3.1.5 Facilities to support research Museum

- 1. Rabindra Bhavana Museum
- 2. Kala Bhavana Nandan Museum
- Museum and Archeology Lab,
 Department of Ancient Indian History
 Culture and Archeology

Name of the facility: Rabindra-Bhavana

Year of Establishment: 1942

History

Founded in July 1942, just a year after Rabindranath Tagore's death, Rabindra-Bhavana, the Institute of Tagore Studies and Research is an important component of Visva-Bharati. It is, in fact, the focal point of the University. This Bhavana includes among its treasures a very major part of Tagore's manuscripts, correspondences, paintings and sketches. The poet's personal library is here and various objects used by him, his voice-recordings and thousands of photographs taken of him at different times and places and the many gifts, honours and citations which he received from different parts of the world have enriched the Bhavana's archival holdings.

Archives

The holding in the archives section include several hundred manuscript volumes and files of the works of Rabindranath in Bengali and English. Detailed description of all items in the archives is provided in the Catalogue-in-progress. 1018 volumes of manuscripts, correspondences (1471 files) and other materials may be consulted by scholars in the original or in microfilm in the archives by following specific procedures.

Library

The library has over 40000 volumes of books and over 12000 bound journals. It also includes in its collection the personal library of Rabindranath with many books with marginalia in Rabindranath's handwriting. Different editions of Tagore's works, books and translated works of the Poet form the core of this library. A valuable section is the Pamphlet Collection which includes programme souvenirs of Rabindranath's plays, various monographs, old and rare bulletins published by Visva-Bharati among other collections.

Museum

Rabindra-Bhavana Museum biographical is а museum of Poet This Museum was established Tagore. Rabindranath by his son Rathindranath Tagore on 1 July, 1942. In 1958, Jawaharlal Nehru laid the foundation stone of a building to house a museum and the same was inaugurated in 1961. This a biographical museum on Rabindranath Tagore with huge collection (about 4385 as on 31-03-2019) of objects. The main gallery emphasizes on the Life of Rabindranath Tagore and located on the 1st floor of the Vichitra Building. The 'Gitanjali Gallery' on the ground floor of Vichitra is a special gallery on Rabindranath's Nobel-winning book of poems Gitanjali. Apart from the six historical houses of Rabindranath and is family at Uttaratana, Rabindra-Bhavana manages a museum at the Santiniketan Griha.

Audio Visual Unit

The audio-visual archives hold voice recordings of Rabindranath in wire, tape and disc. Besides, it has negatives of photographs of Rabindranath and Santiniketan. Apart from films on Rabindranath or films based on his stories and poems, films on Santiniketan are also preserved here. Discs of Tagore songs sung by various artists also constitute a growing part of the audio-visual collection. This unit has a complete set of colour transparencies of Rabindranath's paintings preserved in the Bhavana collection.

Preservation Unit

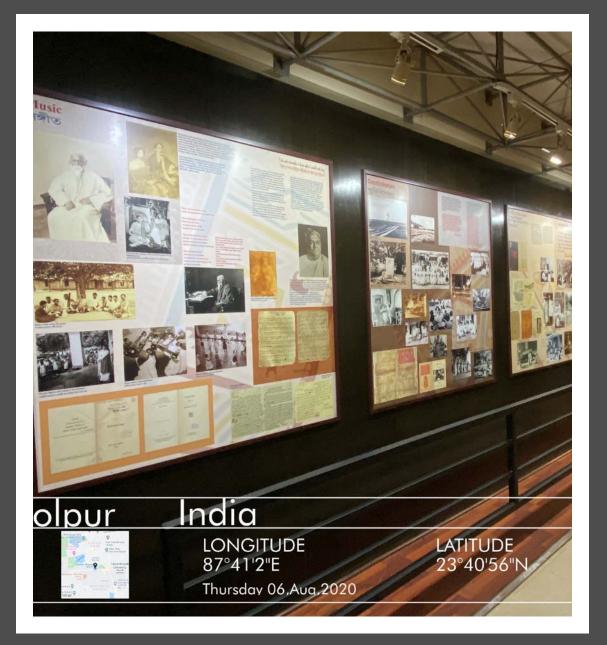
This is an important unit which looks after the preservation and conservation requirements of the archives, library and the museum. Fumigation, deacidification, restoration, lamination, tissue repair and binding of archival and library materials are carried out in this unit. The services of this unit are restricted to Rabindra-Bhavana only.

