

Major Achievement of Archaeological Survey of India (2015-16)

Retrieval of Illegally Exported Antiquities

The Archaeological Survey of India successfully retrieved three antiquities during the year 2015-16 which were illegally exported from India and surfaced abroad. The sand stone image of Parrot Lady from Khajuraho region, which was illegally exported sometimes in 2011 was detained by Canadian authorities. The image was examined by experts for the purpose its authenticity and its genuineness and it was handed to the government of India by Canadian Prime Minister to Hon'ble Prime Minister of India during his visit to Canada in April 2015. Finally the image was returned back to India.



A stone image of Durga Mahishamardini from Pulwama District of J&K was stolen sometime in 1991 which was later on surfaced at Linden Museum, Stuttgart, Germany. After verification of the object by expert to ascertain genuineness and authenticity, the image was returned back to India in the month of September 2015.

