

REPORT ON TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP ON HERITAGE AT RISK

‘Maintaining one’s culture, values and tradition is beyond price.’

On 19 April 2022, INTACH hosted a One-day Teacher Training Workshop on Heritage at Risk. This was conducted at INTACH, New Delhi, from 09:00 am to 01:30 pm. The workshop was organised on the occasion of Heritage Day celebration (18th April).

The purpose of the workshop was to offer ideas, suggestions and exercises for the teachers to engage their students on the above mentioned theme with the support of INTACH divisions and heritage specialists etc.

The session began with welcome address by Heritage Education and Communication service (HECS) with an INTACH film. The keynote address was delivered by Ms Purnima Datt [Principal Director, INTACH HECS]. She laid emphasis on the meaning of heritage and stressed upon the uniqueness of our country. She, also, mentioned about the need to sensitize our young generation on the conservation of our heritage.

The expert panel consisting of Ms. Manu Bhatnagar [Director Principal of Natural Heritage Division, INTACH], Ms. Malvika Bajaj Saini [Architectural Heritage Division, INTACH], and Nerupama Y. Modwel [Principal Director of Intangible Cultural Heritage, INTACH], touched upon different themes like loss of flora and fauna and various forms of natural assets as a result of direct or indirect human action. Ms. Malvika Bajaj Saini made a presentation on her book, ‘State of Built Heritage of India’. Ms. Nerupama Y. Modwel, talked at length about the need for preserving our intangible, cultural heritage that it provides us. This is to ensure the preservation of our culture and continuously remind us of our roots.

Presenting the varied natural and cultural heritage in an interesting and classroom-friendly manner, the teachers were encouraged to involve students to recognise, appreciate and adopt these various customs and traditions.

