

Programmes organized by Victoria Memorial Hall

August 2010

1. Five members of the Restoration Unit participated in the training course **“Orientation Workshop on Care and Maintenance of Cultural Heritage”** organized by the National Research Laboratory for Conservation of Cultural Properties” (NRLC), Lucknow from 2 August to 13 August, 2010.
2. Organized in-house Hindi Workshop on **“Noting and Drafting in Hindi”** conducted by Shri G.D. Keswani, former Deputy Director, Raj Bhasa on 21 August, 2010.
3. Organized a special lecture entitled **“Mughal Miniatures: Portraits under the Imperial Mughals”** delivered by Dr. Taran Kr. Biswas, Director, Birla Academy of Art and Culture, Kolkata on 30 August, 2010 at VMH.

Shri Ramananda Bandyopadhyay, renowned painter presided over the talk.

4. Organized in-house illustrated lecture cum seminar on **“Conservation of Stone Objects”** delivered by Professor K.K. Jain, Project Officer and Head, National Research Laboratories for Conservation of Cultural Properties, Mysore on 30 August, 2010.

September 2010

1. Organized an exhibition on the achievements and activities of VMH on the theme **“Striving towards the Glorious India”** in the 14th National Exhibition in collaboration with Central Calcutta science and Culture Organization for Youth from **3 – 8 September, 2010 at Amaravati Maidan, Sodepur, Kolkata- 110**. A stall of VM publication was also put up at the exhibition gallery.

2. Organized in-house Hindi competition on “**Noting and Drafting in Hindi**” and a quiz contest were organized on the occasion of Hindi Saptah during 14 - 20 September, 2010. The officers and staff of the memorial participated in the programmes.
3. Organized a special lecture entitled “**Museums and Tourism**” delivered by Dr. Alok Chowdhury, formerly Director, Dept. of Tourism, Govt. of India on 27 September, 2010 **on the occasion of International Museums Day, 2010 at VMH**. Professor C. Panda, Secretary and Curator chaired the lecture session.
4. Organized a special lecture entitled “**Manab Jeeban Shilpa–o- Rabindranath**” delivered by Professor Pabitra Sarkar, formerly Vice- Chancellor, R.B.U, Kolkata on 30 September, 2010 at VMH.
Professor Karuna Sindhu Das, Hon’ble Vice – Chancellor, R.B.U, Kolkata chaired the lecture session and spoke on the occasion.

October 2010

5. Organized the two-day National Seminar on “**The Indian National Congress and the Struggle for Independence**” in collaboration with Loreto College, Kolkata from 30 September - 1 October, 2010 at Loreto College and VMH.

Resource persons: Professor Bharati Ray, Vice- President, ICCR (Chief Guest), Professor Sabyasachi Bhattacharya, Chairman, ICHR (Keynote), Dr. Anindita Mukhopadhyay, Lecturer, History Department, University of Hyderabad, Dr. Swarupa Gupta, Fellow, MAKAIAS, Dr. Rosinka Chaudhuri, Fellow, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Professor Kokila Joshi, Former Head, Dept. of History, R.N. Jhunjhunwala College, Mumbai, Dr. Rudranshu Mukherjee, Editor, Editorial Pages, *The Telegraph*, Calcutta, Dr. Sujata Mukherjee, Professor, Dept. of History, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, Professor Bhaskar Chakraborty,

Dept. of History, Calcutta University, Professor Ranjit Sen, Dept. of Islamic History and Culture, University of Calcutta, Dr. Ananda Bhattacharya, Asst. Director, West Bengal State Archives, Kolkata, Dr. Urvi Mukhopadhyay, Lecturer, Dept. of History, West Bengal State University, Kolkata and Professor Mushirul Hasan, Director, National Archives, New Delhi.

6. Organized monthly special lecture, “**Durgapuja – the Cultural Expression of Kolkata**” delivered by Shri Anjan Mitra, Architect, Urban Designer and Author on 29 October, 2010. Shri Indrajit Chaudhury, Asst. Editor, Ananda Bazar Patrika, Kolkata and Curator, Bangiya Shahitya Parishad Museum, Kolkata chaired the lecture session.

November 2010

1. Organized spot quiz on environment and film show on the occasion of **Children’s Day** in collaboration with British Council on 14 November, 2010 at VMH.
2. Celebrating **World Heritage Week** from 19 to 25 November, 2010 with the following events.
 - Organized Photographic exhibition on “**Heritage Houses in the Chitpore Road Neighbourhood**” in collaboration with Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan, Kolkata from 19 November – 12 December, 2010 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.(except Mondays)
 - A special lecture on “**Aesthetics in Indian Heritage Sculptures**” delivered by Professor Pradip Kr. Bhattacharya in collaboration with Government College of Art & Craft on 22 November, 2010. Shri Shankar Ghosh, noted Sculptor chaired the lecture session.

- Symposium on “**Reinventing Crafts for the 21st Century**” in collaboration with Crafts Council of West Bengal on 23 November, 2010, 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p. m.
- A special lecture on “**Conservation of Heritage: Whose responsibility?**” delivered by Dr. O.P. Agarwal, Director-General, Indian Council of Conservation Institutes, Lucknow on 24 November, 2010. Professor Samir Rakshit chaired the lecture session.
- An illustrated talk on “**Conserve and Revive Calcutta’s Built Heritage**” delivered by Shri Manish Chakraborti, Director, M/s Continuity, Conservation & Architectural Design Practice on 25 November, 2010.

December 2010

1. A special talk on “**The art of modern Bengali artist Gaganendranath Tagore**” delivered by Emilia Terracciano, collaborative Ph.D Award student working in conjunction with Professor Deborah Swallow at the Courtauld Institute of Art and Divia Patel, Curator, South Asia at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London on 2nd December, 2010 at VMH.
2. Victoria Memorial Hall observed “**World Disability Day**” with the children of AHEAD on 3rd December, 2010 at VMH with the following programmes.
 - Gallery Visit
 - Fancy Dress Competition
 - Puppet Show
3. A special lecture on “**Museum Publications**” delivered by Prof. Atul Chandra Bhowmick, formerly Head, Dept. of Museology, Calcutta University on 24 December, 2010 at VMH.

Professor Sachindranath Bhattacharya chaired the lecture session.

4. Organized “**Music for the Festive Season**” by Calcutta Chamber Orchestra Quintet from 27 to 31 December, 2010, daily 3.00 to 4.30 p.m.