



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA  
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY, MUSEUMS  
AND HERITAGE, MYSURU

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**ARCHAEOLOGY, MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE DEPARTMENT**  
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**1. Preamble:**

The Directorate of Archaeology and Museums which was established in the year 1885 has been merged with Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage vide **Government order No. KASAMVAPRA 10 KMU 2012 dated 23-2-2012**. The Commissioner has been appointed as the head of the Department after re-structuring of the Department.

In **Government Order No.KASAMVA/234/KMU/2014 dated 13-03-2015** the word *Prachayvastu* in Kannada is termed as *Puratathva* and thus the name of the Department is called as Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage.

The Department is rendering service in the field of **Art & Culture**, All its activities have been taken up under **plan head**.

**2. Fundamental functions of the Department.**

The fundamental functions of the Department include Archaeological Explorations, Excavations, Conservation of Ancient Monuments, Study of early Coins, Publication of academic and research books, Development and maintenance of Museums and organizing Cultural and Educational activities etc. All these activities have been organized in a systematic manner and also implemented by the Department.

The Department has been preserving invaluable ancient sculptures, stone edicts, coins, copper plates, etc., in the departmental Museums for the sake of posterity.

The Department has been carrying out the conservation and developmental works relating to the heritage buildings in six heritage areas because of their historical background namely: Mysore, Srirangapatna, Bidar, Gulbarga, Bijapur and Kittur during 2004. Besides 14 more heritage areas i.e. Sannathi, Nagavi, Kamatagi,

Badami, Aihole, Bangalore, Lakkundi, Banavasi, Talakadu, Balligavi, Belur, Halebeedu, Malkhedra, Melukote, have been declared as Heritage areas on par with the budget speech for the year 2012-13. The documentation and integrated management plan of all the 20 heritage cites consisting of ancient monuments and buildings has been completed with inventorying prior to carrying out conservation of all these relics.

The department has in its administrative jurisdiction 5 offices of Deputy Director at Mysore (Heritage), Gulbarga, Bengaluru, Dharwad and Kamalapur (Hampi). There are about 16 Government Museums in places like Bangalore, Chitradurga, Shimoga, Mysore, Srirangapatna, Hassan, Madikeri, Mangalore, Kittur, Gadag, Gulbarga, Raichur, Basavakalyana, Hoovinahadagali and Sculpture Gallery at Athani. There is an Venkatappa Art Gallery at Bangalore.

### 3. Staff position :

Group	No.of post sanctioned	No.of post filled	Male	Female	Vacant post
A	12	05	04	01	07
B	08	06	04	02	02
C	83	39	27	12	44
D	116	29	20	09	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>140</b>

### 4. Cadre and Recruitment Rules:

The Department of Archaeology & Museums has got its own Cadre and Recruitment Rules vide Government notification No. ITY 67 KMU 86 dated 28-2-1992. Suitable proposal is being submitted to Government to get revised C & R in view of the re-structuring of the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage. It is pending before Government for approval.

### 5. Acts and Rules :

The Department has the following Acts and Rules

1. The Karnataka Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1961 and Rules 1965.
2. The Karnataka Treasure Trove Act 1962 and Rules 1963.

**6. Public Grievances:**

The Department is receiving requests in the form of grievances from public/individuals and institutions concerning about conservation of monuments. They are being looked into on priority basis keeping in view of the budgetary allocations.

**7. The P.D. Deposit of the Department:**

The PD Account No.27577A028 of the Commissioner Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Department is continued as per G.O No.FD 33 TAR 2021 Dated: 15/07/2021 for a period of one year from 01-04-2021 to 31/03/2022 under PD Account No. 27577A028 consisting of an amount of Rs. 13,46,51,979/- During the current year various departments released amount of Rs. 4,05,65,101/- to this department the following conservation works had been carried out with an expenditure of Rs. 5,29,46,483/-.

