



# **Telangana Bouddha Sangiti- 2019**

**(International Seminar on Buddhist  
Archaeology)**

**Jointly organised by the Buddhavanam Project, TSTDC  
& Department of Heritage, Telangana**

**16-17 November 2019, Hyderabad, Telangana, India.**

## **Schedule**

**Day 1<sup>st</sup>: 16<sup>th</sup> November, Saturday**

### **Inaugural Session 10 am 11.30 am**

- Welcome the guests on to dais – K Sudhan Reddy, OSD, Buddhavanam
- Lightening ceremony, Floral tributes to Buddha
- Welcome speech : Special Officer, Buddhavanam Project
- Launching of the website  
Book releases
- **Address by the guests:**
  - Director, The Department of Heritage, Telangana
  - Managing Director, TSTDC
  - C Parthasarathy, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, I/c Youth Advancement, Tourism & Culture
  - Panyala Bhupathi Reddy, Hon'ble Chairman, TSTDC
- **Chief Guest speech:** Sri. V Srinivas Goud, Minister Excise & Prohibition, Youth, Tourism & Culture, Archaeology
- **Vote of Thanks** – M A Srinivasan, consultant, Buddhavanam

**Inauguration of Exhibitions and Tea Break – 11.30 to 12 noon**

**Key Note Address: 12 -12.20**

**Prof. Gautam Sengupta, Former Director General, Archaeological Survey of India**

**Session 1 12.25 - 1.15pm 40 minutes**

**Chair: Dr. D Raja Reddy**  
**Numismatist, Hyderabad**

1	1	<b>Basanta Kumar Bidari</b> Archaeological Consultant, Lumbini Development Trust, Lumbini, Nepal	“Asoka Pillars in Nepalese Tarai”
2	2	<b>Dr. K. Muniratnam</b> Director (Epigraphy)I/c, Mysuru	“Landmark Inscriptions from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh”

**Lunch 1.15 to 2.15**

**Session 2 2.15 to 4pm 105 minutes**

**Chair: Prof. Y S Alone**  
**Professor, School of Arts & Aesthetics, JNU, New Delhi**

3	1	<b>Dr. Sufi Mostafizur Rahman</b> Department of Archaeology Jahangirnagar University & Executive Director, Oitihya Onneswan (archaeological research centre), Dhaka, Bangladesh	Significant Buddhist Artefacts from Wari- Bateshwar, Bangladesh”
4	2	<b>Prof. Aloka Parasher Sen</b> Professor Emerita, University of Hyderabad	“People, Ancient ‘Cities’ and Skills -- Buddhism in Early Telangana”
5	3	<b>P Nagaraju</b> Assistant Director, Department of Heritage, Telangana	“Phanigiri excavations – landmark findings”
6	4	<b>Yadubirsingh Rawat</b> OSD & Consultant, State Archaeology & Museums, Gujarat	“Archaeology of Buddhist Sites of Gujarat with special reference to Vadnagar and Taranga”
7	5	<b>Dr. Rajat Sanyal</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta	“Monastic Buddhism in Early Medieval Western Bengal: Archaeological Perspectives”
8	6	<b>Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf Khan</b> Former Director, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University,	“Mathura and Gandhara Sculptures from Badalpur Monastic Complex, Taxila

