

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY, MUSEUMS AND
HERITAGE, MYSORE

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**DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY, MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE,
MYSORE**

Annual Report for the year 2012-13

The Directorate of Archaeology and Museums which was established in the year 1885 has been merged with Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage which had its origin in the year 2004 vide Government order No. kasamvapura 10 kmu 2012 dated 23-2-2012. The Commissioner has been appointed as the Head of the Department after restructuring of the Department.

The Department is rendering service in the field of Art & Culture. All its activities have been taken up under plan & Non-Plan head.

The important functions of the Department include Archaeological Explorations, Excavations, Conservation of Ancient Monuments, Publication of academic books, Development and maintenance of Museums besides Registration of Antiquities and organizing Cultural and Educational activities etc.,

The Department has been preserving invaluable ancient sculptures, stone edicts, coins, copper plates, etc., in the departmental Museums for the sake of posterity which were not under proper care.

The Department has been carrying out the conservation and developmental works relating to the heritage buildings in six heritage areas namely: Mysore, Srirangapatna, Bidar, Gulbarga, Bijapur and Kittur.

Sri. P. S. Vasthrad, I.A.S., has been in charge of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage as its Commissioner.

The Department has in its administrative jurisdiction the office of the Deputy Director, at Mysore (Heritage), Gulbarga, Bangalore, Dharwad and Kamalapur (Hampi). There are about 13 Museums in places like Bangalore,

Chitradurga, Shimoga, Mysore, Srirangapatna, Hassan, Madikeri, Mangalore, Kittur, Gadag, Gulbarga, Raichur, Hoovinahadagalli. There is Venkatappa Art Gallery is functioning in Bangalore, there is a Sculpture Gallery at Athani.

The staff position of the Department of Archaeology, Museums, and Heritage during the year under report is as follows:

Group	No.of post sanctioned	No.of post filled	Male	Female	SC	ST	Vacant post
A	11	8	08	-	5	-	3
B	7	3	02	1	-	-	4
C	87	58	39	19	10	9	29
D	119	76	60	16	26	13	43
Total	224	145	109	36	43	22	79

Cadre and Recruitment Rules:

The Department of Archaeology & Museums, has got its own Cadre and Recruitment Rules vide Government notification No. ITY 67 KMU 86 dated 28-2-1992. Suitable proposal is being submitted to Government to have revised C & R in view of the restructuring of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage. In the same way suitable amendment is being proposed to the government for the amendment of Karnataka Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1957.

SUPERANNUATION/RETIREMENT:

During the period 2012-13 in total 13 officials have retired from service. Out of which one is a Group 'A' Officer, 2 are Group 'C' and the remaining 9 are Group 'D' officials.

ACTS AND RULES:

The Department of Archaeology, museum and Heritage has the following Acts and Rules for its function.

1. The Karnataka Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1961 and Rules 1965.
2. The Karnataka Treasure Trove Act 1962 and Rules 1963.

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES: -

The Department is often getting requests from individuals and institutions in the form of grievances concerning conservation of monuments. They are being looked into on priority basis keeping in view the budgetary allocations.

Details of Budget and Expenditure During 2012-13 (Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl. No	Particulars	Budget (B.E)	Expenditure Upto March 2013
1	Plan	5300.00	4655.30
2	Non-plan	700.70	673.36
	Total	6000.70	5328.66

On Going Plan Programs:-

The Department has implemented all the Plan schemes which were approved in the Government order No. kasamvapra 81 KMU 2012, dated 03-05-2012 during the year, under the “On-going plan schemes” of the First year of the Twelfth five year Plan. Under plan scheme Rs. 5300.00 lakh has been earmarked. out of which Rs. 4655.30 lakh has been spent.

Accordingly the important programs have been implemented under different schemes. A brief note on the achievements is as follows:-

PROGRAMS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT

SEMINARS, ARCHAEOLOGICAL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS AND FUNCTIONS:

1. **Heritage Preservation Week celebrations** were conducted at Bangalore on 16th August 2012 in association with Karnataka Ithihasa Academy (Regd.) Bangalore.
2. A two day Seminar on “History and Archaeology of Bijapur District “ was arranged on 27th and 28th of November 2012 at Bijapur.
3. A two day Seminar on “History and Archaeology of Chamarajanagar District “ was arranged on 26th and 27th of February 2013 at Chamarajanagar.
4. In association with Peetadhipathi, Sri Sudarshana Narasimha Kshethra, Mysore a national level two day seminar was arranged in the auditorium of this Department at Mysore on 18th, 19th March 2013. The subject of the seminar was being the “ Kurmavataara “ in religion, literature and Art.