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Works details</b>	<b>Expenditure of 2021-22</b>
1	Installation of flooring for Sri Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Temple at BRHills in Yelandur taluk of Chamarajanagar district.	4975000
2	Development work of Sri Kottai Bhairaveshwar temple at Hosagulu village in Krpet taluk of Mandya district.	5572000
3	Conservation work of Sri Trineshwar temple in Mysore Palace premises, Mysore district.	1050000
4	Conservation work of Sri Prasanna Krishna Temple in the palace premises of Mysore.	700000
5	Conservation work of Sri Kottai Maramma Temple near the front of Mysore Palace.	180840
6	Conservation work of Sri Kottai LakshmiNarasimhaswamy Temple at Hole Narasipuram Taluk, Hole Narasipuram, Hassan District.	7462500
7	Conservation work on Wesley Bridge at Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district.	1731300
8	Conservation of chief postmaster general (Karnataka circle) building on Palace	1334177

	Road . (Opposite Maharani College next to Jain University)	
9	Conservation of ancient well at Bolare Level Junction, Mangalore City, Dakshinakannada District.	229761
10	Conservation of Sri Siddeshwarteple at Chidravalli village, T. Narasiraj Taluk, Mysore District.	4975000
11	Preservation of Sri Bhubaneshwari Temple in Mysore Palace premises, Mysore District.	256775
12	Conservation of Bairaveshwara Swamy (Kalabhairaveshwara Swamy) Temple at Ward No.51, Harichandra Road, Mysore City, Mysore.	392182
13	Conservation of Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple (Madhyaranga) at Sivasamudra in Kollywood taluk of Chamarajanagar district.	10474103
14	Conservation work of Sri Gayatri Temple in Palace Premises, Mysore District.	2000000
15	Conservation of the tomb of Queen Channamma of Kittur at Bailahongala in Bailahongal taluk of Belagavi district.	142515
16	Conservation work for Malakheda Fort at Malakedu village, Sedam Taluk, Kalburgi district.	10000000
17	Conservation of Sri Brahmawara Temple at Kikkeri in Krpet Taluk of Mandya District.	1470330
	<b>Total</b>	<b>52946483</b>

8. **Budget :**

**Details of Budget and Expenditure During 2021-22**

(Rs. In Lakh)

Sl. No.	Head of Account	The grant for the year 2021-22	Grants issued for the end of January 2021-22	Expenditure incurred for the period ending January, 2021-22	Percentage In accordance with grants issued
1	2205-00-102-0-78 Sahyadri Culture Development Authority	32.00	25.75	2575000	100%

2	2205-00-102-0-79 Chalukya Heritage Area Management Authority	1.00	0.50	50000	100%
3	2205-00-102-1-92 Lakkundi Development Authority	1.00	0.25	25000	100%
4	2205-00-103-0-01 Department of Archaeology Museums and Heritage	816.00	677.75	50585924	75%
5	2205-00-103-0-18 Hampi Development Authority	47.00	35.25	3525000	100%
6	2205-00-103-0-21 Heritage Commissioner	993.20	645.60	40910185	63.36%
7	2205-00-103-0-25 Culture Museum	38.00	19.00	1472997	78%
8	2205-00-107-0-01 Development of the museum	425.00	306.50	20390092	67%
9	4202-04-101-0-02 (Capital Expenditure) Archaeological and Museums	500.00	125.00	10691549	86%
<b>Total amount</b>		<b>2853.20</b>	<b>1575.60</b>	<b>115631068</b>	<b>77%</b>

#### 9. On-going plan schemes:

The Government has accorded approval for on-going scheme under Annual Plan, 2021-22 in G.O. No. TOR 60 TDA 2021, Bengaluru Dated:05.08.2021.

Grant of Rs.2853.20 lakh has been made for on-going plan scheme out of which grant of Rs.**1575.60** lakhs was released and there is an expenditure as on Jan-2022 of Rs.1156.31 lakhs with an achievement of progress of 77%.