		Islamabad, Pakistan	Valley, Pakistan: A Fresh Discovery”
<b>Tea break 4pm to 4.30pm (30 minutes)</b>			
<b>Session 3: 4.30 pm to 6 pm (90 minutes)</b> <b>Chair : Dr. Milan Kumar Chauley</b> <b>Superintending Archaeologist, ASI, Hyderabad Circle</b>			
9	1	<b>Dr. Sunil Kumar Patnaik</b> Secretary/Director, Odishan Institute of Maritime and South East Asian Studies, Dept of OLL & Culture, Bhubaneswar	Buddhist Sites in East Coast: An Archaeological Study
10	2	<b>K. Venkateshwar Rao</b> Former Head of the island Museum, Nagarjunakonda, ASI	“Buddhist remains of Siriparvata valley”
11	3	<b>T. Sreelakshmi</b> Superintending Archaeologist ASI, Bangalore	“Exceptional features of Buddhist narrative art in Phanigiri”
12	4	<b>Dr. Annalisa Migliorini</b> Director Kalasagara Academy, Rome, Founder, Centro L’Arco – Cultural Association for the Eastern Disciplines Italy	“Dancing the Birth of Buddha”
13	5	<b>Sama Haq</b> Research Scholar, Dept. of History of Art National Museum Institute, New Delhi	“Khmer Buddhist Toranas of Phimai - Mahayana Buddhist Art and Archaeology in Northeast Thailand”
<b>Tea break 6pm to 6.15pm (30 minutes)</b>			
<b>Session 4: 6.15 pm to 7.30 pm (75 minutes)</b> <b>Chair : Prof Adapa Satyanarayana</b> <b>Retd. Osmania University</b>			
14	1	<b>Prof. Dr. Amareshwar Galla</b> Executive Director, International Institute for the Inclusive Museum, Australia	“UNESCO Hard Law and Soft Law instruments in Safeguarding the Buddhist

			Heritage of Telangana”
15	2	<b>Dr. Sindhu .M. J</b> Researcher, Buddhist Archaeology, Hyderabad	“Tantric Buddhism in Odisha: A Study based on the architectural and sculptural evidences from the major excavated sites”
16	3	<b>Smitha S Kumar<sup>1</sup>, Prof. K Krishnan<sup>2</sup></b> <sup>1</sup> Deputy Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Hyderabad Circle, Hyderabad <sup>2</sup> Professor, Department of Archaeology & Ancient History, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara	“Buddhism and the Development of Urbanism in Maldives Islands”
17	4	<b>Dr. Vellore Ramabrahmam<sup>1</sup>, Dr. K. Raghubabu<sup>2</sup></b> <sup>1</sup> Assistant Professor, Dept. of History & Archaeology, <sup>2</sup> Assistant Professor Dept. of Geology, Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa, AP	“Material Culture of Phanigiri Buddhist Site in Telangana: Significant Archaeological and Geological Aspects”
18	5	<b>Dr. Palas Kumar Saha</b> Former Research Scholar, Dept. of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal	“Patronage of Buddhism in the East Coast of Andhradesa from the Early times to the 12th Century C.E.”
19	6	<b>Ravi Dinkar Khillare</b> Research Scholar, Department of History & AIC, Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University Aurangabad	“The Importance of Third Buddhist Council for Buddhism Spread in Deccan”
20	7	<b>Dr Anam Behera</b> Assistant Professor, Dept of AIHCA, Utkal University	“Different Dimensions of Buddhist Archaeology of Odisha with a broader Indian perspective”
21	8	<b>Dr. Jobi John</b> Assistant Professor, Department of History, Pavanatma College, Murickassery. Idukki District, Kerala	“Buddha or Ayyappa: A Historical Inquest into the Mythology”
<b>Day 2: 17<sup>th</sup> November, Sunday</b>			

**Session 5: 9.30 to 11am                      90 minutes**  
**Chair: Prof. Aloka Parasher Sen,**  
**Professor Emerita, University of Hyderabad**

22	1	<b>Dr. D. Raja Reddy</b> , M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.A.S, Former President Numismatic Society of India, Hyderabad	“Buddhism in Telangana- Numismatic perspective”
23	2	<b>Dr. E. Sivanagireddy- Sthapati</b> CEO, Cultural Centre for Vijayawada & Amaravati	“Archaeology of the Buddhist Sites and Monuments of Andhra Pradesh”
24	3	<b>Prof. Gamini Ranasinghe</b> University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka	“Buddhist archaeology of Sri Lanka with special reference to Rajagala excavation”
25	4	<b>M A Srinivasan</b> Consultant, Buddhavanam, Research Scholar, Osmania University, Hyderabad	“Ajanta to Bavapur Kurru- A critical evaluation of Buddhist Archaeology of Deccan and Telangana”
26	5	<b>Laura Giuliano</b> Curator, Indian and Southeast Asian Section of the National Museum of Oriental Art ‘Giuseppe Tucci’ (MNAO), Rome, Italy	“The Archery Competition of Siddhārtha in Gandhāran art: Buddhist and Epic traditions in comparison”

