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BITM to showcase Kolkata Metro's evolution in Transport Gallery opening on 18th May, featuring diorama depicting human civilization's transport progress with 3-D models of under the river Metro system and underground stations.



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## **INDIAN EXPRESS DT.19-05-2024, WEB PORTAL**

Kolkata's BITM Museum gets an updated Transport Gallery

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The oldest Science Museum of the country, Birla Industrial and Technological Museum (BITM), the first under the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India, is all set to open doors to its revamped and updated Transport Gallery today, on the occasion of International Museum Day. While the entire gallery gets an aesthetic update, there are three model-based updates focussing on the newest technologies.

BITM director, Subhabrata Chaudhuri mentions, "Transport as a technology is moving ahead in tune with the time. We decided to provide an invigorating experience of the same under a single roof, right from inventing the wheel to the modern day metro system we are used to. We wanted to bring to the public domain new technologies that we may expect in the coming days in five areas like vehicles going underwater, those on the water, those which are on the road or railway lines, and those which are in the air and in space too."

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When we talk of the metro railways, it is impossible to miss out on their latest victory where Kolkata was the first to get an underwater metro. A model of that too is on display with moving miniature trains.

Elaborating on the Metro displays, Chaudhuri commented, "While we are presenting the narrative in a storytelling mode, we have taken the help of real artefacts, faithful replicas, technologies like computer technology and augmented realities. We have always wanted to remain updated. When we talked about the Metro, nothing is complete without mentioning the Calcutta Metro which is the oldest Metro of the country. The first underwater Metro system that we have right now has also been shown. When we ride through the underwater metro we enjoy it, but we do not generally know how deep it is or the challenges in creating the same because we have alluvial soil in the area."

The grandeur of the evolution of the waterways section is hard to miss. The life size replica of a boat complete with rowers and a water-ripple effect in the background is the USP of the gallery. What more, several boat models which had been carefully kept in the Museum archives for so long have now been displayed for the general public, giving them a view of the complete evolution of the waterways system.

And lastly, the Indian railways have also seen success with the Vande Bharat Express which holds a place in the gallery. The model of the train resembles the real one and if you keep looking at it for a while you would notice the train seats revolving. The newest additions have made sure that the Museum is updated in all its aspects. It is aesthetic, artistic, informative, entertaining and interactive to gain the attention of the visitors.



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দেশের প্রথম মেট্রো পা রাখছে প্রাচীনতম সরকারি বিজ্ঞান জাদুঘরে

## মেট্রো এবার চলবে জাদুঘরেও

নিজস্ব প্রতিনিধি- কলকাতার জীবনরেখা মেট্রো রেলওয়ে ভারতের প্রাচীনতম মেট্রো ব্যবস্থা। সময়ের সাথে পা মিলিয়ে ধীরে ধীরে যা নিজেকে বিস্তৃত করেছে এবং বর্তমানে ছগলির মতো এক বড় নদীর নীচে দিয়ে চলাচল করছে। সারা ভারতে এমন উদাহরণ আর নেই। কলকাতার মতো বড় শহরে এমন সুবিধাজনক ও সস্তা পরিবহণ মাধ্যম আর নেই। বর্তমানে হাওড়া ময়দান পর্যন্ত চালু এই মেট্রো কলকাতা, হাওড়া এবং সম্মিলিত জেলাগুলির মানুষের কাছে পরম আদরের ও ভরসার আর তার সাথে হয়ে উঠেছে সকলের নয়নের মণি।

কলকাতা ও সংলগ্ন এলাকার আর্থ-সামাজিক উন্নয়নে কলকাতা মেট্রোর ভূমিকাকে স্বীকৃতি দিয়ে দেশের প্রাচীনতম সরকারি বিজ্ঞান ও কারিগরি জাদুঘর বিড়লা শিল্প ও কারিগরি সংগ্রহশালা (বি.আই.টি.এম) কলকাতা মেট্রোর ক্রমবিবর্তনকে তাঁদের ট্রান্সপোর্ট গ্যালারিতে প্রদর্শিত করতে চলেছে। বিশ্বে পরিবহণ ব্যবস্থার ক্রমবিকাশকে তুলে ধরা হয়েছে এই গ্যালারিতে। গ্যালারিটি সর্বসাধারণের জন্য খুলে যাবে আগামী ১৮ মে। চাকার আবিষ্কার থেকে শুরু করে আজকের বিদ্যুৎচালিত গাড়ি অবধি এসে পৌঁছনোর এই সফর গল্প বলার ঢঙে বিভিন্ন ছবি, মডেল ও সংক্ষিপ্ত ভিডিওর মাধ্যমে তুলে ধরা হবে এখানে,