## 10. Conservation of Works:

The conservation works are being taken up through various head of account by the department by inviting e-tenders, after obtaining approval from the PWD Department and Tourism Department During the current year the following conservation works had been carried out.

### 2205-00-103-0-01-059 Other Expenses

Sl.No.	Works details	Expenditure of 2021-22
1	<b>Advanced works</b>	
1	Preservation of the collapsed protective wall for Sri Gavigangadareshwara Temple in Bengaluru City Gavipura.	279754
2	Government contribution to implement 12 conservation works under Phase 16 under Private Public Partnership Scheme by Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Trust	5150000
3	<b>Tender notification for conservation work of the department</b>	284328
4	Installation of CCTV of Sri Brahaswara Temple at Kikkeri, Krpet Taluk, Mandya District.	76535
5	Electrification of Savanur Nawabs (Heritage) building in Savanur town of Haveri district.	78767
6	Conservation of Sri Sideshwara Temple at Chikkamagaluru District, and Taluk Beekanahalli.	828076

### HOA2205-00-103-0-21 Heritage Commissioner

Sl.No	Works details	Expenditure of 2021-22
1	For digital documentation work using laser scanning and geo-spatial technologies 3D protected monuments in Kalburgi division.	1258506
2	Development work around Srirangapatna Taluk, Srirangapatna flagpost in Mandya	46692

	district.	
3	Development Work at hovonahadagali in hovonahadagali Taluk of Bellary District.	48645
4	Installation of chainlink fencing for Keshava Temple in Hassan district and Taluk Honnavar.	1145887
5	Maintenance of Gadag District, Gadag Town, Government Museum Park.	270874
6	Installation of chain link fence to Sri Yogamada Temple at Shettykere in Chikkanayakanahalli Taluk of Tumkur District.	525104
7	Conservation work of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Temple at Vighnsante in Tiptur taluk of Tumkur district.	431247
8	Maintenance of park to Sri Channakeshava Temple in Arsikere Taluk of Hassan District.	97708
9	Park work at Lakshmeshwar and Someshwara Temple in Gadag district.	323299
10	Conservation of Kalmeswara Temple at Kamadhenu in Kalaghatagi taluk of Dharwad district.	<b>752904</b>
11	Conservation of Durga Devi Temple at Hiremasali in hindi Taluk of Bijapur district.	<b>3500000</b>
12	Work to provide a protective wall to Sri Lakshmaneshwara Temple at Mallarajapatnam in Arakalagudu taluk of Hassan district.	2426703
13	Conservation work of Sri Virabhadraswamy Temple at Neerlagi in Soraba taluk Shivamogga district.	475797
14	Conservation of Sri Bhimeshwartemple at Kuskur in Sivamoga taluk of Shivamogga district.	431706
15	<b>Budget Speech Program Para No.(286)</b> The first pre-historic era relicmuseum has been established in the country at Sanganakal in Bellary district. Five crore rupees from neolithic site Kudutini Ashmound (ash mound) located between PTPS and Toranagallu. Will be developed at a cost.	5000000
16	<b>Budget Speech Program Para No.(253)</b> There are more than 25,000 historical lying temples, ancient sites and monuments in the state which are being surveyed and documented in a phased manner.	4449980



**2205-00-103-0-25 Culture Museum**

<b>Sl.No</b> .	<b>Works details</b>	<b>Expenditure of</b> <b>2021-22</b>
1	renovation of Lingayat Bhavan in Dharwad city.	1472992

