Visit of G-20 delegates at Archaeological Museum Sarnath and Excavated Remains Sarnath on 18.04.2023

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 first summit has organized successfully at Varanasi from 17th April to 19th April, 2023. This year the theme of G-20 is "One Earth, One Family and One Future".

In the evening of 18th April 2023, the delegates of Agricultural Working Groups for G-20 countries which was accompanied by the officials of Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India and Local State Administration visited Archaeological Museum, Sarnath and Excavated Remains at Sarnath. The nodal officer deputed by Archaeological Survey of India Col. Arunendra Kumar, Joint Director General (Finance) and official and staff of Sarnath Circle including Science Branch, Sarnath welcomes the G-20 delegates at the main entrance of the Sarnath Museum and offered the Golden scarf Khata (a traditional ceremonial scarf in Buddhism) and presented set of brouchers of important protected monument & site of Varanasi which are published by Sarnath Circle, Archaeological Survey of India.

After the visit of the Archaeological Museum, the G-20 delegates proceeded toward the Excavated Remains, Sarnath. The G-20 delegates were once again welcome with flowers and shower of rose petal at the entrance of the site. The delegates visit both the places during dusk time. Archaeological Museum and Excavated Remains Sarnath were beautifully illuminated in permanent nature for the welcome of the delegates as well as for the public.

Sarnath is the place where Lord Buddha has given his first sermon, it is also the birth and salvation (*kaivlaya*) place of 11th Jain Tirthankara Sreyansanatha. Varanasi is also the land of most important pilgrimage centre for Hindu since long period. It is also believe in the Hindu mythology that, one who grace to die in the land of Varanasi would attain salvation and get freedom from the cycle of birth and rebirth. A local person master in emitting sound from conch shell has also welcome the G-20 delegates by emitting sound when the G-20 delegates were entering in Excavated Remains Sarnath.

Traditional cultural programmes were also organized to attract and excited to G-20 delegates near the entrance gate at Archaeological Excavated Remains Sarnath by the

cultural artists. An open air photo-exhibition was also displayed towards the southern side of Dhamekh Stupa.

Lastly, the delegates watched Light and Sound Show at the Excavated Remains Sarnath Site and knew about the detail life history of Lord of Buddha. The G-20 guests had given many-many thanks to Archaeological Survey of India.

Welcomes G-20 delegates at the main entrance of the Sarnath Museum

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Illumination of Excavated Remains Sarnath

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Emitting sound from conch shell by a local vendor to welcome G-20 delegate

Displayed G-20 logo at Excavated Remains Sarnath

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G-20 delegates welcome with shower of rose petal & flowers at the entrance gate

Another view of

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Open air photo-exhibition at Dhamekh Stupa

Delegates watched Light and Sound Show at the Excavated Remains Sarnath Site

A view of Light and Sound Show

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