

Evaluation of Museum Resources in State Museum Lucknow: A Case Study

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ABSTRACT: *The paper throws light on the Evaluation of Museum Resources in State Museum Lucknow: A Case Study on the topic was conducted and finding of the study are discussed in detail in the paper. The study focuses on the various resources of the museum. This study also explains the cultural resources of the Museum, Human Resources, Sections of the Museum, and Services of the Museum and also includes some other things.*

Keyword: *Museum, Cultural Resource, Human Resource*

I. INTRODUCTION

Lucknow is the capital and culturally tourist attraction place of Uttar Pradesh in India. Lucknow is the famous place for chikan Embroidery work. It has some important heritage in the form of Ancient Architecture, Museum, and Historic Buildings etc. The State Museum Lucknow is situated at Banarsibagh, Zoo Campus, Lucknow (U.P.). Earlier it was located at the historic Choti Chattar Manzil. It was established in the year 1863. The human-made remaining and things related to the past are the valuable source of cultural history in the world as an example of Indus valley and Harappa civilization antiquities which has a great cultural importance. Present always linked with past and human being always wanted to know about the past. In this context Museum is directly connected to the visitors with its cultural resources and provide vital information to the information seekers related to the past.

II. SCOPE OF THE STUDY

This study covers the State Museum Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) and has been used for evaluating the museum resources.

III. OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

The study was carried out keeping in view the several objectives: These objectives are as follows:

- To study about the status of State Museum Lucknow.
- To assess the Museum Resources.
- To find out the various collection of the Museum.
- To determine the Human Resources of the Museum.
- To evaluate the sections and services of the Museum.
- To explore the preservation Agency adopted by the Museum.

IV. METHODOLOGY

A questionnaire was designed for the study and it was distributed to the Director of State Museum Lucknow (U.P.). and the analysis is done on the basis of filled questionnaire from the Director of State Museum Lucknow (U.P.).

Analysis of the study

The analysis is done on the basis of filled questionnaire from the Director of State Museum Lucknow (U.P.).

Table 1 Cultural Resources of the Museum

S.N.	Types of Cultural Resource	Total no.
1	Sculpture	3463 App.
2	Coin	1,40,000 App.
3	Manuscript	320 App.
4	Bronzes (Metal)	500 App.
5	Painting	1700 App.
6	Archive	-
7	Inscription	105 App.
8	Terracotta	4118 App.
9	Dress & Jewellery	-
10	Bone (Ivory)	135 App.
11	Artifact	-
12	Seal (Copper Plate)	164 App.
13	Clay Seal	554 App.
14	Textile	735 App.
15	Weapon	500 App.
16	Statue	-
17	Photograph	-
18	Ancient Pottery	1827 App.
19	Mummy	1
20	Any Other (Natural History)	Around 6000

Table 1 shows the type of cultural resources as a collection of the museum. Different types of coins in huge amount are available in this museum. The major source of collection contains sculptures, manuscripts, paintings, seals, weapons, textiles, terracottas etc. This museum has also a mummy which is an attraction point of visitors in the museum.

Collection of Library in the Museum

Books on numerous topics and field are in the museum library. Approx. 21,050 books and approx. 4,950 journals are available in the museum.

Table 2 Human Resource

S.N.	Name of the Post	Total Number
1.	Director	1
2.	Deputy Director	-
3.	Assistant Director	6
4.	Keeper	-
5.	Guide Lecture/Museum Lecture	2
6.	Security Officer	-
7.	Taxidermist	1
8.	Conservator	-
9.	Photographer	2
10.	Modlar	2
11.	Marksman	-
12.	Public Relation Officer	1
13.	Gallery Attendant	3
14.	Reporter	-
15.	Chemist	2
16.	Any Other	-
TOTALSTAFF		20

Table 2 shows the staff strength of the museum. Total 20 staff is working in the museum. Museum is also demanding technical staff, security staff and class fourth employees for smooth functioning of the museum.

Table 3 Services and Sections of the Museum

S.N.	Museum Services
01	Guide Service Free of Cost
02	Publication Service
03	Educational Activities
04	Museum Shop

Table 3 shows the museum services which are providing by the museum to the visitors as well as tourist such as guide service which is providing free of cost to the visitors and also museum is providing publication service, educational activities, museum shop etc. services to the visitors and helping to the research. Museum also has 26 sections for displaying all the cultural resource in effective way.

V. CONCLUSION

The State museum Lucknow has Archaeological Artifacts, Paintings, Variety of Coins in a large amount, Manuscripts, Natural History Objects & Mummy of a Girl from Egypt apart from other Artifacts. These are few of the important Objects Preserved in the Museum. Museum has also a Separate Library in which Books on numerous topics & field are available in the Library of Museum and journals are also available in the Museum Library. In this Museum Total 20 staff is working and 26 sections are available in the Museum for Effective Presentation and Display of Museum Objects. The Condition of Museum Building is good and Fire Extinguisher Equipment is available in the Museum. Museum is also Adopting Some Agency to preserve the Cultural Resources like NMM, Govt. of India, and NRLC. The State Museum Lucknow is providing Some Services to the visitors such as Guide Service with free of cost, Publication Service, Educational Activities, Museum Shop etc.

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