



## Museums – reflecting the art of conservation

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**Abstract:** Museum management is a very important challenges being faced. As a museum asserts its public service its role is very essential A museum relates to public accountability. All museums are expected to have a formally as it asserts educational & academic resources. This paper focuses on the importance of museums in this digital era & asserts the challenges faced by museums in maintaining public accountability. Museum's collections provide a greater understanding of cultural & natural heritage through non formal education & greater learning experience about our heritage. They should engage in current comprehensive timely & formal planning of conservation of artifacts. This should involve all stake holders of the community.

**Key words:** museum management, challenges, need for planning, role of stake holders of the community

### Introduction

A Museum can acquire, store, and exhibit collections on a variety of topics & sub themes. Besides it can Design, organize, and conduct tours and workshops for the public. A Museum can clean objects such as ancient tools, implements, coins, cookware, pottery, idols, statues etc. A Museum can Direct and supervise curatorial, technical, and student staff & India being a land of innumerable historical artifacts can become a great platform for museums management. A Museum can Plan and conduct special research projects for scholars both indigenous & foreign.

### Benefits to children

A Museum exposes the children towards practical learning.

1. it enriches learning experiences
2. it supports exploration
3. it enlarges their perceptions
4. it supports conceptualization

**Benefits to individuals** -Museum needs people with interest in history culture & heritage .Personal skills are very important. He should be able to communicate with people of all ages with right time management skills. He should be culturally sensitive & aware of nation's legacy.

### Careers in museum conservation

He should be good in

- Digital photography
- Photoshop, Adobe Suite
- Fall Arrest Training
- French language skills



- Fire Prevention Training
- Experience working with databases
- Other languages

#### Career

- archivist/collections manager/registrar
- curator
- museum interpreter/guide
- outreach and extension co-ordinator
- exhibit designer/co-ordinator
- education officer
- fundraiser
- museum manager

#### Functions of a museum

1. A Museum can Acquire, store, and exhibit collections on a variety of topics & sub themes.
2. A Museum can Select the theme and design of exhibits such as Collections on Sepoy Mutiny , Salt satyagraha , II world war , Quit India Movement ,
3. A Museum can Design, organize, and conduct tours and workshops for the public
4. A Museum can attend Community meetings and civic events to promote their institution & make all stake holders aware of the historical items displayed.

5. A Museum can clean objects such as ancient tools, implements, coins, cookware , pottery , idols , statues etc
6. A Museum can Direct and supervise curatorial, technical, and student staff & India being a land of innumerable historical artifacts can become a great platform for museums management
7. A Museum can Plan and conduct special research projects for scholars both indigenous & foreign.

#### Types of museums -There are museum which

1. Historical items,
2. Metallic items,
3. Epigraphic collections,
4. Coins,
5. Pre historic objects ,
6. Stone objects ,
7. Wooden crafts etc.

#### Government support to conservation

- A National museum institute of history , art & conservation has been established with the need to initiate advanced studies in the areas of History of Art, Conservation, and Museology in 1983. The foremost objective of the Department of History of Art is to promote creativity, excellence and engagement in its core functions of teaching, learning and research. Emphasis on innovation and improving cultural education is critical not only in creating better career prospects for our students but also for



safeguarding our rich cultural heritage. The Department offers a wide range of courses on Indian, Asian and Western Art.

### **Challenges of museum maintenance**

1. Managing a museum is very challenging because there has been threats from several angles

2. There is the threat from burglars , smugglers , idols black marketing , international smuggling mafia groups

3. Museum always face the threat from pests insects & worms.

4. Libraries suffer from e pests which cause threat to the library collections & public health. Rodent and cockroach infestations are of particular concern to such agencies because of their potential for disease transmission to people.

5. Staff and public of the library fee allegoric to pests. Mice, cockroaches, and other insects generate fear and anxiety in the minds of many individuals. People hesitate to work in or visit an infested facility.

6. Economic losses are created not only by the direct replacement costs of books and materials, but also by expenditures required to salvage, conserve, and restore the materials damaged by the mold growth brought on by such catastrophes.

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