

REPORT ON TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP ON FACETS OF INDIA'S UNIQUE HERITAGE

‘A nation’s culture resides in the hearts and soul of its people.’

On 18th April 2023, INTACH hosted a day long Teacher Training Workshop on ‘Facets of India’s Unique Heritage’. This was conducted at INTACH, New Delhi, from 09:00 am to 03:30 pm. The workshop was organised as part of the World Heritage Day celebration (18th April).

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

The session commenced with the welcome address by Ms Purnima Datt [Principal Director, INTACH Heritage Education and Communication service] and the INTACH film. She laid emphasis on the meaning of heritage and stressed upon the uniqueness of our country. She also mentioned about the need to sensitize the young minds on preservation of our heritage. The expert panel consisted of Dr. Ritu Singh [Project Director, Natural Heritage Division, INTACH], Dr. Swapna Liddle [Author, Historian and Convenor of Delhi Chapter of INTACH], Mr. Randhawa, IAS [Director, INTACH Knowledge centre] and Dr. Vasant Kumar Swarnkar [Director, Archeological Survey of India]. Dr. Ritu Singh spoke about the importance of ‘Millets- A historical perspective and our health’. Dr. Swapna Liddle also spoke about the vibrant heritage of Delhi with special reference to the period from 1803 to 1857. Mr. Randhawa gave an interesting insight into the vernacular architecture of the Himalayas and the north-east. Dr. Vasant Kumar Swarnkar explained how Delhi evolved, through the excavation sites, to grow into a beautiful national capital it has become now.

The workshop concluded with the address by the Chairman INTACH, Maj. Gen. L K Gupta who emphasised on the role of teachers in sensitising the students to work towards preservation of our intangible cultural heritage and to stay connected to our roots. The eminent presence of the celebrated dignitaries motivated the audience to take a pledge to work towards the preservation of our heritage sites and monuments.



