

## Participation in the National Seminar at State Museum, Ranchi (19/02/2026 – 20/02/2026)

A two-day National Seminar on “*Museums as Catalyst for Cultural Tourism and the Local Economy*” was held on February 19–20, 2026 at the State Museum, Ranchi, Jharkhand. The seminar was organized by the State Museum, Ranchi with the objective of exploring the role of museums in promoting cultural tourism and strengthening local economies.

Among the distinguished speakers, Dr. Pratik Ghosh, Director-Secretary of Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore, delivered a lecture on “*Museums as Catalyst for Cultural Tourism and the Local Economy: An Indian Perspective with Special Reference to West Bengal.*” His presentation highlighted the evolving role of museums as dynamic institutions that contribute not only to cultural preservation but also to sustainable tourism and regional economic development.

The seminar witnessed participation from scholars, museum professionals, academicians, and cultural practitioners from various parts of the country. The sessions were marked by insightful deliberations, exchange of ideas, and discussions on innovative strategies for enhancing the relevance and outreach of museums in contemporary society.

In addition to the academic sessions, the programme featured cultural performances by renowned artists and local cultural groups, showcasing the rich and diverse heritage of Jharkhand. These performances added a vibrant dimension to the seminar and reflected the intrinsic link between museums, culture, and community engagement.

The National Seminar concluded successfully, providing a valuable platform for dialogue and collaboration among stakeholders in the museum and cultural sectors.

