



International Museum Day

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Why in News

Ministry of Culture hosted a webinar on “Revitalising Museums and Cultural Spaces” to celebrate the International Museum Day.

The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) created by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) provided technical assistance for conducting the Webinar.

Key Points

- **International Museum Day 18 May** The is celebrated every year on to raise awareness about the fact that “museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples.”
- **2020 theme “Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion”**. The International Museum Day was celebrated with the
- **instituted in 1977 by the International Council of Museums (ICOM)**. International Museum Day was

International Council of Museum

- ICOM is the main and only organisation of museums and museum professionals with global scope, committed to promotion and protection of natural and cultural heritage, present and future, tangible and intangible.
- **headquartered in Paris, France**. It was created in 1946 and is It serves as a network of museum professionals (35,000 members in 137 countries) acting in a wide range of museum- and heritage-related disciplines.

Administration of Museums in India

- Multiple ministries hold charges of various Museums.
- **Ministry of Culture.** Not all Museums are administered by the
- **under a Board of Trustees.** Some are run without government support by a handful of people
- **The Budget 2020 Institute of Heritage and Conservation** proposed the setting up of an Indian with the status of a deemed university under the Ministry of Culture.
- **The National Portal and Digital Repository for Indian Museums** (under the Ministry of Culture) have been launched for digitisation of the collections of the Museums.

Notable Museums in India

- National Museum, New Delhi (Subordinate Office under the Ministry of Culture)
- National Gallery of Modern Art, Bengaluru
- Victoria Memorial Hall (VMH), Kolkata
- Asiatic Society, Kolkata
- National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), New Delhi

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