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## International Seminar on Gupta Archaeology, Numismatics, Epigraphy and Literature

By Prashant Kulkarni

The Seminar of highest importance on the Gupta period - an **International Seminar on Gupta Archaeology, Numismatics, Epigraphy and Literature** was held on 15th-18th January 2016 at Hotel Pride, opposite Nagpur airport, Wardha Road, Sonegaon, Nagpur. The four days seminar was organised by the **Indian Coin Society**, Nagpur under the organising body of Prashant Kulkarni, Chairman, Indian Coin Society, Nagpur together with its executive members on its Silver Jubilee Celebrations. The program was inaugurated by **Shri Hansraj ji Ahir**, the Hon. Minister of State, Government of India, in the presence of **Dr. Pankaj Chande**, Vice Chancellor, Maharshi University, Management and Technology, Bilaspur and Founder Vice Chancellor, Kavi Kulguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University, Nagpur.

The premier speakers and sectional chairmen of the seminar were:

**Dr. B.R. Mani**, Former Additional Director General of Archaeological Survey of India.

**Prof. Ellen Raven**, Lecturer for South Asian Arts, Leiden Institute for Area Studies, Leiden University, the Netherlands.

**Prof. Pankaj Tandon**, Boston University, U.S.A.

**Prof. Samresh Bandyopadhyay**, Eminent Indologist, North American Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies.

**Dr. Shailendra Bhandare**, Asmolean Museum, St. Cross College, University of Oxford, U.K.



*Hon. Chief Guest Shri Hansraj ji Ahir receiving the silver medal with the emblem of Indian Coin Society, Nagpur, from Raghunath Sanghi, in the presence of vice chancellor Dr Pankaj Chande.*

Inauguration program was anchored by Mr. Prashant kulkarni, Chairman of Indian Coin Society, Nagpur. Honourable Chief Guest sitting on dais was **Shri Hansraj ji Ahir**, Hon. Minister of State, Government of India; **Dr. Pankaj Chande**, Vice Chancellor, Maharshi University, Management and Technology, Bilaspur Founder Vice Chancellor, Kavi Kulguru Kalidasa Sanskrit University, Nagpur also accompanied. Other speakers were **Mr. Prashant Kulkarni**, Chairman, Indian Coin Society, Nagpur; **Prof. Ellen Raven**, Lecturer for South Asian Arts, Leiden Institute for Area Studies, Leiden University, the Netherlands; **Prof. Samresh Bandyopadhyay**, Eminent Indologist North American Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies; **Prof. Pankaj Tandon**, Boston University U.S.A., **Dr. Shailendra Bhandare**, Asmolean Museum, St. Cross College, University of Oxford, U.K.; **Dr. Chandrashekhar Gupta**, Trustee, Indian Coin Society, Nagpur; and **Mr. Sanjeev Kumar** Chairman, Shivlee Trust, USA.

Chief Guest **Shri Hansraj ji Ahir**, announced official inauguration after the "Deep Prajwalan". After that guests were felicitated by shawl, bouquet and the silver medal with the emblem of Indian Coin Society.

Thereafter sessions stated after key note address of Prof. Samresh Bandyopadhyay on "Interesting Features of Gupta History".



*Guest Dr. Pankaj Chande receiving a bouquet from Mr. Prashant Kulkarni, in the presence of Prof. Ellen Raven.*



**Prof. Ellan Raven** receiving a bouquet from Mr. Ashok Singh Thakur, the General Secretary of Indian Coin Society, Nagpur



**Prof. Samresh Bandyopadhyay**, receiving bouquet from Prof. Chandrashekhar Gupta, the Trustee of Indian Coin Society, Nagpur in presence of Mr. Sanjeev Kumar.



**Mr. Sanjeev Kumar** receiving a bouquet from Mr. Avinash Ramteke.

Following is the summary of research papers read during the next few days:

### Sessions

**Day 1 -15th Jan. 2016**  
**Session I**

**Chairman: Prof. B.R. Mani**



**1. Dr. Vidula Jaiswal :** Reconstruction of an Exposed Gupta Temple of Bhitari



**2. Dr. Ambarish Vasant Khare:** Vedic Tradition in the Gupta period





3. **Dr. S.K. Bhatt:** The Gupta-Aulikar relationship enigma

**Session II**

**Chairman: Prof. K.K. Thaplyal**



1. **Dr. L. S. Nigam :** Nala Dyanasty of Bastar Region: A minor dynasty during Gupta -Vakataka Age



