

Directory of
Museums in India



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PREFACE

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 up to 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.

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