

**INDIRAGANDHI NATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
REGIONAL CENTRE – PUDUCHERRY**

Concept Note

Title: Prehistoric Cultural Practices in Sub-Saharan Africa and South India

Date: 24th January, 2019

Special Lecture on the “**Prehistoric Cultural Practices in Sub-Saharan Africa and South India**”. This special Lecture will be organized in collaboration with Department of Anthropology, Pondicherry University at Seminar Hall, School of Social Science, and Pondicherry University on 24th January, 2020. The aim of this special lecture is to comprehend the Art and Cultural transformations between Sub-Saharan Africa and South India during the Pre Historic Period.

The interior Sub-Saharan Africa consists of a series of undulating plateaus that cover most of Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Somalia, Sudan, Tunisia and Botswana. The countries on the Southern African mainland share many of the demographic qualities of the rest of Africa: large family size, agrarian economies, multiple ethnic groups, rural populations. Sub Saharan is known for its cultural Diversity. By 10,000 BCE, Homo sapiens had spread to all corners of the world. This dispersal of the human species is suggested by linguistic, cultural and genetic evidence (Shillington, Kevin 2005). The article from Indian Express (29th October, 2019) says that Human Life Sprang up in North Botswana. Scientists claimed that 200000 years ago modern human emerged northern part of Botswana and south of Zambezi River in southern Africa. Many cultural traditions research study have evidenced that there is similarities between Southern Africa and South India in Culture and tradition.

Based on this historical and cultural background the Puducherry Regional centre has planned to organize a Special Lecture to compare contrast and Similarities the cultural traditions between Sub-Saharan Africa and South India particularly Pre historic period.

Shri. Rajeswaran, an Etymologist, Writer and Anthropologist have gained knowledge in the field of African and Indian culture. He has been more than 36 years in Africa and frequently travels Europe and African continents including Botswana, Uganda, South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe and other parts of the world to understand the culture and their practices. He has been proposed to pay his honorable visit for presenting his sensible research findings to the growing community of an aspirant of researchers. His special lecture will be keenly documented to preserve for the forth coming generation of Aspirants.