**HOA: 2205-00-107-0-01 Government Museums**

<b>Sl.No</b> .	<b>Works details</b>	<b>Expenditure of</b> <b>2021-22</b>
1	Development of Government Museum at Hoovinadagali in Hoovinadagali Taluk of Bellary District.	48645
2	Maintenance of the park to the Government Museum of Kittur Rani Channamma at Kittur in Kittur taluk of Belagavi district.	398241
3	Maintenance of the park in the premises of government museums in Chitradurga.	168582
4	Maintenance of shivappa nayaka palace premises park.	193250
5	Maintenance of the park at the Commissioner's Office in Mysore.	261556
6	Ups installation of Sri Chamarajaendra Government Museum at Srirangapatna.	48605
7	Work on installing a bench for the inscription at Tamatakal village in Chitradurga district.	98021
8	Artworks at Venkatappa Art Gallery and Painting Conservation at Government State Museum (via Intac).	716104
9	CCTV repair at commissioner's office in Mysore.	5074
10	CCTV at Wellington Museum and CCTV repair at Dewan Purnayya Museum.	13452
11	Garden maintains for Government Museum and Venkatappa Art Gallery in Bengaluru City.	215301
12	Construction of a pedestal at Wellington Bhavan on Irwin Road, Mysore	195860
13	Electricals works at Dewan Purnayya Museum at Yalandur in Yelandur taluk of Chamarajanagar district.	35342
14	Networking work for implementation of e-office for Commissioner's Office, Department of Archaeological Conservation and Heritage Department.	91214

15	The Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, LED panels of the Commissioner's Room at Mysore Headquarters, the inner part of the record room and the inner corridor of the office premises, The Wall Mount LED Light, and other sections of the office are supplied and installed by the LED tube set.	99736
16	Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Mysore Headquarters to repair and install solar street light supplies and poles.	94164
17	Solar UPS (Inwaiter and Battery) to Record Room at Mysore Headquarters Supply and Installation of LED Spot Lighting and Wiring, and Fan AC Remote and Repair of Heritage Engineer's Room.	52364
18	Conservation and Development Works (Security Room) for Basavakalyana Government Museum Building, Bidar District.	323896
19	Conservation and Development Works at Raichur City Government Museum, Raichur District.	351861
20	Maintenance of Dewan Purnayya Government Museum Park in Yelandur, Yelandur Taluk, Chamarajanagar district.	82426

### HOA: 4202-04-101-0-02 139 Major Works

Sl.No.	Works details	Expenditure of 2021-22
1	Conservation of Sri Lakshminarayana Temple at Handanakere in Hassan district.	1749480
2	Preservation of ancient historical armoury at Kalasipalayam in Bengaluru City,	1000000
3	Conservation of Kalasapur village, Chikkamagaluru taluk and Sri Katte Shivalaya temple .	1980534
4	Conservation of Sri Prasanna Someshwara Temple at Sompur village in Tareikere taluk.	3500000
5	Preservation of The Government Museum Building Museum Evaluation Report Service at Wellington Bhavan on Irwin Road, Mysore.	99500
6	Construction of a pedestal around a new museum in Hassan district, Hassan.	692794
7	Conservation of Sri Lakshminarayanawamy Temple at Kere market in Kadur taluk of Chikkamagaluru district.	2362035

8	Conservation at Kalasipalayam (Maddinamane and Ancient Historical Armoury) in Bengaluru City.	1000000
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11. Totalling 6 Heritage walks were Organized by the department as a regular programme. Apart 253 enthusiasts / tourists / public participated in this Heritage walk.

12. **R.T.I:- Applications were received during the year 2021-22 is as follows:-**

Year	No of applications received directly.	Applications transferred to the office from government/ other agencies.	Applications transferred from the Sub-offices.	Total no of Applications for which reply has been furnished by Sub-offices	Total No of application received
April 2021 to Feb 2022	63	26	08	08	63

13. **Conservation of Monuments under Private Public Partnership Scheme.**

As per the Government order no: Sam Ka E 97 KMU 2001 Dated:19.11.2001, Monuments Conservation work is being carried out by Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Dharmothana Trust with the collaboration of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Mysuru under the Private Public Partnership Scheme from 2002-03. Under this Scheme, the estimated 40:40:20 ratio (Government:Private:Public) is being carried out.