Exhibitions:

On the occasion of Dasara Festivities 2012, the Department had organized colour photographic exhibition on Mysore Dasara Heritage in the hall of the Office of the Directorate at Mysore

CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS

During the present financial year under the plan 3 ongoing works and 73 new works of monuments were taken up and also executed for conservation.

Under 13th finance commission grants in total 89 works were taken up. They are under different stages of progress.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

During the present financial year 2 research publications namely History and Archaeology of Bangalore District and The Study of Vijayanagara voume-17 were brought out.

PROGRAMS OF HERITAGE ACTIVITIES:-

1. On behalf of the Department the grant was released to 135 Heritage clubs through 112 Degree colleges and 23 Pre university colleges.
2. 9 Workshops, 13 Art camps, 5 seminars, 3 Heritage walks and 4 other Programs were carried out.

DEVELOPMENT OF MUSEUMS:

During the year the development of 12 museums was carried out.

PROGRAM OF WORKS UNDER NON PLAN

Conservation of Monuments

Mainly, the Department has carried out 6 conservation works under ongoing works and 6 conservation works under new works.

Public Private partnership (PPP) :

For Conservation of works in association with Sri. Dharmastala Manjunatheswara Dharmothana Trust Rs. 80.00 lakh has been released to the said trust.

Grant –in-Aid :

Under the head of account 2205-00-103-0-18 101 Grant –in- aid Rs. 30.00 lakh and Rs. 31.93 lakhs under Plan and non-plan schemes respectively has been

released for the maintenance of Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority during the year 2012-13.

REVENUE RECEIPTS:-

Revenue receipts have been made from different sources during the year 2012-13. The details are as follows:

Sl.No	Revenue from Different sources & Head of Account	Revenue receipts Rs. in lakh
1)	Receipts from Museums	6.53
2)	Receipts from Sale of Publications	5.45
3)	Collection from Right to Information Act	0.02
	Total Rs.	12.00

THE DETAILS REGARDING THE QUESTIONS OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL/ASSURANCE/LOKA SABHA AND RAJYA SABHA QUESTIONS

Sl.no.	Subject	Legislative Assembly	Legislative Council	Loka Sabha/ Raja Sabha	Assurance
1)	Administrative matters	4	3	-	-
2)	Conservation Wing	5	-	2	15
	Total	9	3	2	15

RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT:-

60 Applications which were received by this Department have been considered and duly replied.

THE DETAILS OF TRAININGS ACQUIRED BY THE OFFICERS AND STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT

- 1) The department has organized a 10 day practical training on “Archaeological exploration” to the officers and Staffs.
- 2) The department has deputed 3 officials to 5 day workshop on “manuscript Conservation” organized by the “Keladi Manuscript Conservation Centre” at Keladi.
- 3) Department has deputed 3 officials to a workshop on “zoo garden visitors” which was organized by “The Regional Museum of Natural History, Mysore.

PENDING AUDIT PARA’S IN THE DEPARTMENT

At present there are 12 Audit Para’s and 3 C.A.G. Reports pending with this Department.

The Audit of the Accounts of this Department has been carried out by the Accountant General for the year 2011-12. The Audit for 2012-13 is yet to be taken up by the AG’s party.

DETAILS OF COURT CASES

Sl.No	Name of the Court	Total cases	Cases settled	Cases to be settled
1)	Supreme Court	3	1	2
2)	High Court of Karnataka	10	6	4
3)	Karnataka Administrative Tribunal	3	-	3
4)	Labour Court	1	-	1
5)	JMFC Local courts	3	1	2
	Total	20	8	12

As explained the various activities assigned to the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage have been carried out during the year 2012-13 satisfactorily.

Commissioner
Archaeology, Museums and Heritage
Department, Mysore.