Training Courses in Conservation

Highlights from the recently completed, Trusts supported, 3-month Training Course in Conservation of Textiles, held at Mehrangarh Museum Trust, Jodhpur.

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The past quarter witnessed the completion of the ninth 3-month training course in conservation of textiles, successfully held at Mahesh Nicar Museum Trust, Jodhpur, under the aegis of the Tata Trusts Art Conservation Initiative. Six young conservators were trained in this course who are now undertaking their internships in textiles conservation. Some highlights from the course are presented in this newsletter. Also successfully completed was the 3-month Students' Biennale 2022 exhibition where seven outstanding student artists were selected for the Tata Trusts Students' Biennale awards. Over the next few months, these student artists will be participating in international and national exposure visits, as well as national residencies as part of the awards.

This newsletter also delves into the details of one of the Trusts supported projects—the conservation of the Badri Baoli or stepwell, as part of the conservation project at the Qutb Shahi Heritage Park in Hyderabad, that was restored from near collapse by Aga Khan Trust for Culture, supported by Tata Trusts.

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Recognising outstanding contributions in art conservation

On May 12th, celebrated as Jodhpur’s Founder’s Day, the Mehrangarh Museum Trust (MMT) felicitated Anupam Sah—senior art conservator and academic consultant to the Tata Trusts Art Conservation Initiative. Anupam was awarded the Kr. Karni Singhji Jasol Award (named after the erstwhile Director of MMT) for his outstanding contribution to the field of conservation and restoration.

The award was one of several “Marwar Ratan Awards 2023” given to select professionals who have contributed to Jodhpur’s development. Anupam’s long-standing commitment in helping support the art conservation efforts at the Museum were rightly honoured through this award. We congratulate Anupam and are happy to be associated with him on the Art Conservation Initiative.

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