

**A REPORT
ON**



**THE WORLD OF ROCK ART EXHIBITION
AT
PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY, PUDUCHERRY
(25TH JULY TO 25TH AUGUST, 2013)**

The Circulatory exhibition 'The World of Rock Art' at Pondicherry University, Puducherry was inaugurated on 25th July, 2013 by the Chief Guest, Prof. (Mrs.) Chandra Krishnamurthy, Vice-Chancellor, Pondicherry University, Puducherry. Dr. Pierre GRARD, Director, French Institute of Pondicherry, Puducherry was Guest of Honour on the occasion. Introduction to the exhibition and welcome address was given by Dr. B. L. Malla and vote of thanks by Dr. G. Chandhrika, Professor & Head, Department of History. Along with exhibition two special lectures on Rock Art of Southern India were also organised. Prof. K. Rajan and Dr. N. Chandramouli both from Department of History, Pondicherry University delivered special lectures on 25th and 26th July, 2013 on the topic 'Rock Art and its Cultural Context – Recent Evidences in Tamil Nadu' and 'Rock Art in Andhra Pradesh' respectively. The focus of special lectures was mainly on rock art of Southern India and conservation problems associated with it. A one day workshop for the school children was also organised on 25th July, 2013 and the participants were awarded certificates. The Exhibition is open for public from 25th July to 25th August, 2013.

The exhibition, special lectures and workshop at Puducherry were well received and got an overwhelming response from both the print and electronic media. The exhibition was divided in two sections. In first section the Indian rock art and living artistic traditions were displayed and in this section, the rock art of Southern India was highlighted. In another section, the rock art of the rest of the world was displayed continent wise.

The Chief Guest, the Guest of Honour and other scholars, who attended the event, highly appreciated the interdisciplinary approach of IGNCA Rock Art project for the contextual documentation and rock art inventory; conservation manual; and at large for the rock art research. Prof. (Mrs.) Chandra Krishnamurthy has desired that IGNCA may collaborate with us in establishing a Rock Art Gallery at Pondicherry University. IGNCA can contribute a part of their exhibits for the said-gallery. Dr. Pierre GRARD has also shown his keen interest to collaborate with IGNCA in the project(s).