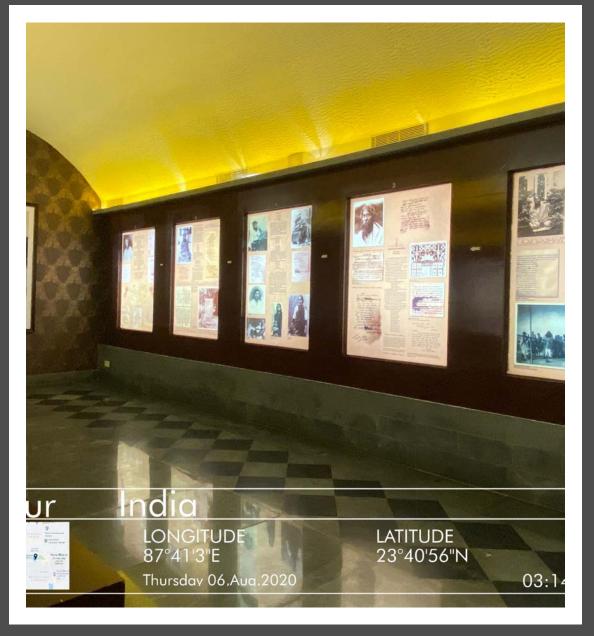
The Central Building, Rabindra-Bhavana



The Central Building, Rabindra-Bhavana







MUSEUM GALLERY GITANJALI GALLERY







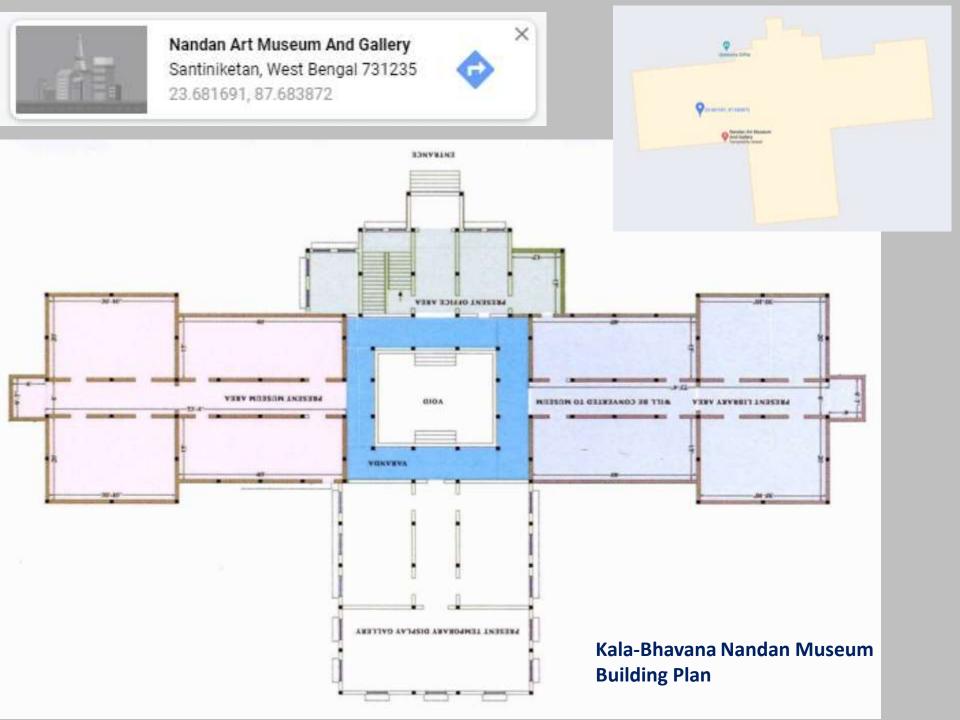


Kala-Bhavana Nandan Museum



Visva-Bharati Santiniketan Birbhum, West-Bengal, India, Pin- 731235.





Kala-Bhavana Nandan Museum: A Brief History



Kala Bhavana was established by Rabindranath Tagore to encourage the cultivation of the fine arts by the students of the institution in general as an indispensable part of a complete education.

Kala Bhavana aimed at fulfilling an intrinsic objective of Visva-Bharati, namely to encourage the study of different traditions of art in India and other countries.

It also sought to initiative a new art movement in India under the inspiration of Abanindranath Tagore and his distinguished disciples through fresh art beliefs as also new art forms and techniques.

The Museum of this art institution began during the year in 1919—when Kala Bhavana (the Faculty of Fine Arts) was founded by Rabindranath Tagore. 'Nava-Nandan' the new building of Kala Bhavan Museum was setup in the year 1965, and it was inaugurated by Nandalal Bose.



Nandan Museum Collection



The Kala-Bhavana Nandan Museum holdings grew out of a study collection that Nandalal Bose put together to support the new art programme he was developing in response to Rabindranath's ideals of education and cultural resurgence.

Though his means were limited because his vision of art was large and the energy with which he pursued it ceaseless he did manage to put together a formidable collection of selected art works.

Besides being a material trace of Nandalal's pedagogy there are two things notable about this collection.

Firstly, reflecting the pan-Asian spirit of the times the collection has rich holdings of Asian art which gives this museum a unique place among Indian Museums.

And secondly the works in this collection reflects the eclectic and refined aesthetic taste of Nandalal.



Collection Detail

At present the collection has over 21,760 artworks. They include a modest cross-section of the work of the great pioneers of the new art movement.

