

Visit of G-20 delegates at Excavated Remains Sarnath & Archaeological Museum Sarnath on 13.06.2023

It's a pleasure to mention here that India has taken over the G-20 Presidency on 1st December, 2022 for One year. Under India's Chair, over 200 meetings will be conducted PAN India in more than 56 cities covering all States/UTs. In this regard, it has decided that there will be six meeting in Varanasi of the G-20 delegates. The 2nd summit has organized at Varanasi in the month of June from 11th to 14th June 2023. Delegates of G-20 nearly about 30 members of Foreign External Ministers and more than 150 other G-20 delegates attended in Development Working Group Meeting at Varanasi and also visited Sarnath on 13.06.2023. This year the theme of G-20 is "One Earth, One Family and One Future".

On 13th June 2023 the delegates of G-20 countries accompanied by the representative of Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India visited Excavated Remains Sarnath and Archaeological Museum Sarnath.

Dr. S. Jai Shankar, External Affairs Minister, Govt. of India was the Chief Host from India and was always present with the G-20 delegates. First of all the G-20 delegates teams reached on 13.06.2023 at about 9.30 AM and visited Excavated Remains Sarnath, Director General of Archaeological Survey of India, Prof. Kishore K. Basa welcomed the G-20 delegates on the main entrance gate of Excavated Remains Sarnath by offering Golden scarf khata (a traditional ceremonial scarf in Buddhism) and Gurmeet Chawla, Additional Director General (Adm.), ASI welcomed by presenting brochures of Sarnath Site and Museum. Other officials of ASI welcomed to the G-20 delegates.







Dr. N. K. Sinha, Director (Museums), ASI addressed the G-20 guests and delivered a brief speech about the importance of Excavated Remains Sarnath and also explained about the Archaeological Site Museum Sarnath is the oldest site museum of ASI. Sarnath Museum building was completed in 1910 and from then it was open for the public. The famous Ashokan Lion Capital of 3rd century B.C. was also discovered from Sarnath Excavated site in 1904 C.E. After impendence of India this Lion capital has declared as the National Emblem of Republic of India.

This time G-20 delegates were in huge numbers. So this office of ASI made a group of 15th to 20th of G-20 guests in a group and provided them a tourist guide for explaining the brief history of the Excavated Remain Sarnath and also about the Sarnath Museum. Other officials of ASI Sarnath Circle, Horticulture and Science Branch were deputed to various places at the Excavated Remains Sarnath and Site Museum Sarnath. All the officials of ASI were also very nicely and warm welcomed to the G-20 delegates. By seeing the hospitality of ASI, Sarnath Circle the G-20 delegates were very impressive and desire to visit once again at this holistic pilgrimage site where the Lord Buddha has delivered his first sermon in 6th century B.C.E.







The visit of G-20 delegates on 13th June 2023 at Excavated Remains Sarnath and Archaeological Museum Sarnath was very successful.
