

Activities and achievements of the Directorate of Epigraphy, Archaeological Survey of India, Mysuru for the period ending 30th June 2019

EPIGRAPHICAL SURVEY

The technical staff and officers of the Epigraphy Branch conducted epigraphical survey in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. Dr. S. Nagarajappan, Assistant Superintending Epigraphist, Mysuru copied 16 stone inscriptions from Haveri district, Karnataka. Sri Anil Kumar R.V., Assistant Epigraphist, Mysuru copied 30 stone inscriptions from Shimoga district, Karnataka. Sri P. T. Nagarajan, A.E. Southern Zone, Chennai went on tour to Tiruvallur district, Tamil Nadu and copied 3 inscriptions.

PUBLICATION

- *South Indian Inscriptions volume XXXVIII*, edited by Dr. S. Swaminathan, Deputy Superintending Epigraphist (Retd.) is sent to Tamil Nadu Government Press, Chennai for printing.
- The work of editing *Annual Report on Indian Epigraphy for the year 2018-19* is in progress.
- The technical officers/ staff of the Epigraphy Branch and outside scholars are editing inscriptions for publication in various *South Indian Inscriptions* and *North Indian Inscriptions volume* and the work is in different stages of progress.

REVIEW OF SOME OF THE INSCRIPTIONS

Among the inscriptions examined by the technical staff at Mysuru, a Sanskrit record written in Brahmi characters of 1st century A.D., engraved on a terracotta sealing retrieved from the archaeological excavation conducted at Uren, in Surajgarha tehsil, Lakhisarai district, Bihar is examined here. It reads *Ighagutasa*.

Another Sanskrit record written in Nagari characters engraved on the pedestal of the image of Dharmanatha *tirthankara* in *Devakulika* (no.3) of the Parsvanatha temple at Kumbhariya in Banaskantha district, Gujarat is examining here. It is dated Samvat 1259 (1316 A.D.), Ashadha su. 2, Saturday and records the gift of an image of Sambhavanatha *tirthankara* by *Sre° Sajjana*, grandson of *Sre° Gohada*, son of *Sre° Kumara* for the merit of his father. Further it mentions the installation of the image by Suri, a pontiff.

CULTURAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME

The Southern Zone office at Chennai conducted Epigraphical Photo Exhibition on the occasion of *Workshop on Sanskrit Inscriptions of India* conducted by Indira Gandhi National Centre

for Arts, New Delhi and Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai, held at Rukmini Arangam, Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai on 2nd June 2019.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Dr. K. Munirathnam, Director (Epigraphy) I/c delivered lectures in the *Workshop on Sanskrit Inscriptions of India* conducted by IGNCA, New Delhi and Kalakshetra Foundation, Chennai.

All the staff members of *Puratattva Bhawan* have participated in the International Yoga Day on 21st June 2019.

Library facilities were extended to the Scholars at Mysuru office.