Legendary Artists of India



Rabindranath Tagore

Abanindranath Tagore

Gaganendranath Tagore

Jyotrindranath Tagore

Nandalal Bose

Jamini Roy

Sunayani Devi

O. C. Ganguly

Binodebehari Mukherjee

Ramkinkar Baij

Asit Haldar

Suren Kar

Mukul Chandra Dey

Dhirendra Krishna Dev Barman

Manindra Bhusan Gupta

Haren Das

Ramendranath Chakraborty

Samarendranath Gupta

Gouri Bhanja

Sudhir Khastagir

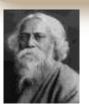
Gopal Ghosh

Pratima Tagore

Rathindranath Tagore

Kripal Singh Sekhawat

Vinayak Masoji



















Contemporary Artists of India



Chittaprasad Bhattacharya

K.G. Subramanyan

Zainul Adedin

Maqbul Fida Hussain

Dinkar Kowshik

Tyeb Mehta

Arun Bose

Krishna Reddy

Somnath Hore

A. Ramachandran

Jaya Appaswamy

Partha Protim Dev

Amitabha Banerjee

Shyamal Dutta Roy

Paramjit Singh

Arpita Singh

Bikash Bhattacharya

Ganesh Haloi

R. Panesar

Jogen Choudhury

Sanat Kar

Isa Muhammad

Ramananda Bandyopadhyay

Suhas Roy

Prithwish Neogi

Avtar Singh Panwar

Bipin Goswami

Lalu Prasad Show

Sarbari Roy Choudhury

Anjali Ela Menon

Satyajit Ray

Ajit Chakraborty



















Artist Abroad



Nicholas Roreich (Russia)

E. B. Havell (England)

Ling Wen-Yi (China)

W. W. Pearson (England)

J. Roreich (Russia)

Elizabeth Brunner (Hungary)

Antoine Bourdelle (France)

Ju Peon (China)

Simomura Kanzan (Japan)

Boris Georgiev (Bulgaria)

Yokoyama Taikan (Japan)

Henry Lamb (England)

C. F. Andrews (England)

Sutan Harap (Thailand)

Huang Ku (China)

J. Pimenov (Russia)

Gustav Vigeland (Norway)

H. Hermony























Folk and Decorative Art



Kalighat Painting

Lucknow Bird

Patna School of Painting

Mughal Miniature

Rajasthani Miniature

Persian Painting

Glass Painting

Decorative wood cuts

Orissan Patta Painting

Bengal Patta Painting

Ganjifa Card

Tibetan Thanka

Japanese Noh-mask

Ceylonese Mask

Bengal Mask

Temple Terracotta

Terracotta Toys

Bengal kantha

Java Batik

Indian Batik

Tapas

Quilts

Embroideries

Jewelry



















Miscellaneous Collection



- Stone and Terracotta sculpture from various part of Eastern India
- Bronzes and wood works from India, Thailand and Indonesia.



- Photographic reproductions and Prints of the work of Europe and Far-Eastern masters.
- Select examples of Coins, Pottery and Lacquer ware.
- Miscellaneous functional items like Utensils, Lamps, baskets, fans, food moulds, toys and puppets, etc.



















DISTINCTIVE COLLECTIONS OF THE MUSEUM

- Paintings of Rabindranath Tagore.
- Ceramic pot by Rabindranath Tagore.
- Painting of E.B Havell.
- 'Horse', 'Sparrow' by Ju Peon.
- 'Blind monk' by Shimamura Kanzan.
- 'Force' by Antoine Bourdelle.
- 'Alamgir' and 'Troyee' by Abanindranath Tagore.
- Copy of Ajanta cave paintings by Nandalal Bose and others.
- Sculpture of 'Tagore', 'Gandhiji', 'Binodini' by Ramkinkar Vaij.
- Masks from Japan and Sri Lanka.
- Scroll Painting of Japan and China.
- Japanese woodcut prints.
- Java Batik.





