

# Visit to HP State Museum

Report on Educational Tour to Himachal Pradesh State Museum Shimla on 15th Nov 2019

**Introduction:** On 15th November 2019, the History department of Government College Sanjauli organized an educational tour to Himachal Pradesh State Museum Shimla. The tour was attended by 60 students who were studying history as part of their undergraduate degree program. The objective of the tour was to provide the students with an opportunity to learn about the rich cultural heritage and history of Himachal Pradesh.

**Description of the Museum:** The Himachal Pradesh State Museum Shimla is located in the heart of the city and is a repository of the state's history, culture, art and craft, and the ancient civilization of the region. The museum is spread over two floors and has six galleries, each highlighting a different aspect of Himachal Pradesh's rich cultural heritage. The galleries included Numismatics, Archaeology, Anthropology, Art Gallery, Philately, and Heritage Gallery.

**Highlights of the Tour:** The tour started with an introductory talk by the museum staff, who provided an overview of the exhibits and the museum's history. The students were then divided into smaller groups and were taken on a guided tour of the museum. The first gallery they visited was the Numismatics gallery, which had a vast collection of coins from various eras, including coins from the Mauryan period, the Gupta period, and the Mughal era.

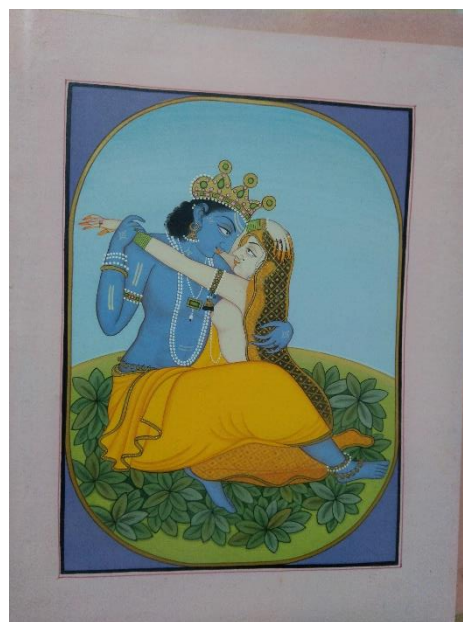
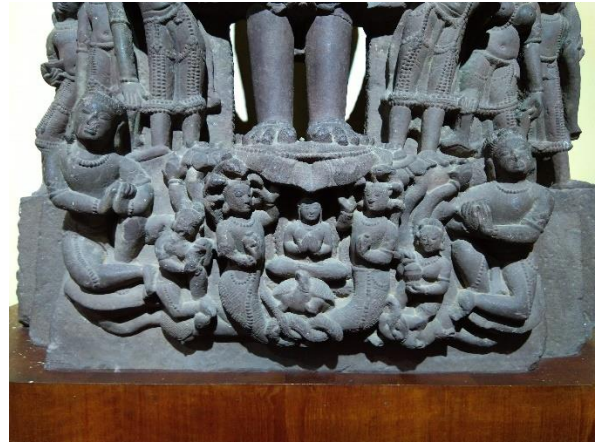
The second gallery was the Archaeology gallery, which showcased the ancient history of the state. The exhibits included stone sculptures, inscriptions, and artifacts from the Indus Valley civilization, which provided the students with a glimpse of the ancient civilization of the region.

The Anthropology gallery provided an insight into the culture and lifestyle of the people of Himachal Pradesh. The exhibits included traditional dresses, jewelry, musical instruments, and household items, which gave the students a better understanding of the region's culture and traditions.

The Art gallery showcased a range of artworks, including paintings, sculptures, and other artworks created by local artists. The Philately gallery showcased a collection of stamps from various periods, including stamps from the British Raj era and the post-independence period.

The tour ended with a visit to the Heritage gallery, which showcased the history of Himachal Pradesh from the pre-independence era to the present day. The gallery had

exhibits on the state's freedom struggle, its contribution to the Indian armed forces, and the state's progress and development over the years.





Conclusion: The educational tour to Himachal Pradesh State Museum Shimla provided the students of the History department of Government College Sanjauli with a valuable learning experience. The tour helped the students gain a better understanding of the rich cultural heritage and history of Himachal Pradesh, which will be beneficial to their academic pursuits and personal growth. The tour was a success, and the students expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to learn and explore the museum.



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