



Directory of
Museums
in **India 2003**

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

I am very happy that the Directory of Museums in India is going in the second edition since the time the first edition was published in 2000, many new museums have opened. While previously the total no. was 602 today the count is 657.

For several museums information of their collection and activities has also changed. Such changes have been incorporated in the new edition. Telephone numbers were recently changed throughout the country. We have changed all the numbers as far as possible, but it is quite, likely that in some of them the change could not be carried out only because information was not available. In such cases one may try by prefixing 2 to the old number.

Our hope will be that a new edition is brought out annually, so that any changes – additions and deletions, can be done. Considering that this is only directory of its type, which provides information on museums in India, an annual edition is more than desirable.

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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

A Directory of Museums in India was last published by the Museums Association of India in 1984. After that on account of various reasons a new edition although very much required could not be brought out. I am very happy that The Directory of Museums in India is now ready after necessary changes in the information on each museum. All the data has been completely revised and made upto date. Information on a large number of new museums set up recently have been included in this volume. Some museums, although very few have been closed down and their names have been deleted. Information has also been included on those museums which are under construction but are likely to be ready soon.

There also is a number of museums which in spite of several reminders did not send information about themselves. Hence only their names, addresses and whatever information was available with us has been mentioned here.

I have received help from various organizations and individuals in the preparation of this work. I have consulted the publication Museums of North-East India compiled and edited by R.D. Chaudhury and another publication Directory of Museums in Manipur by Smt. K. Sobita Devi. They also sent me information on museums in their respective states. I am extremely grateful to both of them.

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