'Landscape' by Rabindranath Tagore



Painting by E. B. Havell



Distinctive Collections of the Museum

'Horse' by Ju Peon



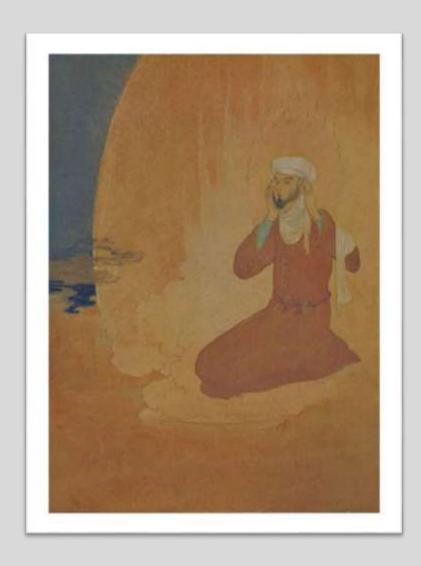
Kala-Bhavana Museum Collection

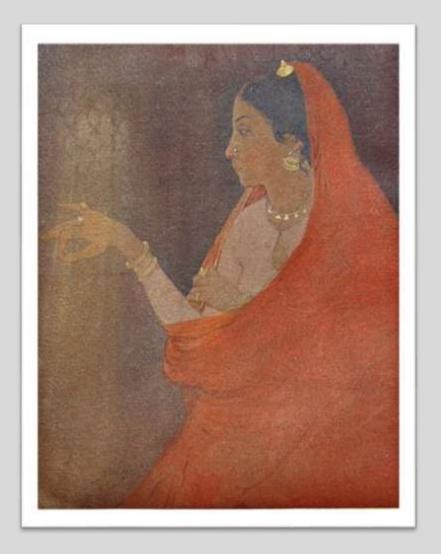
Painting Rabindranath Tagore





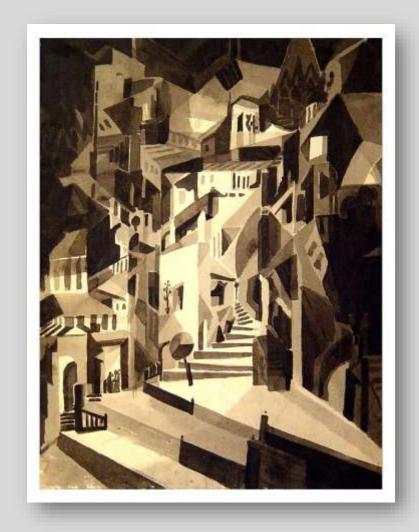
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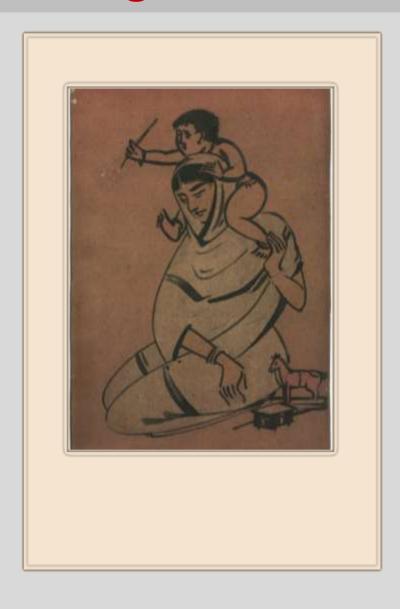


Painting Gaganendranath Tagore





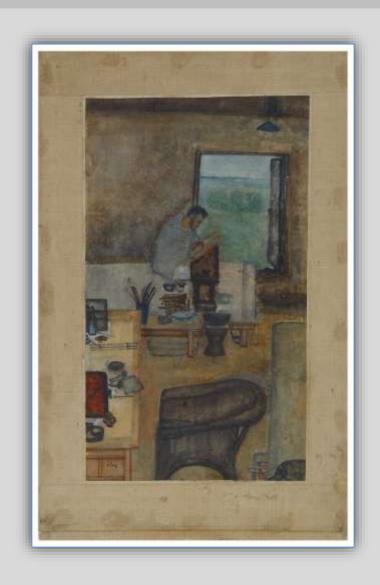
Painting Nandalal Bose







Benodebehari Mukherjee



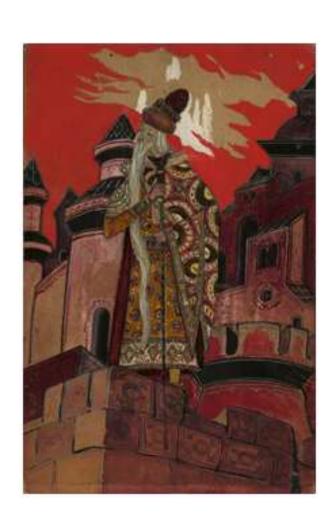


Ramkinkar Vaij





Nicholas Roerich and E.B. Havell

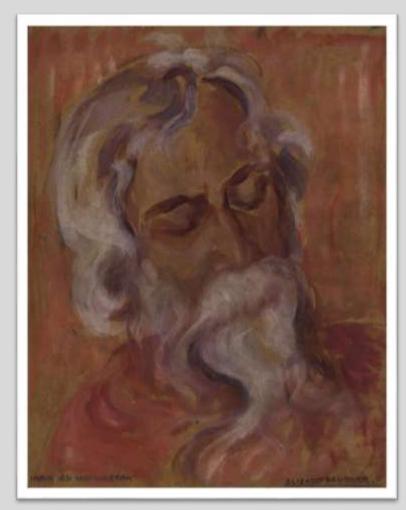




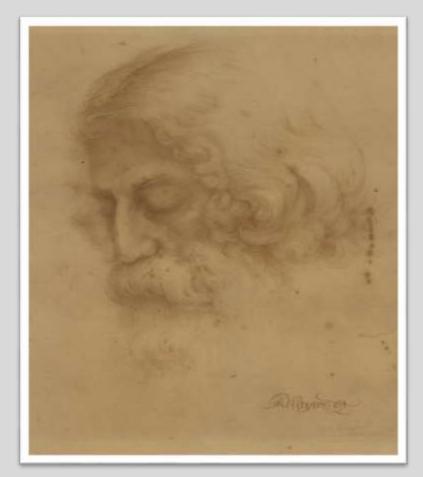
Portrait of Rabindranath Tagore

Painting

Elizabeth Brunner and Boris Georgiev



By Elizabeth Brunner



By Boris Georgiev

Paintings from China and Japan













Folk Art, Decorative Art &

Miscellaneous Collection

Bengal Kantha







Java Batik and Santiniketan Batik









Block used for Print

Terracotta



Bastar, Madhya Pradesh



Temple Terracotta, West Bengal



Manasha Chali, West Bengal

Museum Activities

Museum Activities

Kala-Bhavana Nandan Museum basically an Academic Museum. The museum offers educational material for students according to the specific curriculum subjects as depicted by the Kala-Bhavana.

