

## VISIT OF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF MINES, TO THE INDIAN MUSEUM

Shri Anil Gopishankar Mukim, Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Mines (MoM) made a visit to different galleries of Indian Museum, Kolkata on 18th April 2019. The Secretary, MoM was accompanied by Shri Santosh Sharma, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Hindustan Copper Limited and senior officers of MoM and HCL. Geological Survey of India maintains three galleries in Indian Museum viz., Siwalik Gallery, Rocks and Mineral Gallery and Invertebrate Gallery. A visit was arranged by the Curatorial Division in collaboration with Indian Museum authorities on the major display exhibits of the Indian Museum. The visit was commenced from the Siwalik Gallery of Indian Museum where numerous fossil specimens of Siwalik mammals collected from various stratigraphic horizons of Siwalik Group of rocks are preserved. The important morphological features of Siwalik mammalian fossil specimens of Proboscidea, Perissodactyla, Artiodactyla and episodes of faunal turnover throughout the Neogene Period were briefly explained. Shri A. G. Mukim and other dignitaries evinced keen interest in the fossil specimen of petrified wood *Dadoxylon* of Early Triassic age. S/Shri S. Gupta, Director, A. Bhattacharyya, Superintending Geologist and Smt. M. Roy Moulik, Senior Geologist from Curatorial Division accompanied the distinguished visitors. In this occasion, a visit was arranged to the galleries displaying art and archaeological artifacts which was explained thoroughly by the Education Officer and Scholars of Indian Museum.

### GLIMPSES OF VISIT TO THE INDIAN MUSEUM



