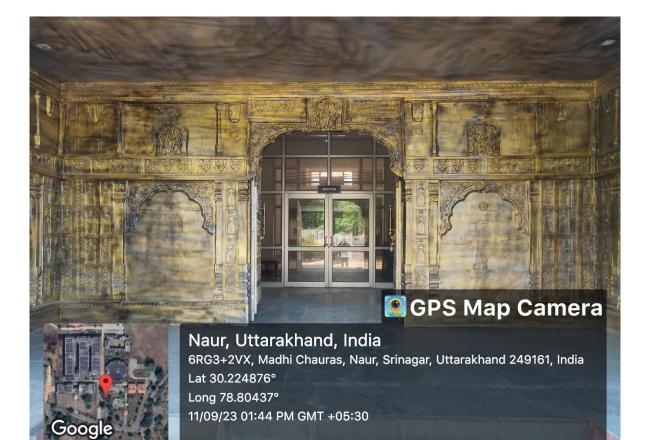
## Museum of Himalayan Archaeology and Ethnography

The Museum of Himalayan Archaeology and Ethnography was established in 1980 in the Department of History AIHC and Archaeology of Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University. It holds immense significance, serving as a custodian of the rich cultural heritage and historical legacy of Himalaya region. Archaeological artifacts unearthed from various historical site of Uttarakhand, Himachal and Uttar Pradesh provide invaluable insights into its past, revealing the evolution of civilizations in the region. These relics, ranging from prehistoric tools to medieval sculptures, offer a tangible link to the deep-rooted history of the region, tracing its journey from ancient times to the present day. The ethnographical galleries showcase the vibrant tapestry of Uttarakhand's diverse communities, each with its own ornaments, art, and lifestyle. Such displays foster a deeper understanding of the cultural diversity of the Himalayan region. In 2009, the Museum building located in the Srinagar was heavily damaged due to a massive landslide. A large part of the building was buried under the debris. Subsequently the Museum was shifted in new Building at Chauras Campus in 2013. The museum is being refurbished to display the museum collection. The new building of Museum having a covered area of 1000 Sq. Metres has 13 galleries spreading in first floor of the building while the second floor houses the library, conference hall and office space. At present the museum is displaying the prehistoric and Proto-historic materials, Terracotta art, Sculptures, Paintings, Manuscripts, and Bronzes from different archaeological sites of the region as well as ethnographic materials to showcase the life and culture of the Uttarakhand society. Additionally, the museum also received grants from the University over the last five years to introduce multimedia devices to make the museum more interactive and experiential for visitors.







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