Along with this:

- The museum provide supports to Scholars, students and others like high dignitaries and visitors approved by the Authorities.
- Arranges National and International exhibitions to build up cultural contact with country around the world.
- Digitalisation and accessioning for the proper documentation of artworks.
- The museum also carryout Conservation, preservation and Integrated pest management to save the heritage.

Exhibitions Conducted by the Museum

Exhibitions



Some Important Exhibitions Conducted by the Museum

Centenary Exhibitions

- Birth Centenary Exhibition of Benode Behari Mukherjee
- Birth Centenary Exhibition of Ramkinkar Baij
- Birth Centenary Exhibition of Gouri Bhanja
- Nishikanto Raychaudhuri Centenary Exhibition, Aurobindo Institute, Kolkata
- 150th birth anniversary Exhibition of Rabindranath Tagore
- 150th birth anniversary Exhibition of E. B. Havell's Painting.

Retrospective Exhibitions

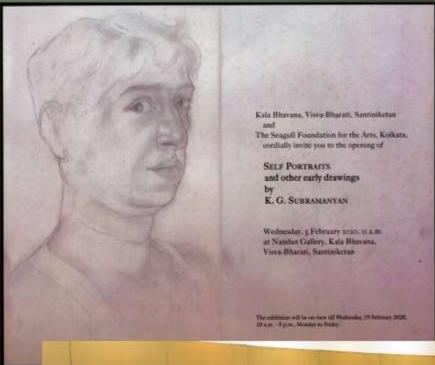
- Retrospective Exhibition of Dinkar Kowshik
- Retrospective Exhibition(Paintings, Drawings & Posters) of Somnath Hore
- Retrospective Exhibition (Drawings & Paintings) of Arun Paul
- Retrospective Exhibition of Jogen Chowdhury

Exhibitions



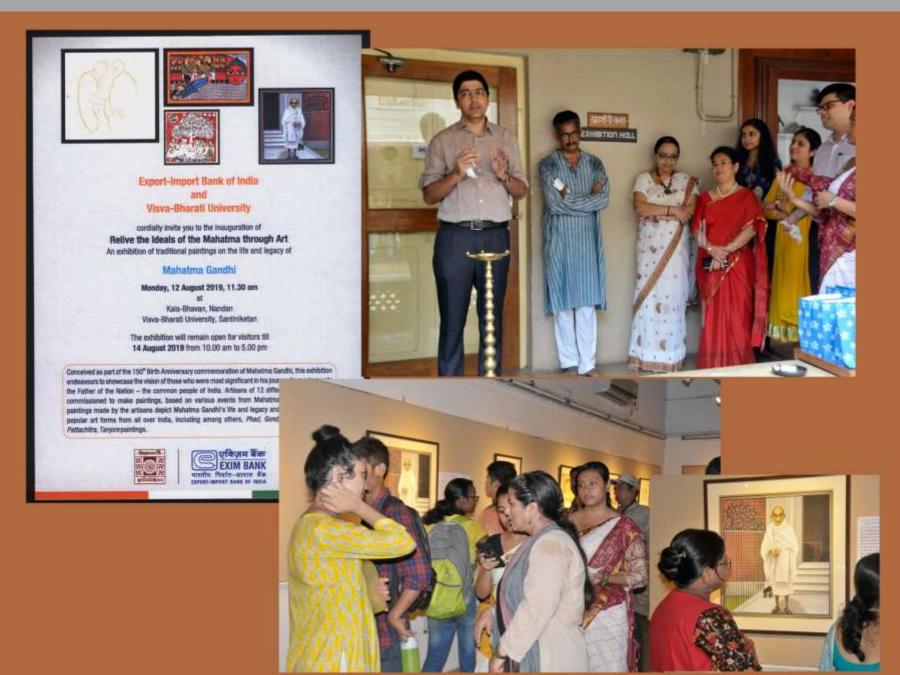
Exhibitions Conducted by the museum in the year 2019 -2020

- Exhibition of Reba Hore (Seagull Foundation).
- Exhibition of Max Neumann (Seagull Foundation).
- Exhibition of Asit Kumar Haldar (Kala-Bhavana Museum)
- Centenary Exhibition of Kala-Bhavana (Nandalal Bose by Kala-Bhavana Museum)
- Exhibition of Gandhiji (EXIM Bank)
- Exhibition of *Pattochitra* (Painting Department, Kala-Bhavana)
- Centenary Exhibition of Kala-Bhavana's Old Photograph Radhakrishnan)
- Exhibition of Siksha Satra, Visva-Bharati.
- Exhibition of Janhavi Khemka.
- Exhibition of Ramchandran and Chameli Tan.
- Special Lecture on Satyajit Ray's Illustrations by Debasish Deb.
- Centenary Exhibition of Kala-Bhavana (Jogen Chowdhury's Painting)
- Exhibition of Arun Paul.
- Centenary Exhibition of Kala-Bhavana (Japanese collection, Kala-Bhavana Museum).
- Exhibition of Kala-Bhavana Alumni.
- Centenary Exhibition of Kala-Bhavana woodblock print (Jotirmoy Bhattacharya's Collection).
- Exhibition of K. G. Subramanyan (Seagull Foundation).

















