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**GNLU in Collaboration with Archeological Survey of India organizes
National Exhibition on Retrieved Antiquities of India from Abroad by
Government of India**

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**One day Workshop on Heritage Law: Prevention of Illicit Trafficking of
Cultural Property on 18 April 2017 World Heritage Day 18 April 2017**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from GNLU!

In pursuance to preserve, safeguard and disseminate information of the retrieved antiquities from abroad GNLU in Collaboration with Archeological Survey of India is organizing **National Exhibition on Retrieved Antiquities of India from Abroad by Government of India on World Heritage Day 18 April 2017**

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION:

India has a rich cultural heritage dating back to prehistoric period. Due to the artistic, antique and material value, the sculptures/ paintings/other artworks have a heavy demand in the international antique market. Miscreants commit theft of these antiquities, chop, cut, burgled heritage and bamboozle custom officers and illegally export and sell them. Many Indian antiquities have been surfaced in the foreign land by ASI **and it** was subsequently communicated to Indian Mission of the concerned country. After careful examination and verification Government of India recently retrieved nearly 32 antiquities. It was done through negotiation, voluntary return, court cases or through application UNESCO Convention, 1970. In recent past due to the efforts of Indian Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi; countries like Australia, Canada, USA, and Singapore handed over a number of antiquities of Indian back to the nation.



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India is one of the country possessing rich and classic cultural heritage of the world. Its History runs back in 5000 years from today. Every region and century of India glorifies the epoch of its unparalleled magnificent architectural achievements. They are historical and live pieces of evidence of cultural, metallurgical and technological advancement in architecture, monuments, and urbanization throughout the country. The preservation of historical structures movable and immovable is the responsibility of Government and civic society at large to sustain the cultural heritage for present and future generation of India. With a view to safeguarding national cultural identity, various policies and laws are framed for preservation, protection and proper management of the cultural heritage at the state and central level in India. The States are obliged under Article 49 of the Indian Constitution to protect monuments and places and objects of national importance. It is pertinent to note that many of us are not aware of the legislation and legal framework.

With this Aim ASI and GNLU has also decided to organise **One day Workshop on Heritage Law: Prevention of Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property on 18 April 2017.**

The Exhibition and Workshop will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister Shri Rajendrabhai Trivedi, Minister of Sports Culture and Youth Welfare of Gujarat.

RESOURCE PERSONS FOR THE Programme are

1. **Dr. D.M. Dimri**, Director (Antiquity, Publication) ASI
2. **Mr. O. P. Dadhich**, Additional Director General, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence Ahmedabad Zone
3. **Dr. Sunanda Srivastava**, Ret. S.A. Antiquity, ASI
4. **Dr. M. Nambirajan**, Regional Director West Zone, ASI
5. **Dr. Archana Asthana**, present In-charge Superintendent, ASI

Targeted Audience: State Archaeology Department, Museum Fraternity, Police, Revenue Intelligence, Customs Department, Judges, Lawyers and Students and others.

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