



Patna Museum-the Cultural Heritage of Bihar

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Patna Museum situated at Buddha Margh Patna, is one of the best tourist attraction of Bihar. Patna museum is committed to impart a scientific vision to understand the evolution of history. It also provides an opportunity to have a glimpse of artistic excellence of the past. Hence, it is an important academic institution of higher learning and a centre of dissemination of knowledge. It was built during British rule in India and was opened to public in the year 1917. Some extremely rare and valuable artefacts are housed in the Patna Museum. One can not appreciate the Indian art and history of the land without going through the collections of this museum. The museum includes collection in stone sculpture, bronze sculpture, terracotta gallery, patliputra terracotta and some of the rare collections that we would not find anywhere else in the country. The museum also possess is some of the gifts and collection of Dr.Rajendra Prasad. The different collections of paintings mainly the thankas, patna kalam paintings are of magnificent beauty. In the art and war weapon gallery thus are collections of very old art objects and weapons like Humayun's dagger. The research was carried on by the help of primary data such as books provided by the museum.

Research work is based on informations collected by internet and personal interaction with the authorities of the museum. Through this project we have tried to reveal certain unknown facts to the public and have tried also to reveal the importance of museum in Bihar as its cultural repository.

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