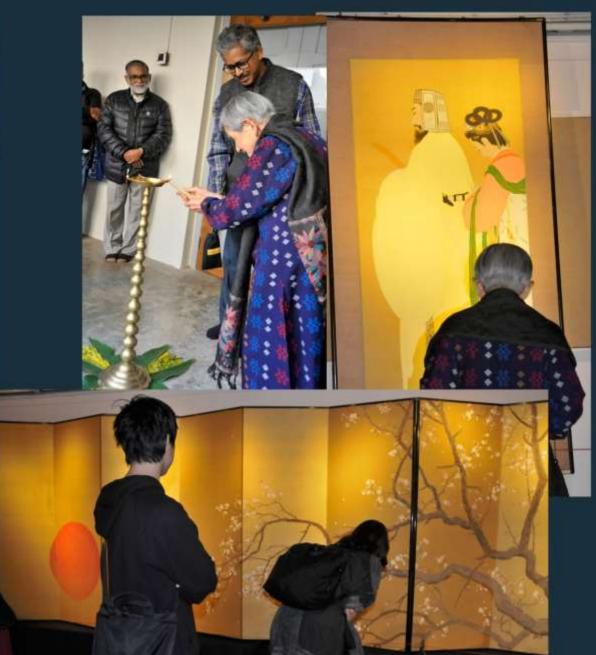


Kala-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan feels honoured to invite you to the opening of an exhibition of visual objects celebrating Rabindranath Tagore & Santiniketan's relation with Japan

Date: 6th January 2020 Time: 10:00 am Venue: Ground floor exhibition gallery, "Nandan", Kala-Bhavana

The exhibition will be inaugurated by Sri Masayuki Taga, Consul-General of Japan in Kolkata





Conservation Work Conducted by the Museum



Nature of work carried out in the Laboratory

- Preventive Conservation
- Curative Conservation
- Integrated Pest Management
- Condition Assessment of Art Object
- Monitoring of Micro and Macro Climate inside museum



Preventive Conservation Carried out in the Laboratory

- Fungicidal treatment
- Insecticidal treatment
- Dry Brushing
- Removal of destructive backing
- Mounting with Acid free mount board
- Fixing of hinges



Curative Conservation Carried out in the Laboratory

- Mechanical cleaning
- Solvent cleaning
- Removal of adhesive residue & old paper remnants
- stain removal
- De-acidification
- Lining
- Mending of tears
- Re-enforcement

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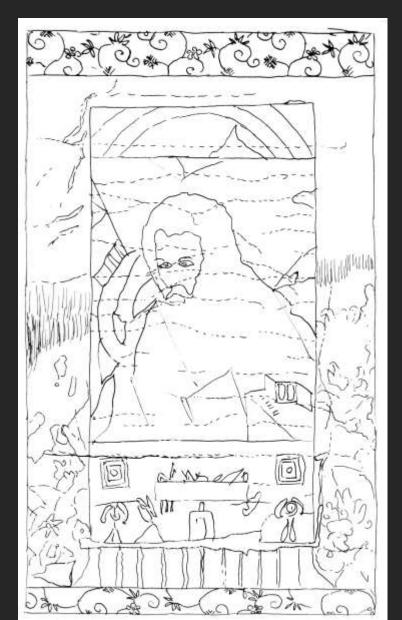


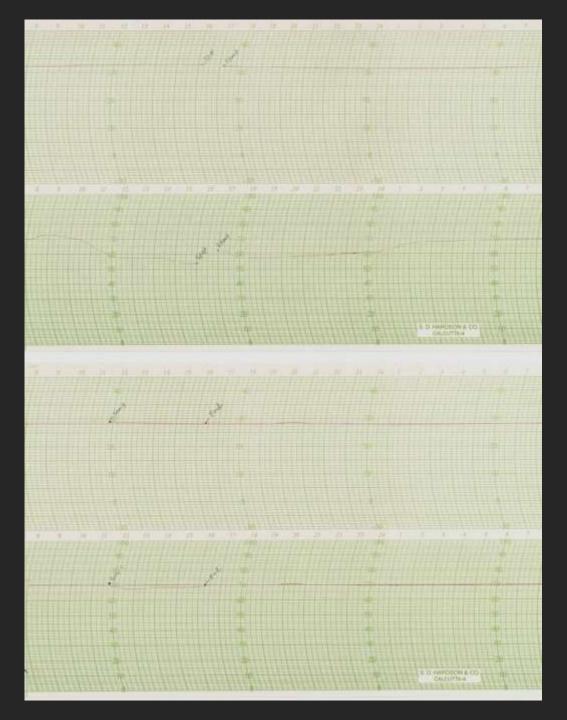
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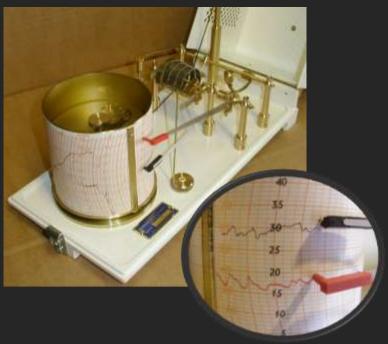
Condition Assessment of Object Graphic Documentation





