

## REPORT

I am honoured to be one of the recipients of the ICOM travel grant for attending the ICDAD/DEMHIST annual conference in Baku, in 2018. Thanks to your generous support I am the first grantee in my family to attend such international conference abroad. Growing up in less privileged community not only had offered me financial and academic challenges but had also helped me to realize the value of attending such international conference held abroad.

I enjoy helping people learn about innovative processes and upgrading themselves. This grant has given me an opportunity to earn skills that will serve the museum community in my country. It was a great opportunity for me to interact with museum personnel and researchers from all over the world. Both DEMHIST and the ICOM travel grant helped to break the distance between me and the rest of the world. In fact, this conference helped me to know the status of decorative art and house museums of different countries, at an international level. It has helped me to upgrade myself with advanced knowledge of museums and as a consequence, I have already started to spread that knowledge in house museums in my country. Without this kind of grants, museum personnel and students such as myself would be unable to attend such enthusiastic conference.

In this conference, DEMHIST has given me the energy to form a DEMHIST National Group in India. I have already discussed it with house museum personnel and with some palaces' directors in India, particularly in Rajasthan. This work is going on and positive results are coming for DEMHIST in India.



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