• For the implementation of 12 conservation works by 2021-22 The first instalment of grant of Rs.51.50 Lakhs was released by the Government after approval.

• **Survey of Unprotected Monuments: -**

In the current financial year 2021-22, a grant of Rs.50.00 lakh was released for 13 taluks Survey work rural areas of (Nanjangud, T.Narasipura, Srirangapatna, Hassanur in Hassan district, Mangalore, Madikeri, Bangalore city, Hiyurur, Raichur, Kottur in Vijayapur district, Kamalapura in Kalaburagi district, Savannur, Haveri) Survey work is being carried out through village to village survey.

• **Digital recordings of protected monuments: -**

The 3D mapping and laser scanning work of 249 monuments of the Kalaburagi Division has been completed in 2021-22.

- **Development of Sanganakullu Prehistoric settlements and museum**

The Para (286) in the Budget Speech for the Year 2021-22 has mentioned about the establishment of first prehistoric ruins museum in the country at Sanganakal in Bellary district. Action is taken in this regard. The Iron Age site Kudutini Ash Mound (Ash Mound) will be developed at a cost of Rs 5 crore from the Neolithic age between the BTSPS and the Granite Stone. It is announced that Rs 2 crore will be provided in current year for this purpose.

Prehistoric settlements in the villages of Bellary district, Sanganakal of Bellary Taluk, Siriwara and Kappagallu, Sanna rachamma gudda, Chaudamma gudda, Hiregudda and Gayalu gudda. In Government Notification No: Kasanam vapra / 03 / KMU / 2008 (Bha), dated: 01.02.2012, all these are declared as State Protected area.

For the implementation of this project through the Karnataka Infrastructure and Development Corporation of the Department of Tourism. Vide Government Order No: TOR 83 TDA 2021 Bangalore dated: 06.09.2021 and for these first instalment of Rs.50.00 lakhs was released for this purpose.

#### **14. Proposal for addition in the World Heritage Final List**

Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas (Hoysala Architectural series including Belur, Halebidu, Somanathapur) Dossier and Site Management plan of the above ensembles was prepared by the INTACT at a cost of Rs 82.00 Lakh as per the suggestions of the Department was submitted to the World Heritage committee in January 2021 through the Archaeological Survey of India. The Ministry of Culture, Government of India has forwarded the same to the UNESCO Committee on 31.01.2022 for consideration to include the Hoysala ensembles in the final World Heritage list during the year 2022-23.

#### **15. Appointment of personnel by outsourcing of the outside Agency:**

The security personnel have been appointed through the outsourcing agencies to look after State Protected Monuments and Museums coming under the jurisdiction of the department after following the procedure under KATTP Act and Rules by calling tenders. The services of the following personnel are being obtained for the office works in the interest of administration through the outsourcing agency.

Sl. No	Designation of the post from Outsource	Cadre	No. of the posts
1	Archaeological conservation Assistants	C	01

2	Second Division assistant	C	05
3	Typist and Senior Typist	C	03
4	Drivers	C	02
5	Group D	D	74
	<b>Total</b>		<b>85</b>

## 16. Grant-in-Aid:

### a) Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority:-

During the financial year 2021-22, a sum of Rs.47.00 lakh has been released on government orders for the maintenance of Hampi Development Area Management Authority.

### b) Sahyadri Development Authority:

During the financial year 2021-22, a sum of Rs.32.00 lakh has been released on government orders for the maintenance of Sahyadri Development Area Management Authority.

### c) Chalukya Development Authority:

During the financial year 2021-22, Rs.1.00 lakhs has been released as per government sanction order for the chalukya development authority programme.

### d) Lakkundi Development Authority

As per The Budget speech of 2017-18 Lakkundi Development Authority is constituted as per the Government order TOR 91 TDA 2020 Dated:22.12.2020.

## 17. Pending paragraph of Audit reports:

The audit of the accounts for year 2020-21 has been completed. There are totally 41 audit paras pending. Already Para-wise remarks have been furnished to the Accountant General (Audit) for disposal.

