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title: Need to declare Aranmula village in Kerala as a heritage village.

SHRI ANTO ANTONY (PATHANAMTHITTA): Madam Speaker, I would request the Government to grant heritage status to Aranmula village, which belongs to my parliamentary constituency, Pathanamthitta in Kerala.

Aranmula village deserves an important place in the cultural and tourism map of the country on account of its rich arts and craft forms as well as its unique cultural traditions.

Aranmula village is located on the banks of the holy river Pampa. The centuries old Aranmula Parthasarathi Temple is located in this village. Traditional architecture, murals, ritualistic feast of Aranmula Valla Sadya and the colourful Aranmula boat race attract a large number of devotees and tourists across the world to this beautiful village.

The village is also imparting training programmes in classical dances, music and martial arts such as Kathakali, Vanchipattu, Carnatic Music and Kalaripayattu. In addition to all these, Aranmula is world famous for its Aranmula Kannadi, the unique hand-made metal mirror.

Having understood the importance of Aranmula village, the Government of Kerala in 2008 submitted a detailed proposal for granting the heritage status.

Therefore, I would request the Government to expedite the procedures in this regard. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER:

Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra is allowed to associate with the matter raised by Shri Anto Antony.