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The ‘World of Rock Art’ or pre-historic art talks about man’s experience of the world though his primeval sense of sight and sound. These two senses have stimulated artists’ expressions, visual and aural, in the prehistoric past as well as in the contemporary cultures. The IGNCA hosted an international exhibition on Rock Art from December 2012 to January 2013. The exhibition was received so well that it was decided to curtail a travelling exhibition of this grand show.

The first circulatory exhibition was organised at Bharat Kala Bhawan, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, from 5 to 28 March, 2013. It was inaugurated by Prof. B.M. Shukla, eminent scientist and former Vice-Chancellor, Gorakhpur University. Several dignitaries of the BHU were present on the occasion including Dr. D.P. Sharma, Director, Bharat Kala Bhawan, BHU.

Two special lectures on the rock art of the region were organised. Prof. R. K. Varma, former Vice-Chancellor, A.P.S. University, Rewa (M.P) delivered a lecture, ‘Rock Art in Northern Vindhyan Region’ on 5 March, 2013 while Prof. J. N. Pal, renowned archaeologist and Professor of Allahabad University spoke on ‘Rock Art in North Vindhyan Region and Prehistoric Rock Art in Vindhyanas in Uttar Pradesh and Adjoining Areas, North Central India’ on 6 March, 2013.

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