

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

EPIGRAPHICAL SURVEY

The technical staff and officers of the Epigraphy Branch conducted epigraphical survey in Jharkhand, Haryana and Karnataka and copied 18 inscriptions. Dr. S. Nagarajappa, Assistant Superintending Epigraphist, Mysuru, copied two stone inscriptions from Mysuru district, Karnataka. Sri S. Krishnamurthy, Assistant Epigraphist, Mysuru, collected 9 photographs of Jaina bronze image inscriptions from Jhajjar district, Haryana. Sri Sumit Kumar, Assistant Epigraphist, Northern Zone, Lucknow copied 7 inscriptions from Palamu district, Jharkhand.

PUBLICATION

- ***South Indian Inscriptions volume XXI* edited by Dr. P. N. Narasimha Murthy is sent for printing to Tamil Nadu Government Central Press, Chennai.**
- 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, is a Tamil record in archaic Tamil characters of about 8th century A.D. It is engraved on a sluice found inside the rain-fed tank at Pichchampatti in Manapparai taluk of Tiruchchirappalli district. It records the construction of a platform around the sluice in the tank by Kalaiyalaiyingan of Sri Devanthai-kuttam.

Among the inscriptions examined by the technical staff at Lucknow is a Buddhist image inscription from Savano in Palamu district, Jharkhand. It is written in Sanskrit language and Nagari characters of about 9th century A.D. and records the Buddhist formula *ye dharmma hetu* etc.

Another inscription in local dialect and Nagari characters dated Vikrama 1519 (1462 A.D.) is also examined here. The inscription is engraved on a slab fixed in the Samadhisthan of Natha at Devalgadha in Pauri Garhwal district, Uttarakhand. It records names of individuals like, Vasanta Natha, Mahesha Natha, Mansa Natha, Sisa Natha, Jivantha Natha and Shetra Natha.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Dr. Alok Ranjan, Assistant Superintending Epigraphist, Northern Zone, Lucknow and Sri S. Krishnamurthy, Assistant Epigraphist, Mysuru had attended the meeting from 16th to 20th September 2019 in the office of the Director General, ASI, New Delhi as members of the committee for segregation of the coins seized by the Customs Office, IGI Airport, New Delhi.

Dr. S. Nagarajappa, Assistant Superintending Epigraphist, Dr. M. V. R. Varma and Sri S. Krishnamurthy, Assistant Epigraphists, Mysuru had participated in the one day *Rajbhasha* Seminar on 27th Sept 2019, conducted by TOLIC at CIIL, Mysuru.

Sri C. Rajesh, Library Information Assistant, Mysuru, had participated in the two day Hindi workshop on 26th and 27th Sept 2019, conducted by TOLIC at CIIL, Mysuru.

Library facilities were extended to the Scholars at Mysuru office.
