



RABINDRANATH TAGORE INSTITUTE

Setting up of the Craft and Lifestyle Heritage Archives

The Rabindranath Tagore Institute is pleased to announce the forthcoming setting up of a Craft and Lifestyle Heritage Archives.

The Craft and Lifestyle Heritage Archives of the RTI is being set up with a view to create an inventory of the skills and craftsmanship of heritage crafts that have either disappeared, that are slowly disappearing, that are still very much alive within the tangible and intangible heritage landscape of Mauritius.

A heritage craft refers to a practice that makes use of manual adeptness and skills to use locally available materials to produce, repair, restore craft objects using techniques and design that are traditionally embedded in the lifestyle of the population.

So as to carry out the inventory on the existing, endangered and lost crafts of Mauritius, the Institute is inviting craftspersons, craft organizations, heritage professionals, funding bodies and members of the public to contribute to this innovative project.

This first phase, which is the collection of primary information on the crafts, would be followed by a classification of the crafts after which the inventory will be worked out.

The final phase will be the creation of the Archives which will house information on the craftworks, craftsmanship, photos, documents, testimonies etc., and these would be curated to create a concept space where visitors may learn and explore the many facets of those crafts.

To that effect, the Rabindranath Tagore Institute is inviting contributions for the setting up of the Archives. Interested parties are invited to send their expression of interest to contribute this new development in the preservation of traditional knowledge, to the Officer- in- Charge, RTI, Ilot, Pamplemousses at latest by 30 June 2018.

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