

University signs agreement with IGNCA

■ MoU on Multidisciplinary Documentation of Rock Art was signed

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RASHTRASANT Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University (RTMNU) on Tuesday signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi on a project titled "Multidisciplinary Documentation of Rock Art and its allied subjects in Maharashtra". Dr B L Malla, Project Director, IGNCA and Puranchandra Meshram, Registrar, RTMNU signed the document from respective organisations in presence of Vice-Chancellor Dr Siddharthavinayak Kane and Member Secretary of IGNCA Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi.

Dr B L Malla introduced the objectives of the project and high-



V-C Dr S P Kane, Dr Sachchidanand Joshi, Registrar Puran Meshram, Dr B L Bhalla during the signing of MoU.

lighted need for implementation of such a project in every State for preservation of Rock Art in the country. Prof. Joshi elaborated role of IGNCA in preservation of cultural heritage of ancient India. He further expressed his desire to have a long term meaningful collaboration between RTMNU and IGNCA. V-C welcomed such an initiative for multidisciplinary collaboration for growth of Science and Culture together, and promised to provide all the nec-

essary facilities for implementation of such project. Prof. V H Sonawane, an internationally acclaimed researcher in the field of Archeology and Rock Art and retired Professor of MS University, Baroda was prominently present alongwith other members of the Multidisciplinary Research Team on the occasion. Dr Prabhas Sahu, Department of Archeology, Ancient Indian History and Culture and Project Coordinator conducted the proceedings and

Dr K R Randive presented the vote of thanks.

In the afternoon an orientation workshop was organised for training the recently formulated multidisciplinary team and scholars and students in the Department of Geology. The main objective of this workshop was to attain best possible documentation and analysis of the field work and also to sensitize students about the importance of Rock Art, the first creative act of human being. It was formally inaugurated by Prof Sacchidanand Joshi and the orientation lectures were given by Dr Sonawane and Dr Malla. Prof Anil Pophare, Head of the Department of Geology, RTMNU highlighted achievements of faculty members and students of Geology Department in various fields. Dr Vijay Kumar conducted the proceedings and Dr Urade proposed a vote of thanks.