

**ORISSA STATE MUSEUM
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Achievements of Orissa State Museum during 2008-09

- Renovation of Archaeology, Numismatic, Epigraphy and Bronze Gallery is being carried out which is expected to be completed shortly.
- Renovation of Baripada and Khiching Branch museum is continuing in full swing.
- The entrance hall of Museum premises and Lions diorama was given a new look. An Audio-cum-Visual Seminar Hall has been built near the entrance hall.
- On August 2008 a National Seminar on Museum and Publication arranged in Orissa State Museum inaugurated by Hon'ble Governor of Orissa.
- On June 2008 Minister Culture visited the Museum. Besides Secretary Culture, Govt. of India and some important delegates of Salarjung Museum also visited the Museum.
- International Museum Day and Buddha Jayanti were celebrated in Orissa State Museum.
- Some officers of Orissa State Museum had attended the All India "Museum Camp on Museum and Tourism" a training programme at National Institute of Disaster Management, New Delhi and some National Seminars in different places.
- On the eve of International Museum Day Descriptive Catalogue of "*Gitagovinda*" was published. Besides Descriptive Catalogue of Ayurvedic Manuscripts was also published. The publication of illustrated palm leaf manuscript "*Ushavilasha*" and publication of "*Chikitsa Manjari*" and "*Ivory Gitagovinda*" declared as National Treasure was completed. Two folders on Passion on Palm leaf and Flora & Fauna were prepared.
- One pair of Elephant tusk was received from I & P.R. Department. The same has been displayed in natural History Section.
- Joint Annual Conference of India Society for Prehistoric & Quaternary Studies, India Archaeological Society, India History and Cultural Society and National Seminar on Buddhism in Orissa held in Orissa State Museum from 29th-31st December, 2008.