

International Heritage Symposium and Exhibition to be organized for the first time

Department of Science and Technology (DST) in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi is organizing the 1st International Heritage Symposium and Exhibition (IHSE) 2020 during 15-16 January 2020 at the Auditorium of the National Museum, Janpath, New Delhi.

This event will bring together (for the first time), communities from diverse disciplines such as science, technology, culture and social sciences who are engaged in conservation, preservation and management of World Heritage in physical and digital space.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister of Science, Technology and Earth Sciences will be the Chief Guest and Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Culture will be the Guest of Honour on the occasion.

The two-day event will bring about interdisciplinary dialogue to take place between scientists, academia, historians, social scientists, practitioners, musicologists, policymakers, allowing for adoption of best practices and technology to preserve world and India's heritage.

The event includes a Symposium with a line-up of distinguished invited speakers like Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary, DST, Prof. Katsushi Ikeuchi, Univ of Tokyo, Prof. Nadia Thalmann, NTU, Singapore, Prof. Santanu Chaudhury, Director, IIT-Jaipur, Ms. Anna Roy, Niti Aayog, Prof. P.J. Naranayanan, IIT Hyderabad, Prof. Sree Srinivasan, ex-Chief Digital Officer, Met Museum, New York, apart from well-known personalities from the domain of History, Arts, Performing Arts, as well as policy-makers from Ministries of Tourism, Culture, Water Resource and so on among others.

The event will be followed by a Secretary Level Panel discussion Chaired by Secretary, DST to be held on 15th January, 2020 at National Museum, Janpath, New Delhi. The event will also see the launch of 2 books on Digital Heritage including a book on Digital Hampi (www.digitalhampi.in). The occasion will also see the inauguration of a month-long Exhibition at the National Museum with major focus on latest technologies in the Heritage domain.

The foundation to this event was laid by the Indian Digital Heritage (IDH) project, which was an unique initiative of the DST supporting collaborative projects between researchers in the areas of technology and humanities for the digital documentation and interpretation of our tangible and intangible heritage.