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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY  
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## XIX CONGRESS OF ROCK ART SOCIETY OF INDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

The Archaeological Survey of India and the Department of History, Pondicherry University, are pleased to invite all the RASI members, scholars and scientists interested in rock art study and research to participate in the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress of Rock Art Society of India, being hosted by Pondicherry University in collaboration with Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi.

*Rock Art Society of India is Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Year of existence*

**Venue of Congress:** Convention Centre & Guest House, Pondicherry University.

**Congress Dates:** 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Congress Seminar Theme:** Forms, Styles and Compositions in Indian Rock Art

(Besides, there will be open sessions on different aspects of rock art research)

**Participation in academic sessions is strictly for RASI members only**

### THE ACADEMIC EVENTS IN THE THREE DAYS OF THE CONGRESS INCLUDE

- Key Note Address: *Direct Dating of Rock Art in China* by Prof.TANG Huisheng, People's Republic of China.
- Dr.V.S.Wakankar Memorial Lecture : *Rock Art of South India: the Challenges ahead* by Dr.M.Nambirajan, Director (Monuments) Archaeological Survey of India, NewDelhi
- Silver Jubilee Lecture: *Development of Rock Art Research in India* by Prof.V.H.Sonawane, Wadodara.
- Paper presentations
- Field Trip to the nearby rock art and heritage sites in Tamil Nadu.
- Photo Exhibition on "*Rock Art sites and Monuments in Tamil Nadu*" hoisted by Archaeological Survey of India, Chennai Circle.
- Book release Functions
- RASI Executive Committee & General Body meetings

### CULTURAL PROGRAMME

On the First day of the Congress, there will be a Dance Concert by the folk artistes of Kerala known as the *Theyyam Dance*. It is a popular form of worship of North Malabar region. There are approximately 400 types of Theyyam being performed in Kerala. The performers of the dance come from Lower sections of the society. They are also known as '*Malayanmar*' people of this region and the people consider the Theyyam itself as a God and they seek blessings from the Theyyam. The Kerala Folklore Academy, Kannur, Kerala and The Kakatiya Heritage Trust Warangal,Telangana are sponsoring this wonderful Dance concert. It is scheduled on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 at 5.30.P.M

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**THE THEYYAM DANCE CONCERT**

**On 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2014**

**AT 6 PM**

**VENUE**

**CONVENTION CENTRE & GUEST HOUSE,  
PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY**

***ALL ARE WELCOME***