An Exhibition

on

The Legacy of Dr. Vishnu Sridhar Wakankar
Centenary Celebrations of Padmashree Dr. V. S. Wakankar
(2nd-30th May, 2019)

Dr. V. S. Wakankar was an Indian Archaeologist, Epigraphist, Artist and also an expert of Numismatics. From 1954 onwards, he carried out extensive field-work on rock art in India and abroad – Europe, North America and the Middle East. It is estimated that he discovered and documented some 4,000 decorated shelters in India. The most important of his discoveries is Bhimbetka (Madhya Pradesh) in 1957 which has one of the largest concentrations of rock paintings in India. These shelters were declared as World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2003.

As we know that the centenary year of Padmashree Dr. V. S. Wakankar (4th May 1919 - 3rd April 1988), commenced from May, 2019. In this context, IGNCA organised a national seminar on “Rock Art Research in India” from 2nd - 4th May, 2019 and an exclusive exhibition on “The Legacy of Dr. Vishnu Shridhar Wakankar” from 2nd - 30th May, 2019. The exhibition gives reflection of his multifaceted personality and valuable contributions as freedom fighter, RSS Svyam Sevak and in the field of Archaeology, Art History, Numismatics, Rock Art Studies etc. The exhibition was inaugurated by Shri Baba Yogendra Ji (Patron and Founder Member, Sanskar Bharti). The inaugural function was a grand success and was attended by several scholars and seminar's delegates. Definitely it will help many scholars to know about Dr. V. S. Wakankar and his contributions for further research.

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