Conservation of Thangkas in the National Museum, New Delhi

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ABSTRACT: The Conservation Laboratory of the National Museum, New Delhi, generally caters to the conservation needs of the collection housed within the museum. In the case of Thangkas, in addition to the conservation of these housed within the National Museum, which number approximately 150, the Laboratory has also worked on Thangkas from other institutions, including from living religious institutions. This article describes the methodology used in the conservation of Thangkas as followed by the Conservation Laboratory, National Museum, and various innovations tried in consolidation, reinforcement and presentation techniques of Thangkas.

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