

# Odisha Maritime Museum



The Orissa State Maritime Museum is set up at Jobra Workshop, has 10 nos of galleries along with its ancillary components, as required in a modern museum. This location, beginning around 1869, has the unique distinction of being the only workshop which catered to the requirement of three provinces

of Bihar, Bengal and Odisha under the Bengal Presidency of British India. It was set up by the then PWD department of British administration through the efforts of one Scottish Engineer Mr. G. H. Faulkner immediately after the great famine of 1866 in Odisha, known as “**Naa Anka Durvikshya**”.



The workshop was provided a modern get-up of the present-day Maritime Museum for which the foundation stone was laid on Dt.18.05.2007 and inaugurated on Dt.01.04.2013 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha after completion. It has 14 Nos. of galleries, namely Introduction, History, Boat building, Jobra Workshop, Ritual, Navigation, Monuments, Boat sheds, Saw Mills, Jetty, Library, Computer Section, temporary exhibition hall and Aquarium Hall. There is also one 4D SFX theatre hall which the Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated

on 21.04.2017. The museum is managed through interest money from a corpus fund of ₹20.00 crores.

As per the decision taken in the 4<sup>th</sup> Governing Body Meeting held on 08.11.2018 under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, it was decided to extend the existing aquarium. Installation & commissioning of Ocean Adventure Work through Optical Illusion puzzle have been completed. The delegates from Indonesia have contributed a large number of exhibits. Hence one exclusive gallery for those exhibits has been formed.

