

# Mobile Exhibition on the World of Rock Art

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# Report

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After the successful organization of the 'World of Rock Art' exhibitions at Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi ( 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2013), then in Srimanta Sankardeva Kalashetra (SSK), Guwahati (12<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2013), at Odisha State Museum, Bhubaneshwar (18<sup>th</sup> May to 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2013), at Pondicherry University, Puducherry ( 25<sup>th</sup> July to 25<sup>th</sup> august, 2013), at National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), Bengaluru (3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2014), at Centre for Heritage Studies (CHS), Tripunithura, Kerala ( 28<sup>th</sup> November to 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2014) and at Sangeetha Mahal, Palace Complex, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu (6<sup>th</sup> May to 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2015). The exhibition is now hosted on the eve of World Heritage Week (19-25 November) at Puratattva Bhavan, Seminari Hills, Nagpur, Maharashtra in collaboration with the Archaeological Survey of India, Excavation Branch-I, Nagpur Circle. An exhibition on 'Indian Rock Art' was also organized by IGNCA in the last week of August, 2014 at the World Rock Art Museum, Yinchuan, China. It remained open for the public till September, 2015.

As a precursor to the event, a press conference was held by the organizers of the event on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at Archaeological Survey of India, Excavation Branch-I, Nagpur Circle. The press agencies were briefed about the significance of the ignored field of the Indian rock art as well as of the studies and its importance for the posterity and the role that the media has to play in this regard. Almost all

the important newspapers highlighted the significance of the event which resulted in a huge attendance at the exhibition, children's workshop and special lectures.

The exhibition at Puratattva Bhavan was inaugurated by Professor (Dr.) Siddarth Vinayak Kane, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj University, Nagpur, on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015. The welcome address in the inaugural function was given by Dr. Nandini Sahu, Superentending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Excavation Branch-I, Nagpur Circle. Introduction to the exhibition was given by Dr. B.L. Malla, Project Director, IGNCA, New Delhi and the Presidential Address was given by Dr. Siddarth Vinayak Kane, the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of RTM University, Nagpur. Dr. Sachin Tiwary of Archaeological Survey of India proposed the vote of thanks.



Dr. S V Kane inaugurating the exhibition.

As a part of the event, a special lecture on the *'Paschim Bharat avyam Chambal Ghati key Shailchitra Kala'* by Dr. Narayan Vyas was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> November at Puratattva Bhavan, Seminari Hills. A special workshop for school children titled 'Impressions' was organized on 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at the same venue where students from various schools of Nagpur actively participated. It was followed by another special lecture titled *'Rock Art treasures of the Satpuras'* by Dr. Prabash Sahu, Associate Professor, Dept. of AIHC & Archaeology, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj University, Nagpur.





Dr. Narayan Vyas and Dr. Prabash Sahu delivering their Special lectures on the occasion.

All the events were well received by the common people, students and scholar community. The exhibition, special lectures and Children workshop were highly appreciated and got a very positive response from both print and the electronic media. For instance, "Dr. Kane in his presidential address expressed a need to equip the students of all disciplines about history and culture of the nation. Quoting the saying of Cicero as 'one who is ignorant of the history remains child forever' and mentioned that today the young generation is attracted towards medical and engineering education. Unfortunately, these youths are not aware about the great cultural heritage of the country. The educated youths are ignorant about their past. It is therefore, needed to conduct such events for the psychological development of the youths, he added" (The Hitavada, 20 November, 2015). As per recent update received from Excavation Branch-I, Archaeological Survey of India, Nagpur Circle, people in large numbers are visiting the exhibition every day. Through this event, we have been able, to a great extent, to propagate and highlight the activities of the IGNCA, especially about the importance and the objectives of the present Rock Art Project. How did humankind portray its earliest expressions? A visit to the exhibition, The World of Rock Art offers some answers.



Dr. S. V. Kane delivering the presidential address.