2. **Prof. K. K. Thaplyal :** Gleanings in Gupta history: Some problems of decipherment and interpretation of epigraphs



3. **Dr. Amol Bankar:** Seal of Maharaja Sri Pravarasena from Kalanajara Fort

4. **Dr. C. S. Gupta:** Recent Finds of Vakataka Copper-Plate

**Day 2 - 16th Jan. 2016**

**Session I**

**Chairman: Dr. Dilip Rajgor**



1. **Dr. O. P. L. Shrivastava:** Identification of Nagadatta mentioned in Allahabad Pillar Inscription of Samudragupta



2. **Dr. Susmita Basu Majumdar:** Money and Money matters in Gupta Bengal



3. **S. P. Shrivastava:** Gupta-Kalin Abhilekhon men Varnita Shaiva Dharma

**Session II**

**Chairman: Dr. Shailendra Bhandare**



1. **Sanjeev Kumar (Shivlee):** Understanding the design elements on Gupta Coinage



2. **Prof. Deen Bandhu Pandey :** A New Unique Viruda of Chandragupta II

**Session III**

**Chairman: Mr. Sanjeev Kumar**



1. **Dr. Ellen Raven:** Candy crushing Gupta Coins





**2. Dr. Shailendra Bhandare:** The Legacy of Gupta Coinage: Its Impact on Historical Reconstruction

**Sessions IV**

**Chairperson: Dr. Ellen Raven**



**1. Dr. Akshay Jain:** Samudragupta ke Swarn Mudraaki Nutan Nidhieeyan



**2. Dr. Ujjwal Shah:** Ganker and Umarpur Hoard, the Second most Important Hoard of Gupta Coins from Bengal

**3. Vishi Upadhayay:** Coins of Mahendraditya and Kramaditya: A Reappraisal



**4. Karan Singh:** New Skandagupta Archer Variety With letter Between Feet



**5. Girish Sharma:** Copper Gupta coins

**Day 3 - 17th Jan. 2016**  
**Session I**

**Chairman Dr. Samresh Bandyopadhyay**



**3. Dr. Arundhati Banarjee:** Gupta Terracotta figurine from Ropar (Royal Musician)



**4. Dr. Shreenanad Bapat:** Campaign of Samudragupta and that of Raghu: A Comparison

**Session II**

**Chairman: Dr. Manmohan Kumar**

**1. Dr. Manmohan Kumar:** Some important Gupta remains from Khokra kot, Haryana



**2. Dr. Buddha Rashmi Mani:** New evidence of Gupta Art and Sarnath



**1. Prof. S. P. Shukla:** Gupta Terracotta Art: Style and Forms





**2. Dr. Pankaj Tandon:** New Evidence on the Huna incursion into the Gupta Empire



**3. Mr. Prashant Kulkarni :** The Kashmir Beauties: Ahoard of post-Gupta Coins from Kashmir



**4. S.K. Bose:** Gupta Coins in Bengal and their Impact on Post-Gupta Period

**5. Dr. Dilip Rajgor:** Iconography of Vaishnavite Deities on Post-Gupta Bengal Gold Coins



After the sessions Dr. K.K. Thaplyal felicitated Mr. Farokh Todywalla with shawl and silver coin of Indian Coin Society emblem.



The conference ended with valedictory function conducted by the guest invitees Dr. K.K. Thaplyal, Dr. Buddha Rashmi Mani, Sushmita Basu Majumdar, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Dr. Ellen Raven and Dr. Dilip Rajgor.

The conference thereafter followed and ended with an educational visit on 18th January 2016 to ancient Vakataka-Gupta monuments at Mansar and Ramtek.



*The guests enjoying the Sham-e-Ghazal function with the traditional Pagadis on their heads.*

## Calendar of Events 2016

Month	Date	Place	Event	Venue
March	5	Internet	Rajgor's Auction 49	3.00 pm onwards
April	9	Mumbai	Rajgor's Auction 50	Golden Jubilee Auction - 7 pm, The Ambassador, Mumbai
April	22-24	Mumbai	25 <sup>th</sup> Shukla Day	World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai
April	30	Internet	Rajgor's Auction 51	3.00 pm onwards
May	xx	Internet	Rajgor's Auction 52	3.00 pm onwards

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