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The Positive Synergy of Craft and Conservation – A workshop on traditional swordsmithing and its use in modern field of conservation

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Abstract

In keeping with the celebration of traditional skills during the World living heritage festival at the City Palace, Udaipur this workshop will focus on the traditional swordsmithing techniques and role of traditional craft skills in conservation of metal heritage. Aimed at heritage professionals, craft practitioners and the general public, the workshop will explore the unique opportunity to interact with remaining traditional swordsmiths family of Mewar region and talk by metal conservation expert, all focused around the recreation of traditional practices in the modern field of conservation. The talk will address the following questions:

- Who are the Sikligar community?
- What is traditional swordsmithing?
- Why is it important to preserve the traditional knowledge?
- How we have identified ways to bring contemporary relevance to the time-honoured skills of traditional swordsmiths?
- How we can link heritage conservation with socio-economic development?

Come along to discover what's involved in swordsmithing, hear fascinating insights about inspiration, practice, rituals as well as the challenging decisions on the front-line of conservation. Featuring a 90 years old master swordsmith Heeralal and three generations of his family who perform sword polishing job by age old traditional method and recreated the traditional tools.

Please browse the pictures below, which hopefully give a good flavour of the upcoming event

