

Training in Conservation

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Workshops and Training Programmes Organized by ICCI
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Preface

The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) has always been keen to impart training in various aspects of conservation from the very beginning of its establishment. It has already organized a large number of workshops and training programmes in preventive and curative conservation. Workshops on preventive conservations were normally of 4-5 days' duration. We have done a lot of experimentation by organizing varied types of programmes and have finally come up with some really innovative techniques of teaching. We have always believed in making the teaching interesting, engaging and useful. Such workshops have been organized by different centres of ICCI and as a result practically every month or once in 2 months a workshop was held at one centre or the other.

ICCI had also collaborated with foreign institutions and invited their experts to arrange training at our institutions. One such workshop on metal techniques was arranged at Delhi by the Central Institute for Restoration, Rome. Similarly another workshop on storage of art objects was organized at Lucknow and at Varanasi by top experts of ICCROM. In many ways it was a unique workshop and gave a deep insight into understanding the intricacies of museum storage.

In another type of collaboration ICCI was invited to arrange a workshop on preventive conservation at the Post Graduate Institute of Archeological Research, Colombo.

An important feature of training workshops was to organize a series of workshops in rural areas of Orissa. In these workshops ICCI experts taught simple techniques of preservation to village folks who owned manuscripts. We can never forget the help provided by NORAD in this effort.

Another important innovation has been to organize workshops for the INTACH Chapters' Conveners and Co-conveners. It is they who

come in contact with the public and advise them on matters of preservation. It was therefore considered necessary that they should have some idea of conservation techniques also.

Mentioned in the following pages are some glimpses of various workshops and training programmes organized by ICCI since January 1, 2003. Our efforts are continuing and we are trying to cover all parts of India for spreading the mission of conservation as far and wide as possible.

In these efforts we have received full support of the various Centre Directors and staff members. Without their help these could not have been held. My heartfelt thanks are due to all of them.

We always try to have partnership programmes. Any country or any institution which wants us to hold a training programme in their institution is more than welcome to contact us and we shall always be willing to co-operate with them. As will be seen in the following chapters a large percentage of training programme were collaborative ones in partnership with other institutions.

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