

Workshop on Re-organization of Storage in Alwar Museum, Rajasthan

27th July to 7th August 2015

Department of Archaeology and Museums, Rajasthan, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts(IGNCA), New Delhi and ICCROM, Rome have joined hands to organize a reorganization of storage (RE-Org) workshop in Alwar Museum from 27th July to 7th August 2015. Storage is one of the most important aspects of Museum and is more than often remains in a state of neglect which is the threat to their conservation and makes them inaccessible for research, exhibition, etc. This was even shown in a global survey conducted by ICCROM in 2011 in which 134 countries participated and the results were that 60% of the museums of the world who participated in the survey had storage of their museums in the state of neglect.

Government of Rajasthan which is making serious efforts to make its museums at par with the world's best museums invited IGNCA and ICCROM to train its curators working in different museums of the state in Alwar museum in the field of re-organization of storage. The two week long workshop is aimed at the following:

1. To learn to work in a team.
2. To follow the methodology developed by ICCROM which works in four areas viz. the building, management the collection, the furniture and tools.
3. To work in the approved budget.

The workshop would be attended by 11 curators from different museums in Rajasthan. The storage of Alwar museum has approximately 14000 objects. The trainers for the course is a team of conservators viz . Vesna Zivkovic from Serbia, Achal Pandya from IGNCA, New Delhi under the leadership of Gael de Guichen, ICCROM, Rome. The team would teach the methodology developed by ICCROM, based on their experience in museum storage for more than 30 years and which has been successfully implemented in museums of the world viz. Belgium, Canada, Serbia, New Caledonia, Iraq, IGNCA, Crafts Museum, New Delhi, etc. The methodology is part of the campaign launched for improving the state of museum storages of Rajasthan under the guidance of Sh. Shailendra Agrawal, Principal Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Culture,

Government of Rajasthan. The workshop has been developed in close coordination of Sh. Hridayesh Sharma, Director of Archaeology and Museums, Rajasthan.