

# The World of Rock Art inaugurated in Shimla

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**SHIMLA:** With an objective to sensitise the public about the earliest creativity of humankind, Rock art, a 39-day long exhibition on 'The World of Rock Art' was inaugurated at the Himachal State Museum in Shimla on Wednesday.

The exhibition, being organised by Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi in collaboration with the Himachal State Museum, Shimla (ministry of culture), was inaugurated by Vidhan

Sabha speaker Brij Behari Lal Butail.

IGNCA project director B L Malla said the exhibition was being held for the first time in Shimla which exhibits thematic universality of this art form. He disclosed the national programme 'Acti Drishya' (the primeval vision), has initiated the task of systematically documenting rock art sites covering 14 states of India including Himachal.

The event, besides two children workshops, will also witness lectures by Dr O C Handa, renowned archeologist in Himachal Pradesh on 'Rock Art

in Western Himalayan Region:

An overview' and Dr Hari Chauhan, curator, Himachal State Museum, Shimla on 'Rock Art of Lahaul Spiti'. The rock art on display have been selected from five continents (Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North and South America) of the world.

The rock art from Himachal that find place in the exhibition are from Spiti valley in Lahaul and Spiti district. These rock arts were in the form of array of prehistoric specimens of animal engravings, human and animal paintings, scrolls and abstract patterns.



■ Vidhan Sabha speaker Brij Behari Lal Butail (second from right) at the rock art exhibition at Himachal State Museum in Shimla on Wednesday.

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