**Session 6: 11.30 to 1pm                      90 minutes**  
**Chair : Dr. Sufi Mostafizur Rahman**  
**Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh**

27	1	<b>Abdul Hafiz Latify</b> Archaeology Institute of Afghanistan, Kabul, Research Scholar, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara	“Buddhist Archaeology of Afghanistan with special reference to Mes Aynak”
28	2	<b>Dr. Kiran Shahid Siddiqui</b> Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan	“Takshasila University: An ancient seat of Buddhist learning”
29	3	<b>Prof. Y S Alone</b> School of Arts & Aesthetics, JNU,	“Text and Image: Understanding Representation

		New Delhi	of Buddha images”
30	4	<b>Karma Tenzin</b> Sr. Architect, Head Archaeology Section, Division of Conservation of Heritage sites, Bhutan	“Dzongs ‘fortress’ of different era”
31	5	<b>Kurra Jitendra Babu</b> Director, Deccan Archaeological and Cultural Research Institute, Hyderabad	“Telugu artisans of Ajanta”
<b>Tea Break</b>			
<b>Session 7: 2pm to 4 pm                      120 minutes</b> <b>Chair: Prof Amareshwar Galla</b>			
32	1	<b>Abira Bhattacharya</b> Assistant Curator, Department of Anthropology, National Museum, New Delhi	“Tara’s splendor across the lands: A study of diffusion of Icons, Texts and Rituals”
33	2	<b>Noor Agha “Noori”</b> Director, Institute of Archaeology, Kabul, Afghanistan	“Buddhist Archaeology in Afghanistan”
34	3	<b>Srikanth Ganvir</b> Asst Professor, Department of AIHC & Archaeology, Deccan College Post- Graduate and Research Institute (Deemed University), Pune	“Buddhist Stupa at Kanaganahalli (Sannati), Karnataka: Locating its place in South Asian Buddhism”
35	4	<b>Dr Manish Rai</b> Assistant Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Mumbai Circle	“Archaeological investigation of Buddhist Stupa at Elephanta, Maharashtra”
36	5	<b>Hemant Dalavi</b> Research Assistant, The mythic society, Bengaluru	“Mapping of the Buddhist Archaeological Sites: Adaptation of New Digital Tools”
37	6	<b>Rajesh Sharma</b> Lecturer, Dept of Buddhist Studies, University of Jammu	“The Discovery of Ancient Site at Samba District in Jammu and Kashmir: A Preliminary Study”
38	7	<b>Dr. Priyadarshi M. Khobragade</b> Associate Professor, Dept. AIHC & Archaeology, Nagpur University, Nagpur	“Early Buddhist Archaeology of Wainganga Valley”

39	8	<b>Akash D. Gedam</b> Asst. Prof. Dept of Mathematics & Humanities, Yeshwantrao Chavan College of Engineering, Nagpur, Mohini Pundlikrao Gajbhiye (Architect) Nagpur	“Greco-Roman (Yavanas): A Pioneer to the Architecture of Nasik Caves”
<b>Tea Break 4 to 4.30</b>			
<b>Open House</b> <b>“Future of Buddhist archaeology &amp;  Proposal for building a mechanism to give impetus  to Buddhist Archaeology”</b> <b>4.30 to 6.30 pm</b> <b>Presidium: Prof. Gautam Sengupta, Prof Aloka Parasher Sen &amp;  Yadubirsingh Rawat</b>			
<b>Closing Ceremony</b> 6.30 to 7.30 pm Presiding – Mallepalli Laxmaiah, Special Officer, Buddhavanam Chief Guest: Guntakandla Jagadeesh Reddy, Hon’ble Minister of Energy Guests of Honour – Gadari Kishore, MLA, Tungaturthi constituency Nomula Narsimhaiah, Nagarjunasagar, MLA Kandula Upender Reddy, MLA, Palair constituency Balka Suman, MLA, Chennuru Dasari Manohar Reddy, MLA, Peddapally <b>Vote of Thanks</b>			
<b>Dinner 7.30 onwards</b>			