Kolkata's Tram- Running Heritage Vehicle in Indian Transport System: The Museum Implanted for the Preservation and Conservation of Vintage Vehicle

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Abstract

We have seen Kolkata's Tram has its own heritage in this world. But, today's Kolkata is not the same as earlier Kolkata. After the 17th century to pre-independent era of India as well as Calcutta, a lot of foreign communities settled in Calcutta. But after 1757, East India Company came to India and administrative control. That time Calcutta was the capital of British India. Now in Calcutta a system of transformation developed by the British. During that period, lot of Jamindari families tried to continue the British administration. Gradually various types of art and sculpture grew in that era. By the end of 18th century, a new transport system depended upon palanquin, horse riding etc, but during that period, British Government started spreading the transport system widely. They established Tramways steam engine in 1873. Now, the tramways transport system is still going on Kolkata's road. It is one of the running heritages in India. This transport system has crossed 144 years. The Tramway is a unique heritage to carry on our oldest memorable memory of transportation which we have forwarded to our next generation. The tram is the only vehicle which was established at Calcutta in India. When it was started, it was a non-electrical vehicle. Kolkata's tram played an invaluable role in Kolkata's transport system. Almost 144 years later it still survives and is providing its service for the citizens of Kolkata. Today we have seen that other vehicles also play a role in the transport system. Nowadays, Kolkata's tram compelled to compete with the other vehicles. But tramways want to protect their vintage heritage. In present day, Kolkata tram included Calcutta Tramways Corporation who wants to preserve their vintage locomotive heritage. So, they have created a museum in tramways vehicle, which is called 'Smaranika'. These details will be discussed at a later stage. The tram museum needs proper preservation and conservation. Museum creates a museum environment for the living heritage which lives forever. Researcher deeply believed that if we need to take a few proper steps for the development and up gradation for these vintage vehicles. Researcher hopes that it will be running forever. So, Kolkata's tram is very nostalgic part of their city. Without Tramways system is Kolkata's symbol known pale. After the full paper researcher will discuss this elaborately.

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