Monitoring of Micro and Macro Climate inside museum





Painting Conservation







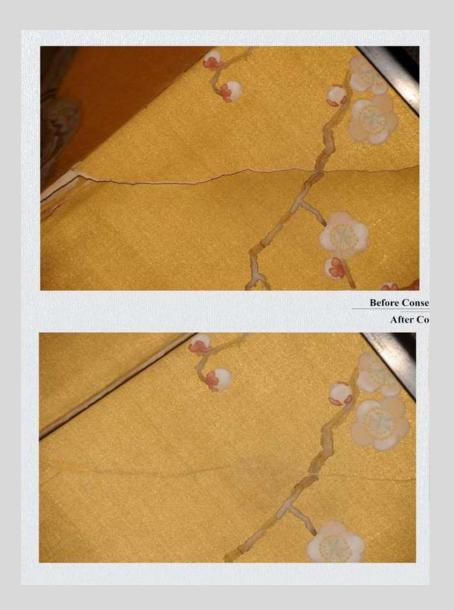
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Removal of Pressure adhesive tape

Conservation work

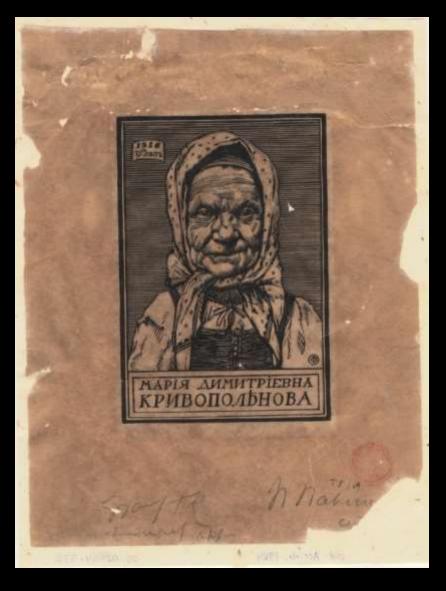




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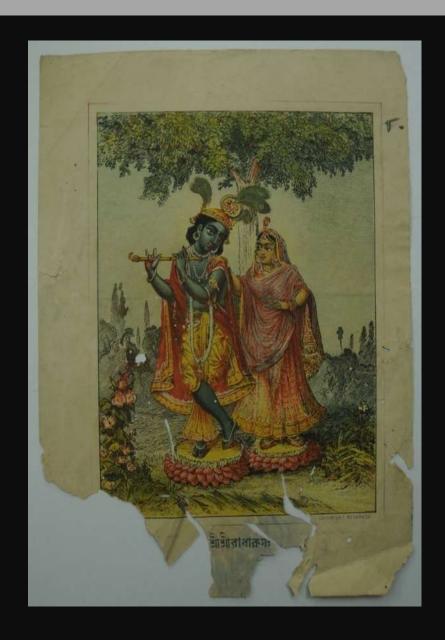
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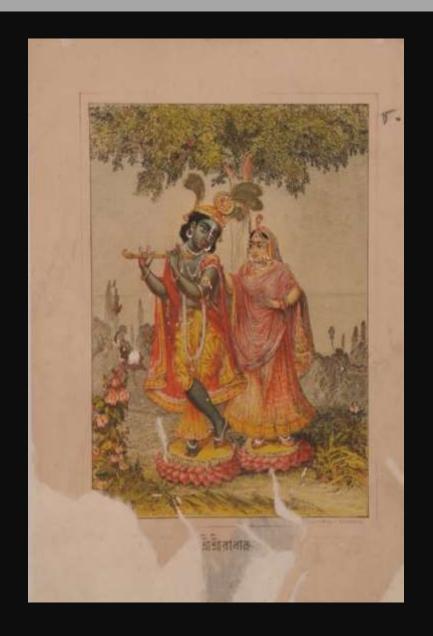




Conservation work

Before and After













Process followed to control Insection

- Regular Inspection
- Diagnosis and Reporting
- Planning insect/pest Management Strategy
- Implementing the strategy

❖ Preventive & Curative Conservation work done in the year 2019 − 2020

Fumigation and mechanical cleaning : 661 Nos.

Curative Conservation : 36 Nos.

Mounting, framing & fixing of hinges : 99 Nos.

Integrated pest management : 04 Times.

Conservation Workshop



Conservation Workshop









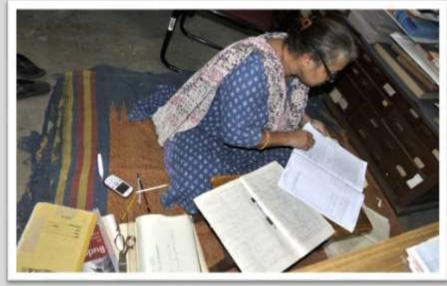
Conservation Workshop Conducted by Museum



Documentation Work of Art Object

Accessioning & Documentation







Digital Documentation



Documentation

❖ Documentation work of art object done in the year 2019 - 2020

Digitalization of Art Object : 2735 Nos.

Accession & Documentation of Art Object (Strong room-1) : 2203 Nos.

Accession & Documentation of Art objects (Strong room-2)
 : 03 Nos.

Preparation of Material wise Sectional records (Strong room-2) : 8783 Nos.

Museum Publications









- Drawings and Paintings of Rabindranath Tagore -- Edited by Jayanta Chakraborty
- The Santiniketan Murals -- Edited by Jayanta Chakraborty, R. SivaKumar, & Arun Nag
- Kalighat Paintings -- Edited by Jayanta Chakraborty
- 150th Birth Anniversary Exhibition Catalogue of Rabindranath Tagore
- Centenary Exhibition Catalogue of Binode Behari Mukherjee, Ramkinkar Baij, and Gouri Bhanja.
- Retrospective Exhibition Catalogue of Somnath Hore, Dinkar Kowshik, K. G.
 Subramanyan, and Jogen Chowdhury.
- Satyajit Ray Memorial Number,
- 'Nandan': A Brief History of Nandan Museum.
- Textile: A Collection from Kala-Bhavana Museum.

Staff Members of Kala-Bhavana Museum

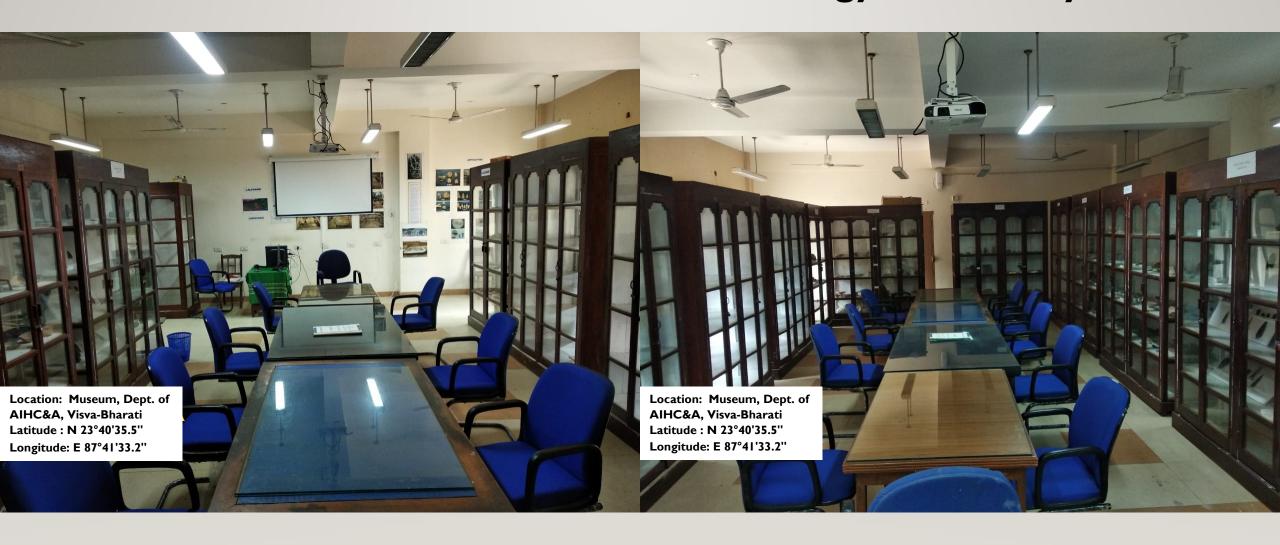
Serial No.	Name of the employee	Designation	Male/Female
1.	Amit Kumar Danda	Curator (I/c.)	Male
2.	Mridula Banerjee	Museum Assistant Grade-II	Female
3.	Subhadra Roy	Museum Assistant Grade-II	Female
4.	Amulya Kumar Jena	Preservation Assistant	Male
5.	Tanup Kumar Nath	Jr. Preservation Assistant	Male
6.	Sumati Besra	Enlisted Casual Workers	Female
7.	Sk. Samirul	Daily Wages Worker	Male

Note: With the present number of Staff members at Kala-Bhavana Museum, the percentage of female members stands at 42.86% approx., and that of male members at 57.14% approx.

Museum and Archeology Laboratory Department of Ancient Indian History Culture and Archeology (AIHC&A)



























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