

Ethnological Museum

KIRTADS

The Ethnological Museum is one of the most informative and interesting storehouse for people who want to know about the Tribes of Kerala. The Museum is a part of the Kerala Institute for Research, Training and Development Studies of Schedules Castes and Tribes (KIRTADS), and houses a large collection of artefacts, costumes, jewellery, household utensils, nets and traps, wood carvings, agricultural tools, musical instruments, and ceremonial paraphernalia of all the Tribal communities in Kerala. There are also displays of the various cultural features and backgrounds of each and every Tribe living in Kerala. Besides, there are the costumes of various performing arts and handicrafts made by the members of scheduled communities. Research and development work done by the government for the development of indigenous groups is also well documented.

This Ethnological Museum was established in 1973. Its initial objective was to collect a wide range of items of material culture from the Tribes in order to assist researchers and students in the study of tribal culture. Later, access was granted to the interested public.

In the year 2000, the Museum was moved from the ground floor of the main Research Institute to a new building, within its premises and is now on the tourist map of Kerala.

The New Museum is spacious with exotic artifacts on display. The handicrafts made by the Scheduled Community members are quite captivating. The Museum also displays renowned anthropological collections from neighbouring states. To sum up, this one-of-a-kind Museum, situated with in the premises of KIRATADS, brings to light the hidden world of tribal history and the present-day

tribal culture. The Ethnological Museum is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the rich and unique culture of the indigenous people. The Museum also offers information about related publications and tribal music. The public is invited to develop their appreciation for these by visiting the Museum at its new location.

Open from Monday to Saturday
[except on 2nd Saturdays]
10 Am- 5Pm

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*[It is situated near the Vrindavan Colony]
which is 8 kms from the Railway station and 4 kms from the Bus Stand]*