যেখানে গুরুত্ব দিয়ে তুলে ধরা হবে কলকাতা মেট্রোর প্রায় ৪০ বছরের পথ চলার গল্প।

একদা বিখ্যাত ঠাকুর পরিবারের সম্পত্তি ছিলো বি.আই.টি.এম-এর এই জাদুঘর ভবনটি। এই ভবনেরই একদম নিচের তলায় গড়ে তোলা হয়েছে এই গ্যালারিটি। এখানে আগত দর্শকেরা নদীর নীচে দিয়ে কিভাবে মেট্রো চলাচল করে তা দেখতে পাবেন এক ত্রিমাত্রিক মডেলের সাহায্যে। আর একটি ত্রিমাত্রিক মডেলের মাধ্যমে ভূগর্ভস্থ মেট্রো স্টেশনের বিভিন্ন স্তর, ভূপৃষ্ঠের ওপরের স্তর এবং মেট্রোর যাতায়াত ফুটিয়ে তোলা হয়েছে। বিভিন্ন দুপ্ৰাপ্য ও পুরোনো আলোকচিত্রও স্থান পেয়েছে এই গ্যালারিতে। বিশ্বের কোন কোন দেশে মেট্রো চলে এবং সেই মেট্রো কবে চালু হয়েছিল সেই ব্যাপারে সম্যক ধারণা পাওয়া যাবে

এই গ্যালারিতে এলে। বিভিন্ন দুপ্ৰাপ্য ও চিত্তাকর্ষক সামগ্রী দিয়ে সাজানো এই গ্যালারিটি দেখে বেরোনোর মুখে দর্শকেরা দেখতে পাবেন মেট্রোর পুরোনো টিকিট ও স্মার্ট কার্ড। ১৯৫৯ সালে স্থাপিত এই সংগ্রহশালা হেলে আসা সময়কে ফিরে দেখা ও স্মৃতিমেদুর হওয়ার সুযোগ করে দেবে। যা এই জাদুঘরের বাড়তি আকর্ষণ।

বি.আই.টি.এম-এর ডিরেক্টর এস চৌধুরি এমন একটি গ্যালারির স্বপ্ন বাস্তবায়িত করার ক্ষেত্রে সক্রিয় সহযোগিতা ও প্রয়োজনীয় উদ্যোগ নেওয়ার জন্য মেট্রো রেলের জেনারেল ম্যানেজার পি উদয় কুমার রেড্ডিকে ধন্যবাদ জানিয়েছেন। মেট্রো রেলের পক্ষ থেকে বিভিন্ন দুপ্ৰাপ্য ছবি, নকশা এবং অন্যান্য প্রদর্শন সামগ্রী দিয়ে এই গ্যালারিকে সমৃদ্ধ করা হয়েছে। আগামীদিনে ছাত্র-ছাত্রী, শিক্ষক-শিক্ষিকা, বিজ্ঞানপিপাসু ব্যক্তি, বৈজ্ঞানিক, গবেষক এমনকি মেট্রো যাত্রীদের কাছেও এক আকর্ষক গন্তব্য হতে চলেছে এই গ্যালারি। এই সুন্দর এবং সমৃদ্ধ গ্যালারিতে পা রাখলে অনেক অজানা তথ্য ও ইতিহাস উন্মোচিত হবে তাঁদের সামনে। ভবিষ্যতের পৃথিবী কেমন হতে চলেছে সে ব্যাপারেও ধারণা পাওয়া যাবে এই গ্যালারিতে এলে। আগামীদিনে কলকাতার অন্যতম প্রধান আকর্ষণের কেন্দ্র হতে চলে চলেছে বি.আই.টি.এম-এর এই গ্যালারি।





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Under water Metro is all set to chug in a museum!

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Shri S.Chaudhuri, Director of BITM, has thanked Shri P Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway for providing all kind of assistance, heritage photographs, drawings as well as other exhibits to make this gallery a reality. In the coming days, students, teachers, science enthusiasts, scientists, researchers as well as Metro commuters will be immensely benefited by visiting this well curated and meticulously designed gallery. This futuristic gallery has all the ingredients to become a crowd puller of Kolkata.