

# Curator (Museum)

**Aliases:** Museum Curator

**Industry/Sector(s):** Education, Training and Research

## JOB DESCRIPTION <sup>1</sup>

The tasks a Curator (Museum) is expected to perform include:

- Collecting, preparing and preserving objects or materials of historical, biological, geological, archaeological and antique importance
- Displaying all the objects for public viewing in museums or exhibition halls
- Undertaking extensive tours of the country and collecting rare objects and materials of historical importance
- Classifying the objects under appropriate headings according to genus, family and species (if animals) or to periods (if monuments)
- Preparing material for proper and effective display
- Labelling all the specimens or objects with proper descriptions
- Preserving all the specimens in special solutions like lysol, formalin, etc.
- Displaying objects in various exhibition halls of museums for better effect
- Conducting or carrying out research to trace the history of objects
- Publishing research reports relating to the museum collection for use by scholars
- Providing facilities to research workers
- Conducting visitor's tours in the museum and explaining the history of articles, etc. to them

## WORK ENVIRONMENT <sup>1, 2</sup>

- It is not a desk job
- Need not handle a team
- Local travelling is a part of this job role
- Part-time work and contractual jobs may be available
- Work from home option is not available

### Working hours

- Organizations usually work for 5/6 days a week and 8/9 hours everyday. This may vary from organization to organization
- Shift system may be available
- Overtime may be required

### Is the job suitable for a candidate with special needs?

*This may vary from organization to organization*

## EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING <sup>3</sup>

Preferably, Master's or equivalent honour's degree in Indian history/archaeology/classical languages

## KEY COMPETENCIES <sup>1</sup>

- In-depth knowledge of history and all important timelines
- Skilled at identifying and collecting rare objects and materials
- In-depth knowledge of the genus, family and species of animals and periods of the monuments
- Skilled in checking the authenticity of the artefacts
- Skilled in organizing art shows at the museum
- Skilled in hosting events like tours, workshops, lectures, fundraisers, educational programmes for museum members and general public
- Skilled at maintaining detailed records of all items
- Knowledge of writing research papers

## DESIRABLE COMPETENCIES <sup>1</sup>

- Good communication skills
- Hard-working

## AVAILABLE SKILL TRAINING AND LEARNING INSTITUTES

Universities and institutes offering courses in Indian history, archaeology and classical languages across India

## AVAILABLE SKILL TRAINING SCHEMES/SCHOLARSHIPS

For scholarship and schemes, use further links like:

- <https://scholarships.gov.in/>

## SAMPLE OF TRAINING AND LEARNING COURSES

<https://targetstudy.com/courses/ma-ancient-indian-history-and-archaeology.html>

## CAREER PROGRESSION PATH <sup>4</sup>

Helper → Archivist → **Curator (Museum)** → Head Curator

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## EXPECTED EARNINGS <sup>3</sup>

•For new entrants - Rs 5,200 to Rs 20,200 per month

*These figures are indicative and subject to change*

## REQUIRED WORK EXPERIENCE <sup>3</sup>

Some organizations hire new entrants too

## PROBABLE EMPLOYERS <sup>3</sup>

- Museums
- Historical conservatories

## KEYWORDS

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## OCCUPATIONAL CODES AND STANDARDS

Standard	Code	Description
NCO 2015	2621.0200	Curator (Museum)
ISCO 2008	2621	Archivists and Curators
NIC 2008	91020	Museums activities and operation of historical sites and buildings
QP Reference	Not available	Not available
NSQF	Not available	Not available

## REFERENCES

1	National Classification of Occupations Division 2
2	<a href="http://www.ccdisabilities.nic.in/page.php?s=reg&amp;t=def&amp;p=list_jobsNew">http://www.ccdisabilities.nic.in/page.php?s=reg&amp;t=def&amp;p=list_jobsNew</a>
3	<a href="http://www.indianmuseumkolkata.org/Notice%20&amp;%20Advertisement/2800.doc">www.indianmuseumkolkata.org/Notice%20&amp;%20Advertisement/2800.doc</a>
4	<a href="http://dget.nic.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/publication/Des-Div-2.pdf">http://dget.nic.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/publication/Des-Div-2.pdf</a>