it accessible to citizens and scholars alike across the world. We firmly believe that Manuscripts are not merely relics of the past; they are guiding lights for the future—connecting heritage with innovation, tradition with technology, and knowledge with development.

We further resolve and pledge that we all will work together to:

**G**UARD and preserve the priceless manuscript heritage of Bharat as the cultural and intellectual cornerstone of *Viksit Bharat 2047*.

**Y**IELD GLOBAL LEADERSHIP by making Bharat the foremost hub of manuscripts, showcasing the world's most diverse written knowledge traditions.

**A**WAKEN A PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT by turning the *Gyan Bharatam* into a Jan Andolan that strengthens cultural identity and knowledge-based growth.

**N**URTURE EVERY SCRIPT AND LANGUAGE by caring for manuscripts from all regions as symbols of unity in diversity, deepening cultural bonds across communities.

**B**RING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER by involving citizens, scholars, students, women, youth, and elders to participate actively in safeguarding this heritage.

**H**ARNESS SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGY to build capacity, strengthen expertise, and adopt modern methods for preservation, conservation, cataloguing, digitization and dissemination.

**A**CKNOWLEDGE AND HONOUR CUSTODIANS, institutions and individuals safeguarding India's knowledge treasures across centuries.

**R**ESearch AND REINTERPRET manuscripts through systematic efforts to read, decode, and contextualise them for academic and socio-cultural benefit.

**A**CQUIRE AND REPATRIATE original manuscripts or secure their digital copies from abroad, ensuring access for research and national pride.

**T**RANSMIT ANCIENT WISDOM by making manuscripts available for education, innovation, and intergenerational learning.

**A**DVOCATE PUBLIC AWARENESS campaigns to inspire respect, curiosity, and pride in Bharat's manuscript traditions.

**M**ENTOR FUTURE GENERATIONS to sustain the spirit of *Gyan Bharatam* and carry forward the living legacy of India's written knowledge.