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**Activities and achievements of the Directorate of Epigraphy**  
**Archaeological Survey of India, Mysuru**  
**for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

**Tours undertaken:**

Epigraphical survey was conducted by the technical staff at Mysuru. Dr. S. Nagarajappa, Asst. Suptdg. Epigraphist copied one stone inscription from Mysuru district, Karnataka. Dr. Meka V. Raghavendra Varma, Asst. Epigraphist is on tour and the work is under progress.

**Publication:**

Annual Report on Indian Epigraphy for the year 2002 - 03 is published.

**Review of some of the inscriptions:**

Among the inscriptions examined by the technical staff of Mysuru office important inscriptions are highlighted below.

A Telugu inscription engraved on a slab kept in front of Saptakōṭēśvara temple from Satakoṭi in Pullalacheruvu mandalam, Prakasam district, Andhra Pradesh is described here. It is dated Śaka 1060 (1138 A.D.) and belongs to the Telugu Chōḍa king Mallidēva I. It records the gift of some lands to the god Saptakōṭidēva in Meṭṭavāḍi by the king for the merit of his parents viz., Chōḍamahārāja and Mahādēvi on the occasion of *uttarāyana sankranti*. Further it records, the gift of some lands by Muniseligesēna for burning perpetual lamp in the temple for the merit of the king.

An inscription in Kannaḍa language and characters of the 16<sup>th</sup> century A.D. engraved on a stone slab kept in front of Siddēśvara temple at Hyralaghaṭṭa in Kadur taluk of Chikkamaglore district, Karnataka is highlighted here. It belongs to the reign of the king Achyutarāya of Vijayanagara dynasty and registers the gift of a village Heraḷaghaṭṭa as a *daṇḍige umbali* to Lingaṇa gauḍa of Siṅgaṭagere by Ramapaya.

An inscription in Nāgarī characters and Marāṭhī language dated Śaka 1186, engraved on a pillar in the *mukhamanḍapa* of an Śiva temple in Ghogas Pargav, Beed

district, Maharashtra is highlighted here. It records the installation of the image of Hara (i.e. Lord Śiva), probably by Padumadasa and mentions the name of a person Kanha, son of Sōmadatarāṇa and Shitaladēvī at the end.

Among the inscriptions examined by the technical staff at Lucknow are three inscriptions engraved on different images, copied from the village Ghōshrava in Nalanda district, Bihar. Among them, two inscriptions are in Sanskrit language and Nāgarī characters of 9<sup>th</sup> century A.D. and contains the Buddhist formula (*yē dharmā* etc.). They are engraved on the halo of the image of Avalōkiṭēśvara and on an image of Māyādēvī respectively. The third inscription in Sanskrit language and Nāgarī characters of 10<sup>th</sup> century A.D. is engraved on the halo of an image of Mārīchī and refers to the deity as Mārīchī dēva.

**Other activities:**

All the staff members at *Puratattva Bhavan*, Mysuru are given training for using Government e-Marketplace (GeM).

Library facilities were extended to the Scholars at Mysuru office.

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