## 18. Department website:

The website (<https://archaeology.karnataka.gov.in>) of the department has been developed. The website consists of the History and main activities of the department, progress achieved by the department. annual reports, Archaeological act and rules, departmental publication details, right to information act, section 4(1)a and 4(1)b for the information of the public, directory of state protected monuments and the brief about the monuments, important government orders relating to the department, News and Events, information regarding Tenders.

**19. Departmental Library:**

The Department has in its possession a very rare library consisting of books mainly on archaeology, history, art, culture, Heritage etc., with a collection of approximate 18398 books which will cater to the needs of scholars, researchers and public, free for entrance. Interested persons and academicians are utilising the services of this library.

**20. The details regarding the Questions of legislative Assembly and Legislative Council/ Assurance/ Loka Sabha and Rajya Sabha questions for the year 2021-22:**

Sl. No	Subject	L.A. Question	L.C. Question	Call attention	Assurance		Loka sabha	Rajya Sabha
					L.A	L.C		
1)	Administrative Matters	31	23	-	-	-	-	-
2)	Regarding Museum	-	-	-	-	-	--	-
3)	Conservation Information	14	16	08	-	-	-	--
4)	Heritage	01	01	-	01	-	-	-
5)	Budget Division	26	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>01</b>	-	-	-

**21. Training undergone by the Officers and Officials of the Department:**

During 2021-22 details of Training undergone by the Officers and Officials of the Department as hereunder;

S.No	Mode of Training, Place and Date	No. of officers deputed	No. of officials deputed
1)	Nomination of officers for one day workshop on GeM on 19.11.2021-reg	01	--

## 22. Technical Advisory Committee:

Details of the non-official members of the Technical Committee which accords Technical and Administrative sanctions to the conservation work estimates of the Department is as hereunder;

In **Government Order No. TOR 91 TDA 2021 Dated:08.11.2021** the tenure of the committee is extended for a further period of 3 years from 01.07.2021 to 31.07.2024.

1. Sri B. Ashwathanarayana, Former Secretary, PWD Department.
2. Dr. H.M.Siddanagoudar, Former Director (Museums), Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage.
3. Sri. Ranganath, Deputy Archaeological Superintendent Engineer(Rtd), Archaeological Survey of India.
4. Smt. Swapna.S., Principal, Mysore School of Architecture Administrative and Academic Head of Institution. Bangalore.
5. Dr. Rajasimha H., Technical Consultants, Karnataka Tourism Infrastructure Limited (KTIL), Bangalore

## 23. State Protected Monument;

As per the **Government Notification No: TOR 94 TDA 2020 Date: 07.12.2021** The following 06 monuments have been declared a state protected monument.

Si.No	District	Taluk	Place	State Protected Monuments
1	Chamarajanagar	Gundlupete	Hangala	Varadaraja Temple
2	"	"	Gundlupete	Rameshwara Temple
3	"	"	Vijayapura (Gundlupete)	Shree Paravasu Temple
4	"	"	Thriyambakapura	Sri Thriyambakeshwara Temple
5	"	Yalandur	Agara village	Sri Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy Temple
6	"	Kollegala	Chilakawadi	Sri Shambhulingeswara Temple



**24. Superannuation:**

01 Group B and 01 Group C officer respectively and 02 Group D staff retired from Government service on attaining the age of Superannuation during 2021-22.

**25. Court Cases in different Courts:**

Sl.No	Name of the Court	Cases to be settled	Total No. of cases	Cases settled	Cases to be settled
1	Hon'ble Supreme Court, New Delhi	02	--	--	02
2	Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Gulbarga, Dharwad	104	04	02	106
3	Karnataka Administrative Tribunal	02	--	02	--
4	Taluk and District Court	13	03	03	13
5	DC Court	02	--	--	02
	<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>123</b>

As explained above the various activities assigned to the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage have been carried out during the year.

  
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