

A brief introduction of Zarina Khatoon Museum-Cum- Research Centre (HSCS), Chitarpur, Jharkhand

- 1. Location and Approach:** It is situated at Tipu Road, Chitrapur, 16 k.m East from Ramgarh Cantonment. To reach the Museum one should be at Chatti Bazar Chitarpur via Shivalya Road to Barki Pona, 400 meters towards south direction from NH-23.
- 2. History:** ZKMRC was founded by Gharib Shah in 2004 at a Rental Hall. In this Museum, at a very early stage the archaeological and historical findings of Mr. Faiyaz Ahmad were exhibited. In 2006-07 Mr. Ahmad worked in a Research Project ‘Megalithic Civilization of Ramgarh (Funded by Ministry of Art, Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs, Govt of Jharkhand.). During the research a lot of archaeological findings of Megalithic age were added in a new section of the Museum. In 2008 a new and big hall was constructed by the founder’s wife Shrimati Zarina Khatoon. After construction of a new hall Mr. Faiyaz Ahmad with his co-operators organized and managed a number of archaeological exploration programs and thus a lot of artefacts were added to the Museum. For the national integration in 2008, an organization named “House of Science and Culture Studies” (HSCS) was established by Mr. Faiyaz Ahmad and eminent persons like Mr. Akhlaque Ahmad, Dr. Enayatullah, Mr. Yogendra Upadhyaya, Prof. Nageshwar Mahto, Mr. Majeed Alam, Mr. Wasim Hassan and Mr. Khaliqueullah. It has been registered by Govt. of Jharkhand, under Registration Societies Act 21/1860, with different objectives including conservation of cultural heritage through the collections interpretations and researches. After Registration of the organization all the archaeological, natural, cultural and historical artefacts were officially donated to the House of Science and Culture Studies (HSCS). In 2009 a small Hall and a Varandah were constructed at Railway over bridge at NH-23, Chitarpur by Central Coal Field Limited (CCL), Rajrappa Project for the Museum, in which culture and natural history section has sifted.
- 3. Importance:** In spite of crisis of space at aforesaid Museum - it has Anthropology, Archaeology, Numismatic, Manuscript, Ornament, Natural History, Ethnology and Philately Section. The Museum is a unique one as it has been rectified by several experts of the field to have the largest collection of art and cultural artefacts in Jharkhand. It is special in many ways. Aforesaid Museum has one of the largest collections of Paleo- Archaeological stone tools, Numismatic collection (coins) and Manuscripts. These three sections altogether highlights the importance of the Museum in the contemporary scenario of Jharkhand state. A number of students and scholar from different states of the country are being benefited by the museum.

The artefacts were discovered from different villages of Ramgarh district in particular and different localities of Jharkhand state in general, which makes it important in the reconstruction of ancient regional and national history. It seems that in near future this museum is going to play a vital role in the field of Museology of the state and as well as the nation.

4. **Vision:** The director of the Museum Mr. Faiyaz Ahmad says that “This Museum is a small model of a great dream - in which all the conservation and research institutes will be constructed within a single campus and it will be a one of the biggest research centre of the country. This will be a biggest centre for promoting cultural democracy and national integration.”
5. **Mission and Plans:** We have a number of missions and plans to make dreams come true but the problem is lack of resources, which plays vital role in the development of the centre. The centre has approached many Govt. officials and political personalities in charge, for the rapid development for the centre in the common interest of the entire locality including Ramgarh District and as well as for Jharkhand state. But nothing materialised till 2012.

Number of specimens in different sections displayed in Zarina

Khatoon Museum-Cum- Research Centre (Chitarpur) (As listed in 2009)

(A) Anthropology Section- Total number of specimen	=	50
(B) Archaeology Section- Total number of Artefacts	=	584
(C) Numismatic Section- Total number of specimen	=	420
(D) Manuscript / Pandulipi Section- Total number of Pages	=	1256
(E) Ornament Section- Total number of specimen	=	03
(F) Natural History Section- Total number of specimen	=	104
(G) Ethnology Section- Total number of specimen	=	205
(H) Philately Section - Total number of specimen	=	91
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Total number of specimens displayed in the museum	=	2713

Photos in the following pages



Inside the building gallery & display of natural history & tribal culture



Archaeology section at Tipu Road Chitarpur



Numismatic Section at Tipu Road Chitarpur

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