

Himachal State Museum, Inverarm Hill, Shimla



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Seminar Circular

Himachal State Museum Shimla announces **three days International Conference** on “**History, Art, Archaeology and Culture of the Himalaya : Continuity, Change and Preservation**” at **Himachal State Museum, Shimla on 06th to 08th October, 2026**. The conference seeks to provide an academic platform for scholars, researchers, academicians, museum professionals and cultural practitioners to explore and discuss diverse aspects of Himalayan history, religious traditions, art forms, folk culture, heritage conservation and contemporary challenges including climate change, modernization and safeguarding of tangible and intangible cultural heritage.

Sub-Themes:

- Ancient and medieval history of Himalayan kingdoms and societies
- Buddhist, Hindu and indigenous spiritual traditions
- Traditional arts, crafts, architecture and performing arts
- Folk literature, oral traditions and languages of the Himalaya
- Impact of climate change and modernization on Himalayan culture
- Intangible cultural heritage and its safeguarding
- Himalayan art forms: thangka, miniature painting, wood carving, textiles etc.
- Gender, society and cultural narratives
- Tourism, heritage conservation and sustainable development
- Any other topic relevant to Himalayan history, art and culture

Submission Guidelines:

- Abstracts (250–300 words) along with a brief bio-note (100 words) should be submitted by **30th July 2026**.
- Selected papers will be considered for in-person presentation only.
- Only individual papers (panels not accepted) based on original un-published research will be considered for in-person presentation.
- Full length paper not exceeding 3000 words must be submitted at the presentation day.
- Abstract may be submitted by email only to statemuseumseminar@gmail.com
- Travel expenses within India shall be reimbursed @ Economy air fare/AC II railway /volvo bus/shared taxi.
- International Scholars will be reimbursed only part airfare on a case-by-case basis.
- The Museum will provide local hospitality to the shortlisted participants only.

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