The present exhibition will remain open for public at the said venue till  $18^{\rm th}$  December, 2015.





The participants at the Children's Workshop

# A General view of the Exhibition





### **Press Coverage**

The Exhibition was widely covered both by the print as well as the electronic media









# Times of India

THE TIMES OF INDIA, NAGPUR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

# Expo to display 'World of Rock Art'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Nagpur: Indra Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, in collaboration with Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Nagpur, and Excavation Branch I, is organizing an exhibition on 'World of Rock Art' at ASI, Puratattva Bhawan, Seminary Hills, Nagpur.

The exhibition will be open from November 19 to December 20. Siddharthvinayaka Kane, Nagpur University VC, will inaugurate the exhbition on Thursday at 11.30am. Narayan Vyas will deliver lecture on 'Paschim Bharat Avyam Chambal Ghati ki Shel Chitra Kala' at 3.30pm.

A workshop for children will be held on November 20 at 12pm at the same venue. Later, Prabash Sahu will deliver lecture on 'The rock Art ASI will celebrate World Heritage Week with exhibitions on 'Gawilgarh Hills' and 'Amazing Vidarbha'

Treasures of Satpuras' at 3:30 pm. The exhibition will be open for the public till December 20, 2015. This exhibition will also coincide with 'World Heritage Week' which will be celebrated from November 19 to 25.

ASI will celebrate the Heritage Week by putting up two exhibitions namely 'Splendours of Gawilgarh Hills' by Excavation Branch I, and 'Amazing Vidarbha' by Nagpur Circle at the same venue.

The exhibition 'World of Rock Art' displays the matic universality of art, to which both tangible and intangible aspects of heritage are associated.

# The **Hitavada**

NAGPUR Thursday November 19 2015

# ASI, IGNCA exhibitions on rock art from today

**■ Staff Reporter** 

INDIRA Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi, in collaboration with Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Nagpur Circle, and Excavation Branch-I, is organising an exhibition on 'World of Rock Art' at ASI's Puratattva Bhavan, Seminary Hills, here from November 19.

Prof Dr Siddharthvinayak Kane, Vice-Chancellor, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University (RTMNU), will inaugurate the exhibition in a function to be held at 11.30 am on Thursday.

On the same day, Dr Narayan Vyas will deliver a special lecture at 3.30 pm on 'Rock Art of Chambal Valley' in the Conference Hall at Puratattva Bhavan. On November 20, a workshop will be held for children at the venue of the exhibition. It will be followed by a special lecture by Dr Prabash Sahu on 'The Rock Art Treasures of Satpuras' at 3.30 pm. The exhibition will be open for the public up to December 20.

The said exhibition coincides with the 'World Heritage Week' being celebrated from November 19 to November 25. ASI also will be putting up two exhibitions namely 'Splendours of Gawilgarh Hills' by Excavation Branch-I, and 'Amazing Vidarbha' by Nagpur Circle, at the same venue. Nandini Bhattacharya Sahu, Superintending Archaeologist, ASI, Excavation Branch-I and Nagpur Circle; and Dr B L Malla, Project Director, Rock Art Department, IGNCA, told reporters while addressing a press conference on Wednesday that the exhibitions would be

celebrations of the earliest creativity of humankind. ASI exhibitions will be open for public from November 19 to November 25.

Addressing the press conference, Dr Malla said that the exhibition 'World of Rock Art' was being organised in Nagpur for the first time. It is a part of IGNCA's national project on rock art, which gives top priority for creating general awareness for school children, college and University students, and general public about this first creative art of humankind

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"The prehistoric art comes to signify underlying philosophies and the world view of ancient people and tells us about the soul of the community, its thoughts, beliefs and emotions. The exhibition on the world of rock art displays thematic universality of this art form, to which both tangible and intangible aspects of the heritage are associated," Dr Malla said.

