



Children Workshops

At

The World of Rock Art Exhibition

Departmental Museum of Ancient Indian History Culture & Archaeology

Panjab University, Chandigarh

(10th & 11th August, 2016)

A Report



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Two special workshops for school children titled ‘*Impressions*’ were organized on 10th & 11th August, 2016 respectively on the eve of ‘*The World of Rock Art Exhibition*’ at Departmental Museum of Ancient Indian History Culture & Archaeology, Panjab University, Chandigarh. Students from various schools of Chandigarh and its surroundings actively participated in these workshops. Two painting workshops were organized on the ‘World of Rock Art’ on 10th and 11th August respectively, where more than 300 students from various schools namely; Ankur Public School, Govt. Senior Secondary School, Sector-16, Chandigarh and New Public School participated. During these Workshops, Dr. Jagtej Garewal from Visual & Fine Arts dept., Panjab University and Dr. Amit Sharma from College of Art, Chandigarh elaborated the participating students about the rock art treasures of India and emphasized on its preservation as a cultural heritage. Being well known artists themselves, they guided the students during these painting workshops and gave a demonstration on painting the various forms of rock art found in India.



After the workshop, all the students were issued a participating certificate for their active participation and some of the best paintings were selected for display in the exhibition gallery. All the students highly appreciated the painting workshop and showed great interest in the exhibition. For instance, the participating students from Ankur Public School, Sector-14 said that the children’s workshop was an interesting experience for them as they get to learn about the rock art, the precious heritage of the world. Abhinav, a student of New Public School, Chandigarh said “*through this workshop he learnt a lot about the rock art sites in India*”. The students from Govt. Senior Secondary School, Sector-16, emphasized that more and more such workshops and exhibitions should be organized as it gives them a glimpse of the earliest artistic traditions of the world and helps school children in understanding the past better.

Students of different schools at their creative best



Participants at the Workshop



Distribution of certificates



Paintings made by students at the workshop



Anubhav (VI-A), Ankur Public School



Aanchal Shah (VIII-A) Ankur Public School



Nikhil (VII-D), Govt. Model S.S School , Sec-16



Nipun Bansal (VIII B), Ankur Public School



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