

G20 Countries Cultural Ministers visit at Excavated Remains & Archaeological Museum Sarnath on 27.08.2023

The 4th G20 Cultural Working Group (CWG) meeting under India's presidency started at Varanasi from 24.08.2023 to 26.08.2023. All the Cultural Ministers of G20 countries have visited Excavated Remains Sarnath and Archaeological Museum Sarnath in the morning of Sunday at 6.20 AM dated 27.08.2023.



First of all Director General of Archaeological Survey of India Prof. Kishore K. Basa welcomed the guests on the main entrance gate of the Excavated Remains Sarnath by showering rose petal and flowers after than Prof. Kishore K. Basa offered Golden scarf khata (a traditional ceremonial scarf in Buddhism) and a set of brochures of important protected monument & site of Varanasi which are published by Sarnath Circle, Archaeological Survey of India. Other officers of ASI like Gurmeet Chawla, Additional Director General (Adm.), Dr. P. K. Mishra, Director (E & E), Dr. Niraj Kumar Sinha, Director (Museums/ Epigraphy), Dr. Anil Kumar Tiwari, Director (Antiquity), Dr. Bhuvan Vikram, Regional Director (Central), Dr. Shivakant Bajpai, Dr. Abinash Mohanty, Superintending Archaeologists has offered Golden

Scarf to all the guests. Other officials and staffs of Sarnath Circle including Horticulture and Science Branch welcomed to all the G20 delegates.







At the Excavated Remains they know about the history of Dharmrajika Stupa. After that they show the remnants of Ashokan Pillar and know about the history and importance of Ashokan Pillar at the top of which was the Lion Capital is now the National Emblem of the Republic of India. They show the Mulgandh Kuti Vihara and after than go to Dhamekh Stupa which is more than 33 meters in height. They minutely try to know the details of the Dhamekh Stupa and its encased decorated carving on stone which was engraved during Gupta period. They were very strange to show the Dhamekh Stupa that is very much well conserved and preserved by Archaeological Survey of India.



After seeing the Excavated Remains all the guests visited to see the Archaeological Museum Sarnath. Mr Abdul Arif, Asstt. Superintending Archaeologist and Mr. Rajesh Yadav, Asstt. Archaeologist and other officials and museum staffs most welcome to the G20 guests. In the Central Gallery No. 3 the G20 guests show the Lion Capital now the National Emblem of India. They know in detail about the Lotus flowers, animals and the wheels that looks in motion. Lion Capital has nicely carved which has lustrous glittering appearance is the main characteristic features of Mouryan Art was flourished in 3rd Cent. B.C.E. In gallery no. 1 has shown the Preaching Buddha image is the master piece of Gupta period (4th-5th Cent. C.E.) is a fine example of Gupta art. The image has finely carved in well proportion and balance exhibiting in the form of compassion, spirituality and inner bliss. The G20 guests visited Gallery no. 4 and 5 also.







At the main entrance gate of Excavated Remains & Archaeological Museum Sarnath the traditional cultural programmes were also organized to know about the non-tangible cultural heritage of India which has much attracted and excited to G20 delegates.





The visit of G-20 delegates on 27th August, 2023 at Excavated Remains Sarnath and Archaeological Museum Sarnath was very successful.
