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INVITATION

REDISCOVERING TELANGANA

An International Seminar on the Recent Trends
in Archaeology, Art History and Conservation

HYDERABAD, 16th & 17th JANUARY, 2017



CALL FOR PAPERS

Rediscovering Telangana: An International Seminar on the Recent Trends in Archaeology, Art History and Conservation

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The state of Telangana holds the unique position of being the youngest state in India and being one of the oldest sites of human habitation in the country. This region is unique as it has yielded prolific evidence in almost all cultural stages of human history. Strategically located at the centre of the Indian sub-continent, the region has been a point of interaction of various cultures from near and far. Abetted by geographical factors, Telangana has further synthesised these interactions in its own unique way.

Tracing Telangana's historic roots is one of the foremost priorities of the Department of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Telangana. The Department is leaving no stone unturned in its effort to bring the history of the land to its people by rediscovering its priceless treasures, monuments and archaeological sites through continuous research efforts. Keeping this goal in view the department proposes to conduct an international seminar titled "Rediscovering Telangana: An International Seminar on the Recent Trends in Archaeology, Art History and Conservation."

Telangana State has yielded important evidence from the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Megalithic, Early Historic and Historical periods. In each of the above phases, Telangana State has provided important and unique evidences. For example, the earliest dates for the Palaeolithic culture in India have been attributed to this area. The presence of Middle and Upper Palaeolithic cultures has been confirmed, for the first time, in this region alone. The earliest dates for iron technology come from here too. In addition to this more than hundred year old tradition of archaeology, Telangana also abounds in fortified cities, rock-cut caves, Buddhist stupas, Hindu Temples, Jain vestiges, and Islamic Architecture. Telangana State is also the birth place for various schools of Deccan Miniature Paintings.

This two day seminar endeavours to bring together the scholars whose research is based on Telangana so as to create an environment of learning and discovery whereby future scholars may learn of the recent developments in the field. The seminar will take place in the historic city of Hyderabad. We extend a warm invite to the distinguished faculty and scholars in the art history and conservation, amateur and archaeologists as well as historians to be part of this exciting new endeavour.

We welcome papers in topics related to:

- Techniques and Methods in Field Archaeology.
- Multi-disciplinary approach to Archaeological Studies.
- Art and Architecture of Telangana.
- Structural Conservation.
- Art Conservation.
- Epigraphical and Numismatic Studies.

Abstracts for papers should be submitted by 15th of November, 2016 to the email address below. Proposals should not exceed 300 words and should include the paper's title. Please attach a CV with your proposal. Speakers at the conference will be given 20 minutes to present their papers. Presenters will be informed of their acceptance after a rigorous process of assessment.

Papers presented at the conference will be considered for inclusion in any subsequent publication.

Please address abstracts and queries to
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