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**Workshop and Exhibition on
‘Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage’
BHAGVAN- A SEARCH
(Bharat Heritage and Grandeur revitalizing National Assets)
April 14-17, 2025**

Day One-(14th April 2025)

Four-day workshop and exhibition on “**Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Heritage**” – **BHAGWAN: A SEARCH (Bharat Heritage and Grandeur – Revitalizing National Assets)** commenced on 14th April 2025 at CSIR-CBRI, Roorkee. The inaugural session opened with a warm welcome by Er. Hina Gupta, Senior Scientist, followed by an introductory address by Er. Siddharth Behera, Principal Scientist, who outlined the objectives and structure of the workshop. The session was graced by Prof. R. Pradeep Kumar, Director, CSIR-CBRI, his inspiring inaugural speech emphasized the historical significance of CSIR-CBRI since India’s independence and the critical role of conservation in safeguarding the nation’s cultural legacy. The event witnessed the presence of many esteemed dignitaries including Dr. Surajit Maiti, Sh. Tapan Bhattacharya, Dr. Achal Mittal, Sh. Nadeem Ahmad, Dr. Ajay Chaurasia, Dr. Debductta Ghosh, Dr. D.P. Kanungo, Prof. S.K. Singh, Dr. Suman Kumar, and Dr. S.K. Panigrahi. A vote of thanks was delivered by Sh. Nadeem Ahmad, expressing heartfelt gratitude to the Director, dignitaries, participants, and staff for their contributions. The inaugural day featured **seven technical lectures** by experts in the field, followed by a **heritage lab visit** that gave participants hands-on exposure to CBRI’s conservation efforts.





Inauguration Photos



Group Photo

Day Two-(15th April 2025)

Day two of the workshop began with a special session at the RNT Auditorium. The day opened with a visit to the ongoing exhibition, followed by a **traditional lamp-lighting ceremony**. Er. Hina Gupta, Senior Scientist, hosted the session and extended a heartfelt welcome to the dignitaries, participants, and students from various colleges. The event was formally inaugurated by Prof. R. Pradeep Kumar, Director, CSIR-CBRI, alongside Chief Guest Dr. Sanjay Kumar Manjul, Additional Director General, ASI, and Guest of Honour Dr. Arvin Manjul, Director, World Heritage, ASI. Dr. Debducta Ghosh, Principal Scientist, gave a comprehensive overview of the role and mission of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in conserving India's historical treasures. Er. Siddharth Behera shared technical insights on the projects led by the Heritage and Special Structures Group (HSS) of CSIR-CBRI, highlighting the application of heritage-specific software and CBRI's involvement in projects at the Taj Mahal, Mahakal, Somnath, and the Maldives. Prof. R. Pradeep Kumar inspired the audience with a speech connecting India's ancient values to present-day society, emphasizing the responsibility to protect monuments and heritage structures. The Chief Guest, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Manjul, acknowledged the pressing challenges of environmental degradation, material decay, and urban threats like waterlogging, and praised CBRI's proactive role. Dr. Arvin Manjul, introduced by Dr. Suman, elaborated on ASI's collaboration with CBRI, including the excavation and exploration project at Sinauli. The session concluded with a short film on architecture and planning, followed by the **launch of a new web application and the Centre of Excellence (CoE) website**. In the second half, three technical sessions were conducted, and the day concluded with another informative **lab visit**.







Day three-(16th April 2025)

Third day of the workshop was centered around academic and practical exchange through **seven technical lectures** delivered by experts in the field of heritage conservation. These sessions offered deep dives into new methodologies, case studies, materials science, and engineering strategies in the conservation of cultural heritage. The highlight of the day was a **panel discussion on the theme “Bridging Tradition and Technology: The Future of Heritage Conservation.”** Panelists shared insights into merging traditional wisdom with modern technology, digital tools, and data-driven decision-making for preserving ancient structures. The session served a platform between practitioners, researchers, and policymakers.



Panel Discussion

Day four-(17th April 2025)

On the final day of the workshop, participants attended **four technical sessions** that provided concluding insights into heritage restoration techniques, interdisciplinary collaborations, and field project experiences. These sessions were followed by a **brainstorming session** held at RNT Auditorium, where participants, experts, and decision-makers collaboratively discussed future strategies, opportunities for research, and policy support in the domain of heritage conservation. The workshop culminated with a **valedictory program**, where participants were felicitated with **certificates of participation**.







Certificate Distribution