Replying to a question, Dr Malla said that scientific dating has not been possible so far in Indian rock painting. So, Indian rock painting. So, there is more reliance on relative dating and not absolute dating. Asked about the issues involved in scientific dating of rock art in India, he said that India lacked appropriate and sophisticated technology and trained scientists. France has the best technology in this regard. "However, in India also, the situation is changing. Teams of scientists are being built now. Also, the moden equipment are in the process of being made available Bhubaneswar, Lucknow, and Delhi," he added.

#### **Lokmat Times** THURSDAY. **19 NOVEMBER 2015** NAGPUR

# 'World of Rock Art' expo in city from Nov 19

#### LOKMAT NEWS NETWORK NAGPUR, NOV 18

In a first ever opportunity for people of Nagpur, Nagpurkar's will be witnessing a world class rock art exhibition. The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA). New Delhi in collaborated Survey of India, Nagpur Circle and Excavation Branch I, is organising an exhibition on the World of Rock Art at Archaeological Survey of India, Puratattva Bhavan, Seminary Hills Nagpur stating from New Centre of India, Puratattva Bhavan, Seminary Hills Nagpur stating from The exhibition will be held for one month duration. It is a part of the IGNCA's National Project on Rock Art, under this project the premiere agency focuses on creating general awareness for and university students, and general public about this first creative art of

the humankind. Dr B L
Malla. Project director of
IGNCA who will be coor
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world around him and his
activities. He lived in the
natural caves and shelter
paintings and engravings
on whatever he observed
in his surroundings,
mostly on nature and life.

These records goes back to 40,000 years as estimated by scholars. Paintings, pictograph of rock art are present in most of the constructions at a construction of experiments of the construction of the world at that time was beyond the political boundaries, said Malla. The formal inauguration ceremony of the event will be held at Puratattva Bhavan,

Seminary Hills, on November 19 at 11.30 am. Vice chancellor of RTMNU Dr. Siddharth Vineyak Kane Will imauchief gust of the programme. Dr Narayan Vyas Will deliver a special lecture on 'Paschim Bharat avyam Chambal Ghati ki Shel Chitra Kala' Rock art of Chambal valley) at 3.30 pm.

A children workshop

wilf be organised on November 20 at 12 pm fol-lowed by a special lecture by Dr Prakash Sahu on "The Rock Art Treasures of Satpuras' at 3.30 pm. The exhibition will be open for public from November 20.

As the exhibition is coinciding with 'World Heritage Week' from November 19 to 25, the Archaeological Survey of the World Heritage Week by putting up two exhibitions along with the month long exhibition of Rock art. 'Splendours of Gawilgarh Hills' by Excavation Branch I and 'Amazing Vidarbha' the Naggur Circle and 'Amazing Vidarbha' the Same venue, informed Superintended of the Superintended of the Superintended of the Magnur Circle.

The organisers appealed citizens to attend the exhibition and make it a grand success.

**लोकासरा** सुक्रवार, दि. २० नोव्हेंबर २०१५ ८ शैलचित्रातून विदर्भाच्या संस्कृतीचे दर्शन 'गाविलगडाचे सौंदर्य' व 'विस्मयकारक विदर्भ' प्रदर्शन : पुरातत्त्व सर्वेक्षण विभागातर्फे आयोजन वत्रप्रदर्शनाच्या उद्घाटनानंतर अवलोकन करताना कुलगुरू डॉ. सिद्धार्थीवनायक काणे. दुसऱ्या छायाचित्रात प्रदर्शनातील काही चित्रकृती जिहाँ धित्रकृता .

अधिक वास्तूचे छायाचित्रे लावण्यात आली आहेत. यात लोणार येथील गायमुख मंदिर, देत्य सुदाना मंदिर, स्वेअर कुंड, साफेगाव वेथील महादेव मंदिर, खंदप्, जिल्ह्यातील चुराली येथील केशकनाथ मंदिर, यलालपूर येथील किश्ला, भांदक येथील खंदिकादेवीच प्राचीन वास्तूचा समावेश आहे.

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