

Annual Conference of 2013 Varanasi

The Joint Annual Conference of the Indian Archaeological Society (IAS), Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies (ISPQS) and Indian History and Culture Society (IHCS) along with the International Seminar on 'Recent Advances in Archaeological Science and Indian Archaeology' jointly organized by the BHU and the Archaeological Survey of India was inaugurated on 14th December, 2013. The Inaugural function was held in the Mahamana Anniversary Science Faculty Seminar Complex Hall. It was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor Dr. Lalji Singh. Besides the Vice-Chancellor, the dignitaries on the dais were Dr. B.R. Mani, the Additional Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India, Shri K.N. Dikshit, General Secretary (IAS), Dr. P.K. Thomas, Chairperson (ISPQS) and Dr. S.K. Jolly, Chairperson (IHCS), Prof. M.N. Rai, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Prof. Mohd. Naseem, Head of Department of AIHC & Archaeology. Prof. Mohd. Naseem welcomed the guests. *Puratattva, Man and Environment and History Today*, the journals of the three societies were released followed by the inaugural speech by the Vice-Chancellor. The organizing secretary Prof. R.N. Singh proposed the vote of thanks.

On the first day of the Conference Presidents of the three Societies delivered their Presidential address - Prof. Himanshu Prabha Ray (IAS), Prof. J.N. Pal (ISPQS) and Prof. Keshav Mishra (IHCS). On the same afternoon, four memorial lectures were delivered. These were Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture (Prof. S.N. Rajaguru), Dr. A.P. Khatri Memorial Lecture (Prof. P. Ajithprasad), Professor B.P. Sinha Memorial Lecture (Dr. C. Margabandhu) and Raibhadur Dr. Hiralal Memorial Lecture (Dr. R.K. Sharma).



R.K. Sharma Award for Excellence in Archaeology 2013 was conferred upon Professor V.N. Misra. On his behalf, Dr. P.K. Thomas accepted the award from Professor R.K. Sharma.



Papers were presented in four parallel sessions on the second and the third day of the Conference. The valedictory function on the third day began by garlanding the bust of Malaviyaji. The dignitaries on the dais were Shri K.N. Dikshit, General Secretary (IAS), Prof. P.P. Joglekar, General Secretary (ISPQS), Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, General Secretary (IHCS), Prof. Mohd. Naseem, Head of Department of AIHC & Archaeology, and the organizing Secretary Prof. R.N. Singh. The chief guest of this function was Prof. A.K. Singh, Director, Bharat Kala Bhavan, Varanasi. After the General Secretaries of all the three Societies thanked the organizers, several participants expressed their views. All the speakers unanimously expressed satisfaction at the success of the Conference. Prof. A.K. Dubey proposed the Vote of Thanks.