

REPORT ON TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP ON DELHI'S HERITAGE

‘A concerted effort to preserve our heritage is a vital link to our cultural, educational, aesthetic, inspirational and economic legacies – all of the things that quite literally make us who we are.’

Heritage is the full range of our inherited traditions, monuments, objects and culture and is an essential part of the present we live in. It is much more than preserving, excavating, displaying, or restoring a collection of old things which is both tangible and intangible. But the present generation is yet to understand its immense importance.

To spread awareness about our legacy, the Delhi Chapter of the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) conducted a workshop On April 16th 2019 for the Teachers from schools across Delhi and NCR, to inculcate among our future citizens, the love to conserve Delhi's as well as India's rich heritage. It offered ideas, suggestions and exercises for the teachers to engage their students on the above mentioned theme with the support of INTACH Delhi chapter, ASI and State Archaeology, historians etc.

The workshop began with welcome address by Heritage Education and Communication service (HECS) with INTACH film. The defining speech was delivered by Ms. Purnima Dutt, the President of INTACH on ‘ Understanding Heritage ’, apprising us about the work done by INTACH and how we the teachers could join hands to take it ahead and inculcate the love for the same amongst the youth. It was followed by a session on “ Heritage and its relationship with living heritage” by Dr. Swapna Liddle. Dr. Narayani Gupta (Historian) and Mr Bipin Shah (Director, MAPIN), spoke in length about the role of government (ASI) and its citizens in preserving Delhi's heritage. Mr. Shashi Shetye (Illustrator) , threw light on the steps that we could take to prevent the erosion of our culture and legacy by taking up alternative steps. Mr Sohail Hashmi (Heritage Expert) acquainted us with the methods we could acquire to stay involved in this ongoing process and contribute to a better India by preserving the various areas of our heritage for our future generations.

The workshop encouraged teachers to involve students to recognise, appreciate and adopt various methods to preserve our traditions and heritage for posterity in an interesting and classroom-friendly manner.

