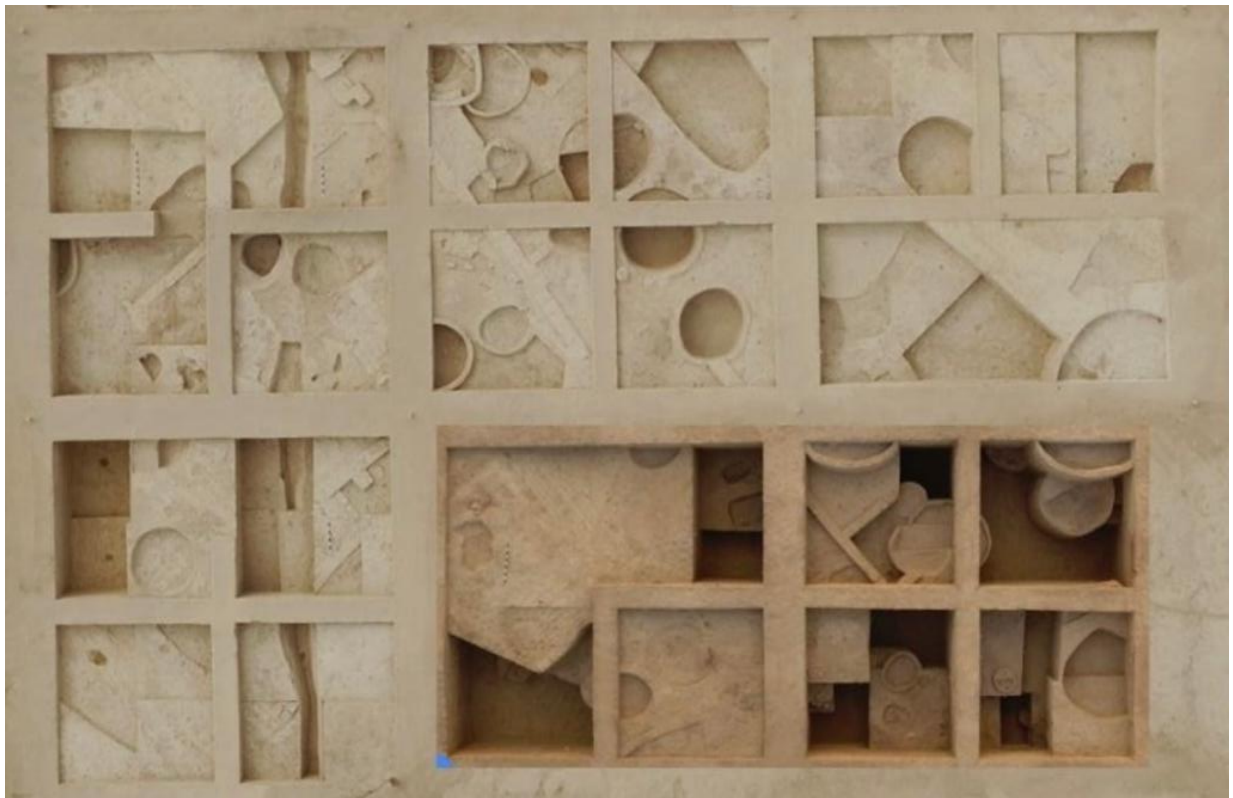


Indian Institute of Heritage

(Formerly National Museum Institute)



Drone View of a Few Trenches at Kunal

Department of Archaeology

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About Indian Institute of Heritage (Formerly National Museum Institute)

The Indian Institute of Heritage is a deemed to be University under the Ministry of Culture. The Institute offers full-time M.A. and Ph.D. courses in the disciplines of History of Art, Conservation, Museology, Archaeology, and Palaeography, Epigraphy & Numismatics. The institute was formerly the National Museum Institute of the History of Art, Conservation and Museology was formed and registered on January 27, 1989 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and was accorded the status of 'Deemed to be University' on April 28, 1989. Since its inception, the Institute has been one of the leading centres in the country for training and research in the field of art and cultural heritage. With the new name, the Indian Institute of Heritage aspires to reach new heights and provide holistic learning through the new courses.

M.A. Archaeology

India is a land of cultural diversity. Archaeological evidences prove the country's rich cultural heritage. Archaeology is a field which involves systematic unearthing of the past through various scientific processes. It also encompasses the understanding, interpretation, and analysis of the past human practices which have shaped the mankind's present. Archaeology as a field also dwells into the relationship of man with his environment, be it flora, fauna, or other human communities. The field of Archaeology also interacts with many other subject areas such as history, history of art, anthropology, palaeography, epigraphy, numismatics, art conservation, museology, etc. In this era of rejuvenating interest in the field of history and allied disciplines, archaeology finds a unique place, representing a perfect cusp of science, technology, history, and culture studies.

The Indian Institute of Heritage is one of the few higher education institutions in India offering full-time M.A. and Ph.D. degree in Archaeology. Leading field archaeologist, numismatist, art critic, and the Vice-Chancellor of the Indian Institute of Heritage, Professor Dr. B.R. Mani, is heading the department. The M.A. (Archaeology) programme envisions engaging young minds in unearthing and understanding our rich cultural heritage by imparting knowledge and training in a holistic manner. The Department looks forward to a close collaboration with cultural institutions such as the Archaeological Survey of India, the Institute of Archaeology, State Archaeological departments, museums, and other similar institutions to provide the best exposure and practical experience to the students pursuing this course.

In pursuit of training students with an interdisciplinary approach, the Department ardently looks forward to establishing dynamic relationship with esteemed art, culture, and heritage institutions in India and abroad.

In the spirit of fostering a profound appreciation for the past and conserving it for the future, the Department strives to inculcate in the students a deep sense of respect and responsibility towards cultural heritage management.

Importance & Scope

In this age of globalisation, it is important to understand human behaviour and how different people and cultures interact. Training in Archaeology and allied fields is crucial to preserve the past, manage the present, and shape the future of mankind.

Getting trained in theoretical and practical aspects of Archaeology expands the scope of the pass-outs in meaningfully involving themselves in interdisciplinary areas such as archaeological/historical/sociological research and teaching, language and cultural studies, museum curation, heritage management, etc.

Why us?

The Indian Institute of Heritage is one of the very few higher education institutes in the country that provides state of the art facilities in diverse areas of art and culture studies. One of the unique features of this Institute is its strong and continuous collaborations with leading museums and cultural institutions of India. These enable well-designed practical sessions for the students in the form of archaeological site visits, museum visits, and the like. The special features of the Department of Archaeology are:

Expert Faculty

Renowned scholars teach and interact with students to help them in various academic and research activities. Students are taught different aspects of heritage studies such as field archaeology, numismatics, palaeography, etc.

Hands-On Experience

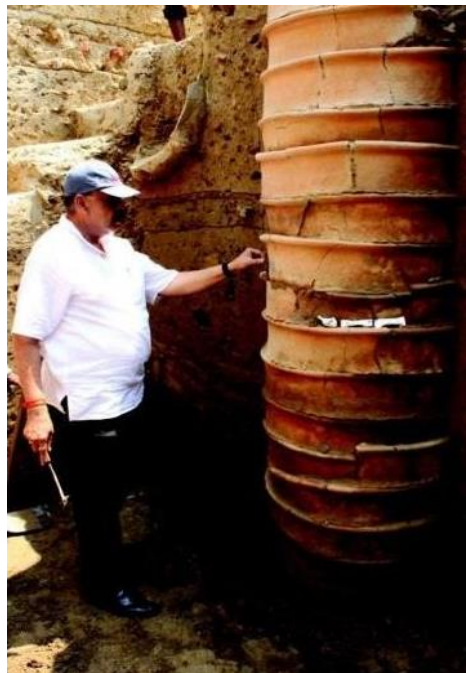
Participate in site visits and archaeological excavations, museum visits

Interdisciplinary Approach

Theory and practical sessions boast of interdisciplinary approach, enabling students to explore various facets of history, archaeology, culture studies, research methodology and many more.

Internship & scholarship opportunities

Meritorious students are offered internship and scholarship opportunities.



Prof. (Dr.) B.R. Mani involved in excavation at Rajghat, Varanasi

Career prospects

The academic training offered by this department may enable the students to see themselves in government and non-government sectors as:

Archaeologist

Work with Archaeological Survey of India and its State Archaeology departments on archaeological excavations, archaeological research, etc.

Historian

Specialize in historical research, focusing on the history and culture of specific regions or time periods

Museum Professional

Working in a museum as curator, educator, content manager, etc. Curate exhibitions at museums and heritage institutions, showcasing historical scripts and artifacts.

Academician

Teach and conduct research in varied areas of history, archaeology and cultural heritage at universities and research institutions.

Cultural Heritage Manager

Manage and preserve cultural heritage sites, archives, and collections.



Left: Prof. (Dr.) B.R. Mani on the Kunal Excavation site 2017-18

Right: Prof. (Dr.) B.R. Mani at Lal Kot 1994-95: Geo Radar Survey in Anang Tal

Admissions 2023-24

Join us in preserving and understanding our rich heritage. Admissions are now open for M.A. in Archaeology

Eligibility: A graduate degree from a recognised university with minimum 50% marks or equivalent grade in any of the following subjects: History; Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology; Sanskrit; Pali; Chinese; Tibetan; Geology; Anthropology; History of Art; Museology

Desirable: Field experience/proficiency in computer application

Eligibility criteria for In-service personnel: In service personnel working with Central Government/ State Government/ Autonomous organization / Universities funded by Central or State Government / NGOs (in that order) with at least 5 years regular service, having the above required qualification, will also be eligible to apply.

Admission procedure: A written test of one hour duration followed by personal interaction

Last date to Apply: 30th August, 2023 (up to 05:00 PM).

Date of Written Test and Personal Interaction: The date of entrance exam is 11.09.2023. The one-hour written test will be conducted from 10:00 am onwards. This will be followed by personal interaction.

Number of Seats: Fifteen

Syllabus for the Entrance Exam

- a. Prehistory, protohistory and history
- b. Understanding of the role of archaeology in society
- c. History and Elements of Archaeology
- d. Role of natural sciences in Archaeology
- e. Ancient Indian religions and philosophy
- f. Development of civilizations
- g. Ancient civilizations
- h. Archaeology & Literature
- i. Early India: Sources & Modes of Interpretation
- j. Early India: sculptural art and painting, iconography, architecture, inscriptions and coins
- k. Concept of 'site' in archaeology, categories of sites

Visit the "News and Events" section on our website <http://www.nmi.gov.in/> for details.



Prof. (Dr.) B.R. Mani seen during an